



CITY COUNCIL MEETING ACTION MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 10, 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 – Master Sgt. (Ret.) Baisden**
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance – Recited by all in attendance.**
- IV. **Roll Call – All members were present.**
- V. **Adoption of the Agenda:**
 - Motion to amend the Agenda to remove Item #6 – Amphitheater Rental Policy: Thomas/Gantt Passed 4-1 (Alexander opposed).
 - Motion to amend the Agenda to add Item #18: Ordinance for the consumption of alcohol at the Amphitheater: Barber/Gantt Passed 5-0.
 - Motion to amend the Agenda to add for discussion Item #19: Southern Crescent Technical College Amphitheater Rental Agreement to be heard following the CVB Presentation: Barber/Gantt Passed 5-0.
- VI. **Adoption of the Minutes: Motion to approve: Barber/Blount Passed 5-0.**
 1. Minutes 2/13/2023
 2. Minutes 2/28/2023

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.

Ms. Fran Morgan referenced the Willow Springs Subdivision where there are several homes with vehicles and equipment parked on the grass in the yards and is very unsightly. Ms. Morgan asked the City Council to update the city's Code to not allow vehicles to park in the yard of a residential subdivision. Pictures were submitted. The City Manager was asked to follow up.

CERIMONIAL – Mayor Ford reviewed the proclamation ceremony:

3. Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month; Southern Crescent Veteran Services, Inc.

PRESENTATION

4. Annual CVB (Convention, Visitors and Bureau) 2022 Report
Presented by: Laura Luker, Executive Director
Following the presentation, the Council requested staff and Ms. Luker coordinate a marketing package and strategy for the city and determine the best use of advertising funds that are still available.
5. Sanitation Roll Out Plan
Presented by: Decius Aaron
No Action.

OLD BUSINESS

6. Council Consideration to approve the amended Amphitheater Rental Policy. Item Removed from the Agenda

NEW BUSINESS

7. Council Consideration to approve the revised Youth Council and Youth Council Advisory Committee By-Laws
Presented by: Dr. Alfreda Gourdine, Chair
Motion to approve: Gantt/Blount Passed 5-0.
8. Council Consideration to approve the use of the Amphitheater Green Room an extend to the Catwalk if needed, Thursday, May 4, 2023 from 6pm - 8pm to host a National Small Business Week Reception to honor small business owners.
Presented by: Kimberley Allonce
Motion to approve: Gantt/Alexander Passed 5-0.
9. Approval to Apply for Grant: GA Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF)
Presented by: Jeremy Goodwin, Kellie Russell
Motion to approve: Gantt/Barber Passed 4-0 (Blount was not present for the vote).
10. Council Consideration to approve purchase of 1 Ford Ranger for \$28,565 and 1 Ford Edge SUV for \$38,580 Under State Contract #99999-001-SPD0000183-0006. Funding Source 2023 Capital Improvement Budget for Police Services
Presented by: Frank Trammer
Motion to approve: Alexander/Blount Passed 5-0.

11. Council Consideration to approve a contract for Emergency Services for Building, Permitting & Inspections Services, not to exceed a 6 -month timeframe.

Presented by: Brecca Carter

Motion to approve: Thomas/Gantt Passed 5-0.

12. Council Consideration to approve a contract for Emergency Services for Civil Engineering Services, not to exceed a 6 -month timeframe.

Presented by: Brecca Carter

Motion to approve: Thomas/Gantt Passed 5-0.

13. Council Consideration to adopt a new job description for a Chief Building Official full-time position.

Presented by: Brecca Carter

Motion to approve: Thomas/Barber Failed 2-3 (Alexander/Blount/Gantt Opposed).

Motion to Table Item #14, Item #15, Item# 16 and bring back to be heard in six months following an evaluation of the department, and also include Item #13 at that time. Passed 3-1-1 (Thomas Opposed/Barber Abstained).

14. Council Consideration to adopt a new job description for a Building Inspector full-time position.

Presented by: Brecca Carter

Item Tabled

15. Council Consideration to adopt a new job description for a Permit Technician full-time position.

Presented by: Brecca Carter

Item Tabled

16. Council Consideration to adopt a new job description for a Civil Engineer part-time position.

Presented by: Brecca Carter

Item Tabled

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

Presented by: Quinton Washington

Motion to Table: Alexander/Gantt Passed 5-0.

18. Council Consideration to approve an Ordinance to amend the City of Stockbridge Code of Ordinances to provide for an exception to the restrictions on possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages at the Stockbridge Amphitheater.

Motion to approve w/amendment of page 2 Section (D) to permit patrons to bring alcohol and allow coolers up to size 12"x12"- one per patron: Gantt/Thomas Passed 3-1-1 (Alexander Opposed/Barber Abstained).

Mayor Ford noted he would exercise his veto power which can only be overturned with a vote of (4) members of Council.

19. Council Consideration to approve the Southern Crescent Technical College Amphitheater Rental Agreement to hold their 2023 commencement ceremony on May 9, 2023.

Councilwoman Barber noted she would abstain from the vote noting the contract was presented to the Council on the dais prior to the meeting, and no opportunity for review.

Motion to approve the rental agreement between Southern Crescent Technical College (SCTC) and the City of Stockbridge with the following conditions and amendments to the contract: Page 3 Clause 6 - B remove Private Events of \$7,500 and Commercial Events of \$10,000 and only include the fee for this Civic and Educational Event; remove Clause 8 (K) Parking at Elementary School; to add into the agreement page 4 Section 12 - Damages caused to the premises; and add a clause for in the event of a rainout: Gantt/Alexander Passed 4-0-1 (Barber Abstained; noting the full Council was not provided a copy of the contract prior to the meeting).

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.

- 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

- 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 7pm. 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 Councilwoman Gantt on Wednesday, April 26th at 6pm at the Merle Manders Conference Center for a District 1 Town Hall. Please contact Rosalynd Rawls at 678-833-3348 for more information.
- Join Councilman Thomas for the Don't Trash Stockbridge centered around education highlighting the causes and effects of Littering and Illegal Dumping. More information to follow.
- Join Mayor Ford for a Fund-Raising Luncheon in partnership with Sister Talk on Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 2pm for programs helping young girls to become both mature and responsible. Please contact Rosalynd Rawls at 678-833-3348 for more information.
- 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 Councilman Thomas presents a special tribute to our local veterans.
- Henry for Music (HFM) presents the ASEP Violin Classes and Music Program of Cotton Indian, Red Oak, and Fairview Elementary Schools & Students from the HFM Youth Orchestra United "Joy Through Music" Spring Concert 2023 on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 7pm at the Merle Manders Conference Center and will feature Mayor Pro Tem Barber on violin.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Ford stated that Spring is here, however, COVID-019 is still here and asked that everyone get vaccinations and boosters, along with flu shots. Mayor Ford wished everyone a belated Happy Easter/Resurrection Day hoping everyone has a new and renewed spirit for life; noted the NFL Draft is approaching and hopes Falcons and everyone else get their picks, noted the Atlanta Braves are off to a good start and wished them well on their season, hopefully towards another pennant; noted Friday, April 14th is the first concert of the 2023 series featuring the Isley Brothers and the group After 7.

Councilman Alexander referenced the NFL Draft will include our distinguished Stockbridge native and will likely be in the top 5.

Mayor Ford agreed, noting Will Anderson may very well be the first defensive player selected, and the city looks forward to honoring him on his accomplishments.

ADJOURNMENT

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