



WORK SESSION MEETING ACTION MINUTES

TUESDAY, JULY 25, 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 – Mr. Charles Marshall**
- III. **Pledge of Allegiance – Recited by all in attendance.**
- IV. **Roll Call – All members were present.**
- V. **Adoption of the Agenda: Motion to adopt the Agenda made by Councilwoman Gantt; seconded by Councilwoman Barber. The motion passed unanimously.**
- VI. **Review of the Minutes – No Action**
 1. Review of the June 12, 2023 Minutes
 2. Review of the June 20, 2023 Minutes

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**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. Council Consideration and approval of an agreement with the Henry County Development Authority, along with the County and the cities of Locust Grove, McDonough and Stockbridge to hire Retail Strategies Recruitment to work toward the solicitation, development and expansion of retail facilities in Henry County that will expand commerce, create employment, enhance tax revenue and improve the quality of life in each city and the entire county.

Presented by: Frederick Gardiner

Motion made by Councilman Alexander: to approve this Agreement with amendments to page 3, No.2 to include the amended language: The HCDA shall serve as a coordinator of the Project and shall provide the Mayor and Council periodic progress reports of the activities of the Consultants on at least a quarterly basis. This agreement and all contracts as contemplated still allows for businesses and retailers to work directly with the City; seconded by Councilwoman Gantt passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Council consideration to approve a request from Vulcan Materials for their team at Vibra Tech and Aimone-Martin Associates to study quarry blast induced structure response at the City of Stockbridge Elevated Water Tank. The study will be at no cost to the City. Presented by Matt Pilz with Vibra Tech.

Presented by: Decius Aaron

Motion to approve made by Councilwoman Gantt; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Barber. The motion passed 4-0 (Councilman Thomas was not present for the vote).

5. Council consideration to approve the repurposing of \$2,242,160.00 from TSPLOST for resurfacing Walt Stephens Road and Mt. Zion Parkway

Presented by: Decius Aaron

Motion to approve made by Councilwoman Gantt; seconded by Councilman Alexander. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Aaron noted TSPLOST funds would not be utilized because the recently approved Flippen Road Development will install sidewalks along Flippen Rd.

6. Council consideration to approve the renewal of Request For Proposal (RFP) Number 2022-0006, On Call General Engineering Services, for the City of Stockbridge with Falcon Design Consultants, LLC.

Presented by: Decius Aaron

Motion to approve made by Councilwoman Gantt; seconded by Councilman Alexander. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Council consideration to approve the IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) between the City of Stockbridge and the Downtown Development Authority.

Presented by: Kim Allonce, Quinton Washington

Motion to approve made by Councilman Alexander with the amended language to change “shall give the DDA funding” to “may give the DDA funding”; seconded by Councilwoman Gantt. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Council consideration to amend the City of Stockbridge Code of Ordinances to provide for a Stockbridge Business Partnership Board.
Presented by: Kim Allonce
Motion to approve made by Councilwoman Gantt; seconded by Councilman Blount. The motion passed 4-0 (Councilman Alexander was not present for the vote).
9. Council consideration to amend the City of Stockbridge Code of Ordinances to provide for a Keep Stockbridge Beautiful Board.
Presented by: Kim Allonce
Motion to approve made by Councilman Alexander; seconded by Councilman Thomas. The motion passed 4-0-1 (Mayor Pro Tem Barber Abstained).
10. Council consideration to fill a vacancy and appoint a member to the Planning Commission to fill an unexpired term through 12/31/2024.
Presented by: Frederick Gardiner
Motion to appoint Jayden Williams made by Councilwoman Gantt; seconded by Councilman Alexander. The motion passed unanimously.
11. Council consideration to fill a vacancy and appoint a member to the Downtown Development Authority Board to fill an unexpired term through 12/31/2023.
Presented by: Kim Allonce
Motion to appoint Warren Washington made by Councilman Alexander; seconded by Councilwoman Gantt. The motion passed unanimously.

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.

- Meeting of the Council for a Public Hearing for the Millage Rate at 9:00 a.m.- City Hall Council Chambers (July 27)
- Planning Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m. - City Hall Council Chamber 4th Thursday of each month– (Jul 27)
- Citywide Development Authority Meeting, 2nd Tuesday of each month 6:00 p.m. - City Hall Levi Meeting Room (Aug 8)
- Main Street Advisory Board Meeting, 2nd Friday of each month – Welcome Center located at 130 M L King, Sr. Heritage Trail at 9am (Aug 11)

- City Council Meeting, 2nd Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. – City Hall Council Chamber (Aug 14)
- Youth Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. - 2nd Monday of each month - City Hall Levi Meeting Room - City Hall (Aug 14)
- Downtown Development Authority Meeting, 3rd Tuesday of each month Welcome Center 130 M L King, Sr. Heritage Trail (Aug 15)
- Youth Council Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. - 3rd Tuesday of each month Levi Meeting Room - City Hall (Aug 15)
- Planning Commission Meeting, 6:30 p.m. - City Hall Council Chamber 4th Thursday of each month– (Aug 24)
- City Council Work Session Meeting, last Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. – City Hall Council (Aug 29)

UPCOMING CITY EVENTS/INITIATIVES

- Join us for Food Truck Tuesday from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Clark Community Park 111 Davis Rd. Lots and great food and activities for everyone. Greek Night tonight!
- Join Mayor Pro Tem Barber for FREE Zumba every Saturday at 8:00 a.m. beginning May 6th at Gardner Community Park on E. Atlanta Rd.
- Join Councilman Thomas for the *Don't Trash Stockbridge* initiative centered around education highlighting the causes and effects of Littering and Illegal Dumping. More information to follow.
- Councilman Thomas is honoring Veterans with a *Continuous Salute* all year long. Please send your pictures of Veterans with their name, branch, rank and years of service to rrawls@cityofstockbridge-ga.gov
- Join Councilman Blount for *Bingo Bash*, Wednesday, August 16th from 10am – noon at the Merle Manders Conference Center located at 111 Davis Rd.
- Join Mayor Ford for *Meet the Mayor* on Monday, August 28th from 10am – noon. Please contact Rosalynd Rawls to schedule an appointment at 678-833-3348 or via email at rrawls@cityofstockbridge-ga.gov

Get your tickets for the upcoming 2023 Stockbridge Concert Series by visiting stockbridgeamp.com or in person at the ticket office located at 4650 North Henry Blvd. Thursday – Saturday from 1pm – 5pm. **August 5th will feature the O'Jays, the Whispers and Johnny Gill; August 12th will feature Patti LaBelle and Envogue; and August 19th will feature Tower of Power and the Ohio Players; and This past weekend was a fantastic show featuring The City, Zapp and Cameo; and the Sunday show featured Brownstone and Boyz II Men.**

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Ford noted we are still in COVID-19 and reminded everyone to get vaccinations and boosters to stay healthy; noted the Back-to-School event in partnership with the Youth Council was a success supplying bookbags and supplies to students; and noted July 29th the Henry County Schools will be praying for all schools at 9:00 a.m.

Motion to adjourn made by Councilwoman Gantt; seconded by Councilman Alexander; The motion passed unanimously.