



CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 8, 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
Vacant – City Treasurer
Quinton Washington – City Attorney
Samantha Embry – 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 6:00 p.m.

Invocation by Mayor Pro Tem Berry

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.

Motion to amend the Agenda to remove Public Hearing Item#4 and Item #5 at the Applicant's Request was made by Councilmember Gantt; seconded by Councilmember Thomas. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Motion to amend the Agenda to add Discussion Item #7 – Amphitheater Marketing Budget was made by Mayor Pro Tem Berry; seconded by Councilmember Alexander. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Motion to amend the Agenda to add Discussion Item #8 – Amphitheater Parking was made by Councilmember Barber; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Berry. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Motion to adopt the Agenda as amended was made by Councilmember Gantt; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Berry. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Motion to approve the Minutes for the following meetings was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Councilmember Gantt. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

1. Council Meeting Minutes March 4, 2024
2. Work Session Meeting Minutes March 26, 2024

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

CEREMONIAL REVIEW

2. Mayor Ford reviewed the Proclamations for Child Abuse Awareness Month presented to Dr. Renee Gourdine, World Water Day presented to Melissa Ellis and World Autism Awareness Month presented to Alicia Boyd; and referenced the Swearing In of Ms. Valerie Richmond-Reese and Kaitlynn Nash (former Youth Council Member) to the Youth Council Advisory Committee.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

3. A. Council consideration to fill a vacancy and appoint a member to a two-year term on the Youth Council Advisory Committee. Dr. Samuel Valme
- B. Council consideration to fill a vacancy and appoint a member to fill an unexpired term on the Planning Commission - District 5. Matthew Thomas.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Councilmember Barber. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

C. 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 Carter & Sloope, Inc.

Presented by: Decius Aaron, Public Works Director

Mr. Aaron noted Carter & Sloope is one of the city's two on-call engineering firms noting there are operating under a one year contract with four one-year options to renew, and the firm is currently working on twenty (20) projects for the city.

Motion to approve renewal of RFP No. 2022-0006 for Carter & Sloope On-Call General Engineering Services was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Councilmember Barber. The motion passed unanimously0

D. Council consideration to approve the renewal of the term contract No. 2019-00022P, Facility Maintenance Solutions/Grounds Keeper Landscape, between CGL Facilities Management, LLC in the amount of \$400,000.00. Funding source is from Public Works Department budgeted funds. Presented by: Decius Aaron, Public Works Director

Mr. Aaron noted the Council's request for roadway maintenance for the city's major thoroughfares throughout the city, and the newly annexed areas are now also included in the contract.

Councilmember Alexander commended the Public Works staff for the improvements, noting the difference is visible.

Mr. Al Barnes, Public Works Operations Manager, noted outside of CGL, the General Maintenance staff is maintaining the grounds and facilities for the city and is looking to hire more staff to increase the mowing frequency.

Mr. Aaron confirmed the city has two street sweepers in operation with every street being swept at least once per quarter and agreed to furnish a copy of the Street Sweeper schedule to Councilmember Thomas.

Motion to approve renewal of RFP No. 2022-0006 for Carter & Sloope On-Call General Engineering Services was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Councilmember Barber. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

4. Comprehensive Plan Amendment Case #CP-2023-04. (Council District 2)
The City of Stockbridge Mayor and City Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., in the Stockbridge City Hall, located at 4640 North Henry Boulevard in Stockbridge, Georgia, to consider a request for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment to change the future land use designation of three parcels on Davidson Parkway and Walter Way from 'Low-Density Vertical Mixed-Use' to 'High-Density Residential' to allow for a mixed residential development. The applicant is D. R. Horton, Atlanta East, represented by Tiffany D. Hogan. The property contains three parcels, as are listed below, in Land Lot 57 of District 12, with 79.16 +/- total acres. Original Staff Recommendation--Denial. Planning Commission's Recommendation--Denial. City Council Action on December 11, 2023--Deferral, upon the applicant's request. Current Staff Recommendation--No Action, due to the recent update of the City's Comprehensive Plan and Future Land Use Map, whereby the property now has the correct future land use designation of Low-Density Mixed-Use.
Parcel #030-01009000 – Contains 73.859 +/- acres.
Parcel #030-01009005 – Contains 3.636 +/- acres.
Parcel #030-01009006 – Contains 1.369 +/- acres.
Presented by: Ryan Anderson – Chief Planner
Item removed from the Agenda – Deferral Request made by the Applicant to be heard at a future date.
5. REZONING CASE #RZ-2023-05. The City of Stockbridge Mayor and City Council will held a public hearing on Monday, December 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., in the Stockbridge City Hall, located at 4640 North Henry Boulevard in Stockbridge, Georgia, to consider a request to rezone three parcels on

Davidson Parkway and Walter Way from 'C-3' (Heavy Commercial) to 'PUD' (Planned Unit Development) to allow for a mixed residential development. The applicant is D. R. Horton, Atlanta East, represented by Tiffany D. Hogan. The property contains three parcels, as are listed below, in Land Lot 57 of District 12, with 79.16 +/- total acres. Original Staff Recommendation--Denial. Planning Commission Recommendation--Denial. City Council Action on December 11, 2023--Deferral, upon the applicant's request. Current Staff Recommendation--Denial.

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Presented by: Ryan Anderson, Chief Planner

Item removed from the Agenda – Deferral Request made by the Applicant to be heard at a future date.

NEW BUSINESS

6. Council consideration to approve Change Order No. 2 for the 2024 LMIG Paving Project with East Coast Grading to include the resurfacing of Old Conyers Road from East Atlanta Road to Mays Road (City Limits) in the amount of \$451,796.50. Funding Source: GDOT Supplemental LMIG Funds \$373,698.20; SPLOST V \$78,098.30

Presented by: Decius Aaron, Public Works Director

Mr. Aaron noted the request to amend the 2024 LMIG resurfacing to include Old Conyers Rd from East Atlanta Rd. to Mays Rd., noting there have been a number of complaints about the condition of the roads that are heavily travelled near Stockbridge Middle and High schools.

Mayor Pro Tem Berry noted Flippen Road has received equal complaints and is also a major roadway in the city.

Mr. Aaron noted Flippen Rd. would be a major financial undertaking to resurface, whereas the additional \$300,000+ will not resolve the issues on Flippen Rd.

Councilmember Alexander noted that the roads were annexed into the city of Stockbridge in sub-standard condition from the County, and the County should not be let off the hoof for neglecting these former County roads for decades.

Mr. Aaron noted the City of Stockbridge, and the Henry County are working on a joint project to resurface portions of Valley Hill Road where the County has allotted \$110,000 and referenced the proposed grant funding via ARC for additional City/County road projects.

Councilmember Alexander recommended Mr. Aaron should speak with the County to partner with funding on the Old Conyers Rd. project.

Mr. Aaron noted he has been in talks with the County, and they have no intention of providing funding for Old Conyers Rd.

Councilmember Barber referenced the talks with Mr. Aaron, and the County Chair, Cheri Matthews, and District 2 Commissioner Robinson, noting only Valley Hill Rd. was addressed and believes the City should move forward with what has already been allocated.

Councilmember Alexander stressed the fact that the City can only do roadwork within the city limits, and that the schools are all in the County, noting the roads will remain unchanged unless the County commits to doing the additional roadwork.

Motion to approve Change Order No. 2 for the 2024 LMIG Paving Project with East Coast Grading as recommended by staff was made by Councilmember Barber; seconded by Councilmember Gantt. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

DISCUSSION

7. Council discussion of Amphitheater Marketing Budget
Presented by: Decius Aaron, Public Works Director
Mayor Ford suggested the Council convene for Executive Session noting the discussion items includes real estate and the item will be heard following Executive Session.
8. Council discussion of Amphitheater Parking
Presented by: Decius Aaron, Public Works Director
Councilmember Barber requested a map for concert goers to locate the areas around the Amphitheater for free and paid parking.

Mr. Aaron confirmed that there are 91 newly paved parking spaces on North Lee Street.

Councilmember Alexander noted there is now a curb on East Atlanta Road in front of the lot across from city hall, and therefore cannot be accessed from East Atlanta Rd. due to the beautification of the area with new plantings and landscaping, and that there would need to be signage put in place directing concert goers to Harrell Street.

Councilmember Gantt noted the Amphitheater Consultant, Mr. Young should be in attendance to address questions and concerns regarding parking.

Councilmember Barber the downtown area is in Council District 4, and as the representative of the area, she has received a number of complaints from homeowners and businesses regarding parking issues around the Amphitheater, and noted there have been attendants in the area collecting parking fees for property that they did not own, and wants the issues addressed and remedied prior to the upcoming concert season to include a map of parking areas.

Councilmember Alexander noted the city cannot regulate privately owned businesses and agrees the improper charging for parking needs to cease.

Motion to task staff with revising the original map of designated parking and present a new map noting the installation of free and paid parking signage in the referenced areas and install signage the Rideshare location and provide the new map during the April 30, 2024 Work Session was made by Councilmember Barber; seconded by Councilmember Thomas. 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.

- Citywide Development Authority Meeting, 2nd Tuesday of each month, 6:00 p.m.- City Hall Levi Meeting Room (Apr 9)
- The Main Street Advisory Board Meeting scheduled for Friday, April 12th has been canceled. The Board will meet on Saturday, April 13th at 9am for a Planning Retreat at the Merle Manders Conference Center (Apr 13)
- Downtown Development Authority Meeting, 3rd Tuesday of each month Welcome Center 130 M L King, Sr. Heritage Trail (Apr 16)
- Youth Council Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. -3rd Tuesday of each month Levi Meeting Room - City Hall (Apr 16)
- Planning Commission Meeting, 3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m. - City Hall Council Chamber - (Apr 18)
- City Council Work Session Meeting, last Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. - City Hall Council Chamber (Apr 30)
- 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. (May 2)
- City Council Meeting, 2nd Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. - City Hall Council Chamber (May 13)
- Youth Council Meeting 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. - City Hall Levi Meeting Room (May 13)

UPCOMING CITY EVENTS/INITIATIVES

- Join Mayor Anthony Ford for the monthly Meet the Mayor on Monday, April 15th from 10am – noon.
- Join Councilman Alphonso Thomas for the monthly Senior Bingo Bash on Wednesday, April 17th from 10am - 12pm at the Merle Manders Conference Center, 111 Davis Rd. for raffles, prizes, games, snacks and fun!
- Join Councilman Elton Alexander for the Campground Road Community Cleanup, Saturday, April 20th from 9am – noon. Please park at the Winslow @ Eagles Landing Pool Lot.
- Join Councilwoman Yolanda Barber in partnership with JJ Smiles for the 2024 Annual Cookout & Fundraiser for donations of Backpacks and School Supplies for K-12 students on April 20th at Clark Park from 2 – 6pm. This is a FREE Event.
- Join Councilwoman Yolanda Barber for the 2nd Annual Mother's Day Tea Brunch on Sunday, April 21st from 2pm to 5pm at the

Merle Manders Conference Center. This is a FREE event honoring mothers and the grace they carry.

- Join Mayor Anthony Ford for the Annual State of the City Address on Tuesday, April 23rd in the City Hall Council Chamber at 6:00 p.m.
- Join Mayor Pro Tem Kyle Berry for the Annual National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 2nd in the City Hall Council Chamber at 6:30 p.m.
- 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.
- Join the City of Stockbridge for the Annual Memorial March on Monday, May 27th at the Merle Manders Conference Center as we remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Stay tuned to the city's website and social media platforms for more information to participate or contact the Events Team at 770-389-5982.

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: rawls@stockbridgega.org

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Ford referenced the Solar Eclipse earlier in the day, and hoped everyone was able to view the event safely, noting the next event will take place 20 years from now; noted Spring is here, and encouraged everyone to remain healthy with annual checkups, and reminded everyone that COVID is still with us encouraged boosters and vaccinations.

Councilmember Alexander noted there will be a District 5 Community Cleanup event on Saturday, April 20th on Campground Rd. from 9am – noon.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to convene Executive Session for Personnel, Real Estate and Litigation was made by Councilmember Gantt; seconded by Alexander. The motion passed 4-1. (Councilmember Barber Opposed).

(Councilmember Gantt recused herself from Executive Session)

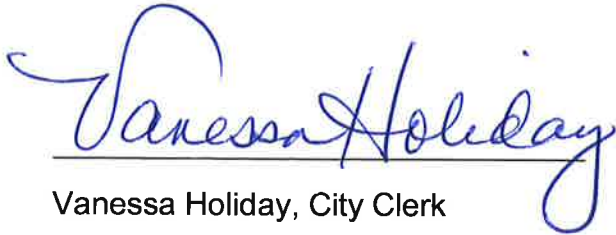
Motion to adjourn Executive Session and sign and Affidavit was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Berry. The motion passed unanimously 4-0. (Councilmember Gantt was not present for the vote).

Motion to reconvene the meeting was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Councilmember Barber. The motion passed unanimously 4-0. (Councilmember Gantt was not present for the vote).

Motion to allocate the portion of the proceeds from the upcoming Citywide Development Authority (Confidential) sale of property for Amphitheater Marketing was made by Councilmember Alexander seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Berry. The motion passed unanimously 4-0. (Councilmember Gantt was not present for the vote).

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Berry. The motion passed unanimously 4-0. (Councilmember Gantt was not present for the vote).

Respectfully submitted by:



Vanessa Holiday, City Clerk



Anthony S. Ford, Mayor