



Where Community Connects

COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES

March 25, 2025 6:00 P.M.

Mayor & City Council

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

Administration

Vacant – City Manager
Vanessa Holiday – 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 6:08 p.m.

Invocation by: Mr. Stamey

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 Councilmember Alexander and Councilmember Thomas.

Mayor Pro Tem Gantt motioned to amend the Agenda to add - Resolution Number R24-1763 – Enterprise Fleet Program; seconded by Councilmember Berry. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Motion to adopt the Agenda was made by Councilmember Barber; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

There were no Public Comments.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

1. Review of the March 3, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes – There was no action taken.

CONSENT AGENDA

2. Council Consideration to fill a vacancy and appoint Dr. Jacqueline Humphries to the Citywide Development Authority for a four-year term.

Mayor Pro Tem Gantt motioned to appoint Dr. Jacqueline Humphries to the Citywide Development Authority; seconded by Councilmember Berry. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

OLD BUSINESS

3. Council consideration to approve contract amendment RFP (Request for Proposal) 201508-02, Sanitation Collection Services Contract and Wrangler Holdings Corp./GFL Environmental (formally Waste Industries) in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 which is no additional cost. The funding source is from the Sanitation Department.

Presented by Decius Aaron, Public Works Director

Mr. Aaron noted the City Council voted to close the Transfer Station, and the request is for the approval of the service to be provided by GFL.

Motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt; seconded by Councilmember Berry. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

4. The City of Stockbridge Procurement Department solicited bids from qualified contractors to install porous pavement to replace the grass at the Amphitheater. ITB No. 2025-003 AFPP

Presented by Decius Aaron, Public Works Director

Mr. Aaron noted the Procurement Office placed the project out for bid with Limitless being the lowest bidder at \$212,850.00, and upon approval can start the project upon receipt of the contract.

Mr. Milazi noted the funds would be borrowed from General Fund and reimbursed from SPLOST VI receipts.

Motion to approve the Bid Award ITB No. 2025-003 AFPP and Contract to Limitless Concrete and Works, Inc. in the amount of \$212,850.000 was made by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt; seconded by Councilmember Barber. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Resolution R24-1763 - Enterprise Fleet Program

Attorney Washington noted the Council's request to rescind Resolution No. R24-1763 would require a vote of the Council.

Motion to Rescind Resolution No. R24-1763 was made by Councilmember Berry; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

Councilmember Alexander joined the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Council Consideration to approve Feutch Road Abandonment Policy.
Marketplace Storefronts, LLC is requesting the abandonment of Feutch Road located on their property at 2250 Jodeco Road to make their property contiguous. Presented by: Decius Aaron, Public Works Director, and Kathy Thomas of Marketplace Storefronts

Mr. Aaron noted the Western Parallel Connector is under construction and that the road serves no use or purpose for the City.

Ms. Kathy Thomas of Marketplace Storefronts noted the County had already abandoned the road and approved a mixed-use development prior to the city's annexation referendum.

Councilmember Alexander noted he understands the abandonment of the road is necessary for the development.

Motion to approve the Feutch Road Abandonment was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

6. Council Consideration to approve staff's request for approval TSW to move forward with producing the design and bid documents for Clark, Gardner, and Memorial Parks, as well as the trail design that will link Clark Park to Downtown Stockbridge, City Hall and the Amphitheater, the MLK Sr. Heritage Trail and ultimately connecting with other trail spurs and existing City greenways in future phases. The funding is part of the Parks Master Plan and the Downtown Trail Project. The funding source is SPLOST V and bonds for the downtown trail. The cost for the Professional Services Agreement is \$775,000.00.
Presented by: Decius Aaron, Public Works Director

Mr. Aaron noted this request is part of the Parks Master Plan, moving forward with the construction at the parks as referenced, and beginning the planning process.

Councilmember Alexander requested that TSW work with staff to add a potential concept design for the soccer fields at the newly acquired park on Eagles Landing Parkway.

Mayor Ford noted that request would be a separate item, and to consider the item as presented.

Mr. Aaron noted the new park is included in the Parks Master Plan.

Mr. Sanders, Economic Development Director, noted staff has met with Falcon Design Consultants and TSW to move forward regarding the potential park.

Mayor Pro Tem Gantt noted support of the parks, however, more information is needed before tasking TSW.

Councilmember Alexander noted the request would be for TSW to create a Concept Plan, and that the City of Stockbridge is not paying for the soccer field designs.

Mayor Pro Tem Gantt noted the City of Stockbridge would need to have full reign of the soccer fields and get the Association's ideas first.

Motion to approve the TSW Professional Services Agreement in the amount of \$775,000.00 as recommended by staff was made by Councilmember Barber; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

7. Council Consideration to approve the Trail Project Service Agreement. The PATH Foundation Design Team will provide full professional services for surveying, landscape architecture, engineering, permitting, contract administration, and construction management FOR 0.25 mile, twelve-foot wide, concrete multi-use trail connecting Clark Community Park to Club Place following the Brush Creek corridor. A mid-block crossing is proposed on Davis Road. The Brush Creek Trail Project is a TSPLOST Project. The funding source is from TSPLOST. The cost of the Trail Project Services Agreement is \$109,610.00. Presented by: Decius Aaron, Public Works Director

Mr. Aaron noted the PATH Foundation is assisting the City with its Trails Project and requested approval of the Trail Project Service Agreement.

Motion to approve the Trail Project Services Agreement in the amount of \$109,610.00 was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Motion to task TSW with providing the cost for designing the new park in Eagles Landing and include in the Master Parks Plan was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

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.

- Public Facilities Authority will meet Wednesday, April 2nd at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room – (Apr 2)
- 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. – (Apr 3)
- Youth Council Advisory Committee Meeting, SPECIAL MEETING DATE, Monday, April 7th at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room (Apr 7)
- Community Zoning and Information Meeting: Thursday, April 9th from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at City Hall in the Council Chamber (Apr 9)
- The Ethics Committee will meet Wednesday, April 9th at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room (Apr 9)

- The Main Street Advisory Board Meeting on the 2nd Friday of month at 9am – Location is the Downtown Connection Center 130 M L King Sr. Heritage Trail. (Apr 11)
- City Council Meeting, 2nd Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. - City Hall Council Chamber (April 14)
- Citywide Development Authority – SPECIAL MEETING DATE - Monday, April 14th at 6pm at City Hall in the Levi Meeting Room.
- Downtown Development Authority Meeting, 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at the Downtown Connection Ctr 130 M L King, Sr. Heritage Trail (Apr 15)
- Planning Commission Meeting, 3rd Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m. - City Hall Council Chamber - (Apr 17)
- City Council Work Session Meeting held on the last Tuesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. - City Hall Council Chamber (Apr 29)

UPCOMING CITY EVENTS/INITIATIVES

- Join Councilman Thomas & Councilman Berry in partnership for the monthly Bingo Bash on Wednesday, March 26th from 10am – noon at the Merle Manders Conference Center. Lots of fun to be had by all.
- Join the Stockbridge Youth Council for the 2nd Annual Youth Entrepreneur Expo at Clark Park on Saturday, March 29th from noon to 4 PM. Enjoy an egg hunt, food trucks, and games while supporting local youth entrepreneurs. Bring your friends and family for a day of community fun!
- Join Mayor Ford for the annual State of the City, Tuesday, April 22nd at 6pm at City Hall in the Council Chamber.
- Join Mayor Anthony Ford for the monthly Meet the Mayor - Monday, April 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 at 678-833-3348 or via email: rrawls@stockbridgega.org

MAY 2025 CONCERT SEASON SCHEDULE

- Saturday, May 3rd – My Girls Night featuring Xscape with special guests Total and 702
- Saturday, May 10th – Mother's Day Weekend Show featuring 112, Dru Hill, Silk and Carl Thomas
- Saturday, May 24th – Memorial Day Weekend – Dirty South Yeek Crunk Fest featuring Pastor Troy, MC Shy'D, D J Raheem the Dream, Mook B Trillville, Eastside Boyz

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Ford noted the Amphitheater payoff will happen in October and looks forward to that event; reminded everyone that we are in the midst of cold/flu season and recommended everyone to get their flu shots, boosters, and COVID kits before the program ends.

Motion to convene Executive Session for Personnel, Real Estate and Litigation was made by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt; seconded by Councilmember Barber. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

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

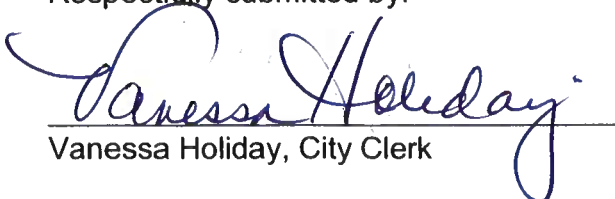
Motion to reconvene the meeting was made by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt; seconded by Councilmember Berry. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

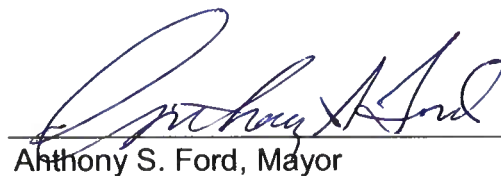
Motion to amend the Amphitheater Consultant Contract Agreement and approve a Resolution whereas the City of Stockbridge will delegate the oversight, control and authority of Day-to-Day decisions to the City Manager and City Treasurer/CFO and implement a POS (Point of Sale) system and cashless facility effective immediately; to include the vetting of vendor services for concessions, artists, ticketing, security, ushers, concert hosts, parking attendants, alcohol vendors, production, sound, lighting, marketing, travel arrangements and all such similar services; to add the following language to 1) C: such reports shall be provided when requested by the City and shall be provided on a regular basis no later than 20 days after an event or concert, and submitted directly to the Finance Department was made by Councilmember Berry; seconded by Councilmember Barber. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Councilmember Barber commented that in regard to the independent contractor agreement, by and between the city and the contractor, this is not about the contractor itself, it is pertaining to the operations of the city, and the city's oversight of the Amphitheater, and thanked her colleagues for approving these changes to ensure that the city has transparent oversight, full oversight of the operations of the Amphitheater, and thanked Mr. Young for the work that he has done with the Amphitheater, and wants to encourage the Finance Department with vetting of the services vetting for all vendors regarding the Amphitheater operations throughout the concert season, and thanked her colleagues for taking the step in ensuring that the city is transparent about the way the city is operating and managing the Amphitheater.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. was made by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt; seconded by Councilmember Alexander. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Respectfully submitted by:


Vanessa Holiday, City Clerk


Anthony S. Ford, Mayor