



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, January 8, 2019 @ 6:30 pm
City Hall, 875 Main Street, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30083

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor called meeting to order at 6:43pm. Councilmembers Mailman, Hollis, Johnson, and Bryant.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Mayor determined that a quorum was present.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Councilmember Hollis gave the invocation and Councilmember Mailman led the pledge of allegiance.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Christopher Hunt
5456 Peachtree Blvd
Atlanta, GA

He expressed his interest in improving the 5-way intersection at JBR Memorial Drive. He would like to present plans.

Claus Freise
6655 JBR Memorial Drive
Stone Mountain, GA 30083

He stated his concerns regarding paying DeKalb County Sanitation \$150.00 to exchange his dumpster.

Clint Monroe
5499 Woodsong Trace
Stone Mountain, GA 30083

He expressed his goals and vision to become City Councilmember.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

- Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting 12/3/18

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved for the approval of the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on 12/3/18, seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

No questions or additions.

Approved 4-0.

- Minutes of Special Called Meeting 12/18/2018

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved for the approval of the Minutes of the Special Called Meeting on 12/18/18, seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

No questions or additions.

Approved 4-0.

- Minutes of Council Work Session 12/18/18

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved for the approval of the Minutes of the Work Session held on 12/18/18, seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

No questions or additions.

Approved 4-0.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Wheeler advised that she had some communications from some citizens regarding the Amendment to Chapter 4 Animals but that she would hold them until we get to that item further in the Agenda.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE DAY

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved to adopt the Agenda of the day with the addition of the following items:

Under New Business

- C. To Consider Text Amendment Application for 6804 James B Rivers Memorial Drive, Stone Mountain, GA 30083; Parcel # 18 126 07 012.
- D. Clark Patterson & Lee Traffic Calming Proposal - Intersection of Ridge Avenue and Cloud Street.
- E. Employee Contract Between City of Stone Mountain and ChaQuias Miller Thornton.

New Ordinances and Resolutions

- D. Resolution 2019-01 to Set Qualification Fees for Elected Officials for the 2019 Calendar Year;

seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

Approved 4-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved for the approval of the Visitor's Center Agreement Renewal between City of Stone Mountain and Stone Mountain Memorial Services, seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson asked if there was a change to the Agreement. City Manager Thornton stated no.

Approved 4-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson advised that the Resolutions and Ordinances should reflect year 2019, but our Agenda has 2018, so she will be reading them as 2019.

- B. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved for the adoption of Ordinance 2019-01 – Amendment to Chapter 4 Animals, seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

Mayor Pro Tem questioned DeKalb County services for Animal control under this Amendment and if we have had a conversation with DeKalb. City Manager Thornton advised that we need to have the conversation with DeKalb if we will be using their Animal Control services. Officer Bob Hillis stated the section in DeKalb where police would have arresting authority under this Amendment. City Manager Thornton stated that there is nothing in this ordinance that states that DeKalb County Animal Control would still have the powers as they have had in the past.

Council questioned the penalties in the Amendment.

City Manager Thornton asked Council to send in questions by Thursday before the Work Session since there needs to be more clarity on the Amendment.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Rezoning Application from Current Zoning R-2 Traditional Residential to Proposed Zoning MR-1 Single Family Attached Townhomes; 6803 JBR Memorial Drive, Parcel #18 126 06 002 – Applicant Christopher Hunt

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved to defer the application until the variance issue has been resolved, seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

There were comments and questions regarding the application. The applicant Christopher Hunt spoke in support of his application.

The Mayor asked Mike Cooper from Planning and Zoning to speak on behalf of the Planning and Zoning Committee's recommendation.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson stated that motion is on the floor to defer, seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

Approved 4-0

- B. Letter of Engagement – Audit Services – James L. Whitaker, P. C. – For Year Ended December 31, 2018

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved for the approval of the Letter of Engagement for Audit Services with James L. Whitaker, PC for year ended December 31, 2018, seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

No questions or discussions.

Approved 4-0

- C. To Consider Text Amendment Application for 6804 James B Rivers Memorial Drive, Stone Mountain, GA 30083; Parcel # 18 126 07 012.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved for the consideration of the text amendment application for 6804 James B Rivers Memorial Drive, Stone Mountain, GA 30083; Parcel #18 126 07 012, seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

Mr. Mike Cooper was asked to come up and give the recommendation from Planning and Zoning on this item. Planning and Zoning recommended denial because approval would allow day care in every parcel of the OPI district and best way to resolve would be to go back to the previous zoning of residential.

City Council agreed to deny.

Denial 4-0.

- D. Clark Patterson & Lee Traffic Calming Proposal - Intersection of Ridge Avenue and Cloud Street.

Mayor Pro Tem moved for the approval of the Clark Patterson & Lee Traffic Calming Proposal - Intersection of Ridge Avenue and Cloud Street seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

City Manager Thornton elaborated on the proposal giving the break down on the fee proposal.

Approved 4-0.

- E. Employee Contract Between City of Stone Mountain and ChaQuias Miller Thornton.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved for the approval of the Employee Contract between City of Stone Mountain and ChaQuias Miller Thornton seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

Approved 4-0.

NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. Ordinance 2019-02 - Amendment to Chapter 24 Solid Waste

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved for the adoption of Ordinance 2019-02, seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

City Manager Thornton elaborated on the Amendment to the Solid Waste.

There were no questions.

Approved 4-0.

- B. Resolution 2019-02 - Resolution in Support of DDA Application for Revolving Loan Fund – East Mountain Development Group

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution 2019-02 in Support of DDA Application for Revolving Loan Fund – East Mountain Development Group, seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

There was no discussion.

Approved 4-0.

- C. Resolution 2019-03 - To Renew the Service Delivery Strategy for DeKalb County, Georgia and for Other Purposes.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution 2019-03 to Renew the Service Delivery Strategy for DeKalb County, Georgia and for Other Purposes, seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

There was no discussion.

Approved 4-0

- D. Resolution 2019-01 to Set Qualification Fees for Elected Officials for the 2019 Calendar Year

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved for the adoption of Resolution 2019-01 to set qualification fees for elected officials for the 2019 calendar year, seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

City Manager Thornton stated that the qualification fees are staying the same at 3%.

Approved 4-0.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Planning and Zoning

Mike Cooper gave a report for Planning and Zoning.

- B. Economic Development/Downtown Development Authority

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson had no report, but stated that next DDA meeting would be next Monday and Work Plan this Thursday.

C. Historic Preservation Commission

No report given on behalf of Historic Preservation Commission.

REMARKS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Councilmember Mailman asked Mike Cooper of Planning and Zoning to get with the Mayor and City Manager regarding the committee and its strength. He also spoke on his interest in making sure that school lunch accounts at the Elementary School are paid up to date.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson spoke on the Community Garden and thanked those for their support.

City Manager Thornton advised Mayor and Council that with their approval to adopt the budget for the increase in pay for the Patrol Officers, the Patrol Officers will have to move to a new grade within the Classification Plan and a Special Called Meeting before the Work Session for next week must be held to discuss.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Wheeler gave the timeline for filling the vacant seat of Councilmember Wells.

Mayor Wheeler also mentioned the State of the City Address on January 31, 2019 at 6:30pm.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

Unanimous.

Adjourned at 7:52pm.

Patricia Wheeler, Mayor

Alicia Daniels, Assistant City Clerk