

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, September 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, 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

Joan Monroe of 5499 Woodsong Trace addressed Council. She asked if the parking lot at the back of City Hall can be utilized for public parking during council meeting times. Mayor Wheeler informed the citizens that the parking lot, due in part to limited space, is reserved for personnel vehicles only and that the side parking lot, Main Street access parking, and the Municipal Parking Lot are available for public parking.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting – August 4, 2015

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Member Coletti. Council Member Coletti noted a correction to page three (3) of the minutes. Mayor Wheeler called for a vote to approve the minutes with necessary corrections.

Motion approved 6-0.

Minutes of the Committee/Work Session – August 17, 2015

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

Motion approved 6-0.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Wheeler read a letter from the Georgia Department of Transportation of authorization to advertise for bids on the East Mountain Street Sidewalk Project.

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

Bid Award for Resurfacing a Portion of the Rock Gym Parking Lot – Wildcat Striping and Sealing Co. - \$13,502.00

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NEW BUSINESS

Consent Agenda – No items.

ART Station, Inc. Contract Amendment for Services with The City of Stone Mountain
Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Member Coletti.
Motion passed 6-0.

Contract Extension for MARTA Offset Funds

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Public Engines, Inc. Terms of Service Agreement

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

There was an opportunity for further discussion.

Motion passed 6-0.

Directional Signs Proposal – Stone Mountain Business Association – Permission to place signs

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

There was an opportunity for further discussion. Per question posed by Council Member Johnson, it was confirmed that the Business Association did confer with City Clerk Thornton regarding the sign proposal. Council Members Mailman and Wells both vocally expressed their pleasure with the design of the signs and with the initiative taken by the Business Association in the project. The kiosk on Main Street will be discussed during the October 19th, 2015 work session.

Motion passed 6-0.

Appointment of Jennifer Galloway to the Downtown Development Authority Board

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

There was an opportunity for further discussion.

Motion passed 6-0.

Permission to Display Banners on Main Street and James B. Rivers Memorial Drive for Village Corner Oktoberfest events to be held September 26th, October 3rd, and October 10th, 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

Ordinance 2015-10 – Amendment to Sign Regulations

Council Member Johnson made a motion to adopt and rendered a second reading of the ordinance by reading the preamble to the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coletti. There was an opportunity for further discussion.

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Ordinance 2015-12 – Charter Amendment to Article IV, Judicial Branch, to extend the length of time for municipal sentences

Council Member Johnson made a motion to adopt and rendered a second reading of the ordinance by reading the preamble to the ordinance. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coletti. There was an opportunity for further discussion.

Motion passed 6-0.

Resolution 2015-27 – FY 2015 Budget Amendment

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Resolution 2015-28 – Set Fee for Vacant Properties

Council Member Johnson made a motion to approve, seconded by Council Member Coletti. There was an opportunity for further discussion. Council Member Coletti made a motion to amend the registry fee by lowering the fee from \$100 to \$35.00. The amendment to the motion was seconded by Council Member Johnson. The matter was discussed further. City Manager Gary Peet explained the need for a vacant registry in addition to a foreclosure registry and that Code Compliance will be in charge of administering the vacant registry. Mayor Wheeler called for a vote on the amended motion.

Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Wheeler then called for a vote on the original motion.

Motion passed 6-0.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Planning & Zoning – City Clerk ChaQuias Thornton addressed Council. Ms. Thornton informed Council that per Planning & Zoning Committee Chairman Michael Hidalgo, the committee requests that public hearing be set for Monday, September 21, 2015 to hear application for variance for the property at 1050 Griffin. The committee also asked that consideration of the appointment of a new member be discussed during the September 21, 2015 work session agenda.

Community Affairs – Council Member Coletti reminded those present about the Plein Air event to be held September 26, 2015.

Economic Development/Downtown Development Authority – Mayor Pro-tem Johnson reported for DDA. She began by thanking Council for the appointment of Jennifer Galloway to the DDA Board. She informed Council that the DDA has a work session scheduled for Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at City Hall at 6:30 p.m. and that the fall series of Tunes by the Tracks will begin on Friday, September 4th, 2015.

Finance – No report.

Community Outreach – Council Member Redmond reported that there will be a cemetery clean-up headed up with a breakfast at Village Corner on Saturday, September 19, 2015. Breakfast will begin at approximately 8:00 a.m. She also informed Council that she will be submitting facility use application for use of the Rock Gym. The event to be held will be in honor of Nell Wooten and is scheduled to be held on Saturday, October 24th, 2015 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Public Safety – No report.

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Public Works – Council Member Steve Wells reported that he will couple his clean-up initiative with the cemetery clean-up event to happen on Saturday, September 19th, 2015. He encouraged all those who could to join in the effort. He also informed the public that dumpsters will be available throughout the city, during the time leading up to and for a time after the city wide yard sale, for the disposal of items. There will be an electronics dumpster stationed behind the historic train depot.

Historic Preservation Commission – No report.

Visitor Center – No report.

REMARKS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Council Member Mailman thanked all of those present for attending the meeting.

Council Member Coletti announced that Mr. Gary Reid, a resident of Shermantown, passed away this week and she solicited prayers for his son.

Council Member Wells announced that qualification for three council member seats began today and that he looks forward to a pleasant election season.

Council Member Higgins thanked the public for attending and for supporting the events around the city like the Tunes by the Tracks events.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

Mayor Wheeler announced that qualifying will end on Thursday at 4:30 p.m. and she invited any citizens interested in serving on council to qualify at City Hall. She wished everyone a safe holiday weekend.

Council Member Johnson announced that those council members up for re-election are Richard Mailman, Steve Wells, and herself.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Johnson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Mailman. Motion approved 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Patricia Wheeler, Mayor

ChaQuias Miller Thornton, City Clerk