

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
875 Main Street
Stone Mountain, GA 30083
Monday, December 6, 2016, 6:30 p.m.
MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor Patricia Wheeler, Mayor Pro Tem Chakira Johnson, Council Members: Susan Coletti, Richard Mailman, Steve Higgins, Andrea Redmond, Steve Wells

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Wheeler called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM: A quorum was present.

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

COMMENDATIONS: Officers Ferguson, Marlow and Palmer received commendations for their superior performance on duty.

CITIZENS COMMENTS (*Citizens are encouraged to speak but to keep their comments to three minutes*): The following came forward to give their concerns, opinions and suggestions: Mike Cooper, Diana Hollis and Walter Smoot.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL:

A. *Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting – November 1, 2016:* Council Member Johnson motioned to approve the November 1, 2016, as amended. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mailman.
Motion approved 6-0.

B. *Minutes of City Council Committee/Work Session - November 21, 2016:* Council Johnson motioned to approve the November 21, 2016 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coletti.
Motion approved 6-0.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE DAY

Request for unanimous consent to add under New Ordinances and Resolutions, Item G. Resolution 2016-42 – FY 2016 Budget Amendment: Motion by Council Member Johnson to adopt the agenda of day with unanimous consent to amend the agenda to include under New Ordinances and Resolutions, Item G. Resolution 2016-42-FY 2016 Budget Amendment and to remove Item 1B from the consent agenda for discussion under New Business Item D. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion.
Motion approved 6-0.

CONSIDERATION OF ANY LEGISLATION VETOED BY THE MAYOR: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Consent Agenda

1. Appointments by the City Council
 - a. City Attorney – Joe Fowler
 - b. Assistant City Attorney – Solicitor
 - c. Chief Municipal Court Judge – Honorable Warren Hoffman
 - d. Associate Municipal Court Judge – Honorable Mark Gaffney
 - e. Associate Municipal Court Judge – Honorable Latisha Dear Jackson
 - f. Legal Organ – The Champion Newspaper
2. Contract for Services Renewal City of Stone Mountain Art Station, Inc.
3. Contract for Services Renewal – City of Stone Mountain and Professional Probation Services, Inc.
4. Visitor's Center Agreement Renewal – City of Stone Mountain and Stone Mountain Memorial Association
5. Lease Agreement – City of Stone Mountain and VFW Park Stone Mountain Community Garden
6. Renewal Agreement between the City of Stone Mountain and Federal Property Registration Corporation

Motion by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Coletti to approve the consent agenda as amended.

Motion approved 6-0.

City Manager Thornton addressed a comment regarding Judge Dear. She reported on a meeting she called with the Judges to discuss concerns regarding Judge Dear. Judge Hoffman supports Judge Dear's appointment and hopes to implement a new strategy regarding timeliness to Court Proceedings. Council Members Higgins and Mailman asked for a report in three months regarding the new administrative procedures regarding the judges.

- B. Employment Contract between the City of Stone Mountain and City Manager ChaQuias Thornton:** Council Member Johnson motion for the approval of the employment contract between the City of Stone Mountain and City Manager ChaQuias Thornton. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion.

Motion approved 6-0.

- C. Contract between the City of Stone Mountain and Shepco Paving, Inc. for the Ridge Avenue Milling and Inlay Project in the amount of \$62,186.00:** Council Member Johnson motion for the approval of the contract between the City of Stone Mountain and Shepco Paving Inc. for the Ridge Avenue Milling and Inlay Project in the amount of \$62,186.00. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion.

Motion approved 6-0.

- D. Assistant City Attorney – Solicitor:** City Manager Thornton reported Solicitor Barnes-Wiggins has accepted the position of judge with the City of Pine Lake. She and Judge Gaffney will be sending resumes for attorneys willing to serve in her stead. The attorney action will be discussed at the next Regular Meeting.

NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

- A. Ordinance 2016-19 - An ordinance amending Appendix A, Zoning, Uses – Churches (second reading):** Council Member Johnson made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-19. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion. Council Member Johnson read the preamble of the ordinance into the record. City Manager Thornton reported the Planning and Zoning Committee met between the Work Session and the Regular Meeting and recommend approval.

Motion approved 6-0.

- B. Ordinance 2016-20 – Budget for Fiscal Year 2017 (second reading):** Council Member Johnson made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-20 – Budget for Fiscal Year 2017. Council Member Johnson read the preamble of the Ordinance into the record. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion.

Motion approved 6-0.

- C. **Resolution 2016-38 – A Resolution to Request the Georgia General Assembly to Annex Property into the City of Stone Mountain:** Council Member Johnson opened the item for discussion. City Manager Thornton reported Council had directed her to set up a meeting with Senator Henson. Senator Hansen is able to meet the week of the 12th. At the time of the meeting, City Manager Thornton did not have the exact date.
- D. **Resolution 2016-39 – The Annual Appointment of an Election Superintendent for 2017:** Council Member Johnson made the motion to adopt Resolution 2016-39, the Annual Appointment of the Election Superintendent for 2017 as the current City Clerk, Kathleen Settle. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion.
Motion approved 6-0.
- E. **Resolution 2016-40 – Setting the Official Holiday Schedule for 2017:** Council Member Johnson made the motion to adopt Resolution 2016-40 – Setting the Official Holiday Schedule for 2017. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion.
Motion approved 6-0.
- F. **Resolution 2016-41 – Appointment Prosecuting Attorney and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney:** Council Member Johnson made the motion to postpone Resolution 2016-41 – Appointment of the Prosecuting Attorney and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion.
Motion approved 6-0.
- G. **Resolution 2016-42-FY 2016 Budget Amendment:** Motion by Council Member Johnson made the motion to adopt Resolution 2016-42 – FY 2016 Budget Amendment. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion.
Motion approved 6-0.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

- A. **Planning and Zoning:** None.
- B. **Community Affairs:** Council Member Coletti reminded everyone the Women's Club Tour of Homes is being held over the weekend. Tickets can be purchased at the Antique Emporium and on the day at the Homes.
- C. **Economic Development/ Downtown Development Authority:** Council Member Chakira Johnson reported the Historical Society's Christmas Party will be held on December 10th at the Wells Brown House. Mary Beth Reed will be stepping down from the DDA. The new officers are Chair Jelani Linder, Vice-Chair Jennifer Galloway and Council Member Johnson will be acting as treasurer.
- D. **Finance:** None.
- E. **Community Outreach:** The Community Watch Group will be having a Christmas Party on December 22. There are new members that are interested in volunteering to serve on the Planning and Zoning Committee. She spoke of the Stone Mountain Elementary School and what a positive impact the principal has had on the school.
- F. **Public Safety:** Council Member Mailman wanted the public to be watchful and safe during the Holiday Season and made some suggestions. He also asked all to help your neighbors, particularly the elderly.
- G. **Public Works:** Council Member Steve Wells thanked Mr. Cooper for his comments. He thanked the City's efforts on cleaning up the leaves and putting up the Christmas decorations. City Manager Thornton reported Construction 57 will be milling the entire project on East Mountain. It will not be paved for 30 days. They will be placing door hangars on the residents' door. The City will give Construction 57 45 days to get the road

repaved. The discussion turned to the hole by Mrs. Hagen's home and the construction debris and safety hazards. City Manager Thornton reported on a recent phone call with Mr. Tony Blackman of the School Board and they would like to change the terms for the lease on the Rock Gym. She will be presenting the new terms at the Work Session.

H. *Historic Preservation Commission*: None.

I. *Visitor Center*: A report was provided by Ms. Cumbie at the Work Session.

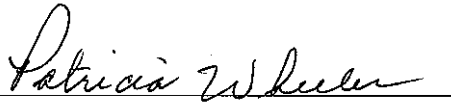
REMARKS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: Council Member Mailman was grateful for the Mayor's return. He thanked Mr. Cooper for his involvement with the library. City Manager Thornton thanked everyone for a smooth budget process.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR: The Mayor reminded Council to respond to City Manager Thornton regarding the DMA Meeting at the Double Tree. She reported the Work Session will be held on December 19.

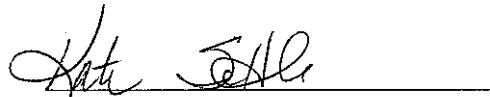
ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Coletti to adjourn the meeting.

Motion approved 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.



Mayor Patricia Wheeler



Kathleen E. Settle, City Clerk