



CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES

MONDAY, MAY 13, 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

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 6:05 p.m.

Invocation by Ms. Keedra Jackson

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.

Motion to amend the Agenda to remove Public Hearing Item#7 at the Applicant's Request to defer to the June 10, 2024 meeting was made by Mayor Pro Tem Berry; seconded by Councilmember Gantt. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Motion to amend the Agenda to add Discussion Item #6 – noting the Applicant no longer requires approval due to the recent update of the City of Stockbridge Comprehensive Plan Update, and as a result meets the requirements was made by Mayor Pro Tem Berry; seconded by Councilmember Alexander. The motion passed unanimously 4-0-1 (Barber Abstained).

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

1. Adoption of the Minutes
Council Meeting Minutes March 4, 2024
Work Session Meeting Minutes March 26, 2024
Motion to approve the 4/8/2024, 4/25/2024, 4/30/2024 and 4/13/2024 Minutes, with an amendment to the April 8, 2024 Minutes to add the verbiage noting a directive was issued to include the installation of Free and Paid parking signage in those areas, and a request by Councilmember Gantt to note she recused herself from Executive Session, was made by Councilmember Barber; seconded by Councilmember Gantt. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Brenda Callaway referenced a letter received regarding the TAD and requested more information. The City Manager was tasked with following up and providing information regarding the TAD.

CEREMONIAL REVIEW

2. Mayor Ford reviewed the Proclamations for Public Service Recognition Week, presented to City Clerk, Vanessa Holiday; Professional Municipal Clerks Week, presented to Deputy City Clerk, Cassandra Lester, National Public Works Week, presented to Public Works Operations Manager, Al Barnes, National Police Week, presented to Chief Frank Trammer, National Cities, Towns and Villages Month, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, presented to Dr. Rao S. Cheti; Mental Health Awareness Month, presented to Ms. Kiwana Norman, and presented the Adopt-A-Road sign to the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Psi Alpha Omega Chapter, which was followed by the installation of the sign on East Atlanta Rd. near N. Henry Blvd.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

3. Council consideration to approve the City of Stockbridge 2024-2028 Short-Term Work Program and capital Improvements Element (STWP/CIE) amendment required due to a State/Department of Community Affairs mandated revision.
Presented by: Ryan Anderson, Community Development Director
Mr. Anderson noted the Council approved the original document in November 2023 and presented to the Department of Community Affairs where there were minor adjustments and asked for approval of the amended document.
Councilmember Alexander noted for the public that the City is operating from a plan of projects that are included in the attached Short-Term Work Program document and asked Mr. Anderson to review the listed projects. Mr. Anderson referenced projects in various categories, noting this is the city's wish list and notes the proposed funding source and status.
Motion to approve the City of Stockbridge 2024-2028 Short-Term Work Program and capital Improvements Element (STWP/CIE) as amended was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Councilmember Gantt. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

4. TEXT AMENDMENT CASE #TX-2024-02. Council consideration of a Text Amendment to amend Title 12 of the Stockbridge Unified Development Code (UDC) to amend Section 9.3.4, which contains regulations for mailed notices. The purpose is to propose changes include: 1) requiring mailed notices to be sent to owners of properties within 500 feet of the subject property instead of just sending them to owners of the adjacent properties; and 2) requiring mailed notices to be mailed at least 30 days prior to a public hearing instead of 15 days.

Presented by: Ryan Anderson, Community Development Director
Mr. Anderson referenced the Text Amendments as recommended by Councilmember Barber at the May 26, 2024 meeting; noted the proposed Text Amendment was presented to the Planning Commission with unanimous approval.

Public Hearing Opened – No Speakers in Favor/No Speakers Opposed.
Public Hearing Closed. Motion to approve was made by Councilmember Barber; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Berry. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

5. TEXT AMENDMENT CASE #TX-2024-03. Consideration of a text amendment to amend Title 12 (Unified Development Code) of the Stockbridge Code of Ordinances for the purpose of providing various changes to Section 2.5.2, which contains the regulations for the Parkway Mixed-Use (PMU) Overlay District.
Mr. Anderson noted this item will be an ongoing process to make the code more applicable to the allowable uses for the City of Stockbridge.

Councilmember Alexander noted he would like to see carwash businesses on the prohibited list.

Mr. Anderson noted carwash businesses are more restricted and would require a Special Use Permit approved by the City Council.

Councilmember Gantt noted the list of prohibited businesses presented by staff and those referenced in the Agenda book are not the same.

Mr. Anderson noted there were updates made after the Agenda Books were distributed and will provide the Mayor & Council will the updated version.

Public Hearing Opened – No Speakers in Favor/No Speakers Opposed.
Public Hearing Closed. Motion to approve was made by Councilmember Barber; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Berry. The motion passed unanimously 5-0. Motion to approve with the inclusion of the revised documents was made by Councilmember Gantt; seconded by Councilmember Alexander. The motion passed 4-0-1 (Barber Abstained citing the correct version of information was not provided by staff).

6. 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 – Community Development Director
Item removed from the Agenda noting the Applicant no longer requires approval due to the recent update of the City of Stockbridge Comprehensive Plan Update, and as a result meets the requirements.
7. REZONING CASE #RZ-2023-05. The City of Stockbridge Mayor and City Council 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. 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, Community Development Director
Item removed from the Agenda – Deferral Request made by the Applicant to be heard at the June 10, 2024 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

8. Council consideration to approve the 2024 -2025 Liability Insurance Policy with Travelers Insurance Company in the amount of \$718,088 -
Presented by: Renee Wheeler, Daniel Duhart and Matt Simmons
Ms. Wheeler noted the city's Liability Insurance Policy expires May 19, 2024 and Mr. Duhart and Simmons will review the Executive Summary submitted by Travelers Insurance.

Mr. Duhart noted the Executive Summary would be presented for the renewal, noting the process of gathering, forecasting of premiums based on the market and trends, and based on the information received, there was a projection of a 40% increase. Mr. Duhart noted the actual numbers came in lower than the projected 40%,

Mr. Simmons presented the Insurance Marketing Results from the current carrier, Travelers Insurance, Liberty Mutual who quoted Casualty only, Tokio Marine (HCC) who declined to quote due to proximity to Atlanta, Trident who declined to quote due to loss history and Glatfelter who decline to quote noting they could not meet the deadline; and noted the policy will convert to a January – December policy to coincide with the budget.

Mr. Simmons noted there was an increase in the auto coverage, and an option to increase the Cyber Security and an option to add the Pollution coverage, and that the updated numbers will be submitted in the amount of \$646,570 which includes the increased Cyber coverage and Pollution coverage, below the \$718,088 number that was included in the packet.

Mr. Gardiner supported the additional Cyber Security and Pollution Coverage.

Motion to approve with revised amount of \$646,570 was made by Councilmember Gantt; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Berry. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Mr. Duhart noted the importance of mitigating risks with a Safety Program and Safety & Accident Review Committee to meet on a quarterly basis and move with a proactive approach, and work with law enforcement, with a kickoff meeting in May or June.

9. Council consideration to approve Georgia Power Lighting Agreement for streetlight enhancement for (59) Lights for Walt Stephens Rd. in the amount of \$24,214.00/yr., (46) Lights for Valley Hill Rd. in the amount of \$18,878.00/yr., (25) Lights for Jodeco Rd. in the amount of \$18,855/yr.(wooden poles) or (25) Lights for Jodeco Rd. in the amount of \$35,400/yr. (Black Aluminum Poles); and (22) Lights for Davis Rd. in the amount of \$9,338.00/yr., and (19) Lights for Shields Rd. in the amount of \$8,892/yr., for a total of \$79,927.00 or \$96,772.00 annually. Funding source from FY2024 department budget.

Presented by: Decius Aaron, Public Works Director

Mr. Aaron noted staff was tasked with obtaining lighting proposals from Georgia Power, and noted Councilmember Alexander has requested black poles in District 5 along Jodeco Rd. in lieu of the wooden poles with an annual additional cost of \$16,545 annually, and that the wooden poles would not be removed by Georgia Power even if the black poles were added.

The Council discussed whether or not the black poles would be installed throughout the city, the distance between the poles, a cohesive look throughout all the districts, a CID (Community Improvement District) to offset associated costs, the height of the poles, and the different types of poles to include wooden, metal, decorative and lantern poles, and discussed the creation of a citywide lighting policy that will prioritize where lighting should be installed.

Motion to Table based on the City Manager's recommendation, with a directive to the City Manager and Public Works Director to map out a plan of where lights should be installed throughout the city, with an analysis of wooden poles, metal poles, decorative poles, and lantern poles, and to prioritize the installation of lights based on the need was made by Councilmember Gantt; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Berry. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

10. Council consideration to fill a vacancy and appoint a member to the Citywide Authority Board to serve an unexpired term.
Presented by: Frederick Gardiner, City Manager
Mr. Gardiner noted there is one vacancy on the Citywide Development Authority Board and three applicants for the Council to select.

The Council discussed meeting to review the applications in Executive Session.

Attorney Washington advised that the Council could not convene Executive Session to discuss the appointment of a Board Member under the Open Meetings Act.

The City Clerk confirmed the current (6) six Board Members: Shaw, Samuels, Woodall, Glenn, Gleaton and Councilmember Gantt.

Councilmember Alexander suggested expanding the number of Board members.

Councilmember Gantt requested the item to be tabled, noting there is a Citywide Development Authority meeting tomorrow, and wants to discuss the proposed expansion with the Board.

Motion to Table with consideration to expand the number of members on the Board and speak with Citywide Development Authority Board members was made by Councilmember Gantt; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Berry. 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 (May 14)
- Planning Commission Meeting, 3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m. - City Hall Council Chamber - (May 16)
- Downtown Development Authority Meeting, 3rd Tuesday of each month Welcome Center 130 M L King, Sr. Heritage Trail (May 21)
- Youth Council Advisory Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.-3rd Tuesday of each month Levi Meeting Room - City Hall (May 21)
- City Council Work Session Meeting, last Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. - City Hall Council Chamber (May 28)
- 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. (Jun 6)
- City Council Meeting, 2nd Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. - City Hall Council Chamber (Jun 10)
- Youth Council Meeting 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. - City Hall Levi Meeting Room (Jun 10)
- 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. (Jun 14)

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.
- Join Councilman Alphonso Thomas for the monthly Senior Bingo Bash on Wednesday, May 15th 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 each 3rd Thursday beginning May 16 – August 15th. There will be 40+ vendors, Food Trucks, Activities, Games, Music, and Vibes. Contact Tan Bowers at tan@atlantafoodtruckpark.com for registration and additional information.
- Join Mayor Anthony Ford for the monthly Meet the Mayor on Monday, May 20th from 10am – noon at Stockbridge City Hall.
- 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 mark your calendars for the Main Street Movie Night at Clark Park, Friday, June 14th with FREE games and activities starting at 6pm and the featured movie: MIGRATION and begins at sunset.
- Save the dates! Councilwoman Yolanda Barber is again partnering with Kicks4Kids to collect shoes on Saturday, July 6th, and July 7th at Stockbridge First United Methodist Church. Please plan to donate what you can to this life changing initiative.

- 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

2024 STOCKBRIDGE AMPHITHEATER CONCERT SERIES

- Saturday, May 25th – Funk Party featuring Zapp, Evelyn “Champagne” King, Rose Royce, and Rick James’ Stone City Band
- Saturday, June 8th – TLC Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the “CrazySexyCool” Album, with Special Guest Brownstone
- Saturday, July 13th and Sunday, July 14th – A Night with Kem, and Special Guest Leela James
- Saturday, July 20th – Ladies Night Out featuring Jodeci, Johnny Gill, and Silk
- Saturday, July 27th – 70’s Soul Jam featuring the Chi-Lites, the Mannhattans, The Legendary Blue Notes, Bloodstone and Peaches & Herb

MAYOR’S COMMENTS

Mayor Ford wished all the mothers a belated Happy Mother’s Day, and reminded everyone of the upcoming Memorial Day March, and invited everyone to come out for the next concert on May 25th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to convene Executive Session for Personnel was made by Councilmember Gantt at 8:03 p.m.; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Berry. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Motion to adjourn Executive Session at 8:12 p.m. and sign an Affidavit was made by Councilmember Gantt; seconded by Councilmember Barber. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Motion to reconvene the meeting was made by Councilmember Gantt; seconded by Councilmember Barber. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. was made by Councilmember Gantt; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Berry. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Respectfully submitted by:

Vanessa Holiday, City Clerk

Anthony S. Ford, Mayor