

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, December 1, 2015 @ 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, Johnson, and Mailman. Council Members Redmond and Wells were absent. City Attorney Joe Fowler was also present.

## DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Mayor Wheeler determined a quorum was present.

## INVOCATION

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

## CITIZENS COMMENTS

Sara Abrams of 976 Ridge Avenue addressed Council. She expressed how pleased she was with the Christmas parade and fireworks event.

## READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting – November 3, 2015

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

Motion approved 4-0.

Minutes of the Special Called Meeting – November 16, 2015

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

Motion approved 4-0.

Minutes of the Committee/Work Session – November 16, 2015

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

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 addition under New Business of Item G. Proposal #31724 submitted by Wildcat Striping & Sealing - \$21,842.00 – Repair of Cross Walks and the Speed Bump on Main Street. Seconded by Council Member Coletti.

Motion approved 4-0.

## CONSIDERATION OF ANY LEGISLATION VETOED BY THE MAYOR

None.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Advanced Disposal Rate Increase

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

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**Consent Agenda**

**Appointments by the City Council**

- (a) City Attorney – Joe Fowler
- (b) Assistant City Attorney – Solicitor – Larry Steele
- (c) Chief Municipal Court Judge – Hon. Warren Hoffman
- (d) Associate Municipal Court Judge – Hon. Mark Gaffney
- (e) Associate Municipal Court Judge – Hon. LaTisha Dear Jackson
- (f) Legal Organ – The Champion Newspaper

Contract for Services Renewal – City of Stone Mountain and Art Station, Inc.

Contract for Services Renewal – City of Stone Mountain and Professional Probation Services, Inc.

Visitor's Center Agreement Renewal – City of Stone Mountain and Stone Mountain Memorial Association

Lease Agreement – City of Stone Mountain and VFW Park Stone Mountain Community Garden

Renewal Agreement between the City of Stone Mountain and Federal Property Registration Corporation

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve all items under the Consent Agenda.

Seconded by Council Member Coletti.

Motion approved 4-0.

**Appointments by the Mayor**

Board of Ethics – Two Members Appointed by the Mayor Two Year Terms – 2016-2017

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

Motion approved 4-0.

**Appointments by the City Council**

Board of Ethics –One (1) Member Appointed by each Council Member for Two Year Terms – 2016-2017

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

Motion approved 4-0.

Renewal of Property & Casualty Insurance (2016 – 2017 Policy Period) – Proposal by Pritchard & Jerden

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

Motion approved 4-0.

**Bid Recommendation for Rockborough Storm Water Project**

Council Member Johnson moved to postpone. Seconded by Council Member Coletti. There was an opportunity for further discussion. City Manager Gary Peet informed Council that after the pre-bid conference there was addenda to be added to the bid documents and sent to the companies on the bid list. In an effort to ensure enough time to provide the addenda and to answer questions on the items, the bid opening was postponed until December 17, 2015.

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Bid Recommendation for East Mountain Street Sidewalk Project

Council Member Johnson made a motion to reject all bids received for the East Mountain Street Sidewalk Project. Seconded by Council Member Coletti. There was an opportunity for further discussion. City Manager Gary Peet informed Council that all bids exceeded the budget for the project. Alternates will be added to the bid so that there will be a base bid for the project with deductions for other items. It is expected to be bid out again after the first of the year 2016. Motion approved 4-0.

Proposal #31724 submitted by Wildcat Striping & Sealing - \$21,842.00 – Repair of Cross Walks and the Speed Bump on Main Street

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Council Member Coletti. There was an opportunity for further discussion. City Manager Gary Peet informed Council that Wildcat Striping will remove the brick and replace it with an asphalt compound and stamped a brick red color.

Motion approved 4-0.

## NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 2015-13 – Budget for Fiscal Year 2016

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

There was an opportunity for further discussion. City Manager Gary Peet informed Council that Exhibit 1 of the budget ordinance includes amendments.

Council Member Johnson made a motion to amend the original motion and to adopt Ordinance 2015-13 with Exhibit 1 as amended. Seconded by Council Member Coletti.

Motion approved 4-0.

Resolution 2015-33 – Amendment to 2015 Budget

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

There was an opportunity for further discussion. City Manager Gary Peet informed Council that there are two amendments to the resolution. He explained the proposed amendments.

Council Member Higgins made a motion to approve resolution 2015-33 with amendment 1 for the expense relative to parking lot paving at the Historic Rock Gym. Seconded by Council Member Coletti.

Motion approved 4-0.

Council Member Higgins made a motion to approve resolution 2015-33 with amendment 2 for increase in contributions revenue. Seconded by Council Member Coletti.

Motion approved 4-0.

The original motion passed 4-0.

Resolution 2015-34 – Annual Appointment of an Election Superintendent for 2016

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve the appointment of City Clerk ChaQuias Miller-Thornton as Election Superintendent for 2016. Seconded by Council Member Coletti.

Motion approved 4-0.

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Resolution 2015-35 – Set Official Holiday Schedule for 2016

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

Motion approved 4-0

Resolution 2015-36 – Conditional Appointment of ChaQuias Miller-Thornton to the Position of City Manager

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

Motion approved 4-0

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Planning & Zoning – No report.

Community Affairs – Council Member Coletti announced the following events: Stone Mountain Women's Club Home Tour – December 12<sup>th</sup>; ART Station's Out to Lunch Series – December 14<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon; ART Station – Teresa Hightower presents Christmas in the Theater – December 18<sup>th</sup>; Stories with Santa event – December 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am; Live Nativity on the Baptist Church lawn – December 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Council Member Johnson announced that the Stone Mountain Historical Society will have its annual Christmas party on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Economic Development/Downtown Development Authority – Mayor Pro-tem Johnson reported for DDA. Ms. Johnson reported that the Christmas parade was held Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 and that it was the largest parade had thus far. She thanked the police department and the public works department for their assistance with the event. She informed Council that the DDA will only meet once in December to hold its work session. The work session will be held on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 6:30pm at City Hall.

Finance – No report.

Community Outreach – No. report.

Public Safety – Council Member Mailman encouraged all citizens to be safe and to watch out for their neighbors and the elderly during cold and inclement weather.

Public Works – No report.

Historic Preservation Commission – No report.

Visitor Center – Mayor Wheeler reported during the Visitor Center report that VC Manager Kim Cumbie came through her surgery and is doing well.

## REMARKS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Council Member Coletti asked that all would keep Emma Brookes in their prayers. Ms. Brookes has undergone knee surgery. City Manager Gary Peet asked all to keep Stone Mountain Administrative Assistant Alicia Daniels and her family in their prayers. Ms. Daniel's grandfather passed away and Ms. Daniel's is traveling to Ohio for the funeral. She will be returning on Thursday.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Wheeler asked that all would keep Council Member Redmond and her family in their prayers. One of Ms. Redmond's family members is in hospice.

Mayor Wheeler also announced that the next scheduled meeting of Mayor and Council will be the work session to be held Monday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 at 6:00pm. She invited all to attend.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Johnson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Mailman. Motion approved 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

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Patricia Wheeler, Mayor

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ChaQuias Miller Thornton, City Clerk