

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

875 Main Street
Stone Mountain, GA 30083
April 5, 2016, 7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Council Member Redmond gave the invocation and Council Member Mailman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting-March 3, 2016

Council Member Johnson made a motion for the approval of the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held March 3, 2016. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mailman.

Motion approved 4-0.

Minutes of the Committee/Work Session-March 21, 2016

Council Member Johnson made the motion for the approval of the minutes of the Committee Work Session held March 21, 2016. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mailman.

Council Member Redmond reviewed corrections needed to the minutes.

Motion approved 4-0.

Minutes of the Special Called Meeting-March 25, 2016

Council Member Johnson made a motion for approval of the minutes of the Special Called Meeting of March 25, 2016. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mailman.

Motion approved, with necessary corrections. 4-0.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE DAY

Request for Unanimous Consent to add under New Business Item F Approve to Hang Banners – Color Vibe Event

Council Member Johnson made a motion for the adoption of the agenda of the day with one addition to New Business, Item F approval to hang banners for the Color Vibe Event for 2016.

Council Member Mailman seconded the motion.

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CONSIDERATION OF ANY LEGISLATION VETOED BY THE MAYOR

None.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Consent Agenda

None.

Allocation of Medical Plan Insurance Premium to Compensation – City Clerk
Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve the allocation of medical plan insurance premium to compensation for the City Clerk. Council Member Mailman seconded the motion.
Motion Approved 4-0.

Facility Use Agreement – Downtown Development Authority of the City of Stone Mountain
Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve the Facility Use Agreement between Downtown Development Authority and the City of Stone Mountain. Council Member Mailman seconded the motion
Motion approved 4-0.

Lease Agreement between the City of Stone Mountain and Georgia Municipal Association – Police Vehicle - \$40,948.00
Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve the lease agreement between the City of Stone Mountain and the Georgia Municipal Association for one police vehicle in the amount of \$40,948.00. Council Member Mailman seconded the motion.
Motion approved 4-0.

Appointment of Jelani Linder to the Downtown Development Authority Board
Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve the appointment of Jelani Linder to the Downtown Development Authority Board. Council Member Mailman seconded the motion and was very pleased Mr. Linder was joining the board.
Motion approved 4-0.

Approval to Hang Banners – Color Vibe Event
Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve to hang banners on Main Street for the Color Vibe Event. Council Member Mailman seconded the motion. Council Member Redmond questioned how many banners. City Manager Peet indicated the number of banners would be exactly the same as last year's event.
Motion approved 4-0.

NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 2016-10 Amendments to Chapter 3, Alcoholic Beverages

Council Member Richard Mailman motioned 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, TO PROVIDE

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DEFINITIONS; TO REGULATE LICENSING; TO PROVIDE REGULATIONS FOR LICENSEES ALLOWING PATRONS TO BRING THEIR OWN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; TO PROVIDE FOR FEES BY RESOLUTION; TO PROVIDE FOR TEMPORARY LICENSES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.” Council Member Chakira Johnson seconded the motion. City Manager Peet reminded Council at the Work Session there was discussion regarding the closing time.

Motion by Council Member Johnson to amend Section 3.867 to set the closing time for retail establishments at midnight instead of 10:00 p.m. Council Member Mailman seconded the motion.

Motion approved 4-0.

The original motion was then voted upon.

Motion approved 4-0.

Ordinance 2016-11 Amendments to Chapter 5, Article II, Historic Preservation

Motion by Chakira Johnson to approve the second reading of and to adopt Ordinance 2016-11, “AN ORDINANCE BY THE GOVERNING AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN TO AMEND CHAPTER 5, ARTICLE II, HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.” The motion was seconded by Council Member Mailman.

Motion approved 4-0.

Resolution 2016-14 to exempt DDA from the Open Container during Tunes by the Tracks

Motion by Council Member Johnson for the adoption of Resolution 2016-14 to exempt the DDA from the Open Container during Tunes by the Tracks. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mailman.

Motion approved 4-0.

Resolution 2016-15 - FY2016 Budget Amendment

Motion by Council Member Johnson for the adoption of Resolution 2016-15 FY2016 Budget Amendment. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mailman.

City Manager Peet reported on the necessity of the Resolution.

Motion approved 4-0.

Resolution 2016-16 to Set the Fees for Alcoholic Beverage Licenses

Motion by Council Member Johnson for the adoption of Resolution 2016-16 to Set the Fees for Alcoholic Beverage Licenses. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mailman. Council Member Johnson suggested lowering the fee for retail establishment from the \$500 listed in the resolution to \$100 or \$125. Council Member Mailman asked if that would be the only fee that

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would be changed. City Manager Peet reviewed other cities with similar ordinances and the fees associated with the privilege. Discussion included the fees associated with the application fee; permit fees being separate from the application fee; it being a revenue item for the city; the liability to the City; City licenses being below on some of the fees compared to other cities; the exact cost to the City; the privilege is to encourage sales or business; setting the fee at a reasonable cost as not to hinder a business from pursuing this new option but not to make it easily accessible.

Motion by Council Member Mailman to table Resolution 2016-16 to Set the Fees for Alcoholic Beverage Licenses. The motion was seconded by Council Member Johnson.

Motion approved 4-0.

Resolution 2016-17 the Issuance and Sale of a Tax Anticipation Note in the Principal Amount of \$825,000

Motion by Council Member Johnson for the adoption for Resolution 2016-17, the issuance and sale of a tax anticipation note in the principal amount of \$825,000. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mailman. City Manager Peet reported on the history of the item. He reported on the change in the principal amount of the TAN and the substitute resolution in Councils' packet.

Motion by Council Member Mailman to amend Resolution 2016-17 by substitution of the resolution contained in the closing memorandum for the tax anticipation note in the amount of \$795,000 and marked Resolution 2016-17 Substitute. The motion was seconded by Council Member Johnson.

Motion approved 4-0.

The original motion was then voted upon.

Motion approved 4-0.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Planning and Zoning: None.

Community Affairs: Council Member Redmond to report on Community Affairs during the Community Outreach report.

Economic Development/Downtown Development Authority (DDA): Council Member Johnson reminded everyone that the Farmer's Market will start on April 19. She asked for support in voting for Stone Mountain in the America's Main Street Project Competition. Tunes by the Tracks will start on May 6, 2016 and will be continuing every Friday in May and June and be returning in the Fall. ColorVibe is coming up on May 14. Council Member Johnson reported on the grand opening of a new business, Vim Rise, opening at the old bank building on Main Street, Wednesday, April 6 at 3:00p.m.

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Finance: None.

Community Outreach: Council Member Redmond reported April 18-23 is "Keep Stone Mountain Beautiful" in conjunction with Keep DeKalb Beautiful for the Georgia cities. Earth day is being celebrated on April 22 and the Great American Clean-up occurs in the same week. The Community Yard Sale is on April 23. She reported ten new members have joined the Community Watch. Community Watch requested the City and Citizens pick up trash on the sidewalks in an effort to make the City more attractive; they would like to see the street lines repainted and reported the need for sidewalk repair at the corner of Ridge and West Mountain. One member asked for street lights on Shepherd Avenue. Council Member Redmond reported there has been adult paraphernalia found in the playground at McCurdy Park and has notice increased activity of people driving in the City Cemetery. She hoped the Police Department would increase their patrolling of these areas. She also asked everyone to vote for Stone Mountain in America's Main Street Contest.

Public Safety: Council Member Mailman also felt there is a need to pick up the trash within the City. He asked for more strict enforcement of the litter laws. Council Member Mailman hoped the Chief would accompany him to Champion Middle School next week to discuss the problem of students congregating after school in front of the library. He thanked the Chief for his work on reducing the number of cars speeding on James B. Rivers.

Public Works: Council Member Wells worried about the students congregating in front of the library and felt some of the behavior of the students may adversely affect efforts to keep the library open. In the past, the County has wanted to close the library so he really hoped a solution could be found to alleviate the problem. He and Mr. Tavenner have met about repainting street lines. He asked the public to please let him or Mr. Tavenner know if there is a street they feel needs to have the lines repainted. Council Member Wells informed the public that he is doing his "quarterly clean-up" and hoped the public would inform him if there are problem areas.

Historic Preservation Commission: None.

Visitor Center: None.

REMARKS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: City Manager Peet announced that documentation has been delivered to Georgia DOT for the East Mountain Street Sidewalk project and the City is waiting for the Notice to Proceed on the project. He asked for a Special Called Meeting to be held once the Notice to Proceed has been received. The agenda items for the meeting will be the consideration of award of the contract to Construction 57 and Atwell Construction Management Proposal for the project's construction management.

Council Member Mailman thanked the public for their attendance at the meeting and to take advantage of Citizen's Comments. He was also very pleased that the Tax Anticipation Note amount was down by \$30,000 and thanked the City Manager and City Clerk for their hard work.

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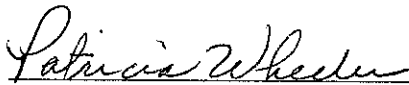
Council Member Redmond thanked all her members from the Community Watch for their attendance at the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR: Mayor Wheeler announced the next Work Session of Mayor and Council will be held on April 18, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

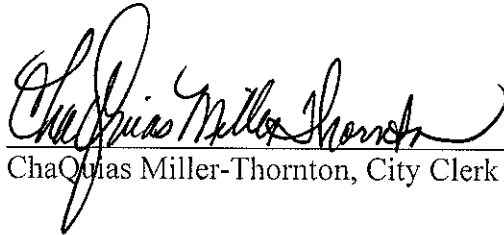
ADJOURNMENT: Council Member Johnson made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mailman.

Motion approved 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.



Patricia Wheeler, Mayor



ChaQuias Miller-Thornton, City Clerk