

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
875 Main Street, Stone Mountain, GA 30083
Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

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

ABSENT: Council Member Steve Wells

STAFF: City Manager ChaQuias Thornton, City Attorney Joe Fowler, Chief of Police Chauncey Troutman, Public Works Director Jim Tavenner, City Clerk Kate Settle

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Wheeler called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Mayor Wheeler presented gift certificates from the Village to the Hawkins Family whose home was recently damaged in a fire.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM: A quorum was present.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE: Council Member Higgins gave the invocation. Council Member Mailman led the pledge.

CITIZENS COMMENTS (Citizens are encouraged to speak but to keep their comments to three minutes):
The following citizens came forward to give their suggestions, opinions and concerns: Sara Abrams.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

- A. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting – December 6, 2016: Council Member Johnson made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion.
Motion approved 5-0.
- B. Minutes of the Special Call Meeting – December 19, 2016: Council Member Johnson made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion.
Motion approved 5-0.
- C. Minutes of City Council Committee/Work Session – December 19, 2016: Council Member Johnson made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion.
Motion approved 5-0.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE DAY: Request for unanimous consent to add under New Business, Item D. Appointment of David Downs to be a Board Member of the DDA and under New Ordinances and Resolutions Item D. Resolution 2017-04 Budget Amendment.

CONSIDERATION OF ANY LEGISLATION VETOED BY THE MAYOR

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consent Agenda
- B. Appointment Assistant City Attorney – Solicitor Kenneth O'Rourke, Jr.: Motion by Council Member Johnson to approve the appointment of Assistant City Attorney Solicitor Kenneth O'Rourke. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coletti. City Manager Thornton reported on Mr. O'Rourke's references.
Motion approved 5-0.

- C. Set a date for the January 2017 Work Session: Motion by Council Member Johnson to set the date for the January 2017 Work Session to Tuesday, January 17, 2017, seeing January 16 is Martin Luther King, Jr. Federal Holiday. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coletti.

Motion approved 5-0.

- D. Appointment of David Downs to be a Board Member of the DDA: Motion by Council Member Johnson to approve the appointment of David Downs to serve as a board member of the Downtown Development Authority for a term of four years. The motion was seconded by Council member Coletti.

Motion approved 5-0.

NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. Resolution 2016-41 – Appointment Prosecuting Attorney and Assistant Prosecuting Attorney. Item assigned to Resolution 2017-03: Motion by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Coletti to adopt Resolution 2017-03.

Motion approved 5-0.

- B. Resolution 2017-01 – FY 2016 Budget Amendment: Motion by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Coletti to adopt Resolution 2017-01.

Motion approved 5-0.

- C. Resolution 2017-02 – FY 2017 Budget Amendment: Motion by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Coletti to adopt Resolution 2017-02.

Motion approved 5-0.

- D. Resolution 2017-04 Budget Amendment: Motion by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Coletti to adopt Resolution 2017-04. City Manager Thornton explained Resolution 2017-04 is to boost employee moral by giving each employee a \$50.00 incentive.

Motion approved 5-0.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Planning and Zoning: None.

- B. Community Affairs: Council Member Coletti reminded everyone the City would like to fly the flag over City Hall in honor of Veterans and their service to our Country. Sponsorship for flying a flag is approximately \$30.00.

- C. Economic Development/Downtown Development Authority: Council Member Johnson thanked Council for approving the appointment of David Downes to the Downtown Development Association (DDA) Board. The DDA Board has another seat open. Council Member Johnson asked to please refer any interested parties to her. She thanked Kim Cumbie for stepping up to take on some of the responsibilities for the DDA since Mechel McKinley has taken a new opportunity with DeKalb County. An organizational meeting of the DDA will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2017.

- D. Finance: None.

- E. Community Outreach: Council Member Redmond reported that the Community Watch Group will be holding their meeting at Café Jaya on January 10, 2017. The community in the central area of town has noticed young men who appear to be casing homes. She has been contacted by citizens who would like to see an attendance policy for Council Members. Council Member Redmond outlined her thoughts regarding such a policy.

- F. Public Works: None.

- G. Public Safety: Council Member Mailman reported the police were contacted and responded to the suspicious activity of the young men. He urged everyone to call 911 whenever they see suspicious activity on the street or in their neighborhood. Council Member Mailman wished everyone a happy New Year.

- H. Historic Preservation Commission: None. Mayor Wheeler reported the Historic Preservation Commission has three openings and to please send a short resume to those who might be interested in serving.

- I. Visitor Center: Kim Cumbie gave her report at the Work Session.

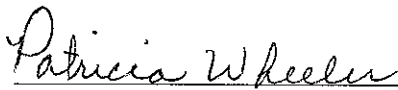
The Regular Meeting was recessed at 7:10 for the Council to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. The Regular Meeting reconvened at 7:25 p.m. Council Member Johnson reported that no action was taken during the Executive Session.

REMARKS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: Council Member Coletti announced that Mr. Hugh Jordan passed away. He was very involved in the Community. She asked all to keep the family in their thoughts.

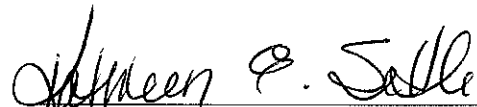
City Manager Thornton reported the City is having IT problems and it there may be a need to have an emergency purchase. City Manager Thornton reported the cost might be substantial in order fix the problem.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Coletti to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m.



Mayor Patricia Wheeler



Kathleen E. Settle, City Clerk