

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, July 5, 2016 @ 7:30 p.m.

City Hall

875 Main Street

Stone Mountain, GA 30083

**Minutes**

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

**STAFF:** City Manager Gary Peet, City Clerk ChaQuias Thornton, Public Works Director Jim Tavenner, Assistant City Clerk Kate Settle

**ABSENT:** Council Member Steve Wells

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Wheeler called the meeting to order 7:30 p.m.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE:** Council Member Redmond gave the invocation. Council Member Mailman led the pledge.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:** Al Capagrossi, 526 Poplar Springs Road, thanked the City for the efforts in cleaning up James B. River Memorial Drive.

Mark Keyton, 5380 Poole Street, needed clarification regarding the benefit to the City by widening 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Mr. Keyton was to meet with Mr. Peet within the week.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL**

A. *Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting-June 7, 2016:* Council Member Johnson motioned to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of June 7, 2016. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion.

**Motion approved 5-0.**

B. *Minutes of the Council/Committee Work Session – June 20, 2016.* Council Member Johnson made the motion to approve the minutes of the Council Work Session of June 20, 2016. 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 New Business.

Item F. Georgia Relocation Agreement – East Mountain Street Sidewalk Project

Item G. Permission to install and Approve Placement of Children's Book Lending Tree, Medlock Park.

Item H. Set the date – Dedication, Medlock Park Rehab Initiative – Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Council Member Johnson motioned to adopt the agenda of the day with the additions of Items F, G, and H. 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.* Council Member Johnson made the motion to table the DeKalb County Use of Facilities Agreement. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coletti.

**Motion approved 5-0.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. *Consent Agenda:* None.

B. *Amend the Employee Classification Plan:* Council Member Johnson made the motion to approve to amend the Employee Classification Plan. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion.

**Motion approved 5-0.**

C. *Agreement between LOUD Security Systems, Inc. Sales and Monitoring Agreement and the City of Stone Mountain:* Council Member Johnson made the motion to approve the agreement between LOUD Security Systems, Inc. Sales and Monitoring Agreement and the City of Stone Mountain. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion.

**Motion approve 5-0.**

D. *Intergovernmental Agreement between DeKalb County and the Cities of DeKalb for the Use and Distribution of Proceeds from the One Percent Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax:* Council Member Johnson made the motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between DeKalb County and the Cities of DeKalb for the Use and Distribution of Proceeds from the One Percent Special Purpose Option Sales Tax. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion.

Mr. Peet gave a brief history of the item and the work which is currently being done on the County level. He requested the item be tabled until more information is gathered from a meeting which will take place on July 6 at DeKalb County.

The motion and second were withdrawn.

Motion by Council Member Redmond to table the Intergovernmental Agreement between DeKalb County and the Cities of DeKalb for the Use and Distribution of Proceeds for the One Percent Special Purpose Option Sales Tax. Council Member Mailman seconded the motion.

**Motion approve 5-0.**

- E. *Request to change Regular Council Meeting Day from the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday to the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month.* Motion by Council Johnson to postpone the request to change the Regular Council Meeting Day from the 1st Tuesday to the 1st Monday of each month. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mailman.

**Motion approved 5-0.**

- F. *Georgia Relocation Agreement – East Mountain Street Sidewalk Project:* Council Member Johnson made the motion to approve the Georgia Relocation Agreement – East Mountain Street Sidewalk Project in the amount of \$82,465. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion.

**Motion approved 5-0.**

- G. *Permission to install and Approve Placement of Children’s Book Lending Tree, Medlock Park.* Council Member Johnson made the motion to approve the placement of Children’s Book Lending Tree at Medlock Park. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coletti. Council Member Johnson asked where the lending tree would be located at Medlock Park. Council Member Redmond recognized Katrina Grant of 613 Pennybrook Lane. Ms. Grant indicated the location of the lending tree will be between the basketball court and the lower tennis courts.

Council Member Mailman requested before the Lending Tree was put in place to speak to the Public Works Director to ensure they will not be digging near any electrical wiring.

**Motion approved 5-0.**

- H. *Set the date – Dedication, Medlock Park Rehab Initiative – Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.* Council Member Johnson motioned to approve the dedication of the Medlock Park Rehab Initiative on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coletti.

**Motion approved 5-0.**

## **NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

- A. *Ordinance 2016-13 Ad Valorem Tax Rate.* Motion by Council Member Johnson to adopt Ordinance 2016-13. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mailman.

City Manager Peet reported the extra funding generated by the increase in the milage rate would be dedicated to paying off the monies owed from the General Fund to the Stormwater Utility Fund. He clarified that the amount revenue generated by one mil is not \$80,000 but \$54,000 in revenue.

**Motion approved 4 and one, with Council Member Redmond voting against.**

- B. *Ordinance 2016-14 Text Amendment to Appendix A Zoning – Accessory Structures:* Council Member Johnson made the motion to postpone Ordinance 2016-14-Accessory Structures. Council Member Mailman seconded the motion.  
**Motion approved 5-0.**
- C. *Ordinance 2016-15 Text Amendment to Appendix A. Zoning – Parking on the Grass:* Motion by Council Member Johnson to postpone Ordinance 2016-15- Text Amendment to Appendix A - Parking on the Grass. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mailman.  
**Motion approved 5-0.**
- D. *Resolution 2016-21 Appointment of City Manager:* Council Member Johnson made the motion to approve Resolution 2016-21 Appointment of City Manager to be ChaQuias Miller-Thornton. Council Member Mailman seconded the motion.  
**Motion approved 5-0.**
- E. *Resolution 2016-22 Appointment of City Clerk:* Council Member Johnson made the motion to adopt Resolution 2016-22 Appointment of City Clerk to be Kathleen E. Settle. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion.  
**Motion approved 5-0.**
- F. *Resolution 2016-23 FY2016 Budget Resolution:* Council Member Johnson made the motion to adopt Resolution 2016-23 Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Resolution. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion.  
**Motion approved 5-0.**
- G. *Resolution 2016-25 Resolution in support of SPLOST:* Council Member Johnson made the motion to adopt Resolution 2016-25, Resolution in support of the SPLOST. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion. Council Member Mailman made the motion to amend Resolution 2016-25 by substitution. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion. Mr. Peet explained the resolution needed to be edited and believes the replacement Resolution is much better product. The project list is now Exhibit A.  
**Motion approved 5-0.**

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

*Planning and Zoning:* None.

*Community Affairs:* None

*Economic Development/Downtown Development Authority (DDA):* Council Member Johnson reminded the DDA Work Session will be held on July 11 at 6:30 p.m.

*Finance:* None.

*Community Outreach:* Council Member Redmond reported the Community Watch Group will be meeting at local businesses during the months of July, August and September. She has started volunteering with Must Ministries delivering bag lunches to the children in the area. They provide 250 sack lunches every day during the summer.

*Public Safety:* Council Member Mailman has been looking into ways to provide the Police Department with equipment such as, towers for the noise ordinance, tasers, and education for our officers. He thanked the staff who are changing positions for their work and wished them the best.

*Public Works:* None.

*Historic Preservation Commission:* None.

*Visitor Center:* Ms. Cumbie presented her report at work session.

**REMARKS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:**

Council Member Redmond thanked the Chief for their work over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Council Member Johnson reminded everyone that the back to school bash July 23 at the Baptist Lawn from 4-7 p.m. Donations are still needed for school supplies. There will be a Fish Fry which is a fundraiser for the DDA. Tickets are \$8.00 in advance, \$10.00 the day of Bash. A free movie will be provided at dusk, *Zootopia*.

Council Member Mailman challenged the Council and Mayor to step up and donate to the Back to School Bash.

Steve Higgins reported he has missed a couple voting meetings due to a conflict with another commitment but has not missed a work session.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR:**

Mayor Wheeler thought the Police Department did a great job over the entire 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Council Member Johnson made the motion to adjourn. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

**Motion approved 5-0.**

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Patricia Wheeler, Mayor

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Kathleen E. Settle, Assistant City Clerk