

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, February 2, 2016 @ 7:30 P.M.

City Hall

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Patricia Wheeler at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall. Present were Council Members Coletti, Higgins, Mailman, Redmond and Wells. City Attorney Joe Fowler was also present. Council Member Johnson was absent.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Mayor Wheeler determined a quorum was present.

INVOCATION

Council Member Higgins gave the invocation and Council Member Wells led the pledge of allegiance.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Mr. Claus Friese of 6665 James B. Rivers Memorial Drive addressed Council. Mr. Claus informed Council that the dumpster at The Village Corner has been missed for pick-up several times over the last several weeks. He requested that Council address the problem with trash pick-up and with the amount of litter and trash that is on the City's streets.

Laura Presley of the Council on Alcohol and Drugs addressed Council. Ms. Presley informed Council of the organization's program to prevent the sale of alcohol to minors. She encouraged Council to join in the initiative and provided ways in which the Council could do so.

Mr. Al Capogrossi of 5262 Poplar Springs Road addressed Council. Mr. Capogrossi informed Council of the near accident he experienced with a student on Mimosa during after school hours. He asked that Council consider implementing measures to help to ensure the safety of the students and to deter potential accidents in those areas where the students gather after school.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting – January 5, 2016

Council Member Mailman made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Member Coletti.

Council Member Coletti made mention of needed corrections. Mayor Wheeler called for a vote on the matter with the necessary corrections.

Motion approved 5-0.

Minutes of the Special Called Meeting – January 19, 2016

Council Member Mailman made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Member Coletti. No additions or corrections were noted.

Motion approved 5-0.

Minutes of the Committee/Work Session – January 19, 2015

Council Member Mailman made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Member Coletti. No additions or corrections were noted.

Motion approved 5-0.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

None.

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ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE DAY

Council Member Mailman made a motion to adopt the agenda of the day. Seconded by Council Member Coletti.

Motion approved 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF ANY LEGISLATION VETOED BY THE MAYOR

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

None.

Confirmation of Five Historic Preservation Commission Members – Al Capogrossi, Daniel Cook, Ed Hampson, Theresa Hamby, and Jane Rhodes

Council Member Mailman made a motion to table the item until the consideration of New Ordinance and Resolutions item D on the evening's agenda. Seconded by Council Member Coletti.

Motion passed 5-0.

NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 2016-04 Amendments to Chapter 3, Alcoholic Beverages – Discussion

City Manager Gary Peet informed Council that the proposed ordinance is relevant to the adoption of Georgia's minimum fire safety standards. First read of the ordinance is to be conducted on February 15, 2016.

Ordinance 2016-07 Amendments to Chapter 19, Parks & Recreation – Discussion

City Manager Gary Peet informed Council that the proposed ordinance is relevant to the adoption of Georgia's minimum fire safety standards. First read of the ordinance is to be conducted on February 15, 2016.

Ordinance 2016-08 Text Amendments to Appendix A, Zoning – Discussion

City Manager Gary Peet informed Council that the proposed ordinance is relevant to the adoption of Georgia's minimum fire safety standards. Public hearing on the matter is to be held February 15, 2016, with first read of the ordinance to be conducted on the same date during the work session of Mayor and Council.

Ordinance 2016-09 Amendment to the Historic Preservation Commission for Terms of Office – Second Reading 2/2/16

Council Member Mailman made a motion to approve, and rendered a second read of, "AN ORDINANCE BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN TO AMEND CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE II, HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION, TO PROVIDE FOR TERMS OF OFFICE FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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COMMISSIONERS; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.” Seconded by Council Member Coletti. There was an opportunity for further discussion. Council Member Coletti made a motion to amend the ordinances effective date to be the date of adoption of the ordinance. Seconded by Council Member Mailman.

Motion to amend passed 5-0.

The original motion to approve passed 5-0.

Council Member Mailman made a motion to take off the table, New Business Item B. Confirmation of Five Historic Preservation Commission Members – Al Capogrossi, Daniel Cook, Ed Hampson, Theresa Hamby, and Jane Rhodes. Seconded by Council Member Coletti. Motion passed 5-0

Confirmation of Five Historic Preservation Commission Members – Al Capogrossi, Daniel Cook, Ed Hampson, Theresa Hamby, and Jane Rhodes

Council Member made a motion to approve as follows:

- a. Al Capogrossi, to succeed Al Capogrossi, from the effective date of the ordinance through February 28, 2018.
- b. Daniel Cook, to succeed Daniel Cook, from the effective date of the ordinance through February 28, 2019.
- c. Ed Hampson, to succeed Ed Hampson, from the effective date of the ordinance through February 28, 2019.
- d. Theresa Hamby, to succeed Theresa Hamby, from the effective date of the ordinance through February 28, 2018.
- e. Jane Rhodes, to succeed Jane Rhodes, from the effective date of the ordinance through February 28, 2017.

Seconded by Council Member Coletti.

Motion passed 5-0.

Judge Warren Hoffman swore in the confirmed Historic Preservation Commission Members.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Planning & Zoning – No report.

Community Affairs – Council Member Coletti reported that the Downtown Development Authority will hold its annual meeting on February 18, 2016 at Stone Mountain Manor.

Economic Development/Downtown Development Authority – No report.

Finance – No report.

Community Outreach – Council Member Redmond reported that she has been working with the elementary school to obtain a refrigerator for the teacher’s lounge at the school and to help to improve communications with parents of students within the Hispanic population. Ms. Redmond also commented on the speeding that is happening on certain streets. The police department has been asked to increase patrol of those areas. She further reported on the complaints of missed trash cart and recycling bin pick-ups around the City. Ms. Redmond expressed her concerns

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about the amount of litter within the community. The community watch group has adopted a street to help with litter control.

Public Safety – No report.

Public Works – Council Member Wells thanked Council Member Redmond for her comments on litter control throughout the City. Mr. Wells reiterated the importance of everyone taking an initiative to keep Stone Mountain clean. Mr. Wells asked Public Works Director Jim Tavenner to address Council regarding a drainage issue on Pepperwood Trail. Mr. Tavenner informed Council that a drainage pipe has collapsed at 779 Pepperwood Trail and that situation will require an emergency purchase to fix the problem. City Manager Gary Peet informed Council that no action is required by Council in the matter and he concurs with Mr. Tavenner that the situation is an emergency situation. The cost of the repair is \$21,488.31 and will be paid for from the Storm Water Utility Fund. Mr. Tavenner also informed Council that the last testing for the wells at the corner of Main Street and Mountain Street reported negative for free product. A letter will be sent to the Environmental Protection Division requesting permission to close the wells. Council Member Wells asked that the sanitation issue be looked into. City Manager Gary Peet is working to resolve the matter.

Historic Preservation Commission – No report.

Visitor Center – No report.

Council Member Mailman made a motion to close regular session and to enter into executive session to discuss a personnel. Seconded by Council Member Coletti.
Motion passed 5-0.

Executive session was held.

Council Member Mailman made a motion to adjourn executive session and to reconvene the work session. Seconded by Council Member Coletti.
Motion passed 5-0.

Council Member Mailman made a motion that the City Manager is authorized to draft a plan for approval of the Mayor and Council to reconstruct the administrative staff. Seconded by Council Member Coletti. City Manager Gary Peet explained that the tentative plan is to reconstruct the administrative staff to include the positions of City Manager, City Clerk, Assistant City Clerk, and Clerk/Receptionist. The plan will include review, draft, and possible revision of the job descriptions for each position; budget; and organization.
Motion passed 5-0.

REMARKS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Council Member Mailman asked Mayor and Council, along with department heads to hold periodic retreats to discuss items that are relevant to the City. He asked that dates be considered for the initial retreat.

Council Member Wells commented on having seen the video detailing the traffic stop conducted by Sergeant Floyd. He commended the officer for conducting the stop in an appropriate manner.

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Mayor Wheeler the public to attend the next work session of Mayor and Council to be held on February 15, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Mailman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Coletti. Motion approved 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Patricia Wheeler, Mayor

ChaQuias Miller Thornton, City Clerk