

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

875 Main Street
Stone Mountain, GA 30083
May 3, 2016, 7:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Present were Council Members Coletti, Johnson, Mailman, Redmond. Staff: City Manager Gary Peet, City Attorney Joe Fowler, City Clerk ChaQuias Thornton, Assistant City Clerk Kate Settle.

ABSENT: Council Members Higgins and Wells were absent.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

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

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Dianna Hollis, 735 Mountain Village Drive, spoke of her dissatisfaction with Advanced Disposal and their care of the trash cans. She reported on the difference in the service between Tybee Island and Stone Mountain.

Joan Monroe, 5499 Woodsong Trace, also reported on similar dissatisfaction with Advanced Disposal. Ms. Monroe reported the Frances Smith Community Garden has been revived by Mary Todd. Plots are available for citizens. Ms. Todd is asking for volunteers to help with the project. Ms. Todd's contact information is as follows: 770-342-9603, Smhcfforall@yahoo.com

Sara Abrams, 976 Ridge Avenue, gave an update on her efforts to rejuvenate Randolph Medlock Park. She attended a conference hosted by Park Pride and it was suggested to her to form a committee to work on the project. Ms. Abrams is working toward the creation of such a committee. Ms. Abrams asked what non-profit can she work under in order to start fundraising efforts or should she create her own in order to begin the fundraising process. She attended the Business Association meeting, a number of members do not want the City to take down the kiosk at Main and East Mountain Streets.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting April 5, 2016. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coletti. Council Member Redmond reported necessary corrections needed to the minutes.

Council Member Johnson amended her motion to approve the minutes as amended. Council Member Coletti amended her second to approve the minutes as amended.

Motion approved 4-0.

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Call Meeting of April 13, 2016. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion.

Motion approved 4-0.

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Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the Work Session Meeting April 18, 2016. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coletti. Council Member Redmond reported necessary corrections needed to the minutes.

Council Member Johnson amended her motion to approve the minutes as amended. Council Member Coletti amended her second to approve the minutes as amended.

Motion approved 4-0.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE DAY

Council Member Johnson made a motion to adopt the agenda of the day with the following additions to add under New Business: Item B. Facility Use Agreement between the City of Stone Mountain and the DeKalb County School system for the Rock Gym; Item C. Request to change the date and time for the Work Session scheduled on Monday, May 16, 2016; Item D. the approval of the proposed slate of officers GMA District 3 East, Officers for 2016-2017.

Motion approved 4-0.

CONSIDERATION OF ANY LEGISLATION VETOED BY THE MAYOR

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Resolution 2016-16 to Set Fees for Alcoholic Beverage License. Motion by Council Member Mailman to approve Resolution 2016-16 setting the fees for alcoholic beverage licenses. The motion was seconded by Council Member Johnson. There was further discussion regarding the fee schedule. Council Member Johnson motioned to reflect a change to the license fee for the retail establishment from \$500.00 to \$350.00 and temporary license from \$50.00 to \$25.00. Council Member Redmond was not in agreement with the amendment.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Coletti to approve Resolution 2016-16, as amended.

Motion approved 3-1. Council Members Coletti, Johnson and Mailman voting to approve the motion and Council Member Redmond opposing the motion.

The original motion was approved 3-1 with Council Members Coletti, Johnson, and Mailman voting to approve the motion and Council Member Redmond opposing the motion.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consent Agenda. None.

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- B. Facility Use Agreement between the City of Stone Mountain and the DeKalb County School System for the Rock Gym. Motion by Council Member Johnson to discuss the Facility Use Agreement between the City of Stone Mountain and the DeKalb County School Board for the Rock Gym. The motion was seconded by Richard Mailman. City Manager Peet asked that Council discuss the real estate matter in Executive Session. Council Member Coletti moved to table Item B, Facility Use Agreement, until going into Executive Session at the end of the meeting; seconded by Council Member Mailman.

Motion approved 4-0.

- C. Request to change the date and time for the Work Session scheduled on Monday, May 16, 2016. Motion by Council Member Johnson to approve the request to change the date and time for the Work Session scheduled on Monday, May 16, 2016. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mailman. Mayor Wheeler explained that the County was having a Public Works meeting on the same day and the timing was in conflict with the Work Session. Council Member Coletti suggested that Council send someone to the meeting to get the information to bring back to Council in order to keep the Work Session as scheduled. It was the consensus of Council to have representation at the DeKalb County meeting and not to reschedule the City's Work Session. Council Member Johnson withdrew her motion.

- D. Approval of the proposed slate of officers GMA District 3 East, Officers for 2016-2017. Council Member Johnson motioned for the approval of the proposed slate of officers for GMA District 3 East Officers for 2016-2017; President to be Mayor Patricia Wheeler and Vice President to be Mayor Jonathan Elmore of Avondale Estates. Council Member Mailman seconded the motion.

Motion approved 4-0

NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution 2016-18 Solid Waste Collection Fees – Discussion only.
Council Member Johnson motioned for Council to discuss the proposed Resolution 2016-18. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mailman.

City Manager Peet explained that the fees have not been changed since 2011. Advanced Disposal is currently charging the City \$207 per customer, per year. The City is charging the customers \$198.50, per year. The City is simply adjusting the fees to match the costs being charged by Advanced Disposal.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Planning and Zoning: None.

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Community Affairs: None.

Economic Development/Downtown Development Authority (DDA): Council Member Johnson reported the DDA Work Session will be held the second Monday of the month. The Farmers Market is in full swing. Tune by the Tracks starts May 6, 2016.

Finance: None.

Community Outreach: Council Member Redmond reported 20 bags of trash were collected for the Great American Clean-up. She thanked Council Member Mailman for delivering juice boxes to the elementary and middle school students during testing. She thanked Public Works for the street lights on Sheppard Road and Sheppard Cove. In June, Yard of the Month and City Walkers will begin. Council Member Redmond attended the Business Association Meeting which was held at the smoothie shop, Cool Breeze, and Cool Breeze would like a bicycle rack in front of their shop. Mayor Wheeler suggested putting the request for the bike rack on a future the Council meeting agenda. The business association also suggested a way to deter large trucks from speeding through Main Street.

Public Safety: Council Member Mailman reported that he and Chief Troutman met with the middle school principals regarding students congregating outside of the Library. He reported on several items that will be put in place. He felt that there still might be a need to give parents a ticket for those who do not pick up their children after 8:00 p.m.

Council Member Mailman expressed his concerns regarding an apartment complex located at boundary of the City limits. Citizens have contacted him and are upset about the appearance of the property and the impression it makes as one enters the City. He asked for contact information so he could follow-up on requests made by citizens.

Council Member Mailman reported on the amount of trash on our City Streets. He thanked all citizens who help pick up the trash every day. He asked the Chief of Police to please have his officers to ticket those that litter.

Public Works: None.

Historic Preservation Commission: None.

Visitor Center: None.

REMARKS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: Council Member Mailman congratulated the Mayor on being nominated as President of the GMA. He thanked the citizens for coming to the meetings.

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Council Member Coletti appreciated the citizens' involvement and hoped the attendance at the meetings would continue to grow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR: None.

Motion by Council Member Johnson to close the Work Session and go into Executive Session to discuss Real Estate matters. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mailman.

Motion approved 4-0.

The Executive Session was held.

Council Member Johnson motioned to reconvene the work session at 8:33 pm. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mailman.

Motion approved 4-0.

Council Member Johnson motioned to postpone the facility agreement with the Dekalb County Schools for Rock Gym. Council Member Mailman seconded the motion.

Motion approved 4-0.

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

Motion approved 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Patricia Wheeler, Mayor

ChaQuias Miller-Thornton, City Clerk