



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MEETING SUMMARY MINUTES TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 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

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 6:03 p.m.

Invocation by: Mr. Tariq Collins

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 Mayor Pro Tem Gantt and Councilmember Thomas.

Motion to adopt the Agenda was made by Councilmember Berry; seconded by Councilmember Alexander. The motion passed unanimously 3-0.

There were no public comments.

REVIEW OF THE MINUTES

1. Review of the September 8, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes
No Action Taken

PRESENTATION

2. Presentation requesting approval of a Resolution to adopt the city-county joint Transportation Safety Action Plan.

Presented by: Decius Aaron, Public Works Director and Yasamin Khorashahi, Modern Mobility Partners

Mr. Aaron stated Henry County and the four municipalities within the county have been working on a joint Transportation Safety Action Plan and noted he is requesting approval; and introduced Ms. Khorashahi to give an overview of the plan.

Ms. Khorashahi noted the presentation would refer to recommendations specifically to the City of Stockbridge, noting the plan was developed by the County in partnership with all four cities participating.

Ms. Khorashahi reviewed the presentation, noting the Safe Streets for All (SS4A) program aims to identify and address transportation-related safety concerns in the community and establish action steps toward eliminating or significantly reducing traffic crashes and fatalities.

Ms. Khorashahi referenced the Henry County jurisdiction, and the vision and goals of the plan; referenced the Plan Schedule to kickoff began in October 2024 and was completed in September 2025; referenced the 5-year most recent crash numbers, noting the City of Stockbridge had the 2nd highest number of crashes, and the 2nd highest number of fatalities.

Ms. Khorashahi referenced the different public engagements activities to discuss and data and the plan, with 716 responses from three surveys, 298 face-to-face community engagements and 172 engagements through social media.

Ms. Khorashahi noted the engineering recommendations with the Stockbridge Priority Corridor consisting of Intersection Recommendations such as re-evaluating speed limits, and Segment Recommendations such as re-evaluating the traffic signal timings.

Ms. Khorashahi reviewed the Safety Countermeasures Toolkit which includes Speed Management, Intersection Safety, VRU Infrastructure, Visibility Enhancement, and Traffic Calming, noting examples would be to install beacons at mid-block pedestrian crossings to increase visibility, and to connect, install or improve sidewalks to enhance pedestrian mobility and safety.

Ms. Khorashahi reviewed the Policy Recommendations: Adopt a Complete Streets Policy in Henry County, Update the County's Land Development Code to prioritize transportation safety, Prioritize transportation safety along Henry County's freight network, and Improve first responder coordination and public awareness for better post-crash care.

Ms. Khorashahi noted the Henry County Board of Commissioners committed to moving towards a zero policy of a sixty-five percent (65%) reduction in fatal and serious injury crashes on its roadways by December 31, 2020.

Mayor Ford and members of the City Council thanked Ms. Khorashahi for the presentation.

Mayor Ford noted the City of Stockbridge has plans in the works for sidewalks, curb & gutter, expanding Rock Quarry Rd., lighting, and traffic signal improvements.

Councilmember Alexander referenced the developments underway along the Patrick Henry Parkway Corridor in the city, and referenced a four-way traffic signal at the intersection of Club Drive and Patrick Henry Pkwy that is forthcoming; noted a Model Policy would benefit the city, noting a conversation with Clayton Carte regarding SPLOST, and plans to identify challenging areas, and noted his appreciation for the partnership with the county.

Councilmember Berry noted many of the items referenced in the plan run through the heart of City Council District 3 along Rock Quarry Rd., noting the city's medical gateway, the connectivity opportunities; noted Rock Quarry Rd. also includes City Council District 4 and 5; and noted he is pleased with the County's partnership and investment in this joint project.

Mayor Pro Tem Gantt joined the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Motion to approve a Resolution to adopt the city-county joint Transportation Safety Action Plan was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Councilmember Berry. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

3. Council Consideration to approve Walmart Delivery Services in Stockbridge, GA – Connecting the Future.

Presented by: Ryan Anderson, Community Development Director, Catherine Lovett and Tariq Rashid of Wing and Glenn Wilkins of Walmart. Mr. Anderson noted Walmart reached out to the City of Stockbridge, in consultation with the City Manager, to request approval to bring Drone Delivery Service to the City of Stockbridge and introduced Mr. Wilkins of Walmart.

Mr. Wilkins noted he is with Walmart Public Relations, noting the Wing/Walmart drone delivery service in partnership with Walmart has been operating for four years in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area with the Walmart Plus customer base having access to the service.

Councilmember Alexander noted the city is pleased that Stockbridge has been selected.

Ms. Lovett noted Wing and Walmart are currently using the model 7000 drone which weighs 11 pounds, and presented a video the customer placing their Walmart Plus order online or via the Walmart App, and the Wing drone launching from the Walmart pad and delivery items to the Walmart customer, noting the drones never touch the ground, transports packages up to 2.5 pounds, delivery

can be within a 6-mile radius, and Walmart is proposing a 4-mile radius for Stockbridge, and noted the drone travels at 65mph.

Ms. Lovett noted the Wing drones are federally regulated through the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration), and they currently do not operate within three nautical miles of public buildings, government municipal buildings, schools, or hospitals without receiving special permission.

Ms. Lovett noted the drones are autonomous (no driver), and the antennas are visible on radar, pilots in the command center are FAA certified and are always monitoring the drones from each store location in real time; noted the drones currently are in operation during daylight hours and shift to coincide with daylight savings time; noted the drones use optical lenses, with no audio or live feed, and operational sounds go up to 56.5 decibels and are as quiet as a standard sedan vehicle, and hover/cruise at 165 feet.

Ms. Lovett noted the benefits of the drone service is that deliveries are under 30 minutes, and on average 10-15 minutes; noted the Dallas/Ft. Worth location recently completed 2,000 orders in one day and noted orders for the 55+ community have increased; noted the drones do not deliver prescriptions, flammable items, or tobacco products.

Ms. Lovett noted the customer's delivery area must be clear with no pets or no trees; and noted the Dallas/Ft. Worth location has 18 drones, 18 charging pads, and they rotate the drones out while others are charging.

Ms. Lovett noted the Wing drones are in Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States, and they have an excellent safety record, and presented a video of the Auto Loader which is set up in the curbside area of the store for pickups, showing the hands-free delivery system, with a battery energy generator, similar to a cell phone battery back; noted the drones are housed behind 8' fencing and stored in a drone kiosk on drone pads with keypad access and cameras.

Mayor Ford asked about deliveries during inclement weather, birds, and the cost for the service.

Mr. Rashid stated the drones will deliver in light rain, and up to 140-degree Fahrenheit; and noted to this point, birds have not been an issue, and there is no cost as long as the customer has a Walmart Plus account,

Mayor Pro Tem Gantt asked what the average product is that is being delivered by drone.

Ms. Lovett stated products range from rotisserie chicken, salads, frozen spinach, candy, Powerade, avocados, cosmetics, coffee, back to school supplies, band aids, baby food, and so much more.

Mr. Wilkins stated they are working on increasing delivery weight.

Ms. Lovett stated the Operations Team is working on model 8000 which will have a weight capacity of 5 pounds, however, that has not rolled out yet.

Councilmember Alexander noted his appreciation for the diverse members of Wing Aviation.

Councilmember Berry asked what happens when you approach neighborhoods with a sizable number of trees.

Mr. Rashid noted that Wing surveys the area and radius in advance, and noted there needs to be a six-foot radius, and that most customers have the delivery placed in their driveways.

Mayor Ford asked if the drones are able to sense or detect powerlines.

Mr. Rashid confirmed and noted the Flight Planner System plans the route in advance.

Ms. Lovett presented a Conceptual Site Plan for the Walmart location on North Henry Blvd. and note they will be intentional about hiring locally; and noted the next steps are to get approval to proceed with permitting.

Mr. Anderson noted the Text Amendment for Drones will be presented as Item #7 on the Agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

4. Council consideration to approve the annual contract (RFP 2025-0006) for on-call water & sewer emergency & operational repair/maintenance and construction services to Professional Pipeline (Primary) and Site Engineering (Secondary) in the amount of \$400,000.00 from the FY2026 Stormwater budget. Contract to begin January 1, 2026. The account number is 510-42500-542515 (Stormwater Repair).

Presented by: Decius Aaron

Mr. Aaron noted the request is for on-call service for water/sewer emergency & operational repairs and maintenance and construction services utilizing two vendors, Professional Pipeline as the primary, and Site Engineering as the secondary company, noting the city has used the services of Site Engineering for eight years.

Councilmember Barber noted Exhibit I, Cost Proposal and the Fee Schedule was not included, and is necessary in the event there are contract disputes or price discrepancies.

Mr. Aaron stated he can provide those documents, stating the information was not provided by the evaluation committee.

Councilmember Barber asked that the motion include the language not to exceed \$400,000, noting any additional emergencies would be required to come to the Council for ratification.

Motion to approve was made by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt; seconded by Councilmember Alexander. The motion passed 3-0-1 (Alexander, Berry, Gantt Approved); (Barber Abstained, citing the Cost Proposal, Exhibit I and Fee Schedule was not included for Council review, noting that she makes requests for these contract documents in the event this is a dispute or price discrepancy; and asked that the amount referenced be not to exceed \$400,000.00, noting an emergency above that amount would need to come back to the City Council for ratification.

Motion to amend the Agenda to hear Item #7 now was made by Councilmember Berry; seconded by Councilmember Alexander. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

5. Council consideration to approve the annual contract (RFP 2025-0004) for on-call sidewalk repairs and replacement to CGS, LLC in the amount of \$300,000.00. Funding from SPLOST VI. Contract to begin January 1, 2026.

- Presented by: Decius Aaron

Mr. Aaron noted Public Works has engaged the services of on-call contractors for sidewalk repairs, noting that ten proposals were submitted, and requested approval to award CGS, LLC an annual contract in the amount of \$300,000.00.

Councilmember Barber noted the cost proposals were not included as Exhibit I and that of the six evaluation committee members, four members were from the Public Works Department, the user department for these services, and referenced a procurement policy approved whereas the evaluation committee would consist of five employees from various departments throughout the city for a mix on the evaluation team.

Councilmember Alexander noted the request is for citywide sidewalks, and the cost would be unknown.

Mr. Aaron noted here is a price sheet that is not included, noting the goal is not to exceed the budgeted amount.

Councilmember Alexander asked if Hudson Bridge sidewalks have been approved.

Mr. Aaron noted GDOT has changed the way sidewalks are prepared, whereas instead of 10' sections, the entire sidewalk must be repaired.

Mr. Alexander asked if there was an estimate to install the sidewalks on East Atlanta Rd. sidewalk project.

Mr. Aaron noted the information was submitted to the City Manager.

Councilmember Alexander asked if the East Atlanta Rd. sidewalk can be completed by the on-call vendor or if there needs to be a bid.

Councilmember Barber asked that the item be brought back to the next meeting with all documents included, noting this information protects the city against contract disputes or invoice discrepancies.

Mayor Pro Tem Gantt asked about the process to select the sidewalks for repairs.

Mr. Aaron noted staff identifies the sidewalks, and Falcon Design submits to the on-call contractor costs associated with the project, and price sheet submitted with the bid.

Mayor Pro Tem Gantt asked if the price sheet was part of the bid packet.

Mr. Aaron confirmed, noting that is what Councilmember Barber is asking for, and it should have been included.

Councilmember Berry asked for the list of sidewalks.

Mr. Aaron noted the sidewalks were analyzed by an engineer.

Councilmember Barber reiterated that the price sheet was not included.

Motion to approve was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt. The motion failed 2-0-2. (Alexander/Gantt Approved) (Barber/Berry Abstained).

(Barber Abstained, citing the Cost Proposal was not included for Council review, noting that she makes requests for these contract documents in the event this is a dispute or price discrepancy).

Motion to Table and bring back to the October 13, 2025 meeting with the Cost Proposal was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Councilmember Barber. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Council consideration to approve the purchase of Phosphorous CC2050 chemical removal from CedarChem in the amount of \$60,000.00. The funding source is from Sewer Department budgeted funds.

Presented by: Decius Aaron

Mr. Aaron noted additional chemicals are needed to get through the end of this current year.

Motion to approve was made by Councilmember Berry; seconded by Councilmember Barber. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

7. Text Amendment Case #TX-2025-03. (First Reading). (Citywide.)
Consideration of a text amendment to the Unified Development Code (UDC) to allow and provide regulations for the use of drone delivery facilities and services by businesses, with an approved Special Use Permit.

Presented by: Ryan Anderson

Mr. Anderson noted staff met with Wings in July 2025, and to move forward with the Walmart Drone process, a Regulatory Business Permit is required, noting amendments to Title 9- 9.116, and amending the UDC Title 12 – Chapter 3 3.342, and will require an Administrative Special Permit as approved by the Community Development Direct and final approval by the City Manager.

Mr. Anderson noted the drones are regulated by the FAA; and noted a commercial drone delivery hub will be used and will operate from 7am – 8pm; noted a site plan and 2 public meetings are required to determine public impact; and the service will be up to 6 miles, however, the Walmart drones will start at up to 4 miles, and noted annual renewals to operate will be required.

Mr. Edmondson noted community meetings will be scheduled as soon as possible.

Councilmember Berry disclosed his stock in Walmart and HVAC contract and sought legal guidance regarding conflicts of interest and being able to vote on the item for the Walmart Drone Delivery.

Attorney McCulloch advised there was no conflict, and that Councilmember Berry could participate in the vote.

Motion to approve Text Amendment Case # TX-2025-03 was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Councilmember Berry. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

8. Council Consideration to fill a vacancy on the Downtown Development Authority Board and fill an unexpired term through December 31, 2027.

Presented by: Gerald Sanders.

Mr. Sanders noted there are two vacancies, and this appointment will address one vacancy, and noted he is working with the DDA Board to fill the 2nd vacancy.

Motion to appoint Tariq Collins to the Downtown Development Authority Board was made by Councilmember Alexander; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

9. Appointment of Councilwoman Yolanda Barber as the Council Liaison to the Stockbridge Main Street Advisory Board thru December 31, 2027.

Presented by: Lisa Fareed, Downtown Manager

Councilmember Alexander requested the item not be heard because Councilman Thomas is still an active member of the Main Street Advisory Board, and the request to replace him was insensitive, and stated that Councilmember Thomas should be allowed to complete his term on the Board through December 31st and a new member appointed in January 2026; and also stated that he would not accept his resignation Councilmember Thomas' resignation from the Main Street Advisory Board, should it be submitted.

Councilmember Barber called for a point of order multiple times, stating the Mayor is required to address a point of order when it is called.

Councilmember Alexander reiterated statements on why the Agenda item should not be heard.

Councilmember Barber continued to call for a point of order.

Mayor Ford recognized the point of order; Councilmember Barber noted that Ms. Fareed has not been given an opportunity to present the Agenda item after being called to the podium by Mayor Ford.

Mayor Ford asked the city's Legal Counsel to research the matter, and asked Ms. Fareed to proceed.

Councilmember Alexander called for a recess.

Councilmember Alexander made a motion to recess for legal research; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt. The motion passed 3-1 (Alexander, Berry and Gantt Approved) (Barber Opposed citing Ms. Fareed had not been given an opportunity to present the Agenda item).

The Mayor called for a 10-minute recess.

The meeting resumed with no answer regarding the appointment of the City Council Liaison to the Main Street Advisory Board.

The consensus of the Council was to allow legal staff to continue the research and move forward with Agenda Item #10.

10. City of Stockbridge Unaudited Financial Report as of August 31, 2025.

Presented by: Frank Milazi, City Treasurer/CFO

Mr. Milazi stated he was pleased to announce the bank reconciliations are up to date through August 31, 2025, and will present a Summary Report for January through August 2025; and noted the FY2025 Budget Amendment will come to the City Council on October 13, 2025; and noted that similar to FY2024 where there was a budget amendment of \$32 million because expenditures were not budgeted, there are likewise unbudgeted expenses in FY2025 that will require a budget amendment to be in compliance with a balanced budget; and noted today's report will be a summary of funds, whereas the budget amendment that will be presented on October 13th will include the details of each account to be amended.

Mr. Milazi presented the Statement of Revenues, noting the City is obligated to spend ARPA funds by December 31, 2026, and noted 2025 Budgeted Revenue equals \$59,492,565.00 and YTD Revenues equals \$31,355,206.10.

Mr. Milazi referenced the URA account, noting the amount budgeted, and the amount received YTD equals zero; and noted all three Enterprise Fund revenue accounts (Water, Sewer, Stormwater and Sanitation) are down and the Finance Department will access and report back to the Governing Body on why the revenues are down.

Mr. Milazi noted Conference Center was discussed during the Retreat, with the biggest expense being Personnel, and noted the \$500,000+ to cover personnel and benefits will be moved to the proper department Events.

Mr. Milazi noted the Amphitheater was budgeted for \$2.6 million dollars in revenue, and that \$1 million dollars of revenue has been received; noting there are additional concerts to come, and the budget amendment will clear out the negative balances with a transfer from the General Fund to make up for the shortfall in revenues.

Councilmember Alexander asked if the being presented were sent to the Mayor & Council via email; Mr. Milazi confirmed, noting there were additional details that have been added.

Mr. Milazi presented the General Fund Expenses as of August 31, 2025, noting the expenses and revenue are almost the same at \$14 million, noting there is a big chunk of revenue for general fund are not yet received, such as sales tax which is one month behind, insurance premiums estimated at \$3.5 million, and property tax estimated at \$7.4 million, all expected to come in during the months of November and December, and will catch up once those three revenue sources are received.

Councilmember Alexander noted the TSPLOST account appears to be over-performing with \$5.6 million dollar projection.

Mr. Milazi confirmed, noting that on the expense side, nothing was budgeted, however, funds have been spent, and those are corrections that will be made through the Budget Amendment, noting the revenue was not budgeted, and the expenses were not budgeted, and confirmed funds have come in, and spending has also occurred.

Councilmember Alexander noted this report is year-to-date, and that it is his understanding there was approximately \$15 or \$16 million dollars in the account, with the revenue received this year, projects need to be completed, noting these funds are in the bank, stating the reporting can appear deceptive because it appears the funds are accumulating.

Mr. Milazi stated that there were two sets of reports that were being made, and that the information and reports that had been presented to the Governing Body to make wise decisions were misleading, and that this report intentionally shows the account balances, and is why the Budget Amendment is necessary to correct all the zeros.

Councilmember Alexander noted to the public that the money is being pulled from SPLOST V, SPLOST VI, and TSPLOST accounts to make the transfers

because the money is in the bank, and not being transferred from the General Fund and he understands it.

Mr. Milazi noted there were expenses incurred from SPLOST V, SPLOST VI, and TSPLOST, and there was funding available in those accounts, however, the majority of the projects were from Public Works, such as the PW vehicle purchase, road paving, and many other projects and citywide projects including ARPA projects that were not budgeted, and those projects required a budget amendment, and unfortunately that was not done, and the Budget Amendment on October 13th will make those corrections and balance the budget with revenues and expenses.

Mr. Milazi referenced the Water Department, noting the expenses are higher than the revenues, and the department will look at why the revenues are down, and that every penny will be balanced for revenue and expenses with the Budget Amendment on October 13.

Mayor Pro Tem Gantt asked if these are corrections are resulting from the prior administration of the former City Manager and former Treasurer.

Mr. Milazi stated FY2025 Budget that was prepared and approved last year, and that the first corrections for the FY2025 will be made with the Budget Amendment on October 13, 2025, noting the Governing Body has accepted the audit for FY2024, and now corrections need to be made for January 2025 to current.

Mayor Pro Tem Gantt referenced the ARPA account noting there is no revenue in the account, however, there are expenditures, and asked that to be explained.

Mr. Milazi noted ARPA funds were received they were spent out of General Fund, noting the projects were not budgeted, however the expenses were paid using the General Fund noting the funds were co-mingled, and needs to be separated, and recalled that the city was requested to return \$2.2 million dollars of ARPA funding because proper accounting of the funds and projects was not done, noting the city is obligated to finish ARPA in 2026 and payments were made from General Fund, and should have been in the ARPA account, and that the Budget Amendment on October 13 will make the corrections.

Mayor Pro Tem Gantt noted it has been her recollection over the years that the city's Franchise Fees and SPLOST come in at the end of the year, noting the Franchise Fees are from utilities such as AT&T and Georgia Power, where a portion of what they collect is submitted to the municipalities each year.

Mr. Milazi confirmed that he expects that those funds will be received by the end of the year, and noted the city has received Grant revenues, noting the majority of the grants are reimbursable, and noted the grant funding was held up by various state agencies because the city did not comply; noted compliance and

met all of the requirements, and those funds have been released and will automatically go to the General Fund, where the payments were made.

Mayor Pro Tem Gantt asked why the presentation is being made tonight and not waiting for the Franchise Fees to be received to show the revenue received to show a true budget of revenue and expenses.

Mr. Milazi noted there has not been any reporting of the city's accounting since January because the department has been behind with bank reconciliations, noting the department had a true accounting of expenses, but until the back reconciliations were complete to present proper reporting of the city's finances.

Mayor Pro Tem Gantt asked if this information was recently provided at the Retreat.

Mr. Milazi stated the recent Retreat was information from the departments for the FY2026 Budget, and this report is for the current fiscal year to show where the city is right now as of August 31, 2025.

Mayor Pro Tem Gantt stated the Budget Amendment should not be made until the Franchise Fees and other payments are received.

Mr. Milazi stated the FY2025 is not balanced, and noted one department has three personnel that were not budgeted in 2025 and there is a shortfall of funding, and the account cannot be funded without a Budget Amendment in October, and noted there are other accounts where funds are being spent, but have not been budgeted, noting zero dollars budgeted in TSPLOST and noted all of these issues will be corrected with the Budget Amendment on October 13, and going forward, monthly financial reporting will be provided.

Mayor Ford asked for confirmation of the FY2025 Budget Amendment.

Mr. Milazi stated the FY 2025 Budget Amendment will be presented October 13th and noted a detailed report on revenues and expenses for each account and department will be presented through September 30, 2025.

Councilmember Alexander stated it was his understanding the governing body was to receive quarterly reports, and asked if that has changed to monthly reporting, noting the month-to-month numbers can be thrown off based on trend.

Mr. Milazi asked what the reporting preference of the Council is.

Mayor Pro Tem Gantt asked if the reports were going to be emailed to the Governing Body and not presented at the council meeting.

Mr. Milazi confirmed reports would be emailed.

Councilmember Alexander noted the reporting can appear skewed when revenue is not showing, and the public may not understand.

Mr. Milazi noted revenues will come in later in the year.

Mayor Pro Tem Gantt requested reporting to show revenues from the previous year for comparison.

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Exemptions to the Georgia Open Meetings Acts)

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

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

Motion to reconvene the meeting and sign an Executive Session Affidavit with no action was made by Councilmember Barber; seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gantt. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Motion to remove Item #9 from the Agenda restating that Councilman Thomas was still an active member of the Main Street Advisory Board, and the request to replace him was insensitive, and that Councilmember Thomas should be allowed to complete his term through December 31, 2025, and would not accept his resignation, should it be submitted; seconded by Councilmember Berry. The motion passed 3-0-1 (Alexander, Berry, Gantt Approved) Barber Abstained citing she did not place the Council Liaison appointment to the Main Street Advisory Board on the Agenda, and noted that Mr. Willie Hopkins, Chairman of the Main Street Advisory Board Chair made the request during a recent City Council meeting where he recognized Councilmember Thomas' service, commitment, and is tenure on the Board, and that Mr. Hopkins stated the with all due respect, the Main Street Advisory Board has been without representation since January, and recommended that she be appointed as the Council Liaison, and Mr. Hopkins noted the Main Street boundaries are within her City Council District 4; and stated that she is the only City Councilmember who is not serving on any Board or Committee of the city.

Mayor Pro Tem Gantt noted her vote was due to the process for replacement not being adhered to, noting there are steps to be taken.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m. was made by Councilmember Barber; seconded by Councilmember Alexander. 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.

- Stockbridge Citizens Police Advisory Council, First Thursday of each month at the Stockbridge Police Dept. Community Meeting Rm. at 6:00 p.m. (Oct 2)
- Youth Council Meeting, First Monday of each month – City Hall Levi Meeting Room at 6:30 p.m. (Oct 6)
- Community Zoning and Information Meeting, Wednesday, October 8th at City Hall in the Council Chamber at 6:00 p.m. (Oct 8)
- Main Street Advisory Board Meeting, Second Friday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at the Downtown Connection Center 130 M L King, Sr. Heritage Trail (Oct 10)
- City Council Meeting Second Monday of each month, City Hall Council Chamber (Oct 13)
- Citywide Development Authority Meeting, Second Tuesday of each month, at 6:00 p.m. City Hall Levi Meeting Room (Oct 14)
- Youth Council Advisory Committee Meeting *Date Change*, Third Thursday of each month, at 6:30 p.m. City Hall Levi Meeting Room (Oct 16)
- Planning Commission Meeting, Thursday, October 16th at 6:30 p.m. City Hall Council Chamber (Oct 16)
- Downtown Development Authority Board Meeting, Third Tuesday of each month, at 6:00 p.m. at the Downtown Connection Center, 130 M L King Sr. Heritage Trail (Oct 21)
- Ethics Board Meeting, Wednesday, October 22nd in the Levi Meeting Room at 6:30 p.m. (Oct 22)
- City Council Work Session Meeting, Last Tuesday of each month, October 28th at 6:00 p.m. City Hall Council Chamber (Oct 28)

UPCOMING CITY EVENTS/INITIATIVES

- Join the City of Stockbridge Police Department for National Coffee with a Copy Day, Wednesday, October 1st, from 9:30 am - 11:30 am at Starbucks at 1058 Eagles Landing Parkway.
- Join Mayor Pro Tem Gantt for a Free Line Dancing Class on Wednesday, October 1st, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Merle Manders Conference Center. Bring your own fan!
- Haul it to the Hall! Bring your household documents to the City Hall parking lot for FREE shredding on Saturday, October 4th, from 8am to noon.
- The Muscle & Mystique Car show is back! Main Street is hosting this amazing car show on Saturday, October 4th, from noon - 4pm in downtown Stockbridge at 130 M L K Sr. Heritage Trail. Join us for Live Music, come dressed in your Vintage Outfit and enter the Costume Contest. All ages are welcome.
- The 2025 Municipal Election Forum will take place Tuesday, October 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the Merle Manders Conference Center.

- Join Councilman Thomas & Councilman Berry in partnership for the monthly Bingo Bash on Wednesday, October 15th from 10am – noon at the Merle Manders Conference Center. Lots of fun to be had by all.
- Join the City of Stockbridge for the annual Breast Cancer Love Walk, Saturday, October 18th from 10:00 am to noon at Clark Park. For more information, contact the Events Department at events@stockbridgega.org
- Join Mayor Pro Tem Gantt for the FREE Annual Fall Festival on Saturday, October 25th at Clark Park with Candy, Food Trucks, Games, Costume Contest, Prizes and More!
- Join Mayor Anthony Ford for the monthly Meet the Mayor — Monday, October 27th from 10am – noon at City Hall. Meetings are by appointment.
- Stockbridge Main Street is hosting a Diabetes Awareness Walk and Health Fair on Saturday, November 1st. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. the 5k walk will begin at 8:30 a.m. at Clark Park; the Health Fair will take place from 10am - noon at various locations throughout the park (weather permitting) or at the Merle Manders Conference Center lower level.
- Join Councilman Alexander for the District 5 Community Cleanup on Saturday, November 8, 2025, from 9am to 11am. Please meet at the Costco parking lot on Jodeco Rd.
- The Economic Development Department hosts 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!

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, October 18th, Detroit Gospel Legends featuring Fred Hammond, Donnie McClurkin, Anthony Brown, Vanessa Bell Armstrong, Lisa Page-Brooks, Carvin Winans and Bryon Cage

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Ford reminded everyone about the cold and flu season and to stay protected and healthy with vaccines and boosters; and noted it was football season, wishing all the teams well; and wished everyone a Happy Halloween, and to be safe.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m. was made by Councilmember Barber; seconded by Councilmember Alexander. The motion passed unanimously 4-0.

Respectfully submitted by:

Vanessa Holiday, City Clerk

Anthony S. Ford, Mayor

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