



WORK SESSION MEETING ACTION MINUTES

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 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
Quinton Washington, 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/83979628788>
- II. **Call to Order – Mayor Ford**
- III. **Invocation – Mayor Pro Tem Thomas**
- IV. **Pledge of Allegiance – Recited by all in attendance**
- V. **Roll Call – All members present**
- VI. **Motion to adopt the Agenda Gantt/Blount Passed 5-0**
- VII. **REVIEW OF THE MINUTES No Action**
 - 1 Draft Minutes February 14, 2022
 - 2 Draft Minutes February 22, 2022

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.

Sunny Randazzo referenced the Agenda where the mitigation of the Amphitheater noise had not been included for discussion and asked the city to address the problem; recommended hiring a sound expert; and recommended the city's Food Truck event at the park in the same manner as the Halloween event as the model.

NEW BUSINESS

3. Council Consideration to approve the award of RFP 2021-0010 for the Ted Strickland Community Center renovation to McWright, LLC in the amount of \$407,000.00 for the Economic Development and Main Street Offices and Welcome Center. Funding Source: Building Improvements Budget.

Presented by: Alan Peterson, Economic Development Director and Kira Harris-Braggs, Main Street Program Manager

Motion to approve Barber/Thomas Passed 5-0.

4. Council Consideration to approve the Sewer Department's request to renew the term contract for Request for Proposal No. 2018-001Q Special Non-Hazardous Waste Service Agreement between Republic Services and the City of Stockbridge in the amount of \$35,000.00. Funding Source: Sewer Department Budget.

Presented by: Decius Aaron, Public Works Director and Brad Holtsinger, Wastewater Superintendent

Motion to approve Blount/Gantt Passed 4-0-1 (Barber Abstained noting there was not sufficient information provided).

5. Council consideration to the renewal of term contract No. 2019-0022P – Facility Maintenance Solutions/Groundskeeper Landscaper, between CGL Facilities Management, LLC, and the City of Stockbridge in the amount of \$300,000.00 Funding Source: Public Works Department Budget

Presented by: Decius Aaron, Public Works

Motion to approve Alexander/Gantt Passed 5-0

6. Council consideration to approve the Public Works Department request to piggyback on the contract for Unifirst/Sourcwell RFP No. 040920 - City of Stockbridge Contract No. 2020-0027P, for Uniforms with Related Products and Services, through May 2024, for an annual amount of \$30,000.00. The funds will be provided from account numbers 100-42200-531750, 505-43300-531750, 505-44200-531750, 510-42500-531750, 555-15650-531750, 100-62200-531140, 100-15650-522319, 100-15650-522322, 100-15650-522324, 100-15650-531750 in the FY2022 and 2023 Budgets.

Presented by: Decius Aaron, Public Works Director

Motion to approve Blount/Gantt Passed 4-0-1 (Barber Abstained noting there was not sufficient information provided).

7. Council Consideration to approve the State Office of Planning and Budget (OPB) officials for ARPA Funding, City Manager as Designee and Grants Administrator as Administrative Point of Contact.

Presented by: Frederick Gardiner, City Manager

Motion to approve Blount/Gantt Passed 5-0.

8. Council consideration to approve Request for Proposal (RFP) No. 201508-02, Sanitation Collection Services Contract Renewal in the amount of \$1,300,000.00. Funding Source: Public Works Sanitation Budget.

Presented by: Decius Aaron, Public Works Director

Motion to approve a one-year contract Alexander/Gantt Passed 4-0-1 (Barber Abstained noting it appears the contract has expired).

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Ford noted we are still dealing with COVID-19 and in a pandemic; referenced the Red Hawk Field location at 143 Henry Parkway offering COVID testing Monday Wednesday, and Friday from 9am – 3pm; noted you can also contact the Department of Health at 470-661-0005 to make an appointment or as a walk-in for Free COVID Testing and receive the Pfizer or Moderna vaccination 9am – 11:30am and 1pm – 2:30pm Monday - Friday; noted Henry County has been experiencing lower COVID numbers and hospitalizations were down, which is a good sign that we are trending in the right direction; noted the City Manager put out the CDC announcement where masks are now optional in city buildings, including the Amphitheater, where the city will host its first 2022 concert featuring Country Artist Jon Pardi this Friday, April 1st; tickets can be purchased online at Stockbridgeamp.com; no COVID vaccination or testing information will be required for entry; noted there will be a vendor onsite for COVID testing for your convenience; noted the City forward to a great 2022 great concert series; noted he attended the annual South Metro Development Outlook Conference along with Mayor Pro Tem Thomas and Councilman Alexander and several members of staff, noting the conference is a great networking opportunity that highlights South Metro, and that he gave a presentation highlighting the City of Stockbridge and referenced the city's 100-year anniversary; the historical ties as the ancestral home of the King family, the state-of-the-art Amphitheater and the upcoming concert series; the new police force coming online after a 45-year absence and the investment in the \$3 million dollar renovation of the police facility; the Bridges of Jodeco underway and the recent ground-breaking by the Sterling Group featuring retail and luxury apartments, with more to come with hotels, retail, restaurants, homes and pathways throughout the development; referenced the upcoming development of the Cultural Arts Center which will feature a theater, ballroom and art shows with a groundbreaking taking place late 2022/early 2023; thanked the voters for passing TSPLOST last November which will bring an estimated \$30 million dollars to Stockbridge and go towards paving and curb & gutter projects, pathway connections to Panola Mountain and the Silver Comet trailways noting the city will prioritize the funding; and referenced the proposed Pedestrian bridge that will connect the Amphitheater to the downtown area; noted the Henry County STEM School selected the City of Stockbridge as the location to build and the sign posting ceremony will take place on April 14th showing the conceptional plan and design; noted there is great excitement about what is happening here in Stockbridge with projects moving forward and the staff doing the heavy lifting; noted the city's meetings for the most part are still virtual via Zoom and the Council and each board or committee will decide when in-person meetings resume.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS: Meetings will be held via Zoom unless otherwise noted. 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.

- Youth Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m. - 2nd Wednesday of each month Levi Meeting Room - City Hall (April 13)
- Main Street Advisory Board Meeting, 2nd Friday of each month 9:00 a.m. Via Zoom
REVISED APRIL MEETING DATE (April 15)
- Downtown Development Authority Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Via Zoom - 3rd Tuesday of each month Via Zoom (Apr 19)

- Youth Council Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. - 3rd Tuesday of each month
Patrick Henry Meeting Room - City Hall (April 19)
- City Council Work Session Meeting, Last Tuesday of each month – Via Zoom (Apr 26)
- Planning Commission Meeting, 4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Via Zoom – (Apr 28)
- City Council Meeting, Second Monday of each month – Via Zoom (May 9)

UPCOMING CITY EVENTS/INITIATIVES

- *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!
- Councilman Alexander will host a Quarterly Town Hall Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. and will take place virtually. Please stay tuned to the city's website and Facebook page for more information. **(POSTPONED)**
- Job Fair, Thursday, April 21, 2022 – 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Amphitheater parking lot. City-wide job fair with Goodwill and Omega Fraternity and Delta Sorority; and includes an Ex-Offenders Job Fair. There will be on-site with resume assistance and immediate hirings.
- Here is your opportunity to *Meet the Mayor*, and voice your questions and/or concerns Monday, April 25, 2022 from 10 a.m. to noon (In-Person). Call Zenovia Pearson to schedule an appointment. 770-389-7900 ext. 248.

Motion to adjourn Gantt/Alexander Passed 5-0.