



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday, March 5, 2019 @ 6:30 pm
City Hall, 875 Main Street, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30083

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wheeler called the meeting to order at 6:38pm.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Mayor determined that a quorum was present during the Special Called Meeting. Councilmembers Little, Mailman, Hollis, Johnson, and Bryant were present.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Councilmember Hollis gave the Invocation and Councilmember Mailman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Cindy Johnson
Executive Director for Side by Side
1001 Main Street
Stone Mountain, GA

Ms. Johnson spoke on the good service provided by Safebuilt. She encouraged the City to continue to support accessibility in the City on behalf of the individuals with brain injuries whom her location serves. She also thanked the Police Department for their responsiveness and to investigate the speeding along Second Street.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

- Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting 2/5/19

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved for the approval of the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on February 5, 2019; seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

No corrections.

Approved 5-0.

- Minutes of Special Called Meeting 02/19/19

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved for the approval of the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on February 19, 2019; seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

No corrections.

Approved 5-0.

- Minutes of Work Session 02/19/19

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved for the approval of the minute of the City Council Work Session held on February 19, 2019; seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

No corrections.

Approved 5-0.

- Minutes of Public Hearing 02/26/19

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved for the approval of the Public Hearing on February 26, 2019; seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

No corrections.

Approved 5-0.

- Minutes of Special Called Meeting 02/26/19

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved for the approval of the Special Called meeting held on February 26, 2019; seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

No corrections.

Approved 5-0.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications to be read.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE DAY

Mayor Pro Tem moved for the adoption of the Agenda of the day with one consideration to be added under New Business Item G, the approval of the bid for the Public Works Chipper in the amount of \$48900.00 with Vermeer Southeast Sales, Marietta; seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

Approved 5-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Contract Agreement – Main Street Stone Mountain and City of Stone Mountain – Services to be Performed for Farmer's Market.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved to remove Item A from the table; seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

Approved 5-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson then moved to remove Item A – Main Street Stone Mountain and City of Stone Mountain -Services to be Performed for Farmer's Market - from the Agenda; seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

Approved 5-0.

- B. Development of Interactive Zoning Map.

Mayor Pro Tem advised that Item B – Development of Interactive Zoning Map – was for discussion only.

City Manager Thornton explained that she has two meeting with service providers this week whom have had experience in developing Zoning Maps. She will bring the information from those meetings to Council at this month's Work Session.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Request to Consider Busking Permissions within the City of Stone Mountain

Mayor Pro Tem encouraged discussion only on the consideration of Busking Permissions.

There were comments and discussion by Council mostly on how it is a good idea and how it will bring vibrancy to the City; following up with other cities to research their procedures on Busking; question and discussion on forming a committee that will oversee the entertainment.

- B. Revised Version of the Agreement between the City of Stone Mountain, the Stone Mountain Development Authority, and GMCF Stone Mountain, LLC for Parking and Right of First Refusal

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved to approve the revised version of the Agreement between the City of Stone Mountain, the Stone Mountain Development Authority, and GMCF Stone Mountain, LLC for Parking and Right of First Refusal; seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

City Manager Thornton summarized the significant changes to the revised Agreement; name change from Georgia Military College Foundation to GMCF Stone Mountain, LLC; term for parking of a period of 30 years with no limit on the right of first refusal to the revised time of 50 years for both parking and right of first refusal; and addition of Section 4 which provides for the term of the Survival Agreement which states the survival of the agreement through the closing of the sale of the property to the foundation.

No questions by Council.

Approved 5-0.

- C. Requests for Annexation – Park Boulevard Properties, Stone Mountain

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson asked for discussion only on Item C – Requests for Annexation – Park Boulevard Properties, Stone Mountain.

City Manager Thornton explained that we have started the process for one of the properties in Park Blvd. The City has also received two other requests of annexation and will follow the same process as the previous request.

There was comment from Council of hopes this will help to build our City.

- D. Variance Application for Parcel 18 089 04 003, Stone Mountain, GA; Georgia Military College location for Deviation from the Office Professional Institutional (OPI) District Development Regulations.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved to approve the Variance Application for Parcel 18 089 04 003, Stone Mountain, GA; Georgia Military College location for Deviation from the Office Professional Institutional (OPI) District Development Regulations; seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

No questions by Council.

Approved 5-0.

- E. Variance Application for 6803 JBR Memorial Drive, Parcel 18 125 06 002 for Deviation from Chapter 28 Storm Water Utility, Article III. Stream Buffer Protection, Sec. 28-545. – Land Development Requirements.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved to remove from the table the Variance Application for 6803 JBR Memorial Drive, Parcel 18 125 06 002 for Deviation from Chapter 28 Storm Water Utility, Article III. Stream Buffer Protection, Sec. 28-545. – Land Development Requirements; seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

Approved 5-0 to remove from table.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson then moved to deny the Variance Application for 6803 JBR Memorial Drive, Parcel 18 125 06 002 for Deviation from Chapter 28 Storm Water Utility, Article III. Stream Buffer Protection, Sec. 28-545 – Land Development Requirements; seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

No questions by Council.

Denied 5-0.

- F. Variance Application for 5356 Charity Way, Stone Mountain, GA 30083, Parcel 18 074 02 038; for Deviation from the Single Family Residential (R1) District Development Regulations.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved to approve the Variance Application for 5356 Charity Way, Stone Mountain, GA 30083; Parcel 18 074 02 038; Deviation from the Single Family Residential (R1) District Development Regulations; seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

No questions by Council.

Approved 5-0.

G. Bid for the Public Works Chipper in the amount of \$48,900.00 with Vermeer Southeast Sales, Marietta.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved to approve the bid for the Public Works Chipper in the amount of \$48,900.00 with Vermeer Southeast Sales, Marietta; seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

There was question from the Council about the price of the Chipper where it states \$49,000 on the bid papers. City Manager Thornton explained that the City's Procurement Ordinance states that this amount should be brought before Council; however, it has already been previously budgeted. Council questioned three bids from three different Vermeer companies that bid against each other.

Approved 5-0.

NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution ~~2019-08~~ 2019-09 – To Fill the Unexpired Term of Steve Wells as Council Member, Post 2

Mayor Pro Tem moved for the adoption of Resolution 2019-09 appointing Bernard Waller to Fill the Unexpired Term of Steve Wells as Council Member, Post 2; seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

There was comment from Council thanking those that applied for consideration to serve the City.

Approved 5-0.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Planning and Zoning

No one was there to report from Committee. Assistant City Clerk, Alicia Daniels, advised that there were no items for Planning and Zoning this month.

B. Economic Development/Downtown Development Authority

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson introduced and welcomed the new Director for DDA, Allan Peterson II. Next meeting will be next Monday at 6:30pm.

C. Historic Preservation Commission

No report from the Commission. Assistant City Clerk, Alicia Daniels, announced that there were only three applications received so far for the HPC meeting this month.

REMARKS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

City Manager Thornton reminded Council that GMA Conference registrations will be conducted this coming Tuesday at 9:00am and will need Council's desired classes by the end of the week.

There were comment from Council thanking the citizens for attending today's meeting and elections in November for empty seats. City Manager Thornton advised the those interested in running to look for qualifying dates to be posted late August.

City Manager Thornton reiterated to Council that she sent out the mark-up of the Rock Gym and that there will be discussion over the next week as it is examined and to have on the next Work Session Agenda or even a Special Called Meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

Mayor had no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved 5-0.

Adjourned at 7:07pm.



Patricia Wheeler, Mayor



Alicia Daniels, Assistant City Clerk