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CITY COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES

MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2025 7:00 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

Shawn Edmondson – City Manager

Frank Milazi – City Treasurer

Vanessa Holiday – City Clerk

Quinton Washington – City Attorney

Megan McCullough – Associate 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 7:25 p.m.

Invocation by: Councilmember Alexander

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 Thomas who attended via phone.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

CEREMONIAL

Mayor Ford referenced the ceremonial recognition prior to the start of the meeting where the Shacori Valentine was recognized as Miss Georgia US International; Jaylan Holman was sworn in as the new member of the Main Street Advisory Board; and new students were sworn in on the Youth Council.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Mr. Robert Schull made comments regarding the need for speed devices to be placed on Shields road, noting this is his 4th or 5th plea to the City Council without a resolution.
- Ms. Solanke' Bomani referenced an upcoming African Gala taking place on September 26, 2025 at the Merle Manders Conference Center and invited everyone to attend; noted the cost is \$75 per person, and the group is seeking sponsors, and invited Mayor Ford to participate as a guest speaker.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Approval of the June 16, 2025 Special Called Meeting Minutes
Approval of the July 15, 2025 City Council Regular Meeting Minutes
Approval of the July 29, 2025 City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes
Motion to approve the Minutes was made by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt;
seconded by Councilmember Barber. The motion passed unanimously
5-0.

Mayor Ford read the Public Hearing Rules

PUBLIC HEARING

2. Text Amendment Case #TX-2025-01 (Council District 4)
Second Reading - Council consideration of a text amendment to amend Title 12 (Unified Development Code), Section 2.5.3 (e) and Section 2.5.3 (f) of the City of Stockbridge Code of Ordinances relating to the Downtown Village (DT) Overlay District, so as to add certain uses to the list of "Special Uses" requiring a Special Use Permit, and to remove certain uses from the list of prohibited uses to allow them to now be permitted uses, provided that certain requirements are met; to provide for severability; to repeal conflicting ordinances; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.
Presented by: Ryan Anderson, Community Development Director
Mr. Anderson reviewed the purpose of the Downtown Overlay District, presented the map of the area, gave an overview of the current permitted uses and proposed changes; and noted applicants would be required to apply for a Special Use Permit and approval from the Governing Body for approval; and noted there are current restrictions and distance requirements in place for certain businesses.

Councilmember Barber noted the Downtown Overlay District is located in Council District 4 that she represents, and requested the prohibited list include Vape Shops, Tattoo Parlors, Nail Salons, Hair Salons, Barber Shops, Package Stores, Cigar Lounges, and Convenience stores to prevent an over saturation of the same type of business in close proximity of each other; agreed with keeping the distance requirement in place, and noted the DDA (Downtown Development Authority) map did not include the Bed & Breakfast, Stockbridge Lakes within its boundaries; and asked what was driving the request for the text amendment.

Mr. Anderson referenced the three acres of land across from city hall and stated that currently, apartments are not allowed.

Councilmember Barber stated the development should meet the city's standards and code and not try to fit or accommodate the developer by saturating the area; and asked that the downtown area be developed to include entertainment and dining options.

Mr. Anderson stated that the city has a downtown study that has recommended density, and that is in conflict with the city's code.

Councilmember Barber asked if staff will be making the same requests and recommendations for the fifteen acres of city-owned land at Rock Quarry Rd. and N. Henry Blvd.

Mr. Edmondson stated that it is his understanding that the Text Amendment will bring the code in alignment with the city's Comprehensive Plan; and noted that City Council always has the option to put a moratorium in place to allow staff time to study the impact and come back with a recommendation.

Councilmember Barber recommended the Text Amendment be Tabled to the upcoming Retreat for discussion to allow Mr. Edmondson an opportunity to be brought up to speed on all of the city's plans.

Mayor Pro Tem Gantt stated that she is in favor of the Text Amendment and is not in favor of restricting convenience stores, noting the convenience stores could be part of a mixed-use development; and noted young adults are attracted to certain stores, coffee shops, and convenience stores be readily accessible, and contributes to the live, work and play environment.

Councilmember Alexander stated the downtown area has been a focus of the city since his tenure on the City Council, and that the Amphitheater is driving the influx of activity, with the city being on the right track, and credits Mr. Sylvain for opening businesses in the downtown district; and opposes a moratorium, noting there are already restrictions in place that prohibit certain businesses, and there is a distance requirement in place that keeps the area from being over saturated; does not want to kill the creativity of the downtown, referencing Avalon in Alpharetta, and Trilith in Fayetteville, and wants to encourage best in class developments; stated that Councilmember Barber did not support the 114 M L King development; and noted the Council is taking its direction and vision from the community.

Councilmember Barber stated that she does not recall opposing the 114 M L King development and stated that her concerns regarding the 114 property and others was that the real estate properties that were being sold were not being appraised, nor were they were not advertised to the public, and the properties were being sold below Fair Market Value.

Councilmember Barber recommended that the 3-acre space across from city hall remain green space, noting she is the District 4 Representative, and has requested that the new City Manager review the plans for the area, noting the 2013 plans that have been referenced should have included the Rock Quarry Rd. Extension, and suggested that the plans be reviewed and updated to include infrastructure with an investment in new roads to accommodate all of the growth that has taken place in District 4 with nine council-approved developments; and stated there does not need to be another mixed-use development squeezed onto a 3-acre lot, but rather there needs to be a pause to move forward with a planned vision. Councilmember Barber stated that she wants business owners and residents to know that she plans to address the infrastructure needs that may impact the community, and will make sure there is adequate parking; and noted there are already two convenience stores across from each other at the corner of Rock Quarry Rd. and N. Henry Blvd., and another convenience store across from Gardner Park on East Atlanta Rd., and suggested the Council revisit this Text Amendment request at the upcoming Retreat in September.

Councilmember Berry suggested everyone step back and pause, noting the downtown district has been overlooked for a long time with no character, and that there needs to be a central gathering place in the city; noted both recommendations are true, there needs to be development in the downtown, and there needs to be green space in the downtown, and that there needs to be a strategy about doing it; noted that members need to listen and hear what each other is saying, and mix it together and make gumbo so that every piece of the culture can get a piece of it; noted that when everyone can get beyond their pride and egos, and do the that work, you will truly be serving the community and giving them what they need; noting that when you drive down Hwy. 138, the question remains, where is the downtown, the beacon of light that lets you know that you are in Stockbridge; and that members of Council need to collaborate and communicate and foster as sense of community that will make everybody proud; noted the city does not need to press pause right now, as he has been on the City Council one and a half years and been waiting for things to come forward, and does not want another meeting or another set of drawings, or another plan, but rather wants to see the ideas that of all members that have been already expressed put together and move things forward with action, and create the best downtown in the south.

Mayor Pro Tem Gantt agreed, stating it is her desire to see dirt moving, and that there is an infrastructure plan, and also a master trail plan that starts in the downtown, along with a sidewalk plan; thanked Mr. Anderson and the Community Development team for laying the groundwork by bringing these recommendations forward so that the plans can be implemented, which can be discussed at the Retreat; and noted this text amendment is a tool for the city to determine what businesses can and cannot come in; noted there have been several studies done with community input; and agrees it is time to get things started.

Councilmember Alexander agreed stating he wants to get something done and hears about it during the DDA and Main Street meetings; noted the city has spent millions of dollars on stormwater infrastructure around the Amphitheater project, \$3 million dollars around city hall, a turning lane on East Atlanta Rd. with streetlights and noted Mr. Edmondson has been charged with moving the Alleyway project forward.

Councilmember Barber requested the prohibited uses that she named be included in the list presented by Mr. Anderson as a condition, if the Council is amenable, and also asked that the Rock Quarry Rd. Extension be moved up on the city's priority list, and does not want to keep building in one concentrated area near the Amphitheater, noting the downtown extends further than just the Amphitheater and includes the fifteen acres of land at the intersection of Rock Quarry Rd. and North Henry Blvd. and expands beyond Gardner Park, and all of these areas need development and improvement to the infrastructure and should also be a priority, not just centralized around the Amphitheater.

Mr. Anderson stated intent of the Text Amendment is to line up the UDC with the city's Zoning Ordinance, noting that otherwise the studies and plans that the city has paid for cannot be implemented because there is conflict with the Code.

Mr. Edmondson noted that this Text Amendment is being more restrictive, and applicants will be required to obtain a Special Use Permit for Council approval.

Councilmember Barber noted that her intent is to place the restrictions in the Code, specifically convenience stores, and therefore the applicant would not need to make a request.

Mr. Edmondson noted that although a prohibited use may be in place, an applicant can always have the option to make a request for a Special Use Permit which must be approved by the Governing Body.

Councilmember Barber asked what the purpose is of having a list of prohibited uses if a Special Use Permit can still be made for prohibited businesses.

Mr. Edmondson noted the applicant can make the request to the Governing Body, and it does not mean that it will be approved; noting the list makes staff aware of the prohibited businesses used for their day to day processes and operations, and flags matters that must go before a board for recommendation for approval along with staff recommendations and approval, before coming before the City Council for the final vote.

Councilmember Barber asked that the list of prohibited uses be added to the list for day-to-day processes and operations to include Convenience Stores, Vape Shops, Tattoo Parlors, Nail Salons, Hair Salons, Barber Shops, Package Stores, and Storage Facilities.

Mr. Edmondson noted following the public hearing, the motion can be made as is or to include those prohibited and restricted items.

Public Hearing was Opened.

Speakers in Favor: Ms. Karen Singh and Mr. Jayden Williams

Speakers Opposed: Ms. Karen Charmaine

Public Hearing was Closed.

Councilmember Alexander made a motion to approve Text Amendment # TX-2025-01 as recommended by staff, noting the new Vape Shop on North Henry Blvd. should not have been allowed in the PMU, and is prohibited along major highways.

Mr. Anderson stated the business is a convenience store that sells tobacco products and will recommend a change in the businesses' signage; and noted legislation is in the works.

Councilmember Alexander stated he does not agree with the restriction of the Hookah Bar and Cigar Lounges; and noted convenience stores would be required to come to the City Council for a Special Use Permit.

Mr. Edmondson stated that a moratorium is used when there are gaps in legislation being in place, so that applications don't slip through while legislation is in process.

Councilmember Alexander noted that with approval of the Text Amendment, a convenience store would need Council Approval of a Special Use Permit, and without approval of the Text Amendment they would not.

Mr. Edmondson confirmed.

Councilmember Alexander made a motion to approve Text Amendment TX-2025-01 as recommended by staff and does not support restrictions of Hookah and Cigar Lounges in the entertainment district.

Councilmember Barber noted the Text Amendment request is for the district that she represents, and that the City Council has shown a pattern of approving matters within her district, noting there does not need to be another package store or convenience store in District 4, as those businesses will not attract people to the downtown and that to garner her support, the motion needs to include all of the restrictions she has named, and requested the motion be amended by Councilmember Alexander to include the restrictions and prohibited uses, and the distance requirement remain in place.

Mr. Edmondson stated those businesses can be added to the Special Use Permit List.

Councilmember Alexander stated the distance requirement already restricts those businesses, and any other businesses not in the distance requirement has to come to the Council for approval; however, he does agree with adding the Storage Facilities to the use and wants to exclude Cigar Lounges in the Entertainment District which will require a Special Use Permit.

Mayor Pro Tem Gantt noted Storage Facilities are not zoned for the Downtown Overlay District.

Councilmember Alexander stated those businesses are already covered.

Mr. Edmondson stated that if the businesses are already covered, then it doesn't hurt anything to name them.

Councilmember Alexander amended his motion to approve Text Amendment TX-2025-01 to include listing the prohibited uses:

Councilmember Barber read the suggested businesses to include in the motion: Car Repair Shops Tires Shops, Convenience Stores, Nail Salons, Barber Shops, Package Stores, Hookah Bars, Vape Shops, Hair Salons, Storage Facilities, and Tattoo Shops.

Councilmember Alexander agreed with adding to the motion the prohibited businesses as presented by Councilmember Barber, noting any of those uses would require a Special Use Permit to be approved by the City Council; Mayor Pro Tem Gantt seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

3. TEXT AMENDMENT CASE #TX-2025-02. (Citywide.) SECOND READING
Council consideration of a text amendment to amend the City of Stockbridge Code of Ordinances to create a new section to establish supplemental use standards for personal care homes for one to six unrelated adults; to identify zoning districts where such uses are permitted by special use permit; to establish compliance, operational, and development standards; to amend the home occupation section; and for other purposes.

Presented by Ryan Anderson, Community Development Director
The Application was withdrawn at the Applicant's Request.

Mr. Anderson noted this is the Second Reading for the Text Amendment 2025-02, and that the request is due to the conflict between the city's Code of Ordinance and the Unified Development Code, and the amendment will remedy the conflict and put regulations in place for Personal Care Homes in the City of Stockbridge.

Mr. Anderson reviewed the Definitions, Regulatory Use, Code of Ordinances, Development Standards, Use Standards, Compliance Requirements, Security, Annual Permits Required, Procedures for Permit Denials & Revocations, Occupational Tax Certificate Issuance, and the city's Unified Development Code.

Public Hearing was Opened.
No Speakers in Favor
Speakers Opposed
Public Hearing was Closed.

Mr. Edmondson recommended a Generator be added as a Condition.

Councilmember Barber proposed the distance requirement change from 1500 feet to five miles.

Mr. Edmondson noted the restrictions placed in the Personal Care Home language are reasonable, and that the applicant is already looking at around \$100,000 to bring the home into compliance with the proposed conditions, noting any additional requests from other applicants will require a Special Use Permit to come before the Governing Body for approval.

Councilmember Barber stated she would compromise with a two-mile distance requirement and therefore does not want the neighborhoods saturated with Personal Care Homes, and requested the home have quality fencing such as wrought iron or something similar.

Mayor Pro Tem Gantt stated she was okay with the one-mile distance requirement that is in place for other types of businesses in the city, noting there is a requirement of one acre; and asked how many bedrooms are required.

Mr. Edmondson noted the facility must be in compliance with State code and regulations to operate.

Councilmember Alexander stated he is okay with the one-mile distance requirement and needs to know if the parking requirements are adequate, and ADA compliant; and asked who the client will be.

Mr. Anderson noted the residents are expected to be disabled individuals, disabled veterans and seniors who require assistance.

Councilmember Barber stated all the other Districts in the City have HOA's where Personal Care Homes are prohibited, and that 95% of District 4 is comprised of neighborhoods that don't have HOA subdivisions, meaning a Personal Care Home would be allowed every 1500 feet, and that is why the request is made for a two-mile distance requirement.

Councilmember Barber motioned to approve Text Amendment No. TX-2025-02 with staff recommendations with the distance requirement of two square miles distance requirement and require a generator. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Councilmember Berry asked Councilmember Barber if the motion could be amended to one square mile, noting Personal Care Homes are very much needed for a vulnerable population and does not want to come across as

being too restrictive, understanding that we don't want to have an abundance of the facilities, and also does not want it to appear as though Stockbridge is too harsh towards a very vulnerable population of people.

Councilmember Barber stood by the motion with the two-mile distance requirement and generator.

Councilmember Alexander motioned to approve Text Amendment #TX-2025-02 with staff recommendations with a one-mile distance requirement and generator; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt. The motion passed 3-0-2 (Alexander/Berry/Gantt Approved) (Barber/Thomas Abstained). Councilmember Barber stated her abstention for the Text Amendment noting Personal Care Homes mostly affect District 4, her District, and that the other City Council Districts have HOA's or apartments that prohibit Personal Care Homes and stated that she prefers that wrought iron fencing to be a requirement.

4. Special Use Permit Case #SP-2024-03. (Council District 4.)

Consideration of a request for a Special Use Permit to allow a personal care home to operate on property at 270 Shields Road, within an existing single-family detached residence. Applicant/Agent: Shona John. The property is located in Land Lot 70 of District 12, and it contains 1.47 +/- acres.

Presented by: Ryan Anderson, Community Development Director
Mr. Anderson noted because the City Council has approved Text Amendment TX-2025-02, staff recommends approval of the Special Use Permit with the applicant meeting all of the requirements.

Attorney Michele Battle of Battle Law, who represents the applicant, noted the fact that there are no Personal Care Homes in the City of Stockbridge; noted that she also runs a non-profit for adults who cannot care for themselves. Attorney Battle spoke about the needs of those who are vulnerable to have a place such as a Personal Care Home is critical, noting none of us knows if we ourselves, or anyone from our families will be in need of care from this type of facility, and asked the members of Council to consider that, and not who will be a resident, the number of bedrooms or fencing, but to rather focus on the needs of the community.

Attorney Battle noted there are State regulations already in place that would apply to this Personal Care Home, and that this facility meets those requirements; noted the request is properly zoned and will employ two full-time staff personnel, and the residents will primarily be seniors.

The applicant, Ms. Shona John, noted that the State has visited the home and noted she complies and has met all the requirements and wants to serve the community.

Mayor Ford noted he drove by the location and noticed there is not a fence around the property.

Ms. John stated the property is fenced on three sides - both sides and the rear.

Mr. Anderson noted a business license will not be issued until they are in full compliance.

Councilmember Barber noted she is the City Council representative for District 4.

Mayor Pro Tem Gantt thanked Attorney Battle for her truth and noted the Personal Care Homes are regulated by the State and supports the Special Use Permit.

Councilmember Berry stated that there are times where we tend to over politicize, and that we have the ability to serve and see people and to the simplest things for the elderly, mentally ill, and the sick, and to foster to the most vulnerable of our population; and stated that you cannot expect grace when you don't give grace.

Ms. John stated that the stipulations that have been placed by the City for Personal Care Homes will be a challenge, financially, and asked if the stipulations that were just approved by the City Council apply to her location in order for her to move forward, noting she previously had a Personal Care Home in Riverdale, GA, and asked if she has to comply with the stipulations the City of Stockbridge has just approved, or is the approval for those applications going forward; noting that when she applied for Zoning, those stipulations and requirements were not in place, including the request for additional parking, and the State was not requiring.

Mr. Anderson stated that in order to be exempt from the requirements, he would need a legal opinion from the City's Zoning Attorney, and that his understanding is that when the applicant applied, there was no permitted use in place, and that the law to allow the Permitted Use was just approved during this meeting, and that for him, that means everyone would need to be in compliance with the approved law.

Councilmember Berry asked Ms. John what part of the guidelines or law are problematic for her.

Attorney Battle stated that Ms. John applied for a Land Use Permit based on the Ordinance that was in place at the time, and that the City of Stockbridge did not have in place an Ordinance for regulations to issue a business license, therefore the question to the city's legal counsel, technically, the applicant applied before the stipulations and requirements were put into place.

Mr. Anderson stated that he needs to confer with the City's Zoning Attorney and does not want to put the city in a liability situation as it relates to health and wellness.

Attorney Washington stated that the applicant has vested rights for what she has applied for up to this point for a business license because what the City Council just approved affects business licenses this year, and that because she has her application in, the applicant would be grandfathered in to the process up to that point, but if she does not get it this go round, it would apply for her next go round.

Attorney Washington restated his legal option stating that because the applicant has applied, she is grandfathered under what she applied under, so if the applicant completes everything now, then she is fine, and when it rolls back around and she has not, then the new Ordinance and standards for the business license that the City Council just passed would kick in.

Councilmember Alexander recommended approval and allowing the applicant to comply with the stipulations within twelve months.

Mr. Edmondson stated that at a minimum, the applicant would be required to meet State Code and comply.

Public Hearing was Opened.

No Speakers in Favor

Speakers Opposed – Mr. Robert Schull

Public Hearing was Closed.

Councilmember Barber noted that she is in full support of Personal Care Homes, noted there are unique needs in District 4, considering most of the homes are in established neighborhoods and many are the city's legacy residents, and there is also a safety concern of the pond directly across the street from the Personal Care Home and is not fully fenced; and noted the Personal Care Home location is also not fully fenced, and that presents a safety concern as well; and noted the Personal Care Home location is on Shields Road where there are no sidewalks or curb & gutter along the roadway and has great safety concerns for the area, and questioned why she has to continuously fight for the safety concerns and the needs of the residents of District 4; noted there is no HOA in place and Shields Road was addressed earlier in public comments regarding speeding issues that have been brought to the Council several times; reiterated that she supports Personal Care Homes, however, the safety concerns need to be addressed; and asked Mr. Edmondson what is needed from her to ensure that the residents along Shields Road will be safe.

Attorney Battle stated that none of the residents will have cars, most of the residents will be ambulatory, there will be staff 24/7, they will not be walking along the roadway, and that they will primarily be wheelchair bound, they will not be wandering out of the home except to go out on supervised day trips off site; and stated that a fence is not a typical in a residential context, and that a gate would be an issue.

Councilmember Barber asked if the city did not have the proper Ordinance and requirements in place a year ago with the request was made, why did it take so long to get to this point? And asked why District 4 continues to be politicized and asked what needs to be done regarding Personal Care Homes.

Mr. Edmondson stated that going forward, applicants will be required to adhere to the rules that are in place, and that staff will be more engaged. Councilmember Barber made a motion to approve Special Use Permit #SP-2024-03; seconded by Councilmember Alexander. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

5. The Stockbridge Municipal Court is offering an amnesty program for individuals with outstanding traffic violation cases. The program specifically waives failure-to-appear (FTA) arrest warrants for traffic offenses, allowing people to resolve their cases without fear of arrest. The program will run from September 1 to September 30, 2025.
Presented by: Genea Stanley, Court Administrator
Ms. Stanley made a request for the City Council to approve an Amnesty Program to take effect September 1 – September 30, 2025, and would continue annually. Ms. Stanley gave an overview of the program noting this to be an initiative offering individuals with outstanding fines, warrants, or unresolved cases an opportunity to resolve their matters for a lime time with reduced penalties and/or waived fees; noted the benefits of the program for the individuals and the court; reviewed the program structure and eligibility to participate, noting the school safety zone will not be included; noted the waived fees would be the \$100 FTA (Failure to Appear) and the \$150 Warrant Fees, and refenced the payment options; reviewed the implementation of the program via public outreach and communication; referenced other municipalities who have implemented amnesty programs, noting her research shows that courts are able to clear 5 – 25% of old citations; and summarized that implement the Amnesty Program would create a positive impact on individuals, courts and communities by giving individuals a fresh start, assisting with clearing cases from the court's backlog and by fostering a sense of accessibility and equity within the justice system.

Motion to approve was made by Councilmember Barber; seconded by Councilmember Berry. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

6. Council Consideration to approve the selection of an Entertainment Attorney.
Presented by: Shawn Edmondson, City Manager
Mayor Pro Tem Gantt requested the item to be heard following Executive Session.

DISCUSSION

7. Council Discussion for approval of an Ordinance to amend the Stockbridge Municipal Code Section 3.30.222 (b) Approval of Contracts and Section 3.30.223 (B) City Manager Authority, returning the spending and contracting authority to \$25,000 without City Council Approval. Councilmember member Barber stated that she made the request for this Agenda item due to the Mayor signing contracts for the Amphitheater and concerts and does not believe the discussion is now necessary under the direction of the newly hired City Manager and need to allow him the opportunity to show fiscal responsibility.

Councilmember Alexander motion to remove the item from the Agenda; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt. The motion passed unanimously 5-0.

Councilmember Thomas exited the meeting.

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 – Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month (unless otherwise noted) in the Levi Room at 6:00 p.m. (Aug 12)
- Community Zoning Information Meeting – Wednesday, August 13th in the City Hall Council Chamber at 6:00 p.m. (Aug 13) CANCELLED
- The Third and Final Millage Rate Public Hearing and Adoption has been rescheduled and will take place on Monday, August 18th at 10:00 a.m. – City Hall Council Chamber (Aug 18)
- Downtown Development Authority – Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at the Downtown Connection Center 130 M L King Sr. Heritage Trail at 6:00 p.m. (Aug 19)
- Youth Council Advisory Committee – Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month – City Hall Levi Room at 6:30 p.m. (Aug 19)
- Planning Commission – Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month at City Hall in the Council Chamber at 6:30 p.m. (Aug 21) CANCELLED
- City Council Work Session – Meeting are held on the Last Tuesday of each month at City Hall in the Council Chamber (Aug 26)

UPCOMING CITY EVENTS/INITIATIVES

- Join Main Street for the Tiny Tent Concert Series Fridays from 6pm to 8pm at the Stockbridge Connection Center, 130 M L King Sr. Heritage Trail. Bring your lawn chairs. (Weather Permitting)
- Join Councilman Thomas & Councilman Berry in partnership for the monthly Bingo Bash on Wednesday, August 20th from 10am – noon at the Merle Manders Conference Center. Lots of fun to be had by all.
- Join Mayor Pro Tem Gantt for FREE Line Dance Class on Wednesday, August 20th from 6pm – 8pm at the Merle Manders Conference Center. Bring your own fan!
- Join Mayor Anthony Ford for the monthly Meet the Mayor - Monday, August 25th from 10am – noon at City Hall. Meetings are by appointment.

- The Economic Development Department host a FREE Business Health Clinic on the 2nd Thursday of every month from 9am – 12pm at the Stockbridge Connection Center 130 M L King Sr. Heritage Trail. Check the Health of Your Business with the FREE Clinic.
- 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.
- Sign Up for real-time alerts about severe weather, road closures and emergencies on the Regroup App. Visit the city's website or social media pages for more information on how and where to sign up. Stay Safe!
- Municipal Election Qualifying takes place Monday August 18 – Friday August 22 from 8:30am to 4:30pm (closed from 12-1). More information is available on the City Clerk's Department page on the city's website at stockbridgega.org.

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

2025 CONCERT SEASON SCHEDULE

- Saturday, August 16 – Stockbridge Jazz Festival hosted by Tommy Davidson, featuring David Benoit, Jazz Funk Soul, EFX Allstars, Chandra Currelley, Sonny Emory, Norman Brown, Jennifer Holliday, Karen Briggs, Eric Darius, and Keiko Matsui
- Saturday, August 30th – Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis celebrating 40 years of iconic music featuring performances by Reuben Studdard, Deborah Cox, MC Lyte, Jordan Knight, Yolanda Adams, Chante Moore, Morris Day & Jerome Benton, Cherrelle, and Ann Nesby
- Saturday, September 6th & Sunday, September 7th, Southern Soul Weekend featuring King George, Tucka, West Love, Pokey Bear, TK Soul Tywaun Moore, and Tonio Armani
- Saturday, September 13th – For Lovers & Friends featuring Tank with special guest Lyfe Jennings, and Ginuwine

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Ford noted summer has ended and asked that everyone be lookout for the students and keep our children safe; be aware of the RedSpeed cameras and noted football season is in full effect with high school games on Friday night.

Mayor Ford called for a motion to convene Executive Session for Personnel, Real Estate, Litigation and CyberSecurity.

Motion to convene Executive Session as stated was made by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt; seconded by Councilmember Alexander. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

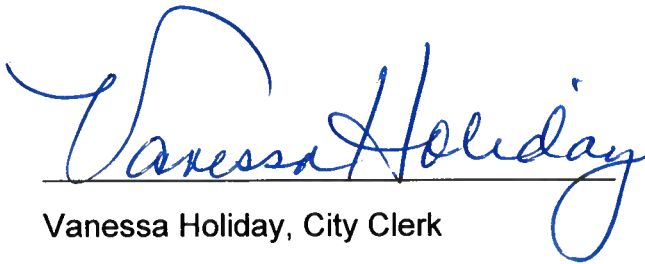
Motion to adjourn Executive Session and sign an Affidavit was made by Councilmember Berry; seconded by Councilmember Barber. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

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

Motion to a contract between the City of Stockbridge and Walker & Associates was made by Councilmember Berry; seconded by Councilmember Alexander. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:46 p.m. was made by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt; seconded by Councilmember Berry. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Respectfully submitted by:



Vanessa Holiday, City Clerk



Anthony S. Ford, Mayor