

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, March 1, 2016 @ 7:30 P.M.

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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, Johnson, Redmond and Wells. City Attorney Joe Fowler was also present. Council Member Mailman was absent due to personal reasons.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Mayor Wheeler determined a quorum was present.

INVOCATION

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting – February 2, 2016

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Member Coletti. Council Member Coletti made mention of needed corrections.

Motion approved 5-0.

Minutes of the Special Called Meeting – February 15, 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 – February 15, 2015

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Member Coletti. Council Member Coletti made mention of needed corrections.

Motion approved 5-0.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Wheeler announced that the City has received its Georgia Power Franchise revenue for the 2015 fiscal year. The amount received was approximately 4% greater than the revenue amount received last year for the 2014 fiscal year.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE DAY

Council Member Johnson made a motion to adopt the agenda of the day with the addition of New Business item C. Bid Award – Construction 57 in the amount of \$978,779.00 for the East Mountain Street Sidewalk (Streetscape Phases III and IV), and the addition of New Ordinances and Resolutions item I. Resolution 2016-13 – Budget Resolution to Amend the FY2016 Budget. Seconded by Council Member Coletti.

Motion approved 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF ANY LEGISLATION VETOED BY THE MAYOR

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

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NEW BUSINESS

Consent Agenda – None.

Maintenance Agreement – City of Stone Mountain and Fulton Communications - Phone System (Mitel 5000), Digital Phones and T1/PRI

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Council Member Coletti. Motion approved 5-0.

Bid Award – Construction 57 - East Mountain Street Sidewalk (Streetscape Phases III and IV) - \$978,779.00

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Council Member Coletti. During further discussion City Manager Gary Peet informed Council that Atwell, engineers for the project, submitted a new recommendation letter to the City which recommends the award of bid for the project to Construction 57. The budget resolution that was previously adopted with regards to the project will need to be reversed. There will be a higher cost for construction than originally budgeted, but the increase will not constitute a tax increase.

Motion approved 5-0.

NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 2016-04 Amendments to Chapter 3, Alcoholic Beverages

Council Member Chakira Johnson made a motion to approve the second read of, and to adopt “AN ORDINANCE BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, FOR FIRE SAFETY REGULATIONS; 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. **Motion approved 5-0.**

Ordinance 2016-05 Amendments to Chapter 5, Buildings

Council Member Chakira Johnson made a motion to approve the second read of, and to adopt “AN ORDINANCE BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN TO AMEND CHAPTER 5, BUILDINGS, TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE AND EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.” Seconded by Council Member Coletti. **Motion approved 5-0.**

Ordinance 2016-06 Amendments to Chapter 10, Fire Prevention and Protection

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve the second read of, and to adopt “AN ORDINANCE BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN TO AMEND CHAPTER 10, FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION; 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. **Motion approved 5-0.**

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

Council Member Chakira Johnson made a motion to approve the second read of, and to adopt “AN ORDINANCE BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN TO AMEND CHAPTER 19, PARKS AND RECREATION, FOR FIRE SAFETY REGULATIONS; 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.

Motion approved 5-0.

Ordinance 2016-08 Text Amendments to Appendix A, Zoning

Council Member Chakira Johnson made a motion to approve the second read of, and to adopt “AN ORDINANCE BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN TO AMEND APPENDIX A, ZONING, FOR FIRE SAFETY REGULATIONS; CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY; 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.

Motion approved 5-0.

Resolution 2016-10 – Set the fees for fire safety inspections and plan review

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Council Member Coletti.

Motion approved 5-0.

Resolution 2016-11 – Set the fine for violations of Article III, Chapter 10 of the Fire Prevention and Protection Code

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Council Member Coletti.

Motion approved 5-0.

Resolution 2016-12 – Appointment of L’Erin Barnes to the Office of Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Council Member Coletti.

Motion approved 5-0.

Resolution 2016-13 – FY2016 Budget Resolution

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Council Member Coletti.

Motion approved 5-0.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Planning & Zoning – No report.

Community Affairs – Council Member Coletti reported that the ribbon cutting for the grand opening of Stone Mountain Manor will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. Council is to meet in a special work session on Saturday, March 5, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The Stone Mountain Business Association will meet Monday, March 7, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at Suntrust on 3rd Street. The annual Yard Sale event will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2016 – dumpsters will be available the week leading to the event.

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Economic Development/Downtown Development Authority – Council Member Johnson thanked all of those who attended the DDA’s annual meeting held at Stone Mountain Manor on Thursday, February 18, 2016. The DDA work session is scheduled for March 14, 2016 at City Hall at 6:30 p.m.

Finance – No report.

Community Outreach – Council Member Redmond reported that: the community watch group will meet at her home on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.; she has spoken to the regional manager of CSX regarding clean-up of the underpass; she would like the Mayor and Council to form a committee for mosquito control; she is still experiencing problems with sanitation pick-up; senior exercise classes are held at Mount Carmel Church.

Public Safety – No report.

Public Works – Council Member Wells reported that he has received an email from DeKalb County Commissioner Nancy Jester to attend a town hall meeting where some of the items discussed will be public works and watershed management issues. The meeting will be held Thursday, March 3, 2016 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Maloof Auditorium in Decatur. Mr. Wells announced that the wells at the corner of Mountain and Main Streets have tested negative for free product. The wells will be closed on Thursday, March 3, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Historic Preservation Commission – No report.

Visitor Center – No report.

REMARKS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Council Member Johnson informed Council that due to having to attend a funeral in Colorado, she will not be attending the special work session of Mayor and Council to be held Saturday, March 5, 2016.

Council Member Wells mentioned that the DeKalb County Commissioners voted on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 to approve funding for a new library to be located at Wade Walker Park. Mr. Wells has reason to believe that this action will lead to the closure of the Sue Kellogg Library that is located within the City. He encouraged elected officials, City staff, and the City’s residents to have a presence in meetings that are relevant to the City.

City Manager Gary Peet announced that on March 15, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. a public meeting will be held at the Wells-Brown House to receive citizen input on an update to the City’s Comprehensive Plan.

Council Member Coletti reported that the home of Sally and Dick O’hara burned last week and that Mr. O’hara passed away. She asked everyone present to keep the O’hara family in their prayers.

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Mr. Gary Peet announced that Mrs. Kate Settle will be joining the city staff on March 8, 2016. Ms. Settle will be the trainee to take the position of City Clerk when Ms. Thornton progresses to the office of City Manager.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Mailman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Coletti. Motion approved 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Patricia Wheeler, Mayor

ChaQuias Miller Thornton, City Clerk