



WORK SESSION MEETING ACTION MINUTES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2023 6:00 P.M.

Mayor & City Council

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

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 Ford**
- II. **Invocation – Dr. Renee Gourdine**
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance – Recited by all in attendance.**
- IV. **Roll Call – All members were present.**
- V. **Motion to amend the Agenda to add a Resolution to request the Henry County State Legislature and Congressional Delegation assist to identify and help secure state and federal funding for the Cultural Arts Center: Thomas/Barber Passed 5-0**
Motion to amend the Agenda to convene Executive Session for Personnel, Potential Litigation and Real Estate matters following Public Comments: Thomas/Barber Passed 5-0
Motion to amend the Agenda to provide an update on the Candler Rd. Development: Alexander/Gantt Passed 5-0
Motion to adopt the Agenda as amended: Gantt/Alexander Passed 5-0
Motion to amend the Agenda to remove Item#13: Gantt/Alexander Passed 5-0
- VI. **REVIEW OF THE MINUTES – No Action**
 1. Review of the Minutes for the Council Meeting December 12, 2022
 2. Review of the Minutes for the Work Session Meeting December 20, 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.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Exemptions to the Georgia Open Meetings Acts)

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

Motion to adjourn Executive Session: Thomas/Barber Passed 5-0

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

OLD BUSINESS

3. Council consideration to approve T-Mobile five-year lease renewal at 4617 North Henry Blvd (Million-Gallon Water Tank) at a rate of Three Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$3,500) per month as License Fee, partial calendar year to be prorated in advance, by the fifth (5th) day of each calendar month. Thereafter, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Lease, the License Fee will escalate by 15% on the first day of each Renewal Term.
Presented by: Decius Aaron, Public Works Director
Motion to Table and authorize the City Manager to negotiate fee up to \$5,000:
Alexander/Gantt Passed 4-0-1 (Barber Abstained).

NEW BUSINESS

4. Council consideration to approve the Youth Council's use of the Merle Manders Conference Center's lower level to allow the Youth Council to hold its SYC Retreat either on February 24, 2023, or March 4, 2023, from 8 am-5 pm.
Presented by: Dr. Renee Gourdine, Youth Council Advisory Chair
Motion to approve use of the Merle Manders Conference Center Lower Level for a Youth Council Retreat February 24, 2023: Gantt/Alexander Passed 5-0.
5. Council consideration to approve the award of the fixed contract to the lowest responsive, responsible bidder, Ferguson Enterprises LLC DBA, Ferguson Waterworks, Invitation to Bid (ITB) Number 2022-0018, for the City of Stockbridge 2021 Water Service Line Replacements- Materials, in the total amount of \$102,512.98. The funding source is from SPLOST V.
Presented by: Decius Aaron, Public Works Director
Motion to Approve: Gantt/Barber Passed 5-0.
6. Council consideration to approve amended list of roadways for use of speed detection devices.
Presented by: Glenn Kalish, Police Major
Motion to approve: Gantt/Barber Passed 5-0.
7. Council consideration to approve Tasers and Body Worn Cameras. The cost of the purchase of (10) additional Tasers is \$36,000 and the cost of the purchase of (10) additional Body Worn Cameras is \$30, 820. The total cost of items is \$66, 820. The city has approved these items as part of the 2023 Capital Improvement Plan Budget for the Police Department.
Presented by: Glenn Kalish, Police Major
Motion to approve: Gantt/Alexander Passed 5-0.

8. Council consideration to approve the purchase of 11 portable two-way radios for the City of Stockbridge Police Department. The cost of the purchase of eleven (11) additional portable radios is \$68,345.75. The city has approved these as part of the 2023 Capital Budget.
Presented by: Glenn Kalish, Police Major
Motion to approve Blount/Gantt Passed 5-0.
9. Council consideration to approve the purchase of 12 police vehicles for the City of Stockbridge Police Department under Georgia State Contract #99999-001-SPD0000183-0006. The city has approved a capital expenditure of \$794,000 for police vehicles and associated emergency equipment in the 2023 City budget.
Presented by: Frank Trammer, Police Chief
Motion to approve in the amount of 791,643: Barber/Alexander Passed 5-0.
10. Council consideration to appoint members to the Youth Council Advisory Committee.
Presented by: City Attorney
**Motion to appoint: Thomas Smith and Deyonna Williams for a 2-year term to expire 12/31/2024.
Gantt/Blount Passed 5-0.**
11. Council consideration to appoint member to the Stockbridge Downtown Development Authority.
Presented by: City Attorney
**Motion to appoint: Robert Anderson to fill an unexpired term through 12/31/2023.
Alexander/ Passed 5-0.**

DISCUSSION

12. Council discussion on the condition of East Atlanta Road, Mt. Zion Parkway, Old Conyers Road, Spivey Road, and Walt Stephens Road.
Presented by: Decius Aaron, Public Works Direction
**Motion to task the City Manager and Public Works staff to meet with County officials to discuss the condition of roads that were recently annexed into the City of Stockbridge effective January 1, 2023 due to the passage of Annexation Referendum (Senate Bill 612). Streets included in the discussion should include East Atlanta Road, Mt. Zion Parkway, Old Conyers Road, Spivey Road, Walt Stephens Rd., and North Henry Blvd. @ Rock Quarry Rd. Staff notes the roads have been neglected for quite some time and need repairs and resurfacing.
Alexander/Blount Passed 5-0.**

PRESENTATION

13. The Georgia National Hispanic Heritage Alliance Organization (GNHHA) HispaniFest Request for May 28, 2023.
Presented by: Rocio Camacho
Item Removed from the Agenda

NEW BUSINESS (continued)

14. Council consideration to approve a Resolution requesting the Henry County State Legislature and Congressional Delegation assist to identify and assist with securing state and federal funding for the Cultural Arts Center

Presented by: Jeremy Berry, City Attorney

Motion to approve: Thomas/Gantt (No Vote Called)

Motion to approve: with the addition of a 2nd Resolution requesting assistance from the Congressional Delegation to identify and assist with securing federal funding for the Cultural Arts Center and for the Youth and Senior Center: Thomas/Barber
Passed 5-0.

15. Briefing and Update on the Candler Road Development

Presented by: Jeremy Berry, City Attorney

Attorney Berry noted the item is under legal review and noted the Mayor & Council will receive a substantive report upon completion of the review.

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.

- Main Street Advisory Board Meeting 2nd Friday of each month at 9:00 a.m. - City Hall Levi Meeting Room (Feb 10)
- City Council Meeting, 2nd Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. – City Hall Council Chamber (Feb 13)
- Youth Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. - 2nd Monday of each month - City Hall Levi Meeting Room - City Hall (Feb 13)
- Citywide Development Authority Meeting, 2nd Tuesday of each month 6:00 p.m. - City Hall Levi Meeting Room (Feb 14)
- Downtown Development Authority Meeting, 6:00 p.m. Via Zoom - 3rd Tuesday of each month Via Zoom (Feb 21)
- Youth Council Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. - 3rd Tuesday of each month Levi Meeting Room - City Hall (Feb 21)
- Planning Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m. - City Hall Council Chamber 4th Thursday of each month– (Feb 23)
- City Council Work Session Meeting, Last Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. – City Hall Council Chamber (Feb 28)

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!

- Bingo is Back! Join Councilman Blount on Wednesday, February 22nd. More information to follow. Please contact Rosalynd Rawls at 678-833-3348 for more information.

- SAVE THE DATE! Join Councilman Thomas for the 12th Annual African American Heritage Celebration, Tribute to Sororities and Fraternities and their contributions to the community, Saturday, February 25th. More details to follow.
- Please join Mayor Ford for his monthly “Meet the Mayor” on Monday, February 27th from 10:00 a.m. – noon. Please contact Rosalynd Rawls to schedule an in-person appointment: or call 678-833-3348.
- SAVE THE DATE! Join Councilman Alexander for the Annual Women’s History Month Celebration, Sunday, March 5th at the Merle Manders Conference Center. More details to follow.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS (Mayor Anthony Ford)

Mayor Ford noted we are still in a pandemic and encouraged everyone to get COVID vaccinations and boosters and flu shots throughout the county and at the Henry County Health Department Monday – Friday 9am – 11:30am and 1pm – 2:30pm; noted COVID testing was available at Red Hawk Field Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9am – 3pm; referenced the city’s Police Department recognitions and promotions ceremony along with three new officers taking the Oath of Office; Life Saving Award recognitions of four officers and (5) officers promoted to Sr. Officers, (2) officers promoted to Detective, (3) officers promoted to Corporal, (5) officers promoted to Sergeant and (4) officers promoted to Lieutenant; noted the city officials recently attended the Georgia Municipal Association Cities United Summit and completed training and visited the State Capitol to meet with local legislatures; commended the city’s Youth Council on attending the Youth Conference of the Summit and learning about the legislative process.

Councilman Alexander noted Chief Trammer announced a 65% reduction of crime since the startup of the City’s Police Department.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn: Barber/Gantt Passed 5-0.