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COUNCIL MEETING

ACTION MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 26, 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 – Pastor Lavell Sanders, Stockbridge First UMC**
- IV. **Pledge of Allegiance – Recited by all in attendance**
- V. **Roll Call – All members were present except Councilwoman Gantt**
- VI. **Motion to amend the Agenda - To remove Item #3 Henry County Board of Education Presentation, Add Item #10 City Resolution approving Second Intergovernmental Development Agreement with the DDA; Add Item #11 Second Intergovernmental Development Agreement; Add Item #12 City Resolution Regarding Restatement of DDA Activation and Clarification of DDA's Name: Thomas/Alexander passed 4-0.**
- VII. **Motion to adopt the Agenda- Blount/Thomas Passed 4-0.**
- VIII. **REVIEW OF THE MINUTES – No Action**
1 Draft Minutes March 14, 2022
2 Draft Minutes March 29, 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. **None**

PRESENTATION

3. Henry County Board of Education 5-year Strategic Plan

Item Removed from the Agenda

OLD BUSINESS

4. Council Consideration to fill a vacancy and appoint a member to the Downtown Development Authority Board.

Presented by: Alan Peterson, Economic Development Director, DDA Liaison

Motion to appoint Frangela Merritt to fill the unexpired term through 12/9/2023

Alexander/Barber Passed 4-0

Councilwoman Gantt joined the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Council Consideration to approve a list of roadways for use of speed detection devices.

Presented by: Police Chief Frank Trammer and Sergeant Jonathan McIlvaine

Motion to approve Alexander/Barber Passed 5-0.

6. Council Consideration to fill vacancies and appoint members to the Stockbridge Ethics Committee.

Presented by: Quinton Washington, City Attorney

Motion to appoint Deron Johnson and Angela Meyers Jenkins through 12/31/2025

Alexander/Barber Passed 5-0. Mayor Ford noted his selection of the Chair would be forthcoming.

7. Council consideration to review and approve the design concept for the Cultural Arts Center.

Presented by: Frederick Gardiner, City Manager – Brecca Carter, Community Development Director – Heather Hubble, TSW and Carl Trevathan, Project Manager, Keck & Wood

Consensus of the Council is to follow up with 3/3 meetings with officials, staff, TSW and Project Manager to review design and cost and bring back to the Council for approval.

8. Council consideration to amend Title 9 – Licensing and Regulation, Chapter 9.110 Standards for Certain Businesses, Section 90.110.030 Spacing to reduce the distance requirement from 1 mile to 5 miles.

Presented by: Brecca Carter, Community Development Director

Motion to Deny Alexander/Gantt Passed 4-1 (Councilwoman Barber Opposed and referenced the legal opinion of the UDC Legal Advisor relating to this matter).

COUNCIL DISCUSSION

9. Update of GMA GIRMA Insurance

Presented by: Frederick Gardiner, City Manager

Mr. Gardiner noted he has been in discussions with GMA staff regarding the application process and will bring the information back to the Council at the next meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Thomas motioned to Reconsider Item #8; second by Councilwoman Barber. The motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Ford called for the vote: Motion to Deny Alexander/Gantt Passed 3-1-1 (Thomas Abstained, Barber opposed and referenced the legal opinion of the UDC Legal Advisor relating to this matter).

10. Council Consideration to approve City Resolution approving Second Intergovernmental Development Agreement between the City of Stockbridge and the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Stockbridge.

Presented by: Quinton Washington, City Attorney

Motion to approve Alexander/Blount Passed 5-0.

11. Council Consideration to approve the Second Intergovernmental Development Agreement between the City of Stockbridge and the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Stockbridge.

Presented by: Quinton Washington, City Attorney

Motion to approve Blount/Gantt Passed 5-0.

12. Council Consideration to approve City Resolution regarding the restatement of the DDA Activation and Clarification of the DDA's name.

Presented by: Quinton Washington, City Attorney

Motion to approve Alexander/Gantt Passed 5-0.

Councilman Alexander noted with this action, the DDA's name is returning to its official name as established in 1983 and is a great opportunity to differentiate from what occurred in 2013 with a new and fresh start with the name the Downtown Development Authority of the City of Stockbridge.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Ford noted we are still in a pandemic with the numbers going down and vaccinations numbers going up; noted the Department of Health is administering the Pfizer and Moderna vaccinations five days a week, Monday – Friday from 9am – 11:30 am and from 1pm to 2:30 pm, noting you can call 470-664-0005 to make an appointment; noted testing was available at Red Hawk Field on Henry Pkwy. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9am – 3pm, along with other locations in and around Stockbridge where you can receive COVID tests and vaccinations; wished the ladies on the City Council, staff and citizens of Stockbridge a Happy Mother's Day pointing out the love and respect due to mothers every day of the year; noted for all the football fans that the NFL Draft is coming up and hopes it goes well for the Atlanta Falcons, and hopes they draft well and have a great upcoming season.

UPCOMING MEETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS: Council Meetings will be held in the City Council Chamber and some Board/Committee meetings will continue to take place 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.

- City Council Meeting, Second Monday of each month – Via Zoom (May 9)
- Youth Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m. - 2nd Wednesday of each month Levi Meeting Room - City Hall (May 11)
- Main Street Advisory Board Meeting, 2nd Friday of each month 9:00 a.m. Via Zoom (May 13)
- Downtown Development Authority Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Via Zoom - 3rd Tuesday of each month Via Zoom (May 17)
- Youth Council Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. - 3rd Tuesday of each month Levi Meeting Room - City Hall (May 17)
- Planning Commission Meeting, 4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Via Zoom – (May 26)
- City Council Work Session Meeting, Last Tuesday of each month – Via Zoom (May 31)

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!
- Please join Councilman John Blount for the Virtual National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. Watch it on Facebook Live at @StockbridgeCityHall
- Tasty Tuesday Food Truck Takeover begins Tuesday, May 3, 2022 from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Clark Park and will return on Tuesday, May 17th, Tuesday, June 7th and Tuesday, June 14th each day from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. Come out and enjoy great food and family fun!
- Come out and enjoy the Funk Festival concert, Saturday, May 7, 2022 at the Stockbridge Amphitheater featuring Morris Day & The Time, Shelia E., and Midnight Star. Doors open at 7 p.m., the concert begins at 8 p.m. Tickets and other venue information can be found online at Stockbridgeamp.com
- Here is your opportunity to *Meet the Mayor*, and voice your questions and/or concerns Monday, May 23, 2022 from 10 a.m. to noon (In-Person). Call Zenovia Pearson to schedule an appointment. 770-389-7900 ext. 248.

Motion to convene Executive Session for Real Estate, Personnel and Litigation: Thomas/Barber Passed 5-0.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session: Thomas/Barber Passed 3-0 (Blount/Gantt were not present for the vote).

Motion to reconvene the meeting: Thomas/Alexander Passed 3-0 (Blount/Gantt were not present for the vote).

Motion to adjourn: Thomas/Barber Passed 3-0 (Blount/Gantt were not present for the vote).