



## MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE/WORK SESSION

Tuesday, January 15, 2019 @ 6:30 pm

City Hall, 875 Main Street, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30083

### CALL TO ORDER

Mayor called meeting to order at 6:37pm. Councilmembers Little, Mailman, Hollis, Johnson, and Bryant were present.

### INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Councilmember Hollis gave the invocation and Councilmember Mailman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

None.

### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE DAY

Mayor Pro Tem moved to adopt the agenda of the day, seconded by Councilmember Hollis

Approved 5-0.

### CITIZEN COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Wanda Allen  
5418 Zachary Drive

She stated that there was a speed bump prior to the repaving of Zachary. She asked if it would be replaced. She said that cars and school buses are speeding on that street.

She also asked if citizens are allowed to have gardens in the front yard.

City Manager Thornton advised she would research the code and get back with her if she would leave her contact information.

Mark Allen  
5418 Zachary Drive

He stated that they are having problems with the cats in their neighborhood and asked if anything could be done.

City Manager Thornton asked him to give his information to me.

Joan Monroe, from audience, stated that there is a Stone Mountain feral cat team. Mayor Wheeler asked her to give her information to the gentleman.

Norman Goss  
1093 New Gibraltar Square

He had a question about the property on JBR Memorial Drive which has the Secretary of State sign posted. He stated that many trees were cut down. He was wondering if this location is where the town houses will be built and if there is a tree ordinance. He wanted to know how he would get information on that structure.

City Manager Thornton stated that she would look into the property.

Bill Johnson was invited by Chief Troutman to speak on a Pilot Program in GA and TX which addresses local speeding.

City Council had many questions and concerns regarding the Pilot Program.

## **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **A. Planning and Zoning**

No report to give; however, City Manager Thornton announced that there is a meeting on Monday, January 9 at 6:30pm.

### **B. Economic Development/Downtown Development Authority**

Mayor Pro Tem gave report thanking everyone who came to their Work Plan session. She also stated that the next meeting will be held the fourth Monday of the month at 6:30pm and then Gary Peet advised from audience that it will be held at 7:00pm.

### **C. Historic Preservation Commission**

No report.

Interim City Clerk advised that HPC will meet tomorrow at 6:30pm with three items on the agenda.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **A. Code Compliance Officer – Sgt. Roseberry**

Sgt Roseberry spoke on her task force with DeKalb County Code Enforcement.

### **B. Public Works Director – Jim Tavenner**

Jim Tavenner reported on the Advanced Disposal carts, 951 Main Street and the flooding issues, 741 Carillon Court to install a light post, installation of the parking lot next door to City Hall estimating \$42,000 for gravel, train depot status, bike racks near City businesses, 5418 Zachary sewer issues and a pot hole at Silver Hill Road.

### **C. Chief of Police – Chief Troutman**

Chief reported on the stats for the Police Department and putting those stats on the SMPD website this year.

### **D. Assistant City Clerk – Alicia Daniels**

Alicia Daniels gave report of the City Clerk's Office activities.

### **E. Visitor's Center Manager – Kim Cumbie**

Kim Cumbie reported on the Visitor's Center End of Year numbers as well as upcoming events and meetings.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **A. Ordinance 2019-01 – Amendment to Chapter 4 Animals**

City Council had questions and comments on the ordinance. They want change to the tenure of grazing from 28 days to 14 days. They questioned the keeping of livestock versus them being rented for the purposes of only clearing out the land and being removed.

Mayor Pro Tem advised that Judge Wiggins will review Section 5-21 and get back with Council.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Memorandum of Agreement – Atlanta Regional Commission and City of Stone Mountain – Parking Study**

Mayor Pro Tem advised that ARC has given a matching grant of \$3200.00 for the parking study. She asked City Council to review and give their questions to the City Manager.

### **B. Contract Agreement – Main Street Stone Mountain and City of Stone Mountain – Services to be Performed for Farmer’s Market**

Mayor asked City Manager to elaborate on this change and why and if the Farmer’s Market would be operated by someone at Main Street. City Manager Thornton stated that it would operate the same; however, the services of paying the vendors would be done by Main Street instead.

There were questions about the turn around time to pay the vendors if Main Street would be processing the checks versus the City.

### **C. Development of Interactive Zoning Map**

City Manager Thornton spoke on the need for this interactive zoning map to use internally.

Council asked about cost and if the staff would be trained to make updates within the map. City Manager Thornton advised that the cost is \$9000.00 and that training would come with this cost.

## **NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **A. Resolution 2019-06 – FY2019 Budget Amendment**

City Manager explained the need for Resolution 2019-06 due to the Compensation Plan Amendment which will increase FICA and Medicare.

No comments or questions from Council.

## **CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

City Manager reported on the revenue and expense report and that the 2018 Fiscal Year is still be reconciled and there are still some outstanding expenditures.

City Manager Thornton advised that we are still waiting on the Rock Gym documentation. She also announced the SPLOST Work Session to take place this January 19, 2019 here at City Hall. City Manager Thornton also spoke on a letter of request from a citizen on Zachary Drive in which the parcel sits on two parcels of land; one parcel is in the City and the other is in the county. She would like to be able to de-annex the property that is in the City. City Manager explained the process to the Council.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR**

Mayor thanked the citizens for being here.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson announced the MLK events on January 21, 2019 but that the cleaning of McCurdy Park would be postponed due to cold weather.

## ADJOURNMENT

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

Adjourned at 8:13pm.

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Patricia Wheeler, Mayor

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Alicia Daniels, Assistant City Clerk