



WORK SESSION MEETING ACTION MINUTES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 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. **Call to Order – Mayor Pro Tem Thomas**
- II. **Invocation – Mayor Pro Tem Thomas**
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance – Recited by all in attendance**
- IV. **Roll Call – All members were present except Mayor Ford**
- V. **Motion to amend the Agenda to Remove #9, and to hear Item #12 following Executive Session: Gantt/Thomas Passed 5-0**
- VI. **Motion to amend the Agenda to allow for a Recess from 7:00 pm to 7:20 to Greet the Emerging Business Leaders group at the Amphitheater: Gantt/Barber Passed 5-0**
- VII. **Motion to adopt the Agenda as amended – Gantt/Thomas Passed 5-0**
- VIII. **REVIEW OF THE MINUTES – No Action**
 - 1 Draft Minutes Council Meeting August 8, 2022
 - 2 Draft Special Called Meeting Minutes August 15, 2022
 - 3 Draft Work Session Meeting Minutes August 30, 2022

PUBLIC COMMENTS - All persons wishing to speak for public comment must sign in with the City Clerk prior to the beginning of the meeting noting your name, address, and phone number. You will be allotted three (3) minutes. Speakers must respect all members of the elected body, officials, and staff. Defamation, unruliness and/or swearing will not be tolerated. **None**

PRESENTATION

4. Parks Master Plan Update – No Action Taken

Presented by: Decius Aaron, Public Works Director and TSW Staff, Beverly Bell and Bryan Bays

5. Presentation on Citizen Police Advisory Council – No Action Taken

Presented by: Frank Trammer, Chief of Police

NEW BUSINESS

6. Council Consideration to Amend the Stockbridge Code of Ordinances, Chapter 11.26, Section 11.26.040- Noise Nuisances- Specific prohibitions.

Presented by: Frank Trammer, Chief of Police

Motion to approve with the following modifications: Mirror the Henry County Code as it relates to the decibels and consistency; adopt the Henry County threshold; remove lawn equipment restrictions for Sunday; and amend the start time to 6:30 a.m. seven days per week for lawn equipment.

Alexander/Barber Passed 5-0

7. Council Consideration to award the Request For Proposal (RFP) No. 2022-0012 of an Atlanta Regional Commission Grant to Keck & Wood Collaboration & Design firm to develop a feasibility study and concept plan for Downtown Stockbridge Pedestrian & Bicycle Connectivity facilities. Total grant amount is \$125,000.00. City of Stockbridge match is \$25,000.00. Keck & Wood will be awarded \$98,000.00 as submitted in the bid.

Presented by: Ryan Anderson, Chief Planner

Motion to approve: Alexander/Gantt Passed 5-0

8. Council consideration to approve change order from Summit Construction for Amphitheater parking lot improvements on North Lee Street and landscape and sidewalk improvements from the Amphitheater to Bryant Street in the amount of \$801,554.00. Funding source is from SPLOST IV.

Presented by: Decius Aaron, Public Works Director and Skip Layton and Adam Price of Falcon Design Consultants

Motion to approve: Blount/Alexander (Blount rescinded his motion)

Motion to Table to the October 10, 2022 meeting following negotiations with Falcon and the Summit Construction: Barber/Gantt Passed 4-0-1 (Alexander Abstained from the vote).

9. Council Consideration to approve a request for funding source to renovate the Public Works Maintenance Shop and build a city storage facility in the amount of \$3,500,000.00.

Presented by: Decius Aaron, Public Works Director

Item removed from the Agenda

10. Council consideration to approve Georgia Power Utility Relocation Agreement for the East Atlanta Road and Lee Street Road Widening Project in the amount of \$205,608.00. Funding Source: SPLOST IV

Presented by: Decius Aaron, Public Works Director

Motion to approve: Blount/Gantt Passed 5-0

11. Presentation to Council regarding the agreement with Georgia Power and Stanton Electric to provide electric charging stations at City Hall and the Amphitheater. Installation cost of \$62,915.00 is provided by Georgia Power via the Public Service Commission.

Presented by: Decius Aaron, Public Works Director

No Action Required

12. Council consideration adding three positions to create an in-house Information Technology Department. One position is recommended in the 2022 budget and the other positions are to be considered in the 2023 budget year.

Presented by: Frederick Gardiner, City Manager

Item to be presented following Executive Session

MAYOR'S COMMENTS (Mayor Anthony Ford)

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

UPCOMING MEETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS: Council meetings will be held in the City Council Chamber. Meeting dates, locations 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, 2nd Monday of each month – City Hall Council Chamber (Oct 10)
- Youth Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. - 2nd Monday of each month City Hall Levi Meeting Room - City Hall (Oct 10)
- Main Street Advisory Board Meeting, 2nd Friday of each month 9:00 a.m. City Hall Levi Meeting Room (Oct 14)
- Downtown Development Authority Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Via Zoom - 3rd Tuesday of each month Via Zoom (Oct 18)
- Youth Council Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. - 3rd Tuesday of each month Levi Meeting Room - City Hall (Oct 18)
- City Council Work Session Meeting, Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. – City Hall Council Chamber (Oct 25)
- Planning Commission Meeting, 4th Thursday at 6:30 p.m. City Hall Council Chamber – (Oct 27)

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: Rosalynd Rawls at rrawls@cityofstockbridge-ga.gov Thank you for your service!
- Please join Councilwoman Barber for FREE Zumba on every Saturday morning at Clark Community Park at 8:00 a.m. Come out for fitness in the park!
- Please join Councilwoman Barber as she kicks healthcare inequities to the curb with her First Annual Charity Kickball Tournament benefiting the Hands of Hope Clinic on Saturday, **POSTPONED to October 8, 2022** at 9 am at Cochran Park. FREE EVENT
- Main Street will host the movie on the City Hall Lawn featuring (Spiderman), Saturday, October 7th. The fun starts at 7:00 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets! FREE EVENT

- The City of Stockbridge will host an in-person Annexation Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, September 29th at 6:30 p.m. at the Monarch Village Clubhouse 240 Monarch Village Way, Stockbridge; an in-person Annexation Town Hall Meeting Thursday, October 6th at City Hall 4640 N Henry Blvd / Thursday, October 13th at 6:30 p.m. at New Faith Christian Church 396 Eagles Landing Pkwy., Thursday, October 20th at 6:30 p.m. at the Merle Manders Conference Center 111 Davis Rd., Tuesday, October 24th at 6:30 p.m. at Liberty Baptist Church 1410 Valley Hill Rd.; Friday, October 28th Virtual Town Hall at 6:30 p.m.; and Saturday, November 5th at 10:00 a.m. at Bridge City Church 3910 N. Henry Blvd. Come out to learn the facts about the Annexation Referendum, neighborhoods in the proposed area, benefits of the Stockbridge Annexation and proposed council districts.
- Please join Councilman Alexander for a Town Hall at the Stockbridge Amphitheater, Thursday, October 27th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss Economic Development, Business Opportunities and Public Safety. FREE EVENT
- Please join Councilwoman Gantt for her Annual Fall Festival taking place Saturday, October 29th from Noon to 4:00 p.m. at Clark Park. FREE EVENT

UPCOMING CONCERTS

- HispaniFest, Saturday October 1st - **Postponed**
- Charlie Wilson, Friday, October 14th
- Keith Sweat, Saturday, October 29th
- Rick Springfield and Tommy Tutone, Sunday, October 30th

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Exemptions to the Georgia Open Meetings Acts)

Motion to convene Executive Session for Personnel, Litigation and Real Estate
Gantt/Blount Passed 5-0.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session: **Gantt/Alexander Passed 5-0**

Motion to reconvene the meeting: **Gantt/Alexander Passed 5-0**

Motion to approve the City to join Henry County municipalities to enter into potential litigation regarding LOST (Local Option Sales Tax) negotiations. **Gantt/Alexander Passed 5-0**

Motion to approve Item #12 to establish an IT Department with a Director in FY2022 and a Budget Amendment in the amount of \$17,000.00. Funding Source: Fund Balance and to approve two positions in the FY2023 Budget. Gantt/Alexander Passed 3-0-2 (Barber/Thomas Abstained from the vote).

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 p.m. Gantt/Alexander Passed 5-0.