

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
875 Main Street, Stone Mountain, GA 30083
Tuesday, October 4, 2016
6:30 p.m.
MINUTES

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

ABSENT: Council Member Steve Higgins.

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: 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 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, Joan Monroe, Susan Leisure, Latasha Way, Reverend Orea Parker, Diana Hollis, Rory Webb, Rhonda Brown, Anna Suslanobostik, Jennetta Fielderpitts, Dennis Rogers, William Gregory, Kent Morris, Jeff Carey, John Wade.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

- A. *Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting – September 6, 2016:* A motion was made by Council Member Johnson to approve the minutes as presented. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion.
Motion approved 5-0.
- B. *Minutes of the Special Call Meeting – September 19, 2016:* A motion was made by Council Member Johnson to approve the minutes as presented. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion.
Motion approved 5-0.
- C. *Minutes of the Committee/Work Session – September 19, 2016:* A motion was made by Council Member Johnson to approve the minutes as presented. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion
Motion approved 5-0.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE DAY: Request for unanimous consent to add under Ordinances and Resolutions: E. Resolution 2016-35 - To Adopt the 2016 Comprehensive Plan Update for the City of Stone Mountain and F. Resolution 2016-26 To Renew Service Delivery Strategy for DeKalb County and under New Business D. Amending Appendix A, Zoning Use – Churches.

Council Member Johnson made the motion to adopt the agenda of the day with the addition of Resolution 2016-35 - To Adopt the 2016 Comprehensive Plan Update for the City of Stone Mountain and F. Resolution 2016-26 to Renew Service Delivery Strategy for DeKalb County and under New Business D. Amending Appendix A, Zoning Use – Churches. Council member Coletti seconded the motion.

Motion approved 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF ANY LEGISLATION VETOED BY THE MAYOR: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. *DeKalb County Use of Facilities Agreement – Rock Gym - \$16,500:* City Manager Thornton reported the City had sent in a list of in-kind services. The School Board responded with requirements. There has been a discussion on how the School Board would like to credit the City for the in-kind services, whether it be at the beginning of the lease or at the end. It was the consensus for the item to remain on Unfinished Business until the item resolved.

NEW BUSINESS

A. *Consent Agenda:* None.

B. *East Mountain Street - Additional Sidewalk Consideration:* Motion by Council Member Johnson for approve of the East Mountain Street, Additional Sidewalk Consideration. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion. City Manager Thornton reported a change order would be presented to Council for the full amount. She asked for direction on how they would like to proceed. It was the consensus of the Council to negotiate to pay the cost of materials. Motion by Council Member Redmond to table the motion on the East Mountain Street Project – Additional Sidewalk Consideration until we receive pricing for materials and negotiation with Atwell. Council Member Mailman seconded the motion.

Motion approved 5-0.

C. *Report of the Annexation Study Committee – Annexation Study 2016:* Mr. Gary Peet gave a summary of the last Committee Meeting. He reported the next meeting will be held on the 10th at 4:00 p.m. City Manager Thornton reported that Resolution 2016-33 will request the funds for legal counsel for the Annexation Committee. No action was taken on this item.

D. *Amending Appendix A, Zoning Use – Churches:* Council Member Johnson reported the item will need to be discussed at a Work Session and the purpose of the item was to set the Public Hearing. City Manager Thornton reviewed the dates with Council. Mayor Wheeler asked the Council to consider a Special Call Meeting. It was the consensus of the Council to have a Public Hearing and a Special Call Meeting on October 25th at 6:30 p.m.

City Manager Thornton reviewed where “churches” are the permitted uses and conditional uses in Appendix A – Zoning District of the Code. She reviewed with the public what Council has been given in order to facilitate their decision regarding Jaya. City Manager Thornton asked for direction from Council in order to draft an ordinance for review.

Mr. Cary was recognized and he explained he thought he was operating in good faith. He hoped the Council would consider giving them a stay of execution until the City made a decision. Rory Webb questioned other churches residing in the General Commercial. Mr. Webb asked, if while the Council is making a decision, could they have services? Discussion included store front churches; moratorium on the zoning district; prescribing another use other than a church; the history of the Jaya’s two properties; placing a moratorium for 90 days and continuing to go through the process. Council Member Redmond made a motion for a moratorium on zoning regulations on churches, religious assembly in Village Center Mixed Use and General Commercial for 90 days, starting today. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion.

Motion approved 5-0.

The agenda moved to New Ordinance and Resolutions Item B.

NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. *Ordinance 2016-14 -Text Amendment to Appendix A Zoning – Accessory Structures:* Council Member Johnson made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-14 – Text Amendment to Appendix A Zoning – Accessory Structure. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion. Council Member Redmond depicted the size of a 24 x 24 structure for the members of the public. Discussion turned to the history of the item, the current sizes dictated by the Code and the setbacks necessary for the different size lots and sizes of structures.

Motion approved 4-1 with Council Redmond voting no.

The agenda moved to New Business, Item D.

B. *Ordinance 2016-17 - Amendment to Chapter 28, Article VI, Floodplain Management, Section 28-601(d)(1):* Council Member Johnson made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-17, Amendment to Chapter 28, Article VI, Floodplain Management Section 28-601(d)(1). Council Member Coletti seconded the motion.

Motion Approved 5-0.

C. *Ordinance 2016-18 - Amendment to Chapter 8, Article II, Flood Damage Prevention:* Council Member Johnson made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-18, Amendment to Chapter 8, Article II, Flood Damage Prevention. Council Member Coletti, seconded the motion.

Motion Approved 5-0.

D. *Resolution 2016-33 - FY 2016 Budget Amendment:* Council Member Johnson made the motion to approve Resolution 2016-33 – FY 2016 Budget Amendment. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion. City Manager Thornton reported there was an amendment to the Budget Amendment to include event revenue from Color Vibe. The amount was above what

was budgeted for the event. The DDA Executive Director asked that the funds be transferred to the capital projects fund to help purchase the HVAC for the depot. Council Member Redmond made the motion to amend Resolution 2016-33 to include the amount \$1616 be transferred into the Building Fund for the HVAC for the depot.

Motion approved 5-0.

- E. *Resolution 2016-35 - To Adopt the 2016 Comprehensive Plan Update for the City of Stone Mountain:* Council Member Johnson made the motion to adopt Resolution 2016-35 adopting the 2016 Comprehensive Plan Update for the City of Stone Mountain. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion.

Motion approved 5-0.

- F. *Resolution 2016-26 to Renew Service Delivery Strategy for DeKalb County:* Council Member Johnson made the motion to adopt Resolution 2016-26 to Renew Service Delivery Strategy for DeKalb County. Council Member Coletti, seconded the motion. City Manager Thornton explained that the finalization of the Service Delivery Strategy will not be finalized until Thursday. She asked that the Council approve the resolution contingent upon Thursday's outcome. The motion and the second were amended to include the wording "pursuant upon the issues we are negotiating."

Motion approved 5-0.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

- A. *Planning and Zoning:* None.
- B. *Community Affairs:* Council Member Coletti reported on a program, Granite Guardians. The program is honoring veterans with a banner displayed on Main Street. The Veterans do not have to be Stone Mountain residents. The forms are available through Diana Hollis. With the submission, one must include a photo to accompany the form. The banners will be hung throughout the downtown area in time for Veterans Day.
- C. *Economic Development/ Downtown Development Authority:* The next DDA meeting is on October 10, 2016.
- D. *Finance:* None.
- E. *Community Outreach:* Council Member announced upcoming events in the City: "It Takes a Village" event on October 15 and four business will be having their grand openings. She also reported the Sue Kellogg Library will be holding an event on the 24th, Victoria Wilcox will be speaking on the history of Doc Holiday.
- F. *Public Safety:* Council Member Mailman was disheartened by news of an elderly, handicapped resident in Shermantown who had to endure a robbery in Shermantown. He was also upset to learn citizens residing in Shermantown are fearful to call the authorities for fear of retribution. Council Member Mailman urged them to call the police and he promised he would work on getting more patrols in Shermantown.

G. *Public Works*: Council Member Wells reported McCurdy Park will be assessed on October 12. Council Member Johnson reported the fundraising for McCurdy Park has slowed. She did report that her firm, Jacobs Engineering, may provide in-kind services for the design and hoped they would facilitate the charrette. The City Manager Thornton reported representatives from the Pattilo Group will be in town on October 18th and 19th. She hoped to structure the community meeting at that time.

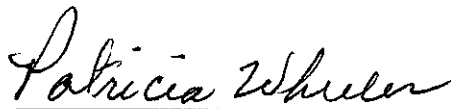
H. *Historic Preservation Commission*: None.

I. *Visitor Center*: None.

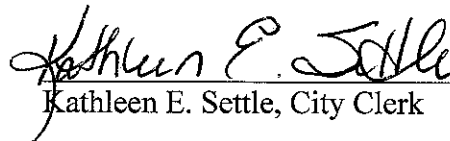
REMARKS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR: It was the consensus of the Council to hold a Budget Work Session on Saturday, October 15, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Johnson motion to adjourn. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion. **Motion approved 5-0.**
The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.



Patricia Wheeler, Mayor



Kathleen E. Settle, City Clerk