

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, March 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 Higgins 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 – February 3, 2015

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Member Coletti. There was an opportunity for mention of additions or corrections to the minutes. Mr. Wells made mention of a correction to be made in paragraph 3 of page 3 under Remarks of Personal Privilege – Mr. Lupar should be changed to Mr. Lipphardt.

Motion approved 6-0.

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

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

Motion approved 6-0.

Minutes of the Special Called Meeting – February 19, 2015

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Member Coletti. There was an opportunity for mention of additions or corrections to the minutes. Mrs. Coletti made mention that the word “be” should be added after the word “can” and before the word “reviewed” in paragraph 3 under New Ordinances and Resolutions.

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

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NEW BUSINESS

Consent Agenda – No items.

Network Copier Maintenance Agreement – City of Stone Mountain and Standard Office Systems
Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Council Member Coletti.

There was an opportunity for further discussion.

Motion passed 6-0.

Maintenance Agreement – City of Stone Mountain and Fulton Communications - Phone System
(Mitel 5000), Digital Phones and T1/PRI

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

There was an opportunity for further discussion.

Motion passed 6-0.

Long Term Facility Use Agreement - City of Stone Mountain and Ray of Hope – Use of
McCurdy Park for Baseball – Term March 4, 2015 - July 5, 2015 - \$3,200.00

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

There was an opportunity for further discussion. Councilmember Mailman asked for
clarification of the days of usage per the terms of the contract. He also inquired as to whether the
field is locked during the days that Ray of Hope will be contracted to use the facility. Public
Works Director Jim Tavenner informed Council that the field will be locked on the days that the
facility is not in use.

Motion passed 6-0.

Street Closure for the Granite Grasshopper Festival 5K– April 18, 2015

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

There was an opportunity for further discussion. Chief Troutman informed Council that the road
closure plan has been reviewed by both himself and Public Works Director Jim Tavenner.

Motion passed 6-0.

Lease Agreement between the City of Stone Mountain and Georgia Municipal Association –
Vehicles - \$169,690.05

Council Member Johnson made a motion to postpone this item until the April 7th, 2015 regular
session of Council. Seconded by Council Member Coletti. There was an opportunity for further
discussion.

Motion passed 6-0.

Lease Agreement between the City of Stone Mountain and Georgia Municipal Association –
Vigilant License Plate Reader and Copier - \$17,750.00

Council Member Johnson made a motion to postpone this item until the April 7th, 2015 regular
session of Council. Seconded by Council Member Coletti. There was an opportunity for further
discussion.

Motion passed 6-0.

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NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2015-10 – FY 2015 Budget Amendment

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 the Citywide Spring Yard Sale will be held Saturday, April 25th, 2015 and that ProShred will be available for shredding from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. She also reported that dumpsters will be placed around town during the week of the event and that the City will be implementing the yard sale trail at a fee of \$5.00 for city residents.

Economic Development/Downtown Development Authority – Mayor Pro-tem Johnson reported that DDA will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on March 23rd, 2015 at 6:30 P.M. at City Hall.

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 Café Jaya on Saturday, March 7th, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. She also reported that she is looking into the possibility of using the Rock Gym for exercise classes for seniors and dancers. She reported some feedback that she has received on the City's new website and that the Farmers Market will be returning on April 7th, 2015.

Public Safety – Council Member Mailman reported for the Public Safety Committee. He encouraged citizens to report police and emergency matters to 911 as opposed/or in addition to posting them online. He also encouraged citizens to be careful during the winter weather conditions.

Public Works – Council Member Wells reported on the April 11th, 2015 clean-up of McCurdy Park from 9:00 A.M. to approximately 11:00 A.M. He further informed Council that he has submitted a \$25,000 grant application to the State of Georgia for road and street repairs within the City.

Historic Preservation Commission – Mr. Al Capogrossi reported that HPC did not hold a meeting During February 2015 because there were no items to consider. He asked Council to consider what avenues the City may be able to pursue to have the condemned home on East Mountain restored as opposed to demolished. There was some discussion on the matter. Mr. Capogrossi also informed Council that the next HPC meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 11th, 2015 and that Code Compliance Officer Sanja Roseberry will be present at the meeting. Mayor Wheeler informed Council that the two open seats on the HPC will be advertised and the process to fill the vacancies will be undergone.

Visitor Center – Mayor Wheeler reported that Visitor Center Director Kim Cumbie went to a state conference and is working on attaining state leadership certification. She encouraged those members having anything to place on the website calendar to notify Mrs. Cumbie of those items.

REMARKS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Council Member Higgins informed those in attendance that pickleball is being held at the Rock Gym on Tuesdays and Thursdays and that the schedule for the sport may change with the coming

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of baseball season. He asked that those interested please look for notice to be posted about the scheduled pickleball times.

Council Member Wells announced that a proposed revision of the City's sign ordinance is forthcoming. He also made mention of the need to have 2 events per year (this year and every year forward) in conjunction with the Vietnam Memorial 50th Year Anniversary. He thanked Executive Director Mechel McKinley, City Manager Gary Peet, and staff for the work done on the City's new website.

Mayor Pro-tem Chakira Johnson informed those in attendance that the Community Garden kick-off meeting will be held Wednesday March 4th, 2015 at 6:30 at Café Jaya.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Johnson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Coletti. Motion approved 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Patricia Wheeler, Mayor

ChaQuias Miller Thornton, City Clerk