



CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE/WORK SESSION MINUTES
Monday, January 22, 2018 @ 6:30 pm
City Hall, 875 Main Street, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30083

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE – Councilmember Hollis did the invocation and Councilmember Wells led the pledge.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE DAY – Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made a motion; Councilmember Hollis seconded; **motion carried 6/0.**

CITIZEN COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

- Andrea Redmond of 5317 Mimosa Drive spoke about the 2nd annual kidney walk on March 31st at 8:00 am. She talked about grants that she wanted to apply for on behalf of the City such as Trail Development Fund, Historic Preservation fund grant and Pet Safe Bark for Your Park June 30th.
- Joan Monroe of 5499 Woodsong Trace talked about trapping colonies of cats and discussed the need for donations of \$10.00 to \$20.00 for the crates at wholesale. She also at about our youths being at risk and needing after school programs and summer programs.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson requested a joint Executive Session with Council and DDA to discuss projects.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Planning and Zoning - None
- B. Community Affairs - None
- C. Economic Development/Downtown Development Authority – Errol Newark went over the document he handed out.
- D. Finance - None
- E. Community Outreach - None
- F. Public Safety – Councilmember Mailman spoke about the Library meeting and the Library putting in programs for the kids as well as revamping the Library.
- G. Public Works – Councilmember Wells gave appreciation for the work done for safety during the severe weather. Also, that we are still waiting on DeKalb County in reference to the speedhumps.
- H. Historic Preservation Commission - None
- I. Visitor Center – Document provided in the packets.

STAFF REPORTS

- A. Code Compliance Officer – Sgt. Roseberry – spoke about the cats in town and the Westgate Hotel closing. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson stated that there was a large mound of dirt near Sheppard Road and Sgt. Roseberry said she was working with them on that. Also, it was mentioned that Mount Village Court had 20 bags of debris out.
- B. Public Works Director – Jim Tavenner – read his report; stated that they do blow off leaves at the cemetery; he then gave the amounts for repairs on the Rock Gym. Jim also stated he got bids on painting the City Hall.
- C. Chief of Police – Chief Troutman – read his report; spoke to the audience about safety.
- D. City Clerk – Rhonda Blackmon – HPC meeting moving to 01/31/18; in process of a new day for Planning and Zoning meetings.

Councilmember Mailman talked about a March 3rd retreat. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson asked what was budgeted for this.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Appointments by the City Council – Board of Ethics – One Member Appointed by Each Council Member (Wells/Bryant) for Two Year Terms – 2018-2019; Councilmember Bryant appointed Steve Higgins and Councilmember Wells deferred to the next meeting as his choice was taken.
- B. Ordinance 2017-08 To Amend Appendix A – Zoning, Article V: District Regulations to Include Provisions for Accessory Dwelling Units; this item was discussion about changes that need to be made.

- C. Ordinance 2017-09 To Amend Appendix A – Zoning, Article VI: Supplemental Regulations, Section 6-8 Accessory Uses; this was discussion only to include location of tiny houses on a lot.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consent Agenda - None
- B. Lease Agreement between the City of Stone Mountain and the ART STATION – Use of the property fronting Second Street for Internal Storage; City Manager Thornton talked about the date change.
- C. Consideration of Community Development Block Grant Application and Submission to the DeKalb County Community Development Department for a potential grant award of \$70,000 for the Purchase and Installation of Play Ground Equipment at McCurdy Park; City Manager Thornton explained this item; several councilmembers also gave comments on this matter; Errol Newark also spoke on the subject.

NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution 2018-03 FY2018 Budget Amendment; City Manager Thornton stated that this is something we do every year. She went through the explanation of the amendment.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – City Manager Thornton went over the revenue and expense report. 865 Main and 914 2nd both belong to the City now; 02/19/18 is audit week; 03/07/18 to 03/09/18 is newly elected training; and looking for the retreat to be March 3rd.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR – Mayor Wheeler gave highlights of the Mayor's Day Conference that she attended; McHale Hutchins' mother just celebrated her 70th birthday; considering changing our work sessions back to Tuesdays; at the retreat, we will be looking at the Charter; we will be having our ordinances look at for revision, including the zoning. City Manager Thornton stated that she wanted to add personnel discussion to the Executive Session that Mayor Pro Tem requested. Mayor then let everyone know that Officer Lamb was back with us.

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor called for adjournment; Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made a motion; Councilmember Hollis seconded; motion carried 6/0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

The public comments are reserved exclusively for comments from the public and not for immediate reply. The purpose of public comment is to allow the public to voice city related requests, concerns or opinions only during the public comment portion of the City Council meeting. I. The Mayor and City Council reserves the right to extend or limit the length of public comments based on: (1) the issue under discussion; (2) the number of items on the agenda; and (3) the extent to which the speaker remains constructive in their comments and questions. II. The public may not directly confront the public speaker but must direct all comments and questions to the Mayor and City Council. III. Public harassment of or confrontation with a public speaker will not be tolerated. Members of the public violating tenets two or three will be asked to sit down or leave the premises.