

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

875 Main Street

Stone Mountain, GA 30083

Tuesday, November 1, 2016

6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem Chakira Johnson, Council Members: Richard Mailman, Steve Higgins, Andrea Redmond,

ABSENT: Mayor Patricia Wheeler, Council Member Susan Coletti.

STAFF: City Manager ChaQuias Thornton, City Attorney Joe Fowler, Chief of Police Chauncey Troutman, Public Works Director Jim Tavenner, City Clerk Kate Settle.

CALL TO ORDER: Council Member Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM: A quorum was present.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE: Council Member Redmond gave the invocation. Council Member Wells led the pledge.

CITIZENS COMMENTS (*Citizens are encouraged to speak but to keep their comments to three minutes*): The following citizens came forward to give their concerns, opinions and suggestions: Sara Abrams and Wanda Allen.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL:

- A. *Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting – October 4, 2016:* Council Member Redmond motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Council Member Mailman seconded the motion.
Motion approved 4-0.
- B. *Minutes of the Special Call Meeting - October 7, 2016:* Council Member Redmond motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Council Member Mailman seconded the motion.
Motion approved 4-0.
- C. *Minutes of City Council Committee/Work Session - October 17, 2016:* Council Member Redmond motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Council Member Mailman seconded the motion.
Motion approved 4-0.
- D. *Minutes of Special Call Meeting - October 25, 2016:* Council Member Redmond motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Council Member Mailman seconded the motion.
Motion approved 4-0.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE DAY: Motion by Council Member Redmond to approve the agenda of the day with the inclusion by unanimous consent to add renewal of property and casualty insurance proposed by Pritchard and Jerden for 2017-2018. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mailman. Council Member Johnson reported this item would be under New Business Item D.

Motion approved 4-0.

CONSIDERATION OF ANY LEGISLATION VETOED BY THE MAYOR: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. *DeKalb County Use of Facilities Agreement – Rock Gym - \$16,500*: Council Member Redmond made the motion to approve the DeKalb County Facilities Use Agreement – Rock Gym – \$16,500 starting December 1, 2016. Council Member Mailman seconded the motion.

Motion approved 4-0.

- B. *East Mountain Street Sidewalk Project – Additional Sidewalk Consideration*: Council Member Redmond opened the item for discussion. Council Member Johnson reported the City has not heard back from the contractor. It was the hope of the City to pay for the materials only. Council Member Redmond expressed her concerns regarding the project and the contractor.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. *Consent Agenda*: None.

- B. *City of Stone Mountain FY 2016-17MS4 Annual Report and Dry Weather Screening Proposal – Clark Patterson Lee*: Motion by Council Member Redmond to approve the contract between the City of Stone Mountain and Clark Patterson and Lee. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mailman.

Motion approved 4-0.

- C. *Presentation of the proposed Budget FY 2017*: Council Member Redmond opened the item for discussion. City Manager Thornton summarized the Workshop held to discuss the requests of the department heads. Council Member Mailman asked for the timeline for adoption. City Manager Thornton reported the Public Hearing will be held on November 21, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. The first reading of the ordinance will take place at the Work Session on November 21, 2016 following the public hearing and the second reading of the ordinance will take place at the Regular Meeting on December 6, 2016.

City Manager Thornton reviewed the budget memo which outlined options for consideration in each department, such as, employees' health insurance; training for employees and council; police department requests, funds for stormwater projects, and upgrades in the ADP portals; court requests and road repairs.

- D. *Renewal of property and casualty insurance proposed by Pritchard and Jerden for 2017/2018*: Council Member Redmond motion to approve the renewal of property and casualty insurance for 2017-2018 by Pritchard and Jerden. Council Member Mailman seconded the motion. City Manager Thornton referred to the report and noted on page 3 and 4 the properties to be insured and there will be 3.86% decrease in the insurance with the addition of the properties that were self-insured. She needed to present the item in order to secure the rates as quoted.

Motion approved 4-0.

NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

- A. *Ordinance 2016-19 - An ordinance amending Appendix A, Zoning, Uses – Churches to be placed on the November 21st agenda for first reading; placed on the December 6 agenda for second reading*: Council Member Redmond opened the item for discussion. City Manager Thornton reviewed the outcome of the Public Hearing and informed the Council that Planning and Zoning would be reviewing the ordinance on November 14, 2016. The first reading would take place at the November Work Session that will be held on November 21st; the second reading will be heard at the Regular Meeting to be held on December 6, 2016.

B. *Ordinance 2016-20 – Budget for Fiscal Year 2017; 1st reading November 21, 2016; second reading December 6, 2016.* City Manager Thornton reported on the timeline and to keep this as a place holder for the above mentioned meeting dates.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

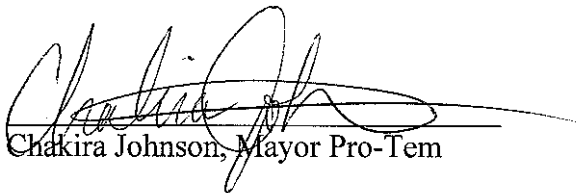
- A. *Planning and Zoning:* None.
- B. *Community Affairs:* None.
- C. *Economic Development/ Downtown Development Authority:* The monthly meeting in October was cancelled. The next meeting will be the Monday after Thanksgiving.
- D. *Finance:* None.
- E. *Community Outreach:* Council Member Redmond reviewed the polling locations for early voting. There will be a reunion of Stone Mountain High School Alumni at Jeffries in Braselton and they will be discussing fund raising for the Rock Gym. She reported on the days and times of various events in the village.
- F. *Public Safety:* Council Member Mailman thanked the members of the Annexation Committee for their services. He also thanked City Manager Thornton for her work and thanked the public for their attendance.
- G. *Public Works:* Council Member Wells thanked the public for their attendance. He reported that Public Works will be removing the playground debris for McCurdy Park. Holiday decorations will also be going up soon.
- H. *Historic Preservation Commission:* None.
- I. *Visitor Center:* The report was presented by Ms. Cumbie at the Work Session.

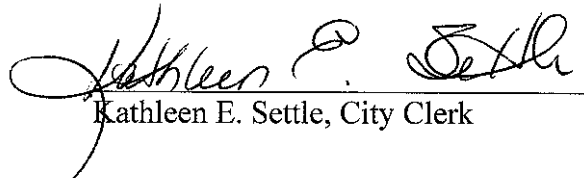
REMARKS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: Council Member Johnson spoke of the Community Garden and expanding it to VFW Park. She hoped to partnership with Atlanta Food and Farm and possibly working on a grant opportunity through USDA.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Redmond motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:22 p.m. Council Member Mailman seconded the motion.

Motion approved 4-0.


Chakira Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem


Kathleen E. Settle, City Clerk