



CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024 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
Lakeisha Gaines – Interim 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.

Invocation by Mayor Ford at 6:05 p.m.

Invocation by: Pastor Lavell Sanders, Stockbridge First United Methodist Church

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all in attendance.

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

The Public Hearing Deferred Item(s) Announcement was read noting the following:

The following items have been deferred:

TEXT AMENDMENT CASE #TX-2024-05 (Citywide)

SPECIAL USE PERMIT CASE #SP-2024-01 (Council District 3)

SPECIAL USE PERMIT CASE #SP-2024-03 (Council District 4)

Motion to amend the Agenda to move New Business Item #13 to be heard following the Consent Agenda was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Councilmember Gantt. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

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

Motion to approve the Council Meeting Minutes for October 14, 2024 and Work Session Meeting Minutes for October 29, 2024 was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Councilmember Gantt. The motion passed 3-0-1 (Barber Abstained citing she was not present for the October 29, 2024 meeting).

Mayor Ford reviewed the following ceremonial items: Proclamations for Small Business Saturday and National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month; and the Swearing-In of Bishop LaRay Tillman as Clergy Representative on the Stockbridge Citizens Police Advisory Council.

There were no public comments.

OLD BUSINESS

4. **2025-2029 SHORT-TERM WORK PROGRAM AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM UPDATE.** Council Consideration to approve a Resolution for the Final Adoption of the STWP/CIE as approved by the Council at the October 14, 2024 meeting, which has been approved by the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) and the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA). Presented by: Ryan Anderson, Community Development Director

Mr. Anderson noted the Council approved a Resolution on October 14th which was submitted to the ARC and DCA for review and feedback, noting the attached document is presented for approval for formal adoption.

Councilmember Alexander requested staff to present an overview of the STWP/CIE Program.

Mr. Anderson noted the program is a guide of desired projects under a 5-year plan, a sort of wish list of projects whereas the city pursues funding to bring the projects to completion.

Councilmember Alexander noted the current program includes a multi-generational facility and transportation projects with various funding sources.

Councilmember Barber inquired about Valley Hill Rd. resurfacing and sidewalks.

Mr. Gardiner noted Valley Hill Rd. resurfacing is on the LMIG (Local Maintenance and Improvements Grant) list, noting sidewalks are not included due to right-of-way acquisitions, however, there is resurfacing where the cost will be shared with Henry County.

Councilmember Barber noted the city installed sidewalks along Peach Drive, Walt Stephens Rd., and Davis Rd.

Motion to approve the 2025-2029 Short-Term Work Program and Capital Improvements Program Update and submit to the Atlanta Regional Commission was made by Councilmember Gantt; seconded by Councilmember Alexander. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion to remove Item #5 from the Consent Agenda was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Councilmember Barber. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Item #6 was made by Councilmember Gantt; seconded by Councilmember Alexander. The motion was withdrawn.

Motion to remove Item #6 from the Consent Agenda was made by Councilmember Gantt; seconded by Councilmember Barber. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

5. Council consideration to approve FY2025 LMIG (Local Maintenance Improvements Grant) award to Blount Construction Company, Inc. in the amount of \$2,874,956.02.

Presented by: Decius Aaron, Public Works Director

Mr. Aaron noted the LMIG (Local Maintenance and Improvements Grant) is a Georgia Department of Transportation Grant for local governments to resurface municipal roads, noting the City of Stockbridge has a list of forty streets that equal 6.8 miles for resurfacing in 2025 with \$2.5 million dollars from a combination of SPLOST, TSPLOST funding.

Motion to approve the award for the FY2025 LMIG to Blount Construction was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Councilmember Gantt. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

6. Council consideration to approve proposed Right of Way Abandonment of a 10,040-square feet (0.23 acre) right of way remnant of Old Atlanta Road between Clifford Court & North Henry Boulevard.

Presented by: Decius Aaron, Public Works Director and Frederick Gardiner, City Manager

Mr. Aaron referenced the request received from the Battle Law Group for the Abandonment of Right-of-Way, noting the city has no use for the property, nor the city have utilities located on the property; noted he and the City Manager met with Attorney Battle regarding the request.

Attorney Josh Mahoney noted Right-of-Way Abandonments this is a straight forward common process that is used when the right-of-way is no longer being used, and the municipality can sell the property to the abutting property owners, and noted their client owns the property on both sides of said right-of-way property, and would like to incorporate the right-of-way into their property, and noted the Department of Transportation has declared the property abandoned.

Councilmember Alexander noted the roadway is running through their property and would be of no use to anyone else and re-aligning the property in the area of Old Atlanta Rd. and N. Henry Blvd.

Attorney described the plat, noting a copy is in the Council's Agenda Book.

Mr. Gardiner noted the request is in line with the GDOT improvements along Hwy. 42.

Councilmember Barber asked about the price associated with the sale of this property.

Mr. Gardiner noted it would be fair market value and the sell price is \$36,000.

Motion to approve the Right-of-Way Abandonment of 10,040 square feet (0.23 acre) right of way remnant of Old Atlanta Road between Clifford Court & North Henry Boulevard was made by Councilmember Alexander; there was not a second to the motion.

Councilmember Barber, when asked, stated the future use and development is not known and is not comfortable seconding the motion, noting the remaining members of Council can proceed.

Councilmember Gantt asked if there is a proposed development for the property.

The applicant's representative noted the site is proposed for a self-storage facility and is midway through the permitting process and is currently zoned in accordance with city's zoning requirements C-2 and allows the use by right, 100% indoor, no roll up doors with access on Davis Road.

Mr. Anderson confirmed the applicant has the proper zoning to proceed.

Councilmember Barber stated that she has made a request to staff to be informed of matters taking place in Council District 4 and has not been apprised of this request and questioned why the item was placed on the Consent Agenda; and made a request for a presentation of the request for public knowledge.

Councilmember Alexander withdrew the original motion.

Motion to Table the Right-of-Way Abandonment of 10,040 square feet (0.23 acre) right of way remnant of Old Atlanta Road between Clifford Court & North Henry Boulevard to allow for the City Manager to apprise Council District 4 Representative of the matter and return to the City Council November 19, 2024 meeting was made by Councilmember Gantt; seconded by Councilmember Barber. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

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

7. First Reading – FY2025 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan
Presented by: Frederick Gardiner, City Manager
Mr. Gardiner presented the proposed FY2025 Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Plan and began by referencing the city's growth and population from 1990 with 3,997 residents to a projected population in 2030 of 46,900 residents; highlighted priorities for FY2025 which include Road and Sidewalk Improvements, Increase in Police Officers and Crime Fighting Equipment; No Property Millage Rate Increase No Fee or Utility Rate Increase, 4% Cost of Living Adjustment for All Qualified Employees, and Reduced Health Benefits Cost for the City; highlighted Special Projects which include Youth Senior and Performing Arts Center, Park Improvements (New Eagles Landing and Memorial Park), Trail System Expansion, North Henry Blvd. Pedestrian Bridge Planning, Water and Sewer System Upgrades and New Maintenance Facility for Public Works; referenced the challenges and opportunities as a result of the growth; noted the proposed FY2025 General Fund Operating Budget in the amount of \$29,239,311, and a Total Budget of all funds of \$62,188,518 as balanced, and referenced the increased budget for General Fund Revenues from FY2022 of \$15,357,611 to the current proposed budget for FY2025 of \$29,239,311; noted the percentages of the General Fund Revenue will be mostly Sales Tax at 45% and Property Taxes at 33%; and the majority of the expenses will mostly come from the Police Department at 43% and the Public Works Department at 27%; referenced the Henry County LCI, Jodeco Rd. area to discuss the annexation of approximately 100 acres that has been dormant for years; referenced plans for the redevelopment of the Tye Street area; restarting the Opportunity Zone; moving forward with Wayfinding signage; noted Tax Allocation District meetings with County Commissioners this week, followed by meetings with school board members, noting there are no scheduled meetings in December; noted downtown revolving loan funds are being utilized to make improvements in the downtown, and the proposed leasing of vacant buildings; referenced the city's Homestead Exemption Application is set to go live online and in person; noted Norfolk Southern has been very responsive to the city's requests; and there are plans in the work for a more robust city App.

Mayor Pro Tem Berry joined the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Mr. Gardiner referenced the Proposed FY2025 Budget presented at the Budget Retreat in August 2024, noting everything remains the same as presented with the exception of the requested changes from the Governing Body.

Councilmember Barber referenced recent training which spoke about HB461 relating to Regulatory Fees effective July 1, 2024.

Mr. Gardiner noted staff would review HB461 and referenced HB581 which passed statewide relating to Homestead Exemption, noting the County's decision can impact the City of Stockbridge.

Councilmember Barber noted there had not been much change to the Events budget.

Mr. Gardiner noted staff will seek more sponsorship and donations to help offset expenses, and noted there were transfers from the Amphitheater acts to City Events for July 4th, BridgeFest and Juneteenth concerts.

Councilmember Barber noted the events are all free events and the bottom line is the cost remains too high, and the city needs to involve more local talent, noting she cannot support the Events budget at the proposed level.

Councilmember Alexander inquired if a budget balance has been presented and referenced the significant growth of the city.

Mr. Gardiner confirmed, yes, a balanced budget has been presented.

Public Hearing Opened

Speakers in Favor - None

Speakers Opposed – Anne Fields

Public Hearing Closed

Second Reading and Final Adoption December 9, 2024 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Ford read Public Hearing Item #8, Item #9, and Item #10.

8. ANNEXATION CASE #AX-2024-01. (To be located in Council District 5.)
Consideration of a request for the annexation of four parcels at the southeastern corner of Patrick Henry Parkway and Holloway Road, as are listed below, to allow for the future commercial use of the property. (No specific development project is being proposed at this time.) Applicant: Nathan McGarity. The property is located in Land Lots 50 & 79 of District 6 in unincorporated Henry County, and it contains 2.63 +/- total acres of land. Parcel #071A01088003—Contains 0.58 +/- acres. Henry County future land use designation--“High-Density Mixed-Use.” Parcel #071A01089000—Contains 0.53 +/- acres. Henry County future land use designation--“High-Density Mixed-Use.” Parcel #071A01090000—Contains 0.72 +/- acres. Henry County future land use designation--“High-Density Mixed-Use.” Parcel #071A01091000—Contains 0.79 +/- acres. Henry County future land use designation--“High-Density Suburban.”
Presented by: Gordon Linton, Senior Planner
Mr. Linton presented an overview of Annexation Case #AX-2024-01, noting the are contiguous with the recently annexed 77/87 Holloway Road parcels and that staff recommends approval.
9. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT CASE #CP-2024-04. (To be located in Council District 5.)
Consideration of a request for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment to change the future land use designation of four parcels at the southeastern corner of Patrick Henry Parkway and Holloway Road, as are listed below, from Henry County’s “High-Density Mixed-Use” and “High-Density Suburban” future land use designations to the City of Stockbridge’s “High-Density Mixed-Use” future land use designation to allow for the future commercial use of the property. (No specific development project is being proposed at this time.) Applicant: Nathan McGarity. The property is located in Land Lots 50 & 79 of District 6 in

unincorporated Henry County, and it contains 2.63 +/- total acres of land. Applicant: Nathan McGarity. The property is located in Land Lots 50 & 79 of District 6 in unincorporated Henry County, and it contains 2.63 +/- total acres of land.

Parcel #071A01088003—Contains 0.58 +/- acres. Henry County future land use designation--“High-Density Mixed-Use.”

Parcel #071A01089000—Contains 0.53 +/- acres. Henry County future land use designation--“High-Density Mixed-Use.”

Parcel #071A01090000—Contains 0.72 +/- acres. Henry County future land use designation--“High-Density Mixed-Use.”

Parcel #071A01091000—Contains 0.79 +/- acres. Henry County future land use designation--“High-Density Suburban.”

Mr. Linton presented an overview of Comprehensive Amendment Case #CP-2024-04. Staff recommends approval.

10. REZONING CASE # RZ-2024-04. (To be located in Council District 5.)

Consideration of a request to rezone four parcels at the southeastern corner of Patrick Henry Parkway and Holloway Road, as are listed below, from Henry County’s R-3 (Single-Family Residential) and C-3 (Heavy Commercial) zoning classifications to the City of Stockbridge’s C-2 (General Commercial) zoning classification to allow for the future commercial use of the property. (No specific development project is being proposed at this time.) Applicant: Nathan McGarity. The property is located in Land Lots 50 & 79 of District 6 in unincorporated Henry County, and it contains 2.63 +/- total acres of land.

Parcel #071A01088003—Contains 0.58 +/- acres. Henry County zoning classification -- ‘R-3’ (Single-Family Residential) and ‘C-3’ (Highway Commercial).

Parcel #071A01089000—Contains 0.53 +/- acres. Henry County zoning classification -- ‘R-3’ (Single-Family Residential) and ‘C-3’ (Highway Commercial).

Parcel #071A01090000—Contains 0.72 +/- acres. Henry County zoning classification -- ‘R-3’ (Single-Family Residential) and ‘C-3’ (Highway Commercial).

Parcel #071A01091000—Contains 0.79 +/- acres. Henry County zoning classification -- ‘R-3’ (Single-Family Residential) only.

Mr. Linton presented an overview of Rezoning Case # RZ-2024-04 with Staff Recommended Conditions. Staff recommends approval.

Public Hearing Opened to hear Annexation Case #AX-2024-01; Comprehensive Plan Amendment Case #CP-2024-04 and Rezoning Case #RZ-2024-04.

Speakers in Favor – Anne Fields (AX-2024-01 – presented Henry County Resolution 24-189).

Speakers Opposed – Connie Snow (AX-2024-01, CP-2024-04, RZ-2024-04) and Anne Fields (CP-2024-01 and RZ-2024-04)

During the Public Hearing portion, questions were raised regarding the Objection of the Annexation by the County, signage and traffic and safety concerns, and property values decreasing.

Mr. Anderson confirmed the Public Hearing signage had been properly posted, and that Henry County did not formally oppose the Annexation with the Department of Community Affairs, as required, and once the 30-day period lapsed, the City moved forward with the Annexation process.

Public Hearing Closed

Councilmember Alexander requested the following Conditions in addition to staff recommended conditions: 10' sidewalks and landscaping to match what is in place along the RaceTrac that will connect and extend to Holloway Rd., and sidewalks that will start at Patrick Henry Parkway along the entire frontage up to Holloway Rd; streetlights, follow the Hwy. Corridor Plan and Patrick Henry Parkway Roadway Design Requirements.

The Applicant, Nathan McGarity, agreed to the Staff Recommended Conditions and additional conditions requested by Councilmember Alexander.

Councilmember Gantt noted support of C-2 Zoning with certain types of businesses and wants developers to keep the city's vision and plans in mind.

The Applicant, Nathan McGarity noted there are no current plans for the property.

Mayor Pro Tem Berry noted there is a significant traffic problem in the area currently specifically attempting to going to and from the schools.

Councilmember Alexander referenced the Patrick Henry Master Plan which includes road improvements with four lanes; and noted Holloway Road would have acceleration and deceleration lanes.

Mr. Gardiner noted the goal is to have a four-lane road joint project with the County with lighting and limited access.

Councilmember Barber asked if the area would be feasible for a roundabout.

Mr. Aaron confirmed that as is the case with Patrick Henry Pkwy and Country Club Drive, there would be a distance and volume issue for a roundabout in that area.

Councilmember Gantt noted the rumor needs to be dispelled as it relates to annexations into the city of Stockbridge, stating the standards for the City of Stockbridge are high, and the codes are stringent.

Motion to approve ANNEXATION CASE #AX-2024-01 was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Councilmember Gantt. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Motion to approve COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT CASE #CP-2024-04 was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Berry. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Motion to approve REZONING CASE # RZ-2024-04 with Staff Recommended Conditions and Added Conditions: 10' sidewalks and landscaping to match what is in place along the RaceTrac that will connect and extend to Holloway Rd., and sidewalks that will start at Patrick Henry Parkway along the entire frontage up to Holloway Rd; streetlights, follow the Hwy. Corridor Plan and Patrick Henry Parkway Roadway Design Requirements was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Councilmember Gantt. The motion passed unanimously 5-0

11. TEXT AMENDMENT CASE #TX-2024-07.

Consideration of an ordinance to repeal Title 12, Sections 2.4.7, 2.5.3(F), 3.1, 3.2.24, and 15 of the Stockbridge Municode; to amend the Stockbridge Unified Development Code (UDC), Sections 2.4.7, 2.5.3 (F), 3.1, 3.2.24, and 15; and to add Section 3.2.41 under Chapter 3, Use Regulations of the Code of Ordinances, City of Stockbridge, Georgia, relating to the Downtown District and the Downtown Village Overlay District, by adding and removing certain uses from the list of prohibited uses, and by allowing them to be permitted uses, provided that certain requirements are met.

Presented by: Keedra Jackson, Chief Planner

Mr. Anderson noted the goal is to have the city's Code line up with the city's Economic Development vision.

Ms. Jackson gave an overview of the proposed amendments for the downtown district and referenced OR23-544 TX-2023-01. Noting staff recommends approval of the proposed amendments.

Ms. Jackson referenced Section 2.5.3. (f) of the Unified Development Code, striking #11 Tobacco, Vape shops, Cigar Bars and Hookah Lounges from the Prohibited Uses in the Downtown Village Overlay District.

Councilmembers of Council expressed concerns with allowing Tobacco & Vape Shops in the downtown district and need to be separate.

Councilmember Thomas noted his concerns are on record regarding the ventilation in establishments with smoking.

Ms. Jackson noted Ordinance OR23-544 would therefore need to be amended to reflect Council's request and continued noting the proposed amendments, noting Apartments would be allowed, Motels were being removed, and 4-star Hotels would be allowed, and 3-star hotels would be allowed with a Special Use Permit approved by the City Council.

Councilmember Alexander asked if there is a separate map that references the 3800 linear feet, noting the Downtown Development Authority map has a larger footprint.

The map was displayed.

Public Hearing Opened
Speakers in Favor - None
Speakers Opposed - None
Public Hearing Closed

The Council requested a copy of Ms. Jackson's PowerPoint presentation.

Motion to approve was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Councilmember Gantt. The motion passed 4-0-1 (Barber Abstained, noting documents were not included in the Agenda Packet).

12. SPECIAL USE PERMIT CASE #SP-2024-02. (To be located in Council District 4.)

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 is a result of the Lottery Process whereas the city's population met the threshold to add two additional liquor stores, noting Mr. Patel received approval to move forward as one of the two applicants, and noted the application meets all of the requirements of the city's Unified Development Code. Staff recommends approval.

Attorney Harold Buckley spoke on behalf of the Applicant and addressed questions and concerns from the City Council.

Public Hearing Opened
Speakers in Favor - None
Speakers Opposed – Attorney Tom Kirkbride on behalf of Ed's Public Safety

During the Public Hearing portion, Attorney Kirkbride noted trees had been cut down on his client property (Ed's Public Safety), noted a criminal complaint had been filed with the Stockbridge Police Department; stated renovations were being made to the property without obtaining a city permit that may potentially cause a floodplain issue, and stated the city had issued as Stop Work Order and a citation.

Mr. Gardiner confirmed the city's Code Enforcement Department had issued a citation.

Attorney Kirkbride stated his applicant hired a vendor to remove trees, and removed trees from Ed's Public Safety in error, and has offered to replace the trees; and noted his client, GRP, LLC, Girishkumar Patel. is not aware of a citation.

Public Hearing Closed

Attorney Washington stated the City Council must decide on the Special Use Permit and can take other matters as described into account.

Councilmember Thomas asked if the city issued a Stop Work Order.

Mr. Gardiner confirmed.

Councilmember Gantt expressed concerns regarding the allegations and that fees due the city may not have been paid, and if the law was broken.

Attorney Buckley requested a deferral to confirm the facts.

Mr. Thomas asked Attorney Kirkbride what his client was seeking from the city.

Mr. Kirkbride response was to make the City Council aware and wants quality measured progress.

Councilmember Barber opposed the proposed location stating the location is close to the current elementary school and future STEM school.

Mr. Patel noted the location on Rock Quarry Rd. was deemed suitable as it was in the city's advertisement.

Motion to defer SPECIAL USE PERMIT CASE #SP-2024-02 for a minimum of 60 days was made by Councilmember Gantt; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Berry. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

13. Council consideration to approve the 2025 Employee Benefits Plan.

Presented by: Renee Wheeler, Human Resources Manager

Ms. Wheeler noted a number of providers submitted proposals for the benefits package for the upcoming renewal period including the current carrier, United Healthcare of Georgia who submitted an initial renewal which resulted in a net increase of \$133,893, and the city's Broker, MSI Benefits negotiated with Cigna Healthcare which resulted in an annual net decrease of -\$527,333. Staff is recommending approval of 2025 Employee Benefits Plan.

Motion to approve the 2025 Employee Benefits Plan was made by Councilmember Gantt; seconded by Councilmember Alexander. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

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.

- City Council Work Session Meeting **SPECIAL DATE, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH** at 6:00 p.m. - City Hall Council Chamber (Nov 19)
- Youth Council Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.- 3rd Tuesday of each month Levi Meeting Room - City Hall (Nov 19)
- Planning Commission Meeting, 3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m. - City Hall Council Chamber - (Nov 21)

- Youth Council Meeting 1st Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. - City Hall Levi Meeting Room (Dec 2)
- Community Zoning and Information Meeting: Wednesday, December 4th from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chamber (Dec 4)
- Stockbridge Citizens-Police Advisory Council meeting 1st Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Stockbridge Police Community Room 4545 N. Henry Blvd. – (Dec 5)
- City Council Meeting, 2nd Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. - City Hall Council Chamber Public Hearing – 2nd Reading and Adoption of the FY2025 Operating Budget (Dec 9)
- Citywide Development Authority Meeting, 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm – Stockbridge City Hall Levi Meeting Room (Dec 10)
- Downtown Development Authority Meeting 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Downtown Connection Center at 6:00pm (Dec 10)
- The Main Street Advisory Board Meeting on the 2nd Friday of each month at 9am – Location is the Downtown Connection Center 130 M L King Sr. Heritage Trail. (Dec 13)

UPCOMING CITY EVENTS/INITIATIVES

- Councilman Thomas will distribute FREE Smoke Detectors along with Fire Marshal Demetrius Wells on Saturday, November 16th at Smith-Barnes Elementary School from 10am - noon while supplies last.
- Join Mayor Anthony Ford for the monthly *Meet the Mayor* on Monday, November 18th from 10am – noon at Stockbridge City Hall.
- Join Councilman Alphonso Thomas in partnership with Mayor Pro Tem Kyle Berry for the monthly Senior Bingo Bash on Wednesday, November 20th from 10am - 12pm at the Merle Manders Conference Center, 111 Davis Rd. for raffles, prizes, games, snacks and fun!
- Join Councilman Elton Alexander for a District 5 Town Hall on Thursday, November 21st from 7pm – 9pm at the Winslow Clubhouse 900 Maple Leaf Dr. McDonough, GA.
- Join Councilwoman LaKeisha Gantt in partnership with Atlanta Food Truck Park for Night Market at the Stockbridge Amphitheater Parking Lot from 6pm – 9:30pm – November 21st. There will be vendors, Food Trucks, Activities, Games, Music, and Vibes. Contact Tan Bowers at thepeaceofmine@gmail.com for registration and additional information. **CANCELED**
- The City of Stockbridge will host a Drive-Thru Turkey Giveaway in the Amphitheater Parking Lot on Saturday, November 23rd beginning at 10:00am - while supplies last.
- Join the City of Stockbridge for the FREE Annual Holiday Festival and Tree Lighting Event on Friday, December 6th from 5:30 pm – 9pm in the Stockbridge Amphitheater Parking Lot.
- Join Mayor Anthony Ford for the monthly *Meet the Mayor* on Monday, December 16th from 10am – noon at City Hall.
- 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 thanked citizens for exercising their right to vote and thanked the Henry County voters for passing SPLOST VI where those funds will be utilized to complete projects with the extended penny; noted Sprouts will have a Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening on Friday morning at 6:30 a.m. at the Bridges of Jodeco; and noted the City of Stockbridge Homestead Exemption Referendum also passed; noted Locust Grove had a special election for Mayor, and Carlos Greer has been sworn in as the new Mayor; noted the is cold/flu season and asked their everyone get caught up on their shots and boosters; and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Attorney Washington stated it was not necessary for the Council appointment of the City Treasurer, noting interviews have taken place, and that it would be at the Council's discretion to convene Executive Session for the confirmation of the Economic Development Director.

Motion to appoint Frank Milazi as the City Treasurer was made by Councilmember Gantt; Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Berry. The motion passed unanimously 4-0 (Councilmember Barber was not present on the dais).

Motion to convene Executive Session for Personnel was made by Councilmember Gantt; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Berry. The motion passed unanimously 4-0. (Councilmember Barber was not present on the dais). Councilmember Barber exited the meeting and was not present during Executive Session.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session was made by Gantt; seconded by Councilmember Alexander. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

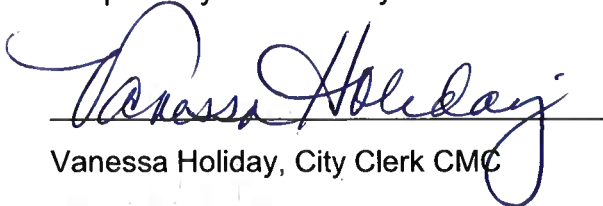
Motion to reconvene the meeting and sign an Affidavit was made by Councilmember Gantt; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Berry. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Motion to confirm the appointment of Gerald Sanders as the city's Economic Development Director was made by Mayor Pro Tem Berry; seconded by Councilmember Alexander. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

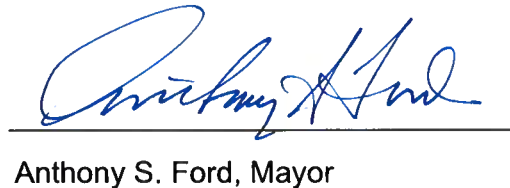
Mr. Sanders thanked the Council for their vote of support and looks forward to working with everyone.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:37 p.m. was made by Councilmember Gantt; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Berry. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Respectfully submitted by:



Vanessa Holiday, City Clerk CMC



Anthony S. Ford, Mayor