



AGENDA WORK SESSION CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE

TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, 2015 6:00 PM

Mayor & City Council

Tim L. Thompson, Mayor
Alphonso Thomas, Mayor Pro Tem
Robin Buschman, Councilwoman
Anthony S. Ford, Councilman
LaKeisha Gantt, Councilwoman
Regina Lewis Ward, Councilwoman

Administration

Michael Harris, City Manager
Vanessa Holiday, City Clerk
Randi Rainey, Deputy City Clerk
Michael Williams, City Attorney

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

Present

Absent

Councilwoman Buschman

 x 6:40pm

Councilwoman Lewis Ward

 x

Mayor Pro Tem Thomas

 x

Mayor Thompson

 x

Councilman Ford

 x

Councilwoman Gantt

 x

III. Invocation- **Mayor Thompson**

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

V. Adoption of the Agenda **Ford/Gantt approved 4/0.(Buschman not in attendance)**

VI. Draft Minutes 7/13/2015 **No Action**

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1 – Council Consideration – Proposed MLK Sr. Heritage Trail (Street Renaming) Presented by: Mayor Pro Tem, Alphonso Thomas

ITEM TO BE PLACED ON THE 9/14/2015 AGENDA – PUBLIC HEARING

NEW BUSINESS

Item #2– Council Consideration - New Job Description – Water Sys. Chief Operator

Presented by: Kevin Walter, Public Works Director and Renee Wheeler, HR Mgr.

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Item #3 – Pay and Classification Scale to include Water Sys. Chief Operator

Presented by: Kevin Walter, Public Works Director and Renee Wheeler, HR Mgr.

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Item #4 – Organization Chart to include Water Sys. Chief Operator

Presented by: Kevin Walter, Public Works Director and Renee Wheeler, HR Mgr.

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Item #5 – Budget Amendment 2015-004

Presented by: Linda Nabers, Treasurer

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DISCUSSION:

Item #6 – Variance Request VR-15-10-S Location: Langley Oaks Residential Subdivision, Lots 23, 24, 25, 26 Land Lot 5 of the 12th District

Parcel ID: 031S-01-023-000, 031S-01-024-000, 031S-01-025-000,

031S-01-026-000. Variance to reduce the minimum front and rear setbacks.

Presented by: Dale Hall, Administration and Community Services Director

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

All persons wishing to speak for public comment must sign in with the City Clerk prior to the beginning of the meeting. You must sign your name, address, and phone number. You will be able to address the Mayor and Council for three (3) minutes.

Dan Vallish – made a request to amend the Growlers Ordinance.

Leonard Yancey – referenced the City’s enforcement of the Noise/Nuisance citations issued over the last 15 years.

Wendell Moore – acknowledged the grass cutting and clean-up of storm drains; noted concern for parking on the streets and asked for more government transparency.

Vanessa Holiday, City Clerk noted that the Clerk’s Office uploads all documents to the City’s website for public viewing in advance of the Council Meeting.

CITY MANAGER’S COMMENTS

Michael Harris noted the Surplus Auction is complete and the City is moving with the Asset Management Plan.

COUNCIL'S COMMENTS

Councilwoman Buschman noted she held a Public Works Committee meeting and will a brief synopsis at the next Council Meeting. Ms. Buschman also referenced the movie industry being very here in Stockbridge and this industry stimulates the local economy; and is very excited about upcoming filming being directed by Clint Eastwood and will keep us posted.

Councilwoman Lewis Ward thanked Mr. Moore for his comments regarding transparency and requested the Public Comments move up on the Agenda to allow Council to consider comments prior to voting.

Mayor Pro Tem Thomas noted the Town Hall on Wednesday, September 9, 2014 at 6pm regarding the MLK, Sr. Heritage Trail.

Councilman Ford thanked everyone for attending and stated that the City will continue to work on transparency; and referenced his upcoming initiative "Coffee with a Cop" on September 19th at 8:30 am at the Bridgeview Diner.

Councilwoman Gantt referenced the recent training at the Robert Knox Leadership Institute where the attendees got an opportunity to know who they are as a leader; noted that the Approved Budget is available online on the City's website and the City needs to work harder to get the word out that the information is available online and encouraged citizens to go to the website and view the information; and further stated that she is always open and available for discussion.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Thompson thanked everyone for coming and stated that the comments from tonight will be taken under consideration regarding transparency where that is a work in progress.

The following Announcements were read:

- Small Business Lunch & Learn – Thursday, August 27, 2015 12:30 - 2pm – City Hall Levi Meeting Room – Sponsored by Councilwoman Regina Lewis Ward.
- All City office will be closed Monday, September 7, 2015 in observance of Labor Day.
- Town Hall Meeting – Wednesday, September 9, 2015 6pm – City Hall Levi Meeting Room Re: Proposed Street Renaming – MLK, Sr. Historic Trail – hosted by Mayor Pro Tem Alphonso Thomas.

- **Building Committee Meeting – Thursday, September 10, 2015 6pm – City Hall Levi Meeting Room – Councilman Anthony Ford, Committee Chair.**
- **City Council Meeting - Monday, September 14, 2015 6pm – City Hall Council Chamber 2nd Floor.**
- **Coffee with a Cop – Saturday, September 18, 2015 8:30am – 10:30 am – Bridgeview Diner Sponsored by Councilman Anthony Ford.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION (Exemptions to the Georgia Open Meetings Act) Item A, F, H

Motion to convene Executive Session for Items A, F, H made by Councilman Ford; second by Councilman Thomas. Vote: 5/0

Motion to adjourn Executive Session made by Councilman Ford; second by Councilwoman Buschman. Vote: 5/0

Motion to reconvene Work Session made by Councilman Ford; second by Councilwoman Gantt Vote: 5/0

Motion to reconvene Adjourn made by Councilman Ford; second by Councilwoman Gantt. Vote: 5/0