



MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE/WORK SESSION

Tuesday, May 21, 2019 @ 6:30 pm

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

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wheeler called the meeting to order at 6:52pm following the Public Hearing. Councilmembers Little, Mailman, Hollis, Johnson, Waller and Bryant.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Wheeler had no communications to read.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE DAY

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved for the adoption of the agenda of the day; seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

Councilmember Bryant then moved to add by unanimous consent to the agenda under New Business – Item F. Rockborough Subdivision Sign Permission; seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

Approved 6-0

CITIZEN COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

LaTasha Way

527 Jaywood Drive

Thanked Mayor Wheeler, Chief Troutman and attending councilmembers for attending their first annual meet and greet at Ridgewood Subdivision last Saturday.

Victor Wright

976 & 978 Main Street, Ste A.

He expressed concerns with the Municipal parking lot full by patrons of Stone Mountain Park and there is no parking for the patrons of the City. Would like for the City to figure out a way to keep that parking for the City patrons.

Ann Thomas

5340 Charity Way

She asked for help at Charity Way with children who are out of school this summer whom are coming through their neighborhood over a fence and causing trouble.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Planning and Zoning

Michael Hildago reported on the recommendations from their meeting. 5500 Woodsong Trace, they recommended approval. 5363 Manor Drive recommended approval of the Special Use Permit with condition that adequate parking is secured of 24 parking spaces. Councilmember Waller asked if noise was discussed. Michael Hildago advised that it was discussed that it was an issue in the past but no conditions concerning noise.

B. Economic Development/Downtown Development Authority

Director Alan Peterson, II reported on the second quarter Boost winners and publishing of Downtown Masterplan on Thursday May 2.

C. Historic Preservation Commission

Assistant City Clerk asked to report during City Clerk report.

D. Sub-committee on Busking

Councilmember Little reported on their committee meeting for Busking.

City Manager Thornton advised that a proposed fee will need to be set by resolution and added to the City's fee schedule by a draft of ordinance and reviewed by the City Attorney for Busking.

E. Parks and Recreation Committee

Councilmember Waller reported that their first meeting will be Monday, June 3 at 6:30pm.

STAFF REPORTS

A. Code Compliance Officer – Sgt. Roseberry

Sgt Roseberry reported on current code compliance stats.

B. Public Works Director – Jim Tavenner

Jim Tavenner reported on bid for upcoming stormwater projects, 5312 Zachary Drive, 5200 Stone Trace, 951 Main Street (to be one package bid because small projects and work is abundant). He reported on the stop sign area at Manor and Second Street. Discussion was had by Council and Public Works Director about this intersection and questioned whether it was originally decided to have two or three stop signs at the intersection. Public Director suggested if the City wants to put up three stop signs then the City should go through the process of application to the engineer. Public Works Director advised that the original project was to put two stop signs; however, the plans showed a difference in the measurement of the road on Manor and a change order was done to only have one stop sign instead of two. Council discussed that a three-way stop would be the best.

C. Chief of Police – Chief Troutman

Chief Troutman reported on statistics for the Police Department, current investigations and gave safety tips to the citizens.

D. Assistant City Clerk – Alicia Daniels

Alicia Daniels reported on business license renewals, permits issued for the month and items to be reviewed and voted on at the HPC meeting.

E. Tourism Manager – Kim Cumbie

It was announced that the Tourism Manager was not present to report at the moment but would report later in the meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Development of Interactive Zoning Map – update

City Manager advised Council that the companies that she has met with that provide the software service for an interactive zoning map is quoting an estimated price of \$15,000 - \$20,000. She asked Council if they want to move forward with this initiative

There was discussion if zoning ordinance review should occur prior to obtaining the zoning map and if the company providing the interactive zoning map could do the review of the zoning ordinance as well.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Hearthstone Subdivision Covenant Restrictions – update

City Manager Thornton informed Council that Administration is trying to get all parties to meet at one time to discuss the covenant restrictions and that no new construction permit have been issued yet this month except for trade permits.

B. Variance Application – 5500 Woodsong Trace, Stone Mountain, GA - for Deviation from the Single Family Residential (R1) District Development Regulations for Setbacks

Council briefly discussed the variance request but had no questions.

C. Conditional Use Application for a Church – 5363 Manor Drive, Stone Mountain, GA – Village Center Mixed Use (VCM) District

Council had discussion and questions on this Conditional Use Application regarding the parking issues and the noise from the previous church that was once at that location. They want a parking agreement to be written up by those properties that will allow for the possible future church members.

City Manager Thornton advised that the church will need 1 per 4 members for parking according to code, which is why the 24 parking lots is needed. She reviewed the code with the Council in Sect 3-7 concerning the parking.

D. Tentative Adoption of 2019 Millage Rate – Publication of Property Tax Notice and Public Hearings

City Manager Thornton discussed the Ad Valorem tax rate for 2019 based on computations of numbers taken from the Consolidation and Revaluation Reports from DeKalb. Administration is recommending leaving the millage rate the same at 22mils.

E. Easement Agreement – 5197 Central Drive (18 090 04 015) – Bradford Botwick – Requestor

City Manager Thornton reviewed the Easement agreement for 5197 Central Drive with the Council estimating the cost of \$4864.38.

Council discussed estimate and talked about the land being cleared off in lieu of cash.

F. Rockborough Subdivision Sign Permission.

Councilmember Bryant advised Council that the subdivision would like the City to give permission to put the letters on the subdivision sign. There was discussion and questions amongst Council as to who would acquire the liability on the sign since a sign permit application is needed which requires

documentation such as a Certificate of Liability. There was also discussion about the materials of the sign which is not in compliance with the code.

Kim Cumbie, Tourism Manager, reported on the Visitor's Center's activities and filming.

NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. Resolution 2019-15 FY2019 Budget Amendment

City Manager Thornton presented the Resolution 2019-15 FY2019 Budget Amendment to Council due to the general fund revenue for GEMA funds received as well as funds from Key Risk for Workers Comp audit, general fund expenditures for Leadership of DeKalb for Chakira Johnson, general government for communications, visitor's center revenue and expense for the car show fees and costs and cemetery revenue and expense for the annual contribution from Tug Tuggle.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – City Manager ChaQuias Thornton

City Manager Thornton advised Council that the first newsletter went out this month and there was good feedback; the next Government 101 session will be this Thursday, May 23. She asked them to review her report and if there were any questions to please let her know. She also let Council know that the moneys were received for the Chipper lease in the amount of \$48,900.00.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR – Presentation of discussion on Non-discrimination Regulations

Mayor passed out a packet to Council on Non-discrimination Regulations and asked them to review the packet and hope to discuss at next work session in June. Mayor Pro Tem passed out an initiative for Diversity and Inclusion to add to these non-discrimination regulations.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Adjourned at 8:52pm.

Patricia Wheeler, Mayor

Alicia Daniels, Assistant City Clerk