



**CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE/WORK SESSION MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, August 21, 2018 @ 6:30 pm**  
**City Hall, 875 Main Street, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30083**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Patricia Wheeler at 6:42pm. Present were Council Members Mailman, Hollis, Johnson, and Wells. Council Members Little and Bryant were absent.

**DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM**

Mayor Wheeler determined a quorum was present.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Council Member Hollis gave the invocation and Council Member Wells led the pledge of allegiance.

**READING OF COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE DAY**

Council Member Johnson made the motion to adopt the agenda of the day with the addition under New Business, E. Sewer Easement for 5203 Central Drive. Seconded by Council Member Hollis.

Motion approved 4-0.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

None.

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. Planning and Zoning - No Report
- B. Economic Development/Downtown Development Authority – No Report; Council Member Johnson mentioned that the next meeting is August 27 at 6:30pm
- C. Historic Preservation Commission – Al Capagrossi reported that the commission met last Wednesday. The plans for the Hearthstone Project was reaffirmed. The deck construction at 5380 E. Mountain Street was approved. The proposed new construction at 5272 Poplar Springs Road was denied.

**STAFF REPORTS**

- A. Code Compliance Officer – Sgt. Roseberry – Sgt Roseberry gave her report as well as Bob Hillis' report. Sgt. Roseberry reported on the status of Robert Smith's and Trust properties at Steville, Fourth and Beaver Run and the clean-up progress. Council Member Mailman asked about Bob Hillis' report and the mentioning of the two homes located at 1057 Fourth Street and 1054 Evans Lane and the possible demolition of those properties which Sgt. Roseberry discussed.
- B. Public Works Director – Jim Tavenner – Jim Tavenner gave his report. Public Works is working on plans to resurface Leila Mason Park's basketball court as well as two at Medlock Park. Public Works is working on bid information for 610 Rockborough Drive and 5367 Cherry Wood Drive. Jim discussed with Council the engineer's recommendations of the crosswalk on East Mountain at Stone Mountain Park. Jim discussed his budget plans for FY2019.
- C. Chief of Police – Chief Troutman – Chief Troutman gave his report.
- D. Visitor center Manager – Kim Cumbie – Kim Cumbie gave her report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- A. Consideration of Rock Gym Maintenance – Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Stone Mountain and DeKalb County Board of Education for Long-Term Lease of the Historic Rock Gym Facility – City Manager ChaQuias Miller Thornton mentioned that she has heard from Dan Drake at the County and they are willing to consider the full 10-year term without the 2-year renewals. The County is also willing to consider 8% of the gym's current value of \$165,000 instead of 10%. City Manager then mentioned that there is a conflict between term 3 of 14 where it is noted that the City has 90 days to put the utilities on a separate meter and the term 3A1 where it is written that the City has 6 months to meter the utilities separately. Council Member Johnson asked which one the County prefers, and the City Manager stated the 90 days. Council then discussed their concerns and thoughts of the County's proposed contract.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Consent Agenda – None.
- B. Composition of Request for Proposal – Solid Waste Management Services – City Manager stated that the City reached out to the Commercial Dumpster customers and no one had responded. The City Manager mentioned that it is at her

recommendation as well as Jim Tavenner's, the Public Works Director, that the County's service is the City's best option. Council Member Johnson asked for clarification on the proposed terms of the contract and City Manager Thornton stated that she is recommending 3 – 5 years and the County is willing to consider the length of that term. Council Members Mailman, Johnson and Hollis all agreed with the proposed 3 – 5 year term. City Manager then discussed with Council the pricing increase to residential and commercial customers being inevitable. Council Member Johnson asked City Manager Thornton if the fee would be set during the length of the term. City Manager stated that the City will be clarifying that with the County. The Council Members continued to discuss and give opinions of the recommendations of solid waste management services with DeKalb County.

- C. Revision of Chapter 4 – Animals, Stone Mountain Code of Ordinances. – City Manager Thornton stated that a draft of grazing ordinance had been started but she would like to hold off on complete revision of ordinance because a big portion of the ordinance comes from DeKalb County ordinance and a lot of that does not apply to the City. City Manager Thornton would like to get better regulatory language to fit the City. Council Member Hollis stated that she would be doing further research with some others and City Manager recommended that Mayor Wheeler look into appointing someone else to help Council Member Hollis in her research. City Manager Thornton stated that this will be removed from the agenda for now.
- D. Mid-Year FY2018, Preliminary FY2019 Budget Discussion – City Manager Thornton asked for Council to set a separate work session for 2019 Budget as well as for SPLOST funds through the end of this year and for next year. City Manager asked for time to finalize the calendar before deciding on the separate work session for FY2019 Budget. City Manager noted that she has put in a separate memo to Council the proposed FY2019 Revenue estimates and expenditures.
- E. Sewer Easement for 5203 Central Drive, Brad Bostwick owner. – Council Member Johnson discussed that the owner of the property came to the City because he is having some sewer issues and would like to tie onto an existing sewer line within Central Drive but would have to cross through a parcel that the City owns to tie in. Council Member Johnson stated that the Council would have to come to some consensus to allow Mr. Bostwick to tie into this sewer main within Central Drive. Council discussed the issue.

#### **NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Resolution 2018-20 FY2018 Budget Amendment – City Manager Thornton discussed the Certified digest received from the Tax Commissioner's Office and there are additional revenues to be received from Real Property and Business Property Taxes. She stated that there needs to be an increase in the Solicitor's expense allocation because a new Solicitor's calendar will be initiated in October.

#### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City manager reviewed and pointed out some items of the Revenue and Expense Report for July. Council Member Johnson asked if we have started process for replacement of Judge Dear-Jackson since she won the election. Mayor Wheeler and City Manager Thornton both gave input.

Mayor Wheeler asked for any more discussion from the Council. Council Member Johnson reminded everyone of the ceremony on Sunday, August 26 to honor the life of Chief River's. She also mentioned her trip to attend the DeKalb County Transit Master Planning Conference in Minneapolis St. Paul as a representative of the City.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Council Member Johnson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Hollis.

Motion approved 4-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.

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**Patricia Wheeler, Mayor**

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**Alicia Daniels, Assistant City Clerk**