

CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN
WORK SESSION COUNCIL MEETING
875 Main Street
Stone Mountain, GA 30083
April 18, 2016
MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor Patricia Wheeler, Mayor Pro-Tem Chakira Johnson, Council Members: Susan Coletti, Steve Higgins, and Andrea Redman Redmond.

ABSENT: Council Members Richard Mailman and Steve Wells.

STAFF: City Manager Gary Peet, City Clerk ChaQuias Thornton, Executive Director DDA Mechel McKinley, Chief of Police Chauncy Troutman, Public Works Director Jim Tavenner.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Wheeler called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE: Council Member Redmond gave the invocation. Council Member Higgins led the pledge to the flag. The agenda moved to New Business, Item B.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: New Business, Item B, "*Proclamation for Georgia Cities Week*" was read into the record.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE DAY: **Motion** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Coletti, to adopt the agenda.
Motion Approved 4-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS-NON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: Sara Abrams of 976 Ridge Avenue noted that there were many comments on the Next Door Website regarding Officer Roseberry removing trash cans from residential properties. She asked the City to give her a statement to post on Next Door in order for the citizenry to have the correct information. She updated the Council on her work regarding Medlock Park and making contact with the Forestry Division to assist in clearing and cutting tree limbs. Ms. Abrams plans on creating a non-profit in order to have fundraisers for the park.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. *Planning and Zoning:* None.

B. *Community Affairs:* Council Member Coletti reported that three vendors have registered for the Community Yard Sale. Because of the low attendance, she asked Council if the City should cancel the yard sale. City Manager Peet reported there will not be a shredder available for the public but the electronic dumpsters are in place. It was the consensus of the Council to cancel the yard sale. The agenda moved to Item D, Finance.

C. **Economic Development/Downtown Development Authority (DDA):** Mechel McKinley thanked Council for the appointment of Jelani Linder to the DDA Board. She reminded everyone that the Farmer's Market opens tomorrow, April 19. Ms. McKinley reported on the events in town that support Georgia Cities Week. She reported two grand openings in the month of March and one commercial building was sold. Ms. McKinley asked if the building directory at the corner of Main and East Mountain be demolished. She reported that the sign makes the intersection non-ADA compliant. The gentlemen that have purchased the building have asked that it be removed. Topic included wrapping the box with artwork, the box itself being awkward; the request to remove it being a separate request and whether it is fiscally responsible to move it. Ms. McKinley asked Council if the DDA and Council might be able to split the cost 50/50 for police coverage for Tunes by the Tracks. Mr. Peet reported the cost if they split it would be \$1,020. It was the consensus of Council to put the request on the next agenda as a budget amendment. The City currently has a resolution that does not allow for profit businesses to use the gazebo. There is a business in town, Snow Ball Café, interested in selling snow cones on the weekend. Mayor Wheeler asked that Ms. McKinley review the resolution.

Motion by Council Member Johnson to close the Work Session and go into Executive Session to discuss properties within the City of Stone Mountain and to allow the board members of the DDA to participate in the discussion regarding two of the properties. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coletti.

Motion approved 4-0.

The Executive Session was held.

Motion by Council Member Johnson to reconvene the work session at 7:35 pm. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coletti. Council Member Johnson announced that no action was taken during the executive session. The agenda moved to Staff Reports.

D. **Finance:** None.

E. **Community Outreach:** Council Member Redmond reminded everyone that ~~April 18~~ April 18-23 is Georgia Cities Week and during the same week are Earth Day and the Great American Clean-up, as well as "Keep Dekalb Beautiful." She will provide gloves and bags for anyone interested in volunteering to clean-up.

F. **Public Safety:** None.

G. **Public Works:** None.

H. **Historic Preservation Commission:** None.

I. **Visitor Center:** Kim Cumbie reported there were 255 visitors to the Visitor's Center in the month of March. She had distributed brochures to the Park and the Hotels within the park.

Ms. Cumbie gave an update on the number of participants for Color Vibe and reviewed the map of the course with Council. Color Vibe is working out the particulars of where the participants will be parking. Topics discussed with Council were whether there would be a detour created for motorists; whether that had been done in the past and whether information could be put online via Next Door for the citizenry when the information is available. The agenda moved to Item C, Economic Development/Downtown Development Authority.

STAFF REPORTS:

- A. **Code Compliance Officer:** City Manager Peet distributed a report provided by Officer Roseberry.
- B. **Public Works Director:** Public Works Director Jim Tavenner reported 14 people reported for community service this month. McCurdy Park's score boards need to be demolished. They are no longer working and parts are no longer available. He indicated he would let Council know when the boards were taken down. Mr. Tavenner has a camera truck to scope the stormwater pipes on Rockborough Drive to ascertain the condition of the pipes and the junction box.
- He reported that there is a temporary wall erected at VFW and W. Mountain Street.
- C. **Chief of Police:** Chief Troutman reviewed his report with the Council. He reported that White Supremacists will be having a rally at Stone Mountain Park. There is another protestor Group, "All Out Atlanta" is planning to park in town and walk into the park. He wanted to make sure Council was aware of the influx of people and the police presence in the City.
- D. **City Clerk:** Ms. Thornton reported that she was very pleased with the turn-around time with Safe Built for Fire Inspection. An application came in and was completed within seven days.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. **Resolution 2016-16: To Set the Fees for Alcoholic Beverage Licenses:** Council Member Johnson spoke of her meeting with Mr. Peet and presented for discussion \$350 for an application fee and \$150 for the permit fee. Council Member Coletti thought the price for the Brew Pub was a little too much. It was the consensus to bring this discussion to the Regular Meeting. The agenda moved New Ordinances and Resolutions.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Consent Agenda.** None.
- B. **Proclamation for Georgia Cities Week:** Mayor Wheeler read the proclamation into the record. The agenda moved to the Adoption of the Agenda of the Day.

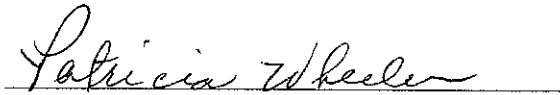
NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. **Resolution 2016-18 Solid Waste Collection Fees:** Mr. Peet put this item on for discussion only. He reviewed his report with Council and spoke of surrounding cities and what they are charging for sanitation.

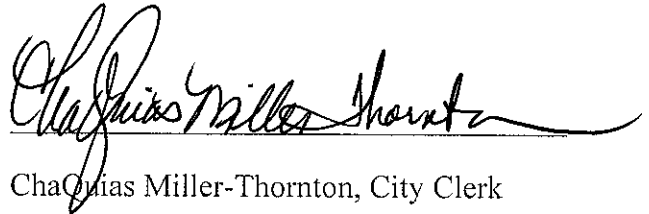
CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: City Manager Peet reviewed his City Manager report with Council. A copy of the report is filed with the minutes of the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR: None.

ADJOURNMENT: **Motion** by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Coletti to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m.
Motion approved 4-0.



Patricia Wheeler, Mayor



Chaquias Miller-Thornton, City Clerk