



ACTION MINUTES COUNCIL MEETING CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 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___

Councilwoman Lewis Ward

___X___

Mayor Pro Tem Thomas

___X___

Mayor Thompson

___X___

Councilman Ford

___X___

Councilwoman Gantt

___X___

III. Invocation – Robin Buschman

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

**V. Adoption of the Agenda amended to include (5) Budget Ordinances made by:
Gantt; seconded by: Thomas – Approved 5/0**

**VI. Adoption of the Minutes 7/28/2015, 8/10/2015, 8/25/2015 made by: Ford;
seconded by: Gantt – Approved 5/0.**

CEREMONIAL

Proclamation – Retired Educators Day in Georgia

Presented by: Mayor Thompson to Kathy Hill

Proclamation – National Hispanic Heritage Month

Presented by: Alphonso Thomas, Mayor Pro Tem, to Rocio Camacho

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. Speakers must respect all members of the elected body, officials, and staff. Defamation, unruliness and/or swearing will not be tolerated while meetings are in session.

Mr. Wendell Moore spoke regarding park noise, resolving DDA, investigations, Executive Session, negotiating contracts, grass cutting and legal fees.

Mr. Leonard Yancey spoke regarding code enforcement, noise nuisance, zoning and resolution to ongoing issues.

Mr. Elton Alexander acknowledged proclamation, and spoke regarding the DDA litigation, proposed public hearing item on Davis Rd., and spending money wisely.

OLD BUSINESS

Item #1 – Veto – Ordinance/Budget Amendment 2015-004

Presented by: Mayor Thompson

Motion to override veto: Ford

Second: Gantt

Vote: 4-0-1 (Buschman abstained) Motion failed as Charter requires vote of the entire council.

Item #2 – Five (5) Ordinances to Amend the City Budget for Fiscal Year 2015 for the City of Stockbridge.

2015-004(A) – Budgeted Impact for Ongoing Litigation for Publix Retention Pond \$18,200.

Motion to approve: Ford

Second: Gantt

Vote: 5-0

2015-004(B) – Budgeted Impact for Ongoing Litigation with Henry County for SDS Agreement for Police Services \$38,867.00

Motion to approve: Ford

Second: Buschman

Vote: 5-0

2015-004(C) – Budgeted Impact for Council Investigation (Buschman) \$4,048.00

Motion to approve: Ford

Second: Gantt

Vote: 4-0- 1 (Buschman abstained)

2015-004(D) – Budgeted Impact for Mayor’s Investigation \$38,348.00

Motion to approve: Ford

Second: Gantt

Vote: 5-0

2015-004(E) – Budgeted Impact for Ongoing DDA Litigation \$76,463.00

Motion to approve: Ford

Second: Gantt

Vote: 3-1-1(Lewis Ward opposed, Buschman abstained)

Item #3 – Resolution - 2015 SHORT-TERM WORK PROGRAM (STWP)

Presented by: Dale Hall, Administration and Community Services Director

Motion to approve: Gantt

Second: Ford

Vote: 5-0

PUBLIC HEARING

Item #4 – 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-01-025-0`00,

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

Presented by: Dale Hall, Administration and Community Services Director

Motion to deny: Lewis Ward

Second: Thomas

Vote: 3-2 (Buschman/Ford opposed denial)

NEW BUSINESS

Item #5 - CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution – City’s PTO (Personal Time Off) Policy

Motion to approve: Ford

Second: Lewis Ward

Vote: 2-3-0 (Buschman,Thomas, and Gantt) Opposed - Motion Failed

Motion to Reconsider: Gantt

Second: Ford

Vote: 5-0

Motion to Remove from Consent Agenda to Allow Discussion: Thomas

Second: Lewis Ward

Vote: 4-1 (Ford Opposed)

Motion to approve Annual Leave Policy: Ford

Second: Gantt

Vote: 5-0

Item #6 – Resolution – City Partnership of “The Leader in Me”

Presented by: Mayor Thompson and Steve Cash, Henry County Council for Quality Growth Leader in Me Partnership in the amount of \$5,500.00

Motion to approve: Thomas

Second: Lewis Ward

Vote: 5-0

Item #7 – Ordinance – Amendment of Growlers Ordinance

Presented by: Dale Hall, Administration and Community Services Director

Motion to approve: Lewis Ward

Second: Thomas

Vote: 5-0

Item #8 – Ordinance – Reeves Creek Trail Dog Policy w/Signage.

Presented by: Michael Harris, City Manager

Motion to approve: Buschman

Second: Gantt

Vote: 5-0

Item #9 – Resolution – Creek Circle Streambank Restoration

Presented by: Kevin Walter, Public Works Director

Motion to approve: Gantt

Second: Ford

Vote: 5-0

Item #10 – Resolution – S. Berry Street Sidewalk – Phase II

Presented by: Kevin Walter, Public Works Director

Motion to approve: Thomas

Second: Ford

Vote: 5-0

PUBLIC HEARING:

Item #11 – Rezoning Request RZ-15-16-S

Rezoning request from R-3 (Single Family Residence) to C-3 (Highway Commercial) for the property located at 771 & 791 Davis Road, in Land Lot 71 of the 12th District. The property consists of 1.27 +/- acre, and the request is for a tractor trailer operating business.

Presented by: Dale Hall, Administration and Community Services Director

Motion to deny: Ford

Second: Gantt

Vote: 5-0

******As a result of denial this location cannot apply for a rezoning request for one year******

**Item #12 – Variance Request VR-15-14-S Location: 771 & 791 Davis Road
Land Lot 71 of the 12th District Parcel ID: S02-05-010-000 & S02-11-000**

Variance:

- To reduce the front yard setback in the C-3 zoning district from 70 to 30 feet.
- To eliminate paved, dust-free surface requirement to allow gravel parking
- To eliminate landscaping requirement.
- To eliminate fence requirement for outside storage.

Proposed Use: Tractor Trailer Operating Business.

Current Land Use: Single-family Residence – Vacant.

The property consists of 1.27 +/- acres.

Presented by: Dale Hall, Administration and Community Services Director

Item dispensed due to actions from Item #11

CITY CLERK'S COMMENTS

Vanessa Holiday noted new Elections Office location at 40 Atlanta St. McDonough, GA and referenced all voting dates and locations.

CITY MANAGER'S COMMENTS

Michael Harris had no comments.

COUNCIL'S COMMENTS

Councilwoman Buschman had not comments.

Councilwoman Lewis Ward had no comments.

Mayor Pro Tem Thomas thanked everyone for their support of the M L King Heritage Trail renaming and Plaque Dedication.

Councilman Ford dittoed the remarks of Mayor Pro Tem Thomas and invited citizens to the next Coffee with a Cop on October 24, 2015 at Starbucks on Eagles Landing Pkwy at 8:30 a.m.

Councilwoman Gantt thanked everyone for coming out.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Thompson commended MLK, Sr. Street and Plaque Dedication and noted Charter changes take away veto power and recommends a referendum.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

All meetings will be held at City Hall unless otherwise noted. Meeting dates and times are subject to change. Please check the city's website www.cityofstockbridge.com or contact City Hall offices at 770.389-7900 for information.

- Community Relations Committee Meeting – Wednesday, October 14, 2015 6pm – City Hall Levi Meeting Room – Councilman Alphonso Thomas, Committee Chair.
- Stockbridge Business Association/Public Safety Committee Safety Talk – Tuesday, October 20, 2015 6pm – Merle Manders Conference Center – Councilwoman Regina Lewis Ward, Committee Chair.

- The Henry Herald will be hosting a candidate forum for the city of Stockbridge City Council candidates at the request of the citizens on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm at the Merle Manders Conference Center 111 Davis Rd. Stockbridge, GA.
- Coffee with a Cop - Saturday, October 24, 2015 8:30am – 10:00am – at Starbucks 1058 Eagles landing Pkwy. Stockbridge - Sponsored by Councilman Ford.
- City Council Work Session Meeting - Tuesday, October 27, 2015 6pm – City Hall Council Chamber 2nd Floor.

Executive Session was canceled.

Motion to adjourn: Buschman

Second: Lewis Ward

Vote: 4-1 (Ford opposed)