



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Tuesday, September 4, 2018 @ 6:30 pm**  
**City Hall, 875 Main Street, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30083**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Patricia Wheeler at 6:32pm. Councilmembers Little, Mailman, Hollis, Johnson, and Wells were present. Councilmember Bryant was absent.

**DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

Mayor Wheeler determined that a quorum was present.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Councilmember Hollis led the invocation. Councilmember Wells led the pledge of allegiance.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

None.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL**

- Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting 08/07/18  
Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved for approval of the minutes, seconded by Councilmember Hollis. No additions or corrections were noted.  
Motion approved 5-0.
- Minutes of Special Called Meeting 08/21/18  
Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved for approval of the minutes, seconded by Councilmember Hollis. No additions or corrections were noted.  
Motion approved 5-0.
- Minutes of Council Work Session 08/21/18  
Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved to postpone the approval of the minutes, seconded by Councilmember Hollis.  
Motion approved 5-0.

**READING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE DAY**

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved to adopt the agenda of the day with the addition of Items C – E under New Business, seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

Motion approved 5-0.

- C. Amend Classification Plan to include Communications Specialist / Administrative Assistant
- D. Contract Proposal for Permit Technician Services with Safebuilt
- E. Extension of Contract Services for Court Services Assistant Shirley Green

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Consideration of Rock Gym Maintenance – Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Stone Mountain and DeKalb County Board of Education for Long-Term Lease of the Historic Rock Gym Facility  
Discussion only. City Manager ChaQuias Miller Thornton referenced her conversation with Mr. Daniel Drake, COO for DeKalb County Schools for Operations. DeKalb County has decided to extend a full 10-year term eliminating the 2-year renewal periods. The annual rental amount still holds at 8% of \$165,000 per year which is the assessed value, which is \$13,200 per year for annual rent. The other terms of the agreement have not changed yet. Councilmembers discuss their interest in coming back to the table with this lease agreement if there is an option of ownership in the gym, help with improvements of the gym, or DeKalb's vested interest in funding a program for the gym.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Consent Agenda  
None.

- B. **Composition of Request for Proposal – Solid Waste Management Services**  
 City Manager Thornton discussed the draft Intergovernmental Agreement with DeKalb County for sanitation. DeKalb County will be entitled to impose and collect fees that are consistent with DeKalb County. City will be required to adopt DeKalb County's waste management ordinances or must have a set of guidelines that are no less stringent than DeKalb's. City Manager will send out those codes to Council once she gets them from DeKalb County. Police power concerning sanitation will rest with DeKalb County as well. City or County can terminate agreement with or without cause with written notice of at least 180 days prior. Term is renewable every year for a life of 50 years. Councilmember Mailman had concerns if we have spoken with all Commercial customers regarding the possible change in sanitation provider and wanted opinion from audience. Concern was also if DeKalb County grows so large will they source out some of their services. City Manager stated that DeKalb County will not outsource their services at any time. It was also stated by City Manager that we did reach out to Commercial customers and she had an opportunity to speak with Mr. Friese of Village Corner. Mr. Friese spoke from audience in support of DeKalb County sanitation services.
- C. **Amend Classification Plan to include Communications Specialist / Administrative Assistant**  
 Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved for amendment of Classification Plan for inclusion of Communications Specialist, seconded by Councilmember Hollis. Councilmember Mailman asked for a clarification. City Manager Thornton went over the personnel need for Assistance to the Administrative staff. To advertise this position, we must add this position to the Classification Plan. The salary range came from DCA Wages and Salary survey for 2017 – 2018 year. We will not have to add additional funds for this current budget year.  
 Motion approved 5-0.
- D. **Contract Proposal for Permit Technician Services with Safebuilt**  
 Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved for amendment of the Contract for Permit Technician Services with Safebuilt, seconded by Councilmember Hollis. Mayor Pro Tem asked City Manager Thornton to explain the contract. City Manager explained that the position will offer support in our permitting process, the liaison to DeKalb County watershed and offer support in zoning. The negotiated rate will be 53.00/hour.  
 Motion approved 5-0.
- E. **Extension of the Contract Services for Court Services Assistant Shirley Green.**  
 Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved for the approval of the extension of the contract services for Court Services Assistant Shirley Green, seconded by Councilmember Hollis. City Manager Thornton was asked to explain. City Manager explained the need for the extension due to court sessions being over 200 participants. She stated that we are still within contract costs.  
 Motion approved 5-0.

## **NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

- A. **Resolution 2018-20 FY2018 Budget Amendment**  
 Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved for adoption of Resolution 2018-FY2018 Budget Amendment, seconded by Councilmember Hollis. City Manager went on to explain the amendment to the budget.  
 Motion approved 5-0.

## **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Planning and Zoning – no discussion.
- B. Economic Development/Downtown Development Authority – no discussion; just announced work session to be held this coming Monday, September 10.
- C. Historic Preservation Commission – no discussion.

## **REMARKS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE**

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson thanked everyone that participated in ceremony for Chief Rivers. Councilmember Mailman congratulated Susan Coletti on new addition to family. He wanted to thank everyone for ceremony for Chief Rivers and that a cross will be put up behind his headstone. City Manager Thornton discussed the construction project at the Train Depot and for everyone to keep Sgt. Floyd in our prayers with loss of his father.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR**

She announced that she will be out of the country and Mayor Pro Tem Johnson will be in charge during the work session. City Manager added that budget work session will be held on Friday, September 28 at 6:00pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Pro Tem moved to adjourn; seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

Motion approved 5-0.

City Council meeting adjourned at 7:14pm.

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**Patricia Wheeler, Mayor**

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**Alicia Daniels, Assistant City Clerk**