



WORK SESSION MEETING ACTION MINUTES

THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 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 – Councilman Blount**
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance – Recited by all in attendance.**
- IV. **Roll Call – All members present except Councilwoman Gantt**
- V. **Approval of the Agenda:: Blount/Barber Passed 4-0.**
- VI. **Approval of the Minutes: Alexander/Barber Passed 4-0.**
 1. Minutes 01/09/2023
 2. Minutes 01/31/2023
- VII. **Review of the Minutes – No Action Taken**
 3. Minutes 02/13/2023
 4. Minutes 02/28/2023

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.

No Public Comments

OLD BUSINESS

5. Cemetery Administration Fee Update
Presented by: Vanessa Holiday, City Clerk
No Action Taken

Councilwoman Gantt joined the meeting.

6. Council Consideration to approve the Stockbridge Wayfinding Master Plan Presented by: Kira Harris Braggs and Tiffany Chen of Sky Design.
Motion to approve: Gantt/Alexander Passed 5-0.

7. Council consideration to approve SprintCom LLC fka T-Mobile five year lease renewal at 4617 North Henry Blvd (Million-Gallon Water Tank) at a rate of Four Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$4,500) 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 Agreement, the Rent will continue to escalate by 3% of the Rent in effect for the previous year on February 16, 2024, and each anniversary thereafter.
Presented by: Decius Aaron, Public Works Director
Motion to approve: Blount/Alexander Passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

8. Council Consideration to approve the purchase 2024 Isuzu Chassis Landscape Truck under Georgia statewide contract number 99999-001-SPD0000155-0001 with Rush Truck Center of GA, Inc. in the amount of \$66,983.00. Funding source is from Public Works Department budgeted funds.
Presented by: Decius Aaron, Public Works Director
Motion to approve: Alexander/Barber Passed 5-0.

Councilman Alexander asked the City Manager to provide an overview of the 3-day Planning Retreat meetings.

Mr. Gardiner reported a wonderful 3-day Retreat and gave an overview of each day:

Day One – The focus was on the Strategic Plan with a process that began last year with the Mayor & Council, then staff and now bringing the plan forward to implement the Action Items for the Team to work on over the next nine months and translate over to the OpenGov platform which will be forward facing to the public with transparency, and being able to see where the city is with meetings its goals and objectives.

Day Two – Overview from the Economic Development regarding Small Business Incentives, Community Development and the projects such as the Bridges of Jodeco and others that are underway along with the 5-year update and Comprehensive Plan; Public Works gave an update on implementing SPLOST and Road programs as well as update the Water & Sewer infrastructure moving forward; the Police Department updated on the goals and objectives, awards and grants received, noting a 32% reduction in crime and hopes to continue the trend noting the new technology and equipment that is helping to aid the department; there was a finance update from the city's Financial Advisor who provided good information on the city's future needs.

Day Three - GMA District 3 Representative, Michael McPherson spoke about Civility, a big issue that is happening now; noted the city has adopted and submitted a Resolution to GMA, noting this will be a key component for local governments as this issue of civility has been seen as problematic in higher government and noted the city of Stockbridge is focused on maintaining civility among officials and staff and getting the business of the city completed; the Amphitheater was the last item with a rundown of the upcoming concert series, and the management consultant's role; and thanked the Council for the feedback to him, and noted the City Clerk and City Treasurer will funnel the information to staff.

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 at 6:00 p.m. – City Hall Council Chamber (Apr 10)
- Youth Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. - 2nd Monday of each month - City Hall Levi Meeting Room - City Hall (Apr 10)
- Citywide Development Authority Meeting, 2nd Tuesday of each month 6:00 p.m. - City Hall Levi Meeting Room (Apr 11)
- Main Street Advisory Board Meeting 2nd Friday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at the Welcome Center 130 M L King, Sr. Heritage Trail (Apr 14)
- Downtown Development Authority Meeting - 3rd Tuesday of each month Via Zoom (Apr 18)
- Youth Council Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. - 3rd Tuesday of each month Levi Meeting Room - City Hall (Apr 18)
- City Council Work Session Meeting, Last Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. – City Hall Council Chamber (Apr 25)
- Planning Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m. - City Hall Council Chamber 4th Thursday of each month– (Apr 27)

UPCOMING CITY EVENTS/INITIATIVES

- Meet the Mayor, Thursday, March 30th 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Please contact Rosalynd Rawls for an appointment: 678-833-3348 or via email at rrawls@cityofstockbridge-ga.gov
- Join Mayor Pro Tem Barber in Partnership with JJ Smiles for the 2023 Annual Cookout & Fundraiser on April 15th from 2 pm to 6 pm at Clark Community Park. Community members are encouraged to donate backpacks and school supplies. Monetary donations are welcome with 100% of the proceeds going directly to JJSMILES, Inc. This event is free and open to the public. Please email ybarber@cityofstockbridge-ga.gov for more information.
- Join Councilman Blount on Wednesday, April 19th at the Merle Manders Conference Center for Bingo from 10am - noon. Please contact Rosalynd Rawls at 678-833-3348 for more information.

- Join Councilman Blount on Thursday, April 20th at the Windsong Clubhouse for a District 3 Townhall meeting at 7:00 p.m. Please contact Rosalynd Rawls at 678-833-3348 for more information.
- Join Councilman Blount on Saturday, April 22nd at Clark Community Park from 12pm – 3pm for the Stockbridge Motorsports Safety Ride. Please contact Rosalynd Rawls at 678-833-3348 for more information.
- Join Councilman Thomas for the Don't Trash Stockbridge centered around the education highlighting the cause and effects of Littering and Illegal Dumping. More information to follow.
- Save the Date: Carrie May Hambrick Day, Saturday, May 13th. More information to follow. Contact Councilman Thomas at 404-247-4972 for more information.
- 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!

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Ford welcomed spring and noted COVID -19 is still among us and encouraged everyone to get vaccinations and boosters, noting there are several ways to do so; and wished everyone a Happy Easter and to enjoy this religious holiday.

Motion to adjourn: Barber/Blount. The motion passed unanimously.