

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, April 7, 2015 @ 7:30 P.M.

City Hall

## CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Patricia Wheeler at 7:35 p.m. at City Hall immediately following adjournment of public hearing. 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

Pam Deloach, 1066 Third Street, addressed Council. She thanked Council for the pedestrian crossing signs that have been placed within the City.

Mayor Wheeler thanked all those present for attending the regular session of Council.

## READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting – March 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. Motion approved 6-0.

Minutes of the Committee/Work Session – March 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 – March 26, 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. Motion approved 6-0.

## READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Wheeler read correspondence from Ms. Sharon Frierson thanking Chief Troutman and the Stone Mountain Police Department for a job well done in responding to drug activity in Ms. Frierson's neighborhood. Ms. Frierson thanked the police department for restoring a feeling a safety in her neighborhood.

## 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.

Lease Agreement between the City of Stone Mountain and Georgia Municipal Association – Vehicles - \$167,799.82

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve. 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 - \$17,683

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Council Member Coletti. There was an opportunity for further discussion.

Motion passed 6-0.

Deed to Secure Debt – Between Downtown Development Authority of the City of Stone Mountain and the City of Stone Mountain – 5325 Manor Drive

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Council Member Coletti. There was an opportunity for further discussion.

Motion passed 6-0.

Application for Variance of Sign Ordinance– 6655 James B. Rivers Drive – The Village Corner – Claus and Hilde Friese, Owners

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Council Member Coletti. There was an opportunity for further discussion.

Motion passed 5-0-1. Council Members Coletti, Higgins, Johnson, Mailman, Redmond voted in favor. No members voted against the motion. Council Member Wells abstained.

Alcoholic Beverage Privilege Application – Café Jaya, Inc. – 6566 J. B. R. Memorial Dr. – Jeffrey A. Carey and Rory L. Webb, Owners

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Council Member Coletti. There was an opportunity for further discussion.

Motion passed 6-0.

Approval to Hang Banners – Color Vibe Event 2015

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Council Member Coletti. There was an opportunity for further discussion.

Motion passed 6-0.

**NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution 2015-13 – FY 2015 Budget Amendment

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

Motion passed 6-0.

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Resolution 2015-16 – The Issuance and Sale of a Tax Anticipation Note in the Principal Amount of \$850,000

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 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and that ProShred will be available for shredding from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. She also reported that additional dumpsters will be available April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 through May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. The City is implementing the yard sale trail at a fee of \$5.00 for city residents.

City Manager Gary Peet informed Council that the City organizing a press conference/ribbon cutting for the Historic Train Depot to be held on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at the depot.

Economic Development/Downtown Development Authority – Mayor Pro-tem Johnson reported that the Granite Grasshopper Festival will be held on Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 with music and other activities being incorporated into the event from 11:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Ms. Johnson also reported that DDA will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 1023 Forest Avenue on Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. She informed Council that she has received a few complaints about stagnant water on Central and James B. Rivers. She also informed Council that she will report more on the senior and dance size exercise classes at the next work session. Ms. Redmond reported that the Farmers Market started again today, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Public Safety – Council Member Mailman reported for the Public Safety Committee. He encouraged everyone to watch out for the children while they are out on spring break and he further encouraged citizens to report police and emergency matters to 911. He also encouraged everyone to be courteous and cordial to all of the visitors that are frequenting the City.

Public Works – Council Member Wells reported that dumpsters will be placed at McCurdy, Leila Mason, and Medlock parks, and an electronics dumpster will be placed behind the depot during the week before and the week after the city-wide yard sale. A tree is scheduled to be removed from the City Cemetery within one to two weeks. He also reported that mulch has been placed at Leila Mason Park and at Jim's Place. Mr. Wells gave a reminder of the clean-up of McCurdy to be held on the April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 9:00 A.M. to approximately 11:00 A.M.

Historic Preservation Commission – No report.

Visitor Center – No report.

## REMARKS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Council Member Mailman informed Public Works Director Jim Tavenner that one of the city's street signs has been knocked down at the corner of Sheppard Road and Cloud Street. He also stated that it would be nice to see such a good crowd of citizens at every session of Mayor and Council.

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Council Member Johnson encouraged everyone to attend the Council Committee/Work Sessions held on every third Monday of the month. She informed everyone that the work sessions offer and opportunity for discussion of the agenda items for those meetings.

Council Member Steve Wells mentioned that he was at today's Farmers Market and that he expects the market to grow and to get even better as time progresses. He also reported that he was not happy with the outcome of the City's annexation plan and he thanked all of those that helped and participated in the annexation efforts. He encouraged everyone to express to their state representatives and to the DeKalb Delegation, their concerns about existing City's not having a real voice in the annexation process. Council Member Johnson, Council Member Mailman, and City Manager Gary Peet expressed their concerns and opinions about the outcome of Stone Mountain's annexation plan and, each one complimented the efforts of many that helped and lobbied during the process. Mayor Wheeler thanked everyone who served on the Annexation Task Force.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR**

Mayor Wheeler again, encouraged everyone to attend the Committee/Work Session to be held on April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. She further reported that the Historical Society will have a Spaghetti Supper fundraiser on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Wells Cargo and that the Stone Mountain Business Association meeting will be held on the same night.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Johnson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Coletti. Motion approved 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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Patricia Wheeler, Mayor

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ChaQuias Miller Thornton, City Clerk