



COUNCIL MEETING
ACTION MINUTES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2022 6:00 P.M.

Mayor & City Council

Mayor Anthony S. Ford
Mayor Pro Tem Alphonso Thomas
Councilman Elton Alexander
Councilwoman Yolanda Barber
Councilman John Blount
Councilwoman LaKeisha Gantt

Administration

Frederick Gardiner, City Manager
Vanessa Holiday, City Clerk
John Wiggins, City Treasurer
Danielle Davis, City Attorney
Jeremy T. Berry, City Attorney

Mission: To provide visionary leadership and superior municipal services that enhance the quality of life for citizens while creating a welcoming business atmosphere focused on sustainability and expansion of tourism and cultural events.

- I. Zoom Meeting Information**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85027056351>
- II. Call to Order – Mayor Ford**
- III. Invocation – Councilman Alexander**
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance – In unison by all in attendance**
- V. Roll Call – All members were present**
- VI. Motion to amend the Agenda to Table Item #15, 16, 17, and 20 to the February 22, 2022 Agenda: Thomas/Blount Passed 5-0.**
- VII. Motion to amend the Agenda to add Council Discussion Item #24 Amphitheater Management: Barber/Gantt Passed 5-0.**
- VIII. Motion to amend the Agenda to add Council Discussion item #25 Hwy 138 CID Feasibility Study: Alexander/Thomas Passed 5-0.**
- IX. Motion to adopt the Agenda as amended: Alexander/Barber Passed 5-0.**
- X. Adoption of the Minutes – Passed 3-0-2 (Gantt Abstained noting her absence 12/21/21; Barber Abstained noting Minutes had not been reviewed).**
 1. Minutes for Special Called Meeting 12/9/2021
 2. Minutes for Council Meeting 12/13/2021
 3. Minutes for Special Called Meeting 12/15/2021
 4. Minutes for Work Session Meeting 12/21/2021

PUBLIC COMMENTS

All public comments must be submitted to the Clerk no later than one hour prior to the meeting. The Public Comment Form can be found on the City's webpage on the City Clerk's page at: <https://stockbridge.seamlessdocs.com/f/20pkdz4mo7xb> and the form must include your name, phone, and email contact information. Comments are limited to (3) three minutes and will be read by the Clerk during the meeting, respecting all members of the elected body, officials, and staff. Comments including defamation, unruliness and/or swearing will not be accepted. **None**

CEREMONIAL

5. Swearing-In of Council on Aging Representative – DeRitha Barber

No Comment

6. Swearing-In of Downtown Development Authority Board Members – Roger Custin and Robert Swygert

Mr. Custin stated it is an honor and privilege to serve and looks forward to serving with Councilman Alexander and moving the downtown development forward.

Mayor Ford noted Mr. Custin's business, BarnBeautiful, located in downtown Stockbridge was recently recognized by the Henry County Chamber and awarded the Micro Business of the Year.

Mr. Swygert stated he has enjoyed being engaged with the other DDA Board members and Councilwoman Gantt, noting the board has a good team; and Stockbridge has a lot of potential and looks forward to being a part of the progress.

7. Swearing-in of Ethics Board Members Calandra Dallas

Ms. Dallas thanked the Council for the appointment and looks forward to serving.

8. Swearing-In of Main Street Advisory Board Council Liaison – Mayor Pro Tem Alphonso Thomas

Mayor Pro Tem Thomas stated he is delighted and excited to be a part of the Main Street Program, noting they have a great and hard-working team; noted there are great things planned for the City's downtown, and is glad to be a part of the City Council and having the opportunity to move things forward for the City of Stockbridge.

9. Swearing-in of Downtown Development Authority Council Liaison – Councilman Elton Alexander

Councilman Alexander stated it is a great time to be in the City of Stockbridge with so much opportunity; encouraged all businesses and entrepreneurs to locate to Stockbridge, as we are open for business; noted the Downtown Development Authority was providing businesses with the DCA (Department of Community Affairs) Revolving Loan Program; noted the excitement of being contacted about restaurants coming to the city, noting if you believe in yourself, others will believe in you; noted the city's Amphitheater was a major investment spurring economic development, which will continue with the investment of the Cultural Arts Center.

10. Proclamation – Will Anderson – Alabama University – Dutchtown High School Alumni

Mayor Ford read the proclamation highlighting Will Anderson, Jr. Mrs. Tereon Anderson, Will Anderson's accepted the proclamation on Willi's behalf, noting he was in a different time zone and started training today; thanked the Mayor & Council for the proclamation and highlighting so many of Will's accomplishments; noted with him being in Alabama, he doesn't get the recognition and was really special to be recognized by his hometown; thanked Councilwoman Barber for bringing the recognition forward; referenced association with Mayor Ford going back to the Dutchtown days; noted she would make sure that Will sees the video broadcast of the presentation and will make every attempt for Will to receive the proclamation in person.

11. Proclamation – Georgia Bulldogs National Championship

Mayor Ford read the proclamation highlighting the University of Georgia's 2022 National Championship win.

Georgia State Representative Demetrius received the Proclamation and thanked the Mayor & Council, noting the championship was long overdue; noted he has recognized individuals who have gotten involved in the local government and serving on boards and committees for the city, and that is a great thing; thanked the city for moving things forward to the next level, and asked that if he can help in any way to please reach out as his door is always open to be able to work together; noted elected officials are the voice of the people and to always remember that making decisions are not about the officials, but rather it is about the people; and referenced the excitement to have the new city manager on board.

12. Proclamation – Black History Month Celebration

Mayor Ford read the proclamation highlighting Black History Month; Mayor Pro Tem Thomas referenced the upcoming 11th Annual African American Heritage Celebration taking place virtually on Saturday, February 26th at 4pm and could be viewed Live on the city's Facebook page and will feature as the Keynote Speaker, Pastor T. J. McBride of Tabernacle of Praise and looks forward to a wonderful message; noted the theme *Honoring the Past, Celebrating the Present and Aspiring the Future*; noted each year's celebration is to continue to tell the story of African American greatness and plight; and congratulated Councilwoman Yolanda Barber for being selected by the Heritage Committee for this year's Governance Award; and requested a copy of the 2022 Black History Proclamation.

NEW BUSINESS

13. Council Consideration to approve ratification of the Resolution supporting the annexation of unincorporated land.

Presented by Frederick Gardiner, City Manager

Motion to approve Alexander/Barber Passed 5-0.

14. Council Consideration to approve the Vaccination Incentive Program.
Funding Source: ARPA
Presented by Renee Wheeler, Human Resources Manager
Motion to approve Alexander/Gantt Passed 3-0-2 (Barber/Blount Abstained).
15. Council Consideration to approve the Public Works Department request to approve an increase in the annual contract (RFP 2020-0025) with Intercontinental Commercial Services, Inc. for Janitorial Maintenance Services to an annual amount of 118,080. The increase includes the addition of the Public Works Admin Building and Day Porter Services. Budgeted funds available in the FY2022 budget account numbers 100-15650-522319 (Facility Cleaning PW Admin) and 100-15650-422321 (Facility Cleaning City Hall).
Presented by Decius Aaron, Public Works Director
Item Tabled to February 22, 2022 Work Session Meeting
16. Council Consideration to approve the Public Works Department request to approve an increase in the annual contract (2019-00022P) with CGL Facilities Management, LLC for Right-of-Way Landscaping to an annual amount of \$300,000 as approved in the FY2022 budget. The account number is 100-42200-522000 (Right-of-Way Landscaping).
Presented by Decius Aaron, Public Works Director
Item Tabled to February 22, 2022 Work Session Meeting
17. Council Consideration to approve the Public Works Department request to approve an increase in the annual contract (RFP 2020-0026) with Site Engineering, Inc. for On-Call Water & Sewer Emergency & Operational Repair/Maintenance and Construction Services to an annual amount of \$255,000 as approved in the FY2022 Stormwater budget. The account number is 510-42500-542515 (Stormwater Repair).
Presented by Decius Aaron, Public Works Director
Item Tabled to February 22, 2022 Work Session Meeting
18. Council Consideration to approve and award a fixed contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Blount Construction Company, Inc. for Invitation to Bid (ITB) Number 2021-0015 for the City of Stockbridge 2022 LMIG Program Road and Resurfacing in the amount of \$1,738,673.68.
Presented by Decius Aaron, Public Works Director
Motion to approve Alexander/Blount Passed 5-0.
19. Council Consideration to approve Task Order No. 37 with Carter & Sloope Wastewater Treatment Plant Capacity Review in the amount of \$66,100.00
Funding Source SPLOST V.
Presented by Decius Aaron, Public Works Director
Motion to approve Blount/Alexander Passed 5-0.

20. Council Consideration to approve the Public Works Department request to approve a budget adjustment for annual landscaping services for Governmental Buildings in the amount of \$300,000.00 and Amphitheater in the amount of \$75,000. The Public Works Department is also requesting approval to increase the annual contract (RFP 021-0004) with Yellowstone Landscaping, LLC for facility landscape maintenance services to an amount of \$375,000. The increase includes the addition of the Amphitheater. The account number is 100-15650-522219 (Landscaping) and 565-61800-52219 (Landscaping).

Presented by Decius Aaron, Public Works Director

Item Tabled to February 22, 2022 Work Session Meeting

21. Council Consideration to approve software and service costs for Report/Citation Management, Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD), Mobile Operations, Law Enforcement Records Management and Public Safety Analytics Software from Tyler Technologies in the amount of \$102,355.00 Funding Source ARPA.

Presented by Frank Trammer, Police Chief

Motion to approve as Sole Source Barber/Alexander Passed 5-0.

22. Council Consideration to approve renovation costs for the City of Stockbridge Police Department Headquarters Building at 4545 N. Henry Blvd. not to exceed the amount of \$3,951,525. Police Bond \$3,000,000.00 \$852,437 SPLOST V; and \$99,088 ARPA Funds.

Presented by Frank Trammer, Police Chief

Motion to approve Alexander/Gantt Passed 5-0.

23. Council Consideration to approve the purchase of furniture for the Stockbridge Police Department Headquarters Building from the HON Company, Georgia State Contract #9999-001 SPD0000100-0091, in the amount of \$227,004.34. Funding Source: Police Bond

Presented by Frank Trammer, Police Chief

Motion to approve Gantt/Barber Passed 5-0.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

24. Council Discussion – Amphitheater Management.

Presented by Councilwoman Barber

Motion to hire a consultant for the management of the Amphitheater Blount/Thomas- motion withdrawn.

Motion to task the City Manager to put mechanism in place for the proper management of the Amphitheater Alexander/Gantt Passed 5-0.

25. Council Consideration to approve the Hwy. 138 CID (Community Improvement District) Feasibility Study in the amount of \$38,150.00. Presented by Alan Peterson, Economic Development Director and Nicole Hall of Nicleworks.

Motion to approve Alexander/Thomas Passed 5-0.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Ford wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day and to share love with your loved ones; congratulated Matthew Stafford, and Matt MacVay of the Los Angeles Rams (formerly St. Louis Rams) on their Super Bowl win; noted we are still in a pandemic with new cases on the decline which is a hopeful sign; noted the Department of Health is administering Free COVID tests and to call 470-661-0005 to schedule testing; and not the Department of Health is administering the Pfizer and Moderna vaccinations at Red Hawk Field located at 143 Patrick Henry Pkwy. Monday – Friday, 9am – 3pm; and the City of Stockbridge has Free COVID Testing and vaccinations with information to follow in the announcements.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS: Meetings will be held via Zoom until further notice. Meeting dates and times are subject to change. Please visit the city's website www.cityofstockbridge.com for the meeting invitation link, Facebook page or contact City Hall offices at 770-389-7900 for updates.

- Downtown Development Authority Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Via Zoom - 3rd Tuesday of each month Via Zoom (Feb 15)
- Youth Council Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. - 3rd Tuesday of each month Patrick Henry Meeting Room - City Hall (Feb 15)
- City Council Work Session Meeting, Last Tuesday of each month – Via Zoom (Feb 22)
- Planning Commission Meeting, 4th Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Via Zoom – (Feb 24)
- Youth Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m. - 2nd Wednesday of each month Levi Meeting Room - City Hall (Mar 9)
- Main Street Advisory Board Meeting, 2nd Friday of each month 9:00 a.m. Via Zoom (Mar 11)

UPCOMING CITY EVENTS/INITIATIVES

- FREE DRIVE-UP COVID TESTING AND VACCINATIONS – Masks are Required
Location: Stockbridge Amphitheater 4650 N. Henry Blvd.
- FREE DRIVE-UP TESTING - Tuesday, February 15th 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. while supplies lasts.
- FREE DRIVE-UP VACCINATIONS will be administered Saturday, March 5th, March 12th and March 19th from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- *A Continuous Salute to Veterans:* Please forward pictures of Veterans including name, branch, rank, and years of service as Mayor Pro Tem Thomas presents a special tribute to our local veterans. Pictures should be submitted to: zpearson@cityofstockbridge-ga.gov Thank you for your service!

- Please join Councilman Alexander for a virtual Community Update Town Hall, Thursday, February 24, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. Discussion Topics: City Services, Police Department, Downtown Stockbridge, Beautification, Bridges at Jodeco and Community Service Recognitions. The Town Hall will broadcast Live on the city's Facebook page.
- Please join Mayor Pro Tem Thomas for the 11th Annual African American Heritage Celebration to be presented virtually, Saturday, February 26, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. The Honorable Pastor T. J. McBride of Tabernacle of Praise will be the Keynote Speaker. The program will broadcast Live on the city's Facebook page.
- Here is your opportunity to *Meet the Mayor*, and voice your questions and/or concerns Monday, February 28, 2022, from 10 a.m. to noon. Call Zenovia Pearson to schedule an appointment. 770-389-7900 ext. 248.
- Please join Councilman Alexander for the 7th Annual Women's History Month Awards, Sunday, March 6, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. at the Eagles Landing Country Club and will require masks and vaccinations. The program will broadcast Live on the city's Facebook page.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Councilwoman Gantt; Second by Councilman Alexander. The motion Passed 5-0.