



COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES

January 13, 2025 6:00 P.M.

Mayor & City Council

Mayor Anthony S. Ford At-Large
Mayor Pro Tem Kyle Berry – Council District 3
Councilmember Elton Alexander – Council District 5
Councilmember Yolanda Barber – Council District 4
Councilmember LaKeisha Gantt – Council District 1
Councilmember Alphonso Thomas – Council District 2

Administration

Frederick Gardiner – City Manager
Vanessa Holiday – City Clerk
Cassandra Lester – Deputy City Clerk
Frank Milazi – City Treasurer
Quinton Washington – 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.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ford at 6:04 p.m.

Invocation by: Mayor Ford

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

City Clerk, Vanessa Holiday was asked to proceed with a verbal roll call. All members were present except Mayor Pro Tem Berry.

PUBLIC HEARING ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor Ford read the following Planning & Zoning Public Hearing Announcement:

The following items will not be presented:

Annexation Case #AX-2024-03

Comprehensive Plan Amendment Case #CP-2024-11

Rezoning Case #RZ-2024-12

AMENDMENT OF THE AGENDA

Motion to amend the Agenda to convene Executive Session for Litigation, Personnel and Real Estate following the Consent Agenda was made by Councilmember Gantt; seconded by Councilmember Alexander. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion to adopt the Agenda was made by Councilmember Gantt; seconded by Councilmember Alexander. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no Public Comments

ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

1. Adoption of the December 9, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes
Adoption of the December 17, 2024 Work Session Meeting Minutes
Adoption of the January 8, 2025 Council Retreat Minutes
Motion to approve the Minutes was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Councilmember Thomas. Councilmembers Barber and Gantt noted they were not in attendance for the January 8, 2025 Retreat.

Motion to approve the December 9, 2024 and December 17, 2024 Meeting Minutes was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Councilmember Gantt. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

No Action taken on the January 8, 2025 Council Retreat Minutes

CEREMONIAL REVIEW

2. Mayor Ford reviewed the Proclamation Review - ML King, Jr. Day; Swearing In of Board/Committee Members: Stockbridge Citizens-Police Advisory Council - Nathan Banks (Zone 2), Planning Commission - Stanley Dumas (District 1), Jayden Williams (District 2), and Trameka Walker (District 5), Stockbridge Youth Council Advisory Committee - Joc'Quelyn Carter, Tykera Goins, Valerie Richmond-Reese, and Dr. Thomas Smith, and Henry County Transportation Advisory Group Representative - Eniel Gonzalez.

CONSENT AGENDA

3. Council Consideration to approve the Consent Agenda.
Council Consideration to appoint Ayesha Gambles to the Stockbridge Youth Council Advisory Committee for a two-year term through 12/31/2026.
Council Consideration to appoint Georgia McIntyre to the Stockbridge Youth Council Advisory Committee for a two-year term through 12/31/2026
Council Consideration to appoint Candis L. Jones to the Stockbridge Youth Council Advisory Committee to fill an unexpired term through 12/31/2025.
Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Councilmember Gantt; seconded by Councilmember Thomas. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session and sign an Affidavit was made by Councilmember Gantt; seconded by Councilmember Thomas. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Motion to reconvene the meeting was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Councilmember Barber. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

4. SPECIAL USE PERMIT CASE #SP-2024-02. (To be located in Council District 4.) NOTE: To be considered for a Board vote only since the public hearing was already held on November 12, 2024. Council Consideration of a Special Use Permit Request to allow a liquor store on property at 106 Rock Quarry Road. Applicant: GRP, LLC. Agent: Girishkumar Patel. The property is located in Land Lot 62 of District 12, and it contains 0.89 +/- acres.

Presented by Ryan Anderson, Community Development Director
Mr. Anderson noted the case was continued from November 12, 2024 where a Public Hearing was held, noting there were open matters before the Stockbridge Municipal Court to be addressed and resolved; noted all court matters have been cleared to move forward, and recommends approval.

Motion to deny SP-2024-02 was made by Councilmember Barber; seconded by Councilmember Alexander.

Attorney Lisa Morchower spoke on behalf of the applicant noting the city's Code mandates the addition of two additional liquor store licenses based on population and also submitted a Constitutional Objection into the record.

Attorney Washington advised the Council to Table the item for further discussion.

Councilmember Barber withdrew the motion to deny.

Motion to Table to the February 10, 2025 meeting was made by Councilmember Gantt; seconded by Councilmember Alexander. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Appointment of Municipal Court Judge for a two-year term.
Motion to appoint Matthew McCord for a two-year term was made by Councilmember Gantt; seconded by Councilmember Alexander. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.
6. Appointment of Municipal Court Solicitor to a one-year term.
Motion to appoint Julie Kert for a one-year term was made by Councilmember Gantt; seconded by Councilmember Barber. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.
7. Appointment of the Mayor Pro Tem for 2025.
Motion to appoint LaKeisha Gantt Mayor Pro Tem for 2025 was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Councilmember Gantt. The motion passed 3-0-1 (Alexander, Gantt, Thomas Approved) (Barber Abstained).

8. Appointment of the City Attorney.
Motion to appoint Quinton Washington as the City Attorney was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Councilmember Gantt. The motion passed 3-0-1 (Alexander, Gantt, Thomas Approved) (Barber Abstained noting concerns for information requested and not received).

Swearing In of Judge Matthew McCord

Mayor Ford issued the Oath of Office to Judge Matthew McCord

PUBLIC HEARING – Mayor Ford Read the Public Hearing Rules and Procedures

9. TEXT AMENDMENT CASE #TX-2024-09. Council Consideration of a Text Amendment to Section 3.2.6 of the Stockbridge Unified Development Code (UDC) to modify and augment regulations for Bed and Breakfast (not in a subdivision) establishments.

Presented by: Ryan Anderson, Community Development Director

Mr. Anderson presented TEXT AMENDMENT CASE #TX-2024-09, noting the case was presented to the Planning Commission on December 19, 2024 and recommends approval.

Public Hearing Opened

No Speakers In Favor

Speaker Opposed: Ms. Jocelyne Williams

Public Hearing Closed

Motion to approve TEXT AMENDMENT CASE #TX-2024-09 was made by Councilmember Barber; seconded by Councilmember Alexander. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

10. REZONING CASE #RZ-2024-11. (Council District 2) Consideration of a rezoning request for three parcels on the east side of Flippen Road, near Fairhaven Road. The parcels would be rezoned from 'PUD' (Planned Unit Development) to 'PUD'--Master-Planned Development. The intent is to adopt a Master Plan for the property to allow for the construction of a townhome development. Applicant: Vista Residential Partners. Agent: Dennis J. Webb, Jr., Esq. The three parcels are located in Land Lot 38 of District 12, as are identified below; and they contain 18.31 +/- total acres. Parcel #030-01002000 (415 Flippen Road)—Contains 13.436 +/- acres within three separate tracts.

Parcel #030-01002001—Contains 0.886 +/- acres.

Parcel #030-01002002—Contains 3.988 +/- acres.

Presented by: Ryan Anderson, Community Development Director

Mr. Anderson presented REZONING CASE #RZ-2024-11. During the discussion, it was determined that the verbiage of the item should state PUD-Master Plan Development, noting the parcels had previously been rezoned by Henry County, and that once annexed into the City of Stockbridge effective January 1, 2023, the parcels need a comparable designation.

Attorney Dennis Webb reviewed the plan for the proposed townhome development, agreeing to Staff Recommended Conditions along with

additional following Conditions: Metal Overhangs, 1800 minimum sq. ft., 10% Rental Cap, 10' Paths, Flock Cameras, End Units (ROW) with brick, and Decorative Streetlights, and noted sufficient right-of-way has been allowed within the development to allow for sidewalks and the widening of Flippen Rd, confirmed by Mr. Chase Beasley with Vista Residential.

Public Hearing Opened

Speakers in Favor – None

Speakers Opposed – Ms. Courtney Hunter and Mr. Willie Carter

Public Hearing Closed

Motion to amend the Agenda to correct the verbiage to remove Rezoning, noting the verbiage should be from PUD to Planned PUD Master Plan was made by Councilmember Gantt; seconded by Councilmember Thomas. The motion passed 3-0-1 (Alexander, Gantt, Thomas Approved); (Barber Abstained).

Motion to approve the Planned PUD Master Plan with Staff Conditions and the following added Conditions: Metal Overhangs, 1800 minimum sq. ft., 10% Rental Cap, 10' Paths, Flock Cameras, End Units (ROW) with brick, and Decorative Streetlights was made by Councilmember Thomas; seconded by Councilmember Alexander. The motion passed 3-0-1 (Alexander, Gantt and Thomas Approved); (Barber Abstained).

UPCOMING MEETINGS & ANNOUNCEMENTS: Council meetings will be held in the City Council Chamber. Meeting dates, locations and times are subject to change or contact City Hall offices at 770-389-7900 or visit the website www.stockbridgega.org for updates.

- Citywide Development Authority Meeting 2nd Tuesday of each month at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room at 6pm (January 14).
- Planning Commission Meeting, 3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m. - City Hall Council Chamber - (Jan 16) CANCELED
- City Offices will be closed on Monday, January 20th in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- Downtown Development Authority Meeting, 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Downtown Connection Center 130 M L King, Sr. Heritage Trail (Jan 21)
- Youth Council Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.- 3rd Tuesday of each month Levi Meeting Room - City Hall (Jan 21)
- City Council Work Session Meeting held on the last Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. - City Hall Council Chamber (Jan 28)

UPCOMING CITY EVENTS/INITIATIVES

- Join Councilman Thomas for the monthly Bingo Bash on Wednesday, January 15th from 10am – noon at the Merle Manders Conference Center. Lots of fun.
- Join Councilman Alexander for the MLK Jr. Day of Service Community Cleanup on Saturday, January 18th from 11am – 1pm. Jodeco Rd. (Parking available at Costco only).

- Join Mayor Ford for the monthly *Meet the Mayor* on Tuesday, January 28th from 10am – noon at City Hall. Meetings are by appointment.
- 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.
- 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.

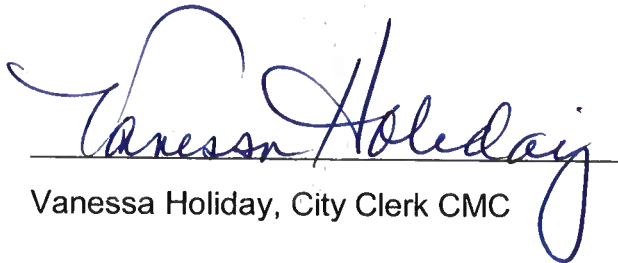
Please contact Rosalynd Rawls to schedule an appointment for *Meet the Mayor* and for more information on Council Initiatives and events at 678-833-3348 or via email: rrawls@stockbridgega.org

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

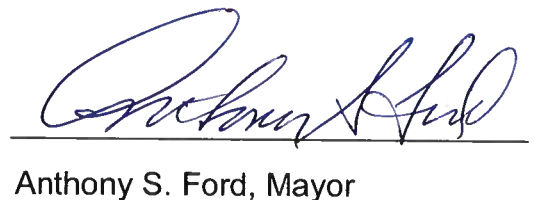
Mayor Ford referenced the passing of Jimmy Carter, the nation's 39th President, noting he has been the only President from Georgia, and referenced the many honors that have been bestowed upon President Carter by many throughout the country; noted we are in cold and flu season and encouraged everyone to get vaccinated and booster shots; referenced the recent rare snow that fell in Georgia; and asked that everyone keep the families in prayer in California as they continue to deal with the wildfires and disasters in the state.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m. was made by Councilmember Gantt; seconded by Councilmember Alexander. The motion passed 3-0. (Councilmember Thomas was not present for the vote).

Respectfully submitted by:



Vanessa Holiday, City Clerk CMC



Anthony S. Ford, Mayor