

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, February 3, 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, Mailman, Redmond, and Wells and Joe Fowler, City Attorney.

## 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 – January 6, 2015

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Member Coletti.

Motion approved 6-0.

Minutes of the Special Called Meeting – January 20, 2015

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Member Coletti.

Motion approved 6-0.

Minutes of the Committee/Work Session – January 20, 2015

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Member Coletti.

Motion approved 6-0.

## READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

None.

## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE DAY

Council Member Johnson made a motion to adopt the agenda of the day. Seconded by Council Member Coletti.

Motion approved 6-0.

## CONSIDERATION OF ANY LEGISLATION VETOED BY THE MAYOR

None

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

## NEW BUSINESS

Consent Agenda – No items.

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CSX Transportation Agreement No. CSX775913 – Right-Of-Entry Access to CSX Transportation, Inc. Property for Certain Environmental Investigatory Work  
Council Member Johnson made a motion to postpone. Seconded by Council Member Coletti. There was an opportunity for further discussion. City Manager Gary Peet informed Council that the City's insurance agent is to get with the underwriters to determine the cost of \$5 million in general liability coverage as required by the agreement.  
Motion passed 6-0.

Contract Amendment for Recycling Collection and Disposal Service Program – Advanced Disposal Services of Atlanta, LLC  
Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Council Member Coletti. There was an opportunity for further discussion. Council Member Redmond informed Council that several residents have voiced their desire to obtain larger recycling containers or lids for the smaller containers. City Manager Gary Peet informed Council that the motion on the table is for an amendment to the recycling program for commercial accounts only.  
Motion passed 6-0.

Stone Mountain Historical Society – Short Term Facility Use Agreement – Rock Gym – February 14, 2015  
Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Council Member Coletti.  
Motion passed 6-0.

Lease Agreement – City of Stone Mountain and VFW Park Stone Mountain Community Garden  
Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Council Member Coletti. There was an opportunity for further discussion. Council Member Redmond asked how residents can apply for a box garden. Residents are to contact Chakira Johnson.  
Motion passed 6-0.

## NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 2015-02 – HPC-To Increase Maximum Number of Commissioners From Five to Seven  
Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Council Member Coletti.  
Motion passed 6-0.

Resolution 2015-06 – FY 2015 Budget Agreement  
Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Council Member Coletti.  
Motion passed 6-0.

Resolution 2015-07 – To Add Commercial Recycling  
Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Council Member Coletti.  
Motion passed 6-0.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Planning & Zoning – No report.

Community Affairs – Council Member Coletti reported that Raising of the Green will be held at The Art Station on March 17, 2015 from 6:00 P.M. to 9:30 P.M. She also reported that High Tea

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will be held at Café Jaya Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 3:00 P.M. and that the Citywide Spring Yard Sale will be held Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Economic Development/Downtown Development Authority – Mayor Pro-tem Johnson reported that DDA will hold its Kick-off Event Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. at Silver Hill Manor and that the DDA will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 at 6:30 P.M.

Finance – No report.

Community Outreach – Council Member Redmond reported that the community watch group for Ridge, Mimosa, Manor, West Mountain, and Poplar will meet at the German Bakery on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. She also reported that Community Clean-up will be held at 1006 Ridge Avenue on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Public Safety – No report.

Public Works – Council Member Wells reported that leaf vacuuming of the town and the cemetery is nearing completion and that the crossing at Mimosa will be open tomorrow afternoon Wednesday, February 4, 2015. The City has been informed that the CSX crossing at Rockbridge and Stone Mountain-Lithonia Road will be closing for repairs in a few days.

Historic Preservation Commission – Mr. Al Capogrossi reported that HPC will not hold a meeting During February 2015 because there are no items to consider.

Visitor Center – No report.

## REMARKS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Council Member Mailman thanked those citizens in attendance and invited them to voice their opinions on the items that are up for discussion during the monthly committee/work sessions.

Mayor Wheeler asked Council Member Redmond to help other community watch groups to get organized. Ms. Redmond informed Council that she has offered her assistance and will be glad to help other community neighborhoods to organize watch groups.

Mayor Wheeler asked Council Member Wells to meet with Mr. Al Lipphardt. Mr. Lipphardt is interested in helping Stone Mountain to become a Purple Heart Community.

Mayor Pro-tem Chakira Johnson thanked Chief Troutman for looking out for the safety of the officials and the community by placing security at the meeting.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Wheeler announced that Lynn Dundon, founder of Life is Sweet, will hold a fundraiser at Art Station on Saturday February 21, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. to raise monies for the purchase of Automatic External Defibrillators for the police department.

## ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Johnson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Coletti. Motion approved 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

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Patricia Wheeler, Mayor

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ChaQuias Miller Thornton, City Clerk