

# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, May 5, 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 City Attorney Joe Fowler.

## 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 – April 7, 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. Council Member Wells mentioned that a correction should be made on Page 2 to the noted vote of the motion made for the approval of the Application for Variance of the Sign Ordinance for The Village Corner. The motion should be corrected to reflect a vote of 5-0-1, with Council Members Coletti, Higgins, Johnson, Mailman, and Redmond voting for the motion, and Council Member Wells abstaining from vote in the matter.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held April 7, 2015, with the necessary corrections, passed 6-0.

Minutes of the Special Called Meeting – April 20, 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 – April 20, 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

None.

## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE DAY

Council Member Johnson made a motion to adopt the agenda of the day with the addition of item F. Agreement between the City of Stone Mountain and the Georgia Municipal Association, Inc. for Cable and Telecommunications Management Services. Seconded by Council Member Coletti.

Motion approved 6-0.

## CONSIDERATION OF ANY LEGISLATION VETOED BY THE MAYOR

None

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Consent Agenda – No items.

City of Stone Mountain FY2014-15 MS4 Annual Report and Dry Weather Screening Proposal –  
Clark Patterson Lee

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Non-Exclusive License Agreement between Courtware Solutions, Inc. and the City of Stone  
Mountain, Georgia

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Software License Agreement between Vigilant Solutions and the City of Stone Mountain,  
Georgia

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Proposal for Environmental Services – S&ME, Inc. – Stone Mountain Streetscape Phase I –  
Proposal Number 44-1500130

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Agreement between the City of Stone Mountain and the Georgia Municipal Association, Inc. for  
Cable and Telecommunications Management Services

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**

Ordinance 2015-03 – Possession of Alcoholic Beverage Exceptions

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

There was an opportunity for further discussion. Chief Troutman was asked if he had reviewed  
the ordinance. He replied that he has reviewed the proposed ordinance and everything seems to  
be in order.

Motion passed 6-0.

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Ordinance 2015-04 – Damage to City Property

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve. Seconded by Council Member Coletti. Motion passed 6-0.

Resolution 2015-15 – 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 – No report.

Economic Development/Downtown Development Authority – Mayor Pro-tem Johnson reported that the DDA monthly meeting has been moved to Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at City Hall at 7:00 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 May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. Ms. Redmond reported that peaches will be sold at the Farmers Market on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May. She reported that the cemetery clean-up was a success and that she would like to see more scheduled clean-ups of the cemetery. Ms. Redmond asked if any plots are available at the community garden. Those interested in buying a plot in the garden should see Council Member Johnson or Mr. Gary Peet. Ms. Redmond asked the police department to reinforce the prohibition of truck traffic through Main Street.

Public Safety – Council Member Mailman reported for the Public Safety Committee. He thanked those that participated in the cemetery clean-up and he thanked Mr. Tavenner and the Public Works Department for their efforts in the clean-up. He has noticed that more and more people are frequenting the City and he asked that people would be safe and be mindful of pedestrians in the crosswalks.

Public Works – Council Member Wells also thanked those that helped with the cemetery clean-up. A group will visit McCurdy Park tomorrow morning May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. to complete painting of the fence and to complete other tasks at the park. He also reported that there has been a lot of chatter about misbehavior that is going on in the park, but the police department is patrolling the parks and have written citations.

Historic Preservation Commission – No report.

Visitor Center – No report.

## REMARKS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Council Member Redmond commented on the most recent “Tunes by the Tracks” event, held Friday May 1, 2015. She encouraged people to bring their lawn chairs and to attend the next event to be held Friday May 8, 2015.

Council Member Mailman thanked everyone for attending the Council meeting. He encouraged the public to voice their concerns during the meetings and to take advantage of the times during the meetings when citizens’ comments are allowed.

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Council Member Wells acknowledged his mother being in the audience. He reported that there has been concern about publishing of meeting minutes and there have been some inferences that the City is trying to cover things up. He informed the public that he and City Manager Gary Peet have discussed the options of audio or videoing the meetings and making links to those recordings available on the website. He agreed that it is important to make the minutes available to the public as soon as possible, and he assured the public that avenues to allow more access to meetings and meeting minutes will be explored. Resources will be a factor in what the City will be able to do in that regard. He encouraged citizens to ask questions and to call Gary Peet with any concerns. City Clerk ChaQuias Thornton did inform the public that there are regulations as to how minutes are made official and to when minutes can be published. City Manager Gary Peet informed Council that he and the administration staff will work to get more of the past minutes on the city's website.

City Manager Gary Peet informed those present that a public hearing to consider update to the City's comprehensive plan has been advertised. The meeting will be held on Monday, May 18, 2015 at 6:00 P.M.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Wheeler informed the public that she and DDA Executive Director Mechel McKinley attended an Economic Development Summit in Snellville, Georgia today and that some good ideas were presented during the session. The comprehensive plan update process was also discussed in the session. Mayor Wheeler also commented on Tunes by the Tracks and she encouraged everyone to attend the upcoming "Tunes by the Tracks" events. They will occur every Friday in May 2015.

## 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