



MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE/WORK SESSION

Tuesday, March 19, 2019 @ 6:30 pm

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wheeler called meeting to order at 6:31pm.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Mayor determined that there was a quorum. Councilmembers Little, Mailman, Hollis, Johnson, Waller and Bryant were present.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Councilmember Hollis gave the Invocation and Councilmember Waller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Newly appointed Councilmember Bernard Waller was sworn in by Judge Hoffman.

Chief Troutman presented Commendations to Sergeant West, Officer Stone and Detective Roberts. Commendations were also presented to Sergeant Burton, Officer Palmer and Officer Hubbard however they were not present.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE DAY

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved to adopt the Agenda of the day; seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

Approved 6-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There were no citizen comments.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Planning and Zoning

There was no one present from Planning & Zoning, so there was no report.

Assistant City Clerk, Alicia Daniels, did advise Council that there was no meeting this month for Planning & Zoning because there were no applications presented to Administration.

B. Economic Development/Downtown Development Authority

The new Director of Downton Development Authority, Alan Peterson II, reported on the Kick-Off event for DDA to be held at the Wells Brown House on this Thursday, March 21; Boost Applications being accepted; and Bid Awards received for the Old Post Office Building.

C. Historic Preservation Commission

Al Capogrossi had no report to give; however, did advise the Council that HPC will meet tomorrow with six items on the Agenda.

STAFF REPORTS

A. Code Compliance Officer – Sgt. Roseberry

Sergeant Roseberry reported on the status of the Rockbridge Plaza at 5444 Rockbridge. She introduced Torrance Armstrong, Senior Code Enforcement from DeKalb County, whom she is partnering with to help with surrounding areas of DeKalb County which are close in proximity to the City.

B. Public Works Director – Jim Tavenner

Public Works Director, Jim Tavenner, reported on the recent incident where a truck struck the top of the railroad crossing bridge; crosswalk improvements to occur at Ridge and Mimosa as well as Ridge and JBR Memorial Drive; Cloud Street Calming Devices to be installed soon; the City has received the 2017 check from FEMA in the amount of \$15,334.42.

C. Chief of Police – Chief Troutman

Chief Troutman reported on Police Department statistics as well as gave an update on the fire that occurred at the townhomes on Rankin Street.

D. Assistant City Clerk – Alicia Daniels

Assistant City Clerk, Alicia Daniels, reported on business license renewals and permits issued for the month. Council questioned how many business license renewals are outstanding. Assistant City Clerk did not have an answer at the time but advised that she would follow up with an answer to Council tomorrow.

E. Tourism Manager – Kim Cumbie

Tourism Manager, Kimberly Cumbie, reported on film activity in the City and her meeting with film scouts to view possible filming sites in the City; the 2019 Farmer's Market to begin May 14; the Christmas Parade to be held December 7; the changes to the upcoming Car Shows; and the Tourism Product Development Team Visits to take place on May 7 and May 8.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Development of Interactive Zoning Map

City Manager Thornton advised Council that she has conducted two meetings with two prospects for an Interactive Zoning Map. She provided an attachment of a project resume for Richmond Hill, Georgia and the interactive map service that they could provide. City Manager will present her recommendation to Council at the next meeting.

B. Request to Consider Busking Permissions within the City of Stone Mountain

Councilmember Little reported that she has called several cities in Georgia as well as Florida to obtain their procedures for Busking.

C. Requests for Annexation – Park Boulevard Properties, Stone Mountain

City Manager Thornton updated Council on the annexation requests from Park Boulevard Properties. There are six properties requesting annexation into the City, and those requests have been sent to DeKalb County.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Intergovernmental Contract between the Stone Mountain Downtown Development Authority and the City of Stone Mountain

City Manager Thornton summarized the Intergovernmental Contract presented to City on behalf of DDA and offers some provisions and terms for support from the City to the DDA for some payments and services which include the General Fund Allocation that is allotted at budget time. She noted that there are some language changes in Terms III and IV which are still be worked on and will present to Council later.

B. Intergovernmental Agreement between the DeKalb County Board of Education and the City of Stone Mountain – Lease of the Historic Rock Gym - \$13,200 Annually – 2 Five (5) Year Terms

Council spoke strongly against this Agreement and would like to see the funds spent in other places of the City that would benefit the citizens. Council made statements for this to be removed from the Agenda.

- C. Georgia Fresh for Less (GF4L) Program Participation Agreement for the City of Stone Mountain's (Farmer's Market) Participation in the GF4L Program and use of Monetary Assistance Provided by Wholesome Wave Georgia (WWG)

City Manager Thornton explained the Agreement to Council and highlighted portions of the Agreement in which the City must adhere to the execution of the agreement till the end of the calendar year. Kim Cumbie was also asked to come forward to expound on the Agreement as well.

- D. Village Cruisers Committee Appointment

Kim Cumbie spoke on the Village Cruisers Committee and how they plan to improve the car show. City Manager Thornton advised Council that since this car show is a City event then the committee for Village Cruisers must be appointed by City Council as well.

NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution 2019-10 – FY2019 Budget Amendment

City Manager Thornton explained the need for the budget amendment due to the first invoice received for the property and liability insurance for a total increase in Premiums of \$9515; increase in revenue from franchise fees from GA Power; GMA Conference fees of \$2130 for each Councilmember; expenses for annexation consulting services from Nickel Works; as well as Storm Water projects.

- B. Resolution 2019-11 – ~~Cloud~~ Second Street Traffic Calming Device – Resolution of Support

City Manager Thornton advised Council that this Resolution is being requested of the Transportation Division before traffic study of Second Street to acknowledge the City's support of the devices. A \$25.00 maintenance fee will be imposed on property owners within the project area.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager reported on the City's financials from January 1 through February 28, 2019 and updated the Council on the completion of the City's first phase of the 2018 audit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

Mayor welcomed our new Councilmember.

Mayor Pro Tem gave a status on the annexation efforts.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Adjourned at 7:57pm.



Patricia Wheeler, Mayor



Alicia Daniels, Assistant City Clerk