

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
875 Main Street, Stone Mountain, GA 30083
Tuesday, September 6, 2016 @ 7:30 p.m.
MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor Patricia Wheeler, Mayor Pro Tem Chakira Johnson, Council Members Susan Coletti, Steve Higgins, Richard Mailman, Andrea Redmond Steve Wells.

STAFF: City Manager ChaQuias Thornton, City Attorney Joe Fowler, Public Works Director Jim Tavenner, Chief of Police Chancey Troutman,

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Patricia Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM: A quorum was present.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE: Council Member Higgins gave the invocation. Council Member Wells led the pledge.

CITIZENS COMMENTS-Non-Agenda Items only. (Citizens are encouraged to speak but comments should be limited to three minutes.)

Sara Abrams, 976 Ridge Avenue, updated the Council on activities at Medlock Park. She thanked Council for their participation at the event. They have changed the lending tree location closer to the parking lot. She thanked those that attended the ribbon cutting for the lending tree. The committee is currently focused on fundraising activities. At a future date, the committee will be looking into upgrading the basketball court.

Diane Daniels Adoma, Candidate for Super District 7, introduced herself.

Marie Maurice, 5235 Rockborough Drive, showed photos of the debris on her street. She was very concerned because the debris had been in front of the neighbor's home for a number of weeks. She asked the City to track the owner of the house down in order to get this situation resolved.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

A. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting – August 2, 2016: Council Member Johnson made the motion to approve the minutes. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion.

Motion Approved 6-0.

B. Minutes of the Committee/Work Session – August 15, 2016: Council Member Johnson made the motion to approve the minutes. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion.

Motion Approved 6-0.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: None. Mayor Wheeler thanked Sara Abrams for her leadership and work on Medlock Park.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE DAY: Motion by Council Member Johnson to adopt the agenda of the day with one addition, under New Business, Item G. Bid Award for resurfacing milling and paving to on VFW Drive from Mimosa to W. Mountain Bid Award for Shepco in the amount of \$25,800. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion.

Motion Approved 6-0.

CONSIDERATION OF ANY LEGISLATION VETOED BY THE MAYOR

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

East Mountain Street Sidewalk Project, Second Street Consideration: Council Member Johnson reported there was no action to be taken tonight. The Council just received information regarding the cost from the engineer.

Motion by Council Member Johnson for no action on the item and to bring back at the Work Session Meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mailman.

Motion approved 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

A. *Consent Agenda:* None.

B. *Agreement for Ad Valorem Tax Billing – For Discussion:* Motion by Council Member Johnson to postpone the item. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion. City Manager Thornton reported the BOCC has not approved the agreement in final form. She asked Council to wait until the City receives the agreement.

Motion approved 6-0.

C. *Proposed Purchase of Taser Equipment:* Motion by Council Member Johnson to approve the purchase of Taser Equipment. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion. City Manager Thornton noted both proposals for purchase do not include training on the equipment. There is an option to lease the equipment for five years, there is full deployment of the tasers and every officer will be trained.

Discussion among Council included: leasing vs. owning; a combination of leasing and owning; Stone Mountain Park possibly providing training; the equipment cannot be shared by officers and the possible maintenance costs.

Motion by Council Member Mailman to postpone the purchase of taser equipment. Council Member Johnson seconded the motion.

Motion approved 6-0.

D. *City of Stone Mountain Comprehensive Plan:* No action necessary. City Manager Thornton reported the transmittal letter had been sent and the City is waiting for DCA to respond.

E. *2016 Community Video Program Agreement between CGI and the City of Stone Mountain:* Council Member Johnson made the motion to approve the 2016 Community Video Program Agreement between CGI and the City of Stone Mountain. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion.

Motion approved 6-0.

F. *Application for Alcoholic Beverage Privilege License/Retail Consumption-Distilled Spirits, Malt Beverages and Wine-Café JAYA. Applicant: Jeff Carey:* Council Member Johnson made the motion to approve the Application for Alcoholic Beverage Privilege License/Retail Consumption-Distilled Spirits, Malt Beverages and Wine- Café JAYA. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion.
Motion to approve 6-0.

G. *Bid Award for resurfacing milling and paving on VFW Drive from Mimosa to W. Mountain Bid Award for Shepco in the amount of \$25,800:* Motion to approve VFW Drive from Mimosa to West Mountain. Motion by Council Member Johnson to approve the bid award for resurfacing milling and paving on VFW Drive from Mimosa to W. Mountain to Shepco in the amount of \$25,800. Council Member Mailman seconded the motion.
Motion approved 6-0.

NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. *Ordinance 2016-14 - Text Amendment to Appendix A Zoning – Accessory Structures:* Motion by Chakira to approve Ordinance 2016-14, Text Amendment to Appendix A Zoning – Accessory Structures. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coletti. Council Member Johnson reported from the Public Hearing that the Planning and Zoning Committee recommended accessory structures be a total of 400 square feet. Motion by Council Member Coletti to amend the motion to allow for the recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Committee of 400 square foot accessory structures. Council Member Johnson seconded the motion.
Motion approved 6-0.

B. *Ordinance 2016-16 - To Amend Chapter 2, Article II Meeting Time for Regular Meeting (second reading):* Council Member Johnson read the preamble into the record. Motion by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Coletti to adopt Ordinance 2016-16.
Motion approved 6-0.

C. *Resolution 2016-26 - To Renew the Service Delivery Strategy for DeKalb County, Georgia:* Council Member Johnson made the motion to table Resolution 2016-16 until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coletti. City Manager Thornton reported the City Managers of DMA had a meeting and reviewed a list of issues, specifically definition of services in a matrix for SDS and how they are going to be funded. The City Managers of DMA are hoping to coordinate a meeting with representatives of DeKalb County to review their concerns.
Motion approved 6-0.

D. *Resolution 2016-29 - FY 2016 Budget Resolution:* A motion was made by Council Member Johnson to adopt Resolution 2016-29. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion.
Motion approved 6-0.

E. *Resolution 2016-31 - To Reaffirm Date and to Set Time for Monthly Council/Committee Work Session:* Council Member Johnson motioned to adopt Resolution 2016-31.
Motion approved 6-0.

- F. *Resolution 2016-32 - Resolution Replacing Resolution 2016-18 to include fees for Commercial Recycling Services in the City of Stone Mountain:* Council Member Johnson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-32. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coletti.
Motion to approve 6-0.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A. *Planning and Zoning:* None.

- B. *Community Affairs:* Council Member Coletti reminded everyone that the City Wide Yard Sale will take place on October 22, 2016. She reminded City staff to move forward with advertisement and that the registration needs to be done.

She has received several inquiries regarding the Dog Park. Mayor Wheeler suggested putting it on a Work Session Agenda.

- C. *Economic Development/ Downtown Development Authority:* Council Member Johnson announced the DDA Regular Work Session on Monday at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. The DDA will be having a fundraiser on September 24, 2016 at VFW Park, a Fish Fry and the movie, *Zootopia*, will be shown.
- D. *Finance:* None.
- E. *Community Outreach:* Council Member Redmond asked that the street lights on Main Street be checked. She has received reports from some that they seem to be dim. Tunes by the Tracks will continue through October. She asked that staff check into the minutes on the website, particularly in the year of 2014. She will be introducing the topic of Mosquito Control at the Work Session. She asked for a report on information regarding Vacant Houses.
- F. *Public Safety:* None.
- G. *Public Works:* Council Member Wells asked Chief Troutman to report on Medlock Park. Chief reported an arrest was made on 16 year old male. The person in custody has a history in another county in the area.

City Manager Thornton would like to have a community meeting at the park. She reported two companies have initiated conversations with the City to assist in rebuilding the park. They may be interested in attending the meeting. Mayor Wheeler reported the original sponsor of the park has been contacted and they are also willing to come out and help. The meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m.

The Small Creek Alliance started a Go Fund Me page.

Steve Wells recognized Ms. Maurice and asked that Sergeant Roseberry contact Ms. Maurice in the morning. He suggested to Ms. Maurice that she contact City Hall when the issue first occurs.

Council Member Wells asked if the Council would reconsider the vote for Accessory Structures. Council Member Wells made a motion for Council to discuss the Ordinance 2016-14 - Accessory Structures further. Council Member Mailman seconded the motion. The motion died two – four.

Discussion turned to the current ordinance allowing accessory garages to be larger than 400 square feet; going smaller in size; whether the Planning and Zoning Committee consider the Code's definition of Accessory Garages and the largest size in their discussions and the dimensions of a two car garage.

Council Member Wells made a motion to reconsider Ordinance 2016-14 at the next meeting. Council Member Mailman seconded the motion. Council Member Johnson asked for clarification from Planning and Zoning to ensure they were clear when making the recommendation.

Motion approved 5-1.

H. *Historic Preservation Commission* – None. City Manager Thornton reported there are two vacant seats.

I. *Visitor Center* – Ms. Cumbie reported at the Work Session.

REMARKS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: Council Member Mailman was impressed with the event Sara Abrams put together at Medlock Park. He thanked Ed Hampson for his volunteerism. Council Member Mailman thanked the public for their participation.

Council Member Redmond attended the Business Association meeting. She reported that a new event is coming to town on October 15, 2016, "It takes a Village." Karen Patton of Sweet Potato Café is coordinating the event.

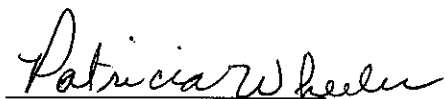
Susan Coletti welcomed Savannah Shores Seafood to the Village. They are located on East Ponce next to "Crazy Ron's Bar B-Q." Their website is: www.savannahshoresseafood.com.


ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR: Mayor Wheeler spoke of the event to take place on September 11th at the Art Station: "Life is Sweet" will be providing CPR Training from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Council Member Johnson to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coletti.

Motion approved 6-0.

The meeting 8:47 p.m.


Patricia Wheeler, Mayor


Kathleen E. Settle, City Clerk