



MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE/WORK SESSION

Tuesday, November 20, 2018 @ 6:30 pm

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

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Mayor Wheeler during the Special Called Meeting held before the Work Session. Councilmembers Little, Mailman, Hollis, Johnson, and Bryant were present. Councilmember Wells was absent.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Invocation and Pledge done during the Special Called Meeting held before the Work Session.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

None.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE DAY

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved for the adoption of the Work Session Agenda, seconded by Councilmember Hollis. Motion approved 5-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

-Thom DeLoach
1066 Third Street

He asked Council to consider a performance review/feedback be done on SafeBuilt from the local business owners and building owners.

-Sara Abrams
905 Gordon Street

She is working on the employee appreciation gifts for Christmas and plans to deliver them to City Hall on Thursday, December 14.

She wanted to know if there is a plan to create a citizen committee regarding the usage of SPLOST funds for the Parks. She would like to be involved once a committee is created. She also wanted to stress the need for permanent garbage cans on a few of the streets where there is heavy pedestrian traffic.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Planning and Zoning

Mike Cooper presented the recommendations of the Committee from their meeting on Monday, November 19 for 6803 JBR Memorial Drive, 6804 JBR Memorial Drive and 838 Beaver Run.

B. Economic Development/Downtown Development Authority

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson advised on the OPO plans for renovations are on-going and so is the bid process.

C. Historic Preservation Commission – Al Capagrossi

No report from Al Capagrossi as he was not present.

D. Visitor's Center

Kim Cumbie gave report. She would like to speak with Council in January regarding shortening the Farmer's Market for next year.

STAFF REPORTS –

A. Code Compliance Officer – Sgt. Roseberry

Bob Hillis gave report.

Councilmember Mailman asked Bob to elaborate on the pallet farm just on the outskirts of the City. Bob advised that the pallets were not removed but they were written several citations.

B. Public Works Director – Jim Tavenner

Jim Tavenner gave report. He announced that there were no bids turned in for the basketball courts at the parks for resurfacing. There has been a first request for traffic control device at Ridge and Cloud and he will start the process. DeKalb County has announced that the speed humps at Cloud Street will be the last place that they will place them; from here on out the City must enter into an agreement with DeKalb County to install speed humps, pay for them to be installed and pay for them to be maintained. He spoke on the outcome of the meeting with

Mayor, City Manager and himself with Stone Mountain Park regarding a sidewalk at the entrance way down at the E. Mountain gates. Construction cost is about \$45,000.00 and for the Engineer about \$12,500.00 and Stone Mountain park thinks this construction price is too high. Jim presented a question to Council about what to do with the Advanced Disposal trash carts that will be removed from properties once DeKalb County Sanitation takes over as they belong to the City.

Councilmember Mailman asked if there is anyway for us to sell the carts.

Councilmember Little asked if we can price the trash cans that Sara Abrams is speaking of to put on the City streets for pedestrians. Jim advised that he will begin to look into the prices it just depends on the style of trash cart the City wants to buy.

C. Chief of Police – Chief Troutman

Chief Chancey Troutman gave his report regarding the Police Department.

Councilmember Bryant asked if a police officer can sit at the school bus stop at Ridge and Ridge Forest because the children are in the street, and she wouldn't want a child to be hit by a car.

D. Assistant City Clerk – Alicia Daniels

Assistant City Clerk gave report on business and alcohol licensing, permitting and gave a report on the last Historic Preservation Commission since the head of the commission was not present to give report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A. Consent Agenda

Mayor Pro Tem read the items under New Business for Consent Agenda.

1. Appointments by the City Council
 - a. City Auditor – James Whitaker, P.C.
 - b. City Engineers – Clark, Patterson Lee
Lord, Aeck,& Sargent
 - c. City Attorney – Joe Fowler
 - d. Assistant City Attorney – Solicitor
 - e. Municipal Court Judge
 - f. Municipal Court Judge
 - g. Municipal Court Judge
 - h. Municipal Court Judge
 - i. Legal Organ – The Champion Newspaper

-City Manager advised that we have still not named the Assistant City Attorney – Solicitor or the Municipal Court Judges. This will be discussed further in Executive Session.

2. Contract for Services Renewal – City of Stone Mountain Art Station, Inc.

-City Manager advised that the contract has been given to Art Station, but they are reviewing the terms and will submit back to the City.

3. Contract for Services Renewal – City of Stone Mountain and Professional Probation Services, Inc.

-City Manager advised that the contract is still the same, but the Professional Probation service fee has gone from \$35 to \$40 which is still paid by those on probation.

4. Visitor's Center Agreement Renewal – City of Stone Mountain and Stone Mountain Memorial Svcs.

- No changes except SMMA wants to have a change in the time frame they pay from monthly to quarterly.

5. Lease Agreement – City of Stone Mountain and VFW Park Stone Mountain Community Garden

- There were no questions and no discussion. No changes to the agreement.

6. Renewal Agreement – City of Stone Mountain and Community Champion

- No changes to the agreement just looking to extend the contract.

B. Request for Sewer line Easement

-There were no questions and no discussion. City Manager stated that this has been put on Agenda just in case, but Council is not ready to bring this to a public discussion as this will be discussed in Executive Session.

NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

A. Ordinance 2018-09 To Amend Chapter 4 Animals (Council Presentation)

-Councilmember Hollis discussed the Ordinance Amendment.

B. Ordinance 2018-10 Budget for Fiscal Year 2019 (First Reading)

-City Manager stated that a separate meeting should be had to discuss the SPLOST funds.

C. Ordinance 2018-11 To Amend Chapter 3 Alcoholic Beverages, Section 3-9 Times for sales

-Mayor Wheeler spoke on this Ordinance and its origination. City Manager Thornton explained that it is already in effect and the City will have to make a change to its ordinance.

D. Resolution 2018-25 The Annual Appointment of an Election Superintendent for 2019

-Mayor Pro Tem advised that the appointment will be for our Assistant City Clerk, Alicia Daniels.

E. Resolution 2018-26 Setting the Official Holiday Schedule for 2019

-Mayor Pro Tem read the resolution to set the Official Holiday Schedule for 2019.

F. Resolution 2018-27 Appointment Prosecuting Attorney and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney

-Mayor Pro Tem stated that the appointment for prosecuting attorney will be Joe Fowler and the assistant prosecuting attorney is still to be determined.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager presented budget report to Council.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved to adjourn to Executive Session to Discuss Personnel and Real Estate

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

None.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no action taken out of Executive Session.

City Manager stated that with Council's consent we must add the variance application and the rezone to the December 3 Agenda.

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

Motion approved 5-0

Chakira Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem

Alicia Daniels, Assistant City Clerk