

CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE/WORK SESSION
875 Main Street, Stone Mountain, GA
Monday, December 19, 2016
Immediately following the 6:30 p.m. Special Call Meeting
MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor Patricia Wheeler, Mayor Pro Tem Chakira Johnson, Council Members: Susan Coletti, Steve Higgins, Richard Mailman, Andrea Redmond, Steve Wells

STAFF: City Manager ChaQuias Thornton, Chief of Police Chancey Troutman, Public Works Director Jim Tavenner, DDA Executive Director Mechel McKinley, Visitor Center Manager Kim Cumbie and City Clerk Kate Settle

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Patricia Wheeler called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE: The invocation and pledge were given at the Special Meeting.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE DAY: Motion by Council Member Johnson to adopt the agenda of the day. Council Member Mailman seconded the motion.

Motion approved 6-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (*The public is encouraged to speak but to keep comments to three minutes.*): The following citizens came forward to give their concerns, opinions and suggestions: Diana Hollis expressed her concerns regarding the annexation and she hoped the Council would reconsider. Gary Peet spoke of the statistics he recently received from the Housing Authority.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. **Planning and Zoning:** None.
- B. **Community Affairs:** Council Member Coletti reminded everyone that the City will fly a flag over City Hall for Veterans. If any citizens would like to honor a Veteran in this manner, she asked that they contact her.
- C. **Economic Development/Downtown Development Authority:** Ms. McKinley thanked everyone for their participation in the Christmas Parade. She read into the record a letter from Jane Rhodes thanking Public Works for their assistance in decorating the City for the Holiday. Ms. McKinley distributed a letter to Council and thanked them for the opportunity to serve the City of Stone Mountain. The Mayor thanked her for her service.
- D. **Finance:** None.
- E. **Community Outreach:** Council Member Redmond felt it was very important to get involved in Community Groups. She has met new citizens that are interested in volunteering. She spoke with the DeKalb County Library Administrator about the Sue Kellogg Library. Both the Library and Stone Mountain Elementary School would like to focus on parent involvement.

- F. **Public Works:** None.
- G. **Public Safety:** Council Member Mailman thanked Sara Abrams for putting goody bags together for the employees. He asked everyone to be safe and watchful during the holidays.
- H. **Historic Preservation Commission:** None. Mayor Wheeler did inform the public that the Commission has openings and if anyone is interested in serving, to please send a short resume.
- I. **Visitor Center:** Ms. Kim Cumbie reviewed her report with the Council. The economic impact for the month was 899.73 and for year-to-date \$11,281.23. Karen Patton is now the President of the Stone Mountain Village Business Association. Eighty Village Swag Bags were delivered to Lynne Dundon from Stone Mountain Park. She will be bring those bags to the Atlanta Concierge Society Gala to be held in Atlanta. The larger hotels will be represented and the swags bags will be delivered to each member.

STAFF REPORTS

- A. **Code Compliance Officer:** None.
- B. **Public Works Director:** Jim Tavenner reported 37 people have reported for Community Service in the month of December thus far. He is scheduling with Shepco when to start the project from Ridge to Mimosa. Mr. Tavenner is in the process of resubmitting to LMG to patch Zachary Drive. He reported Public Works has been in the process of vacuuming the streets. Public Works has picked up 9,900 pounds of trash.
- C. **Chief of Police:** Chief Troutman reviewed his report with Council. He reported on a person that was arrested in relation to several burglaries on Ridge Road and in the surrounding neighborhoods. He thanked Ms. Abrams for her efforts and thoughtfulness for the City employees during the holidays.
- D. **City Clerk:** Ms. Settle submitted a written report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- A. **Consent Agenda:** None.
- B. **Appointment Assistant City Attorney – Solicitor:** City Manager Thornton reported Kenneth O'Rourke has submitted his resume. He was recommended by Solicitor Barnes-Wiggins. His resume was the only resume received. Because of the time constraints of Solicitor Barnes-Wiggins departure, City Manager Thornton recommended hiring Mr. O'Rourke to fill the slot for the immediate future and consider seeking out more resumes in the interim.
- C. **Consider Changes to the Golf Cart Ordinance:** This item was postponed until the January Work Session.

NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. **Resolution 2016-41 – Appointment Prosecuting Attorney and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney:** Council Member Chakira Johnson read the title of the resolution into the record.
- B. **Resolution 2017-01 – FY 2016 Budget Amendment:** City Manager Thornton asked for the resolution to be a placeholder for and would like to address it at the Regular Meeting in January.
- C. **Resolution 2017-02 – FY 2017 Budget Amendment:** City Manager Thornton clarified the amount of the budget amendment. She reported the need for the amendment is to increase an officer's pay who has been with the City for nine years and has had an evaluation of above average throughout his tenure. When the increase for initial hires were introduced, this officer's pay was not considered.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: City Manager Thornton reviewed the revenue and expense report through November 30, 2016. She had started to do an analysis for year's end and there will be a surplus in revenues for the General Fund. City Manager Thornton requested an Executive Session to discuss personnel. Council Member Johnson motioned to recess the Regular Session to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coletti. The meeting was recessed at 7:21 p.m.

Mayor Wheeler reconvened the Work Session at 8:17 p.m.

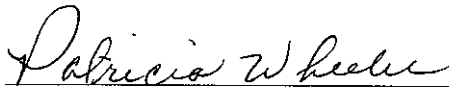
Council Member Johnson announced there was no action to be taken out of Executive Session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR: Mayor Wheeler wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

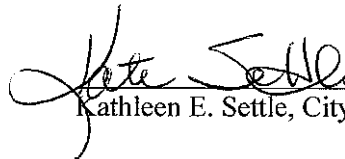
ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Council Member Johnson to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coletti.

Motion approved 6-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.



Mayor Patricia Wheeler



Kathleen E. Settle, City Clerk