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## CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2024 6:00 P.M.

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### **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  
Vacant – City Treasurer  
Quinton Washington – City Attorney

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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.

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The meeting was called to order by Mayor Ford at 6:07 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 the members were present except Mayor Pro Tem Berry.

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

1. Review of the Minutes for the June 10, 2024 Council Meeting  
There was no action taken.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

2. Council Consideration to approve the purchase of (2) Ford F-350's with service body and light package under Georgia statewide contract number 99999-SPD-ES40199373-002 with Allan Vigil Ford in the amount of \$143,018.00. Funding source is from Public Works Department budgeted funds.

Presented by: Al Barnes, Public Works Operations Manager and Decius Aaron, Public Works Director

Mr. Barnes noted the request is to replace old fleet vehicles.

Councilmember Gantt questioned why the city has changed vendors.

Mr. Barnes noted both Alan Vigil Ford and Wade Ford have state contracts.

Councilmember Alexander asked what the trucks usage will be and asked what is different from the standard F-150.

Mr. Aaron noted these only vendors who have a state contract for the F-350 trucks and can tow and transport bobcat equipment when necessary.

Mr. Barnes noted the vehicles will be used for towing, can go off-road for site cleanups, and transport debris from homeless encampments.

Councilmember Thomas asked if this is the direction of the city to maintain site cleanup throughout the city.

Mr. Aaron confirmed that these vehicles can be used for those purposes.

Councilmember Barber asked for clarification of the budgeted amounts and the remaining balance in the account.

Mr. Aaron noted Item #3 on the Agenda is included in the numbers.

Motion to approve the purchase of (2) Ford F-350's with service body and light package under Georgia statewide contract number 99999-SPD-ES40199373-002 with Allan Vigil Ford in the amount of \$143,018.00. Funding source is from Public Works Department budgeted funds was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Councilmember Gantt. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

3. Council Consideration to approve the purchase of (1) Transit Van under Georgia statewide contract number 99999-SPD-ES40199373-009S with Wade Ford in the amount of \$55,130.00. Funding source is from Public Works Department budgeted funds.

Presented by: Al Barnes, Public Works Operations Manager and Public Works Director, Decius Aaron

Mayor Pro Tem Berry joined the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Mr. Barnes presented a request to purchase a Transit Van for the city's Facilities Maintenance Division, noting the request is to replace a 2014 vehicle that has been placed in surplus.

Councilmember Alexander recommended the city explore alternative options, such as Electric Vehicles to replace the vehicle, noting Wade Ford has confirmed there is an EV currently in stock, and that the standard vehicles require more maintenance, and fuel, with the EV having no transmission, and there are charging stations already on site at city hall, and noted the battery capacity is 350 miles.

Mr. Aaron noted staff would contact the vendor for a cost comparison.

Motion to task staff with exploring the EV purchase option and cost analysis for Electric Vehicles, and to also explore the Enterprise Fleet Vehicle Program was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Councilmember Barber. The motion passed 4-0-1 (Mayor Pro Tem Berry Abstained, noting he was not present for the entire discussion).

4. Council Consideration to approve Request for Proposal (RFP) 2024-0001 for Civil Engineering to Whitley Engineering Services, in the amount of \$5,000 per month with option for renewable years at the City of Stockbridge's discretion.

Presented by: Ryan Anderson, Community Development Director

Mr. Anderson noted the vendor, Whitley Engineering Services, is currently operating under an emergency agreement with the city and is recommending approval of the contract in the amount of \$5,000 per month with renewable years as approved by Council.

Councilmember Thomas questioned the contract expiration end date beyond December 31, 2024.

Councilmember Alexander echoed the sentiments of Councilmember Thomas.

Mr. Gardiner noted the terms of the contract cannot go beyond the Council.

Ms. Shareka Hall, the Procurement Manager was asked to clarify the contract terms and noted all city contracts are being aligned to end December 31<sup>st</sup>, and that the request for the Whitley Engineering Services contract is to begin August 1, 2024 and end December 31, 2024, and requested approval ending December 31, 2025.

Motion to approve made by Councilmember Barber; seconded by Councilmember Alexander. During the discussion, Councilmember Barber rescinded the motion.

Motion to approve a 16-month contract with Whitley Engineering Services in the amount of \$5,000 per month with an option for renewal beginning August 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 and to renew from January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025 was made by Councilmember Barber; seconded by Councilmember Alexander. The motion passed unanimously 5-0. Attorney Washington noted the 16-month contract would be drafted for one year with (4) one-month renewals.

5. Council Consideration to approve Request for Proposal (RFP) 2024-0005 for Janitorial Maintenance Services to Intercontinental Commercial Services, Inc. in the amount of \$143,100.00.  
Presented by: Al Barnes, Public Works Operations Manager

Mr. Barnes noted the city was not satisfied with the current provider and placed the services out for bid; noted the evaluation committee met and selected (ICS) Intercontinental Commercial Services for janitorial services.

Councilmember Thomas asked if the scope of work includes COVID cleaning services. Mr. Barnes confirmed COVID cleaning is in the contract and asked for clarification on the contract terms.

Ms. Hall noted the contract has a clause to terminate if services are not up to par, and that the contract would begin July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024; and the first renewable option from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025.

Motion to approve the contract with Intercontinental Commercial Services in the amount of \$143,100.00 from July 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024 and to renew the first-year option from January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025 was made by Councilmember Gantt; seconded by Councilmember Barber. 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](http://www.stockbridgega.org) for updates.

- Community Zoning and Information Meeting: Thursday, June 27th from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chamber (Jun 27)
- Joint SPLOST VI Meeting, Thursday, Jun 27th at 6:30 p.m. at the Henry County Administration Bldg. 140 Henry Pkwy. McDonough, GA (Jun 27)
- Stockbridge Citizens-Police Advisory Council meeting 1st Thursday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Stockbridge Police Community Room 4545 N. Henry Blvd. – July meeting canceled due to the 4th of July holiday.
- City Council Meeting, 2nd Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. - City Hall Council Chamber (Jul 8)
- Youth Council Meeting 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. - City Hall Levi Meeting Room (No July Meeting due to Summer Break)
- Citywide Development Authority Meeting, 2nd Tuesday of each month, 6:00 p.m.- City Hall Levi Meeting Room (Jul 9)

- The Main Street Advisory Board Meeting 2nd Friday of each month at 9am - Location is the Downtown Connection Center 130 M L King Sr. Heritage Trail. (Jul 12)
- Millage Rate Public Hearing #1, Monday, July 15th at 6:30 p.m. - City Hall Council Chamber (Jul 8)
- Downtown Development Authority Meeting, 3rd Tuesday of each month Stockbridge Downtown Center 130 M L King, Sr. Heritage Trail (Jul 16)
- Youth Council Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.-3rd Tuesday of each month Levi Meeting Room - City Hall (Jul 16) (JULY MEETING CANCELED)
- Planning Commission Meeting, 3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m. - City Hall Council Chamber - (Jul 18)
- Millage Rate Public Hearing #2, Friday, July 19th at 10:00 a.m. - City Hall Council Chamber (Jul 19)
- Millage Rate Public Hearing #3, Monday, July 22nd at 10:00 a.m. (Millage Set at 10:15 a.m.) - City Hall Council Chamber (Jul 22)
- City Council Work Session Meeting, Last Tuesday of each month: Tuesday, July 30th at 6:00 p.m. - City Hall Council Chamber (Jul 30)

#### UPCOMING CITY EVENTS/INITIATIVES

- Food Truck Tast Tuesday is back! Join us at Clark Community Park at 111 Davis Rd. Stockbridge on Tuesdays from 5:30pm – 8:00 pm for live music, great food, and a host of free games and activities for the kids. (CANCELED FOR JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>)
- Join Councilman Elton Alexander for a District 5 Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, June 29, 2024 at 10am at Argento @ the Bridges of Jodeco 300 Argento Dr. McDonough, GA 30253.
- Join the City of Stockbridge for the annual FREE 4th of July Extravaganza with fireworks and live music. Gates open at 5pm. The concert feature Soul Cartel, Algebra Blessett, Bobby V and the Michael Jackson Live Tribute, and Kool Mo Dee, and the gates will open at 5pm, and the concerts will take place from 7pm – 11pm at the Stockbridge Amphitheater.
- Join Councilwoman Yolanda Barber as she partners for the second year with Kicks4Kids to collect sneakers for kids on Saturday, July 6th, and Saturday, July 13th at Stockbridge First United Methodist Church and will be distributed at the City's Back to School Kickoff on July 20th. Please plan to donate what you can to this life changing initiative.
- Join Councilman Elton Alexander for a Community Cleanup event on Saturday, August (Date TBD) More information to follow.
- Join Councilman Alphonso Thomas for the monthly Senior Bingo Bash on Wednesday, July 17th from 10am - 12pm at the Merle Manders Conference Center, 111 Davis Rd. for raffles, prizes, games, snacks and fun!
- Join Councilwoman LaKeisha Gantt in partnership with Atlanta Food Truck Park for Night Market at the Stockbridge Amphitheater Parking Lot from 6pm – 9:30pm – July 18th. There will be vendors, Food Trucks, Activities, Games, Music, and Vibes. Contact Tan Bowers at [tan@atlantafoodtruckpark.com](mailto:tan@atlantafoodtruckpark.com) for registration and additional information. Theme: Island Flavor
- Join the City of Stockbridge for the Annual Back to School Kickoff Event on Saturday, July 20th at the Stockbridge Amphitheater for free school supplies from 11am – 1pm.
- Join Mayor Anthony Ford for the monthly Meet the Mayor on Wednesday, July 22nd from 10am – noon at Stockbridge City Hall.

- 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.

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](mailto:rrawls@stockbridgega.org)

Join us for the '*I Got Away*' Tour, hosted in partnership with McDonald's Inspiration Celebration Gospel Tour, is taking place on this Saturday, June 29, 2024, at the Stockbridge Amphitheater located at 4650 North Henry Boulevard in Stockbridge, Georgia. Notable Gospel performers, Deitrick Haddon, Pastor Mike Jr, Bri Babineaux, and Anthony Brown will be taking the stage! Doors open at 6pm and the show will start at 7pm.

### **2024 STOCKBRIDGE AMPHITHEATER CONCERT SERIES**

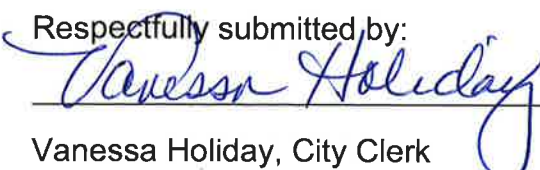
- Saturday, July 6<sup>th</sup> – Karen Briggs Contempo Orchestra featuring Phil Perry, Oleta Adams, Regina Belle, Chieli Minucci, Jazmin Ghent, Brian Bromberg, and Tommy Davidson
- Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup> – End of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Weekend featuring Charlie Wilson and Robin Thicke
- Saturday, July 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> – A Night with Kem, and Special Guest Leela James
- Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> – Ladies Night Out featuring Jodeci, Johnny Gill, and Silk
- Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> – 70's Soul Jam featuring the Chi-Lites, the Manhattans, The Legendary Blue Notes, Bloodstone and Peaches & Herb
- Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> – Babyface and Special Guests Avery Sunshine and 4Cast

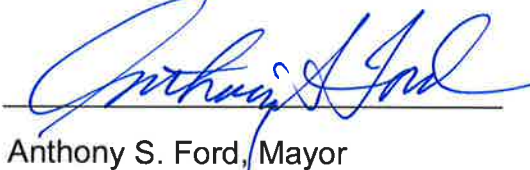
### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

Mayor Ford referenced the annual Georgia Municipal Association Conference where officials attend for training, and announced that Vanessa Holiday received the 2024 Clerk of the Year award, noting her name would be forever etched in GMA history for the honor; and noted Councilmember Alphonso Thomas was awarded the Certificate of Dedication for the completion of 276 training credit hours, and Councilmember Elton Alexander was awarded the Certificate of Distinction for the completion of 204 training credit hours. Mayor Ford reminded everyone to stay hydrated during this incredible heat, noting summer has approached us, asking that you drink plenty of fluids and stay safe.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Councilmember Gantt. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Respectfully submitted by:

  
Vanessa Holiday, City Clerk

  
Anthony S. Ford, Mayor