



CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE/WORK SESSION MINUTES
Tuesday, February 20, 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-A quorum was present.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE-Invocation was done by Councilmember Hollis and the pledge was led by Councilmember Mailman.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS-None

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE DAY-Mayor Pro Tem Johnson made a motion to add committee discussion Item D: Annexation Task Force Committee; and to replace Item C under New Business to City of Stone Mountain Proposed Annexation; Councilmember Hollis seconded; **motion carried 5/0.**

CITIZEN COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

- Judy Asher of 5287 Mountain Village Court thanked those that helped with the cat program; wants the city to talk to the county; no left turn lights at Main Street; Champion School entrance backs up and needs a change; there is trash in ditches in the city and it looks like a landfill; and wants Council to use different people for different ideas instead of the same people.
- Joan Monroe of 5499 Woodsong Trace thanked everyone on helping with the cat program; Officer Roseberry was concept has become huge and they are now in partnership with Lifeline; Officer Roseberry is brilliant.
- Melvin Wood of 514 Rockborough Drive stated that grass is being cut on a regular basis; the neighborhood is getting better; a lot of northerners driving on the medians and messing it up.
- Mark Keaton from 5380 Poole Street said in July he called in a missing stop sign at the three-way stop; Jim Tavenner put up a temporary fix; Council doesn't respond to residents; things are done without notice; maybe we should have a town hall meeting.
- Steve Higgins from 1028 Ridge Avenue wanted to talk about the Rock Gym but was told he has to wait until the item comes up on the agenda.
- Anonymous person talked about the proposed annexation; doesn't want to be included due to pot holes, higher taxes so people cannot pay and get forced out, abandoned houses.
- Erica Barnes at 514 Jaywood Drive said she thought there was a strict policy about not parking on the grass; now there are cars parked everywhere on the grass; the city needs to implement the policy again.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Planning and Zoning - none
- B. Economic Development/Downtown Development Authority – Errol Newark spoke on the handout he gave.
- C. Historic Preservation Commission – None
- D. Annexation Task Force Committee - Mayor and Council gave the audience a few minutes each to respond to the proposed annexation. Several people came up to respond.

STAFF REPORTS

- A. Code Compliance Officer – Sgt. Roseberry – Went over the report that was handed out. City Manager Thornton addressed the parking on the grass issue. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson mentioned the dirt pile still on Sheppard and Roseberry stated she was talking with them and they need a silt fence. City Manager Thornton also commended Officer Roseberry on her upcoming graduation for code compliance.
- B. Public Works Director – Jim Tavenner - None
- C. Chief of Police – Chief Troutman – Went over the report that was handed out. Advised that there is a 911 center tour next Thursday 03/01/18.
- D. Visitor center Manager – Kim Cumbie – Went over the report that was handed out.
- E. City Clerk – Rhonda Blackmon – None

Pro Tem Johnson made a motion for an executive session; Councilman Mailman seconded; **motion carried 5/0**; went into executive session at 7:40 pm. The group reconvened at 8:45 pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance 2017-08 To Amend Appendix A – Zoning, Article V: District Regulations to Include Provisions for Accessory Dwelling Units; no action taken; City Manager Thornton stated that the ordinance will be 2018-01 and anywhere there is 400 sq. ft., it needs to say, “no more than”. This is the first reading. The public hearing will be Monday, March 5, 2018.
- B. Ordinance 2017-09 To Amend Appendix A – Zoning, Article VI: Supplemental Regulations, Section 6-8 Accessory Uses; no action taken; City Manager Thornton stated that the ordinance will be 2018-02. This also will say “no more than” where ever it says 400 sq. ft. This is the first reading. The public hearing will be Monday March 5, 2018.
- C. Consideration of Rock Gym Maintenance – City Manager Thornton gave a summary of the meeting with the DeKalb County School District and submitted the changes we want to perform to include the terms of use; we cannot sublet to anyone; anything over \$5,000.00, they want an additional quote. City Manager Thornton went over the additional quotes. She suggested it be their contractor to keep the liability off us. We are allowed to use as storage and commercial use if we have their permission. Mayor Pro Tem Johnson suggested that we come up with a comprehensive plan that the whole community can use and get that approved and then go to the repairs that need to be done.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consent Agenda - None
- B. Title V: Non-Discrimination Agreement Between the City of Stone Mountain and Georgia Department of Transportation – City Manager Thornton went over the agreement and the letter explaining that this goes with every project we do with GDOT.
- C. Amend the City of Stone Mountain Personnel Classification and Compensation Plans – City Manager Thornton stated that we would like a complete overhaul of our compensation plan; there is no room for promotion because we are a small staff; we already have an employee at the top of their department. Councilmember Mailman suggested we add two steps while waiting on the new plan.

NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. Ordinance 2018-03 Amendment to Chapter 3, Alcohol Beverages; to allow for Microbreweries, to amend regulations for Brewpubs, to amend application and measurement regulations with regards to distance requirements, etc. – City Manager Thornton went over the new law and then the parts changing; this is the first reading.
- B. Ordinance 2018-04 Amendment to the Chapter 5: Buildings and Property Regulations – City Manager stated we have established that the state minimum standards are adopted in our building codes. We are adding number 9 concerning the tiny houses.
- C. Ordinance 2018-05 Amendment to Appendix A–Zoning; District and Supplemental Regulations, Nonconforming – there is not an ordinance draft for this as there are a couple of ways to do this. This is in regard to the lot size specifications and the setback specifications for schools, colleges and junior colleges; this also affects the parking regulations; we can amend the ordinance, or we can require a variance; City Manager Thornton went into detail on the current code; this the first reading.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – City Manager Thornton stated that the preliminary audit started today but we have to close out 2017 before we can go into 2018; the retreat is March 31st but the location is still not determined; GMA did a franchise audit of Comcast because some streets were not being included and they owe the city \$21,700 plus this will add \$600 per month to our franchise fee.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson wanted to let everyone know that the Community Garden kick-off meeting will be Thursday at 6:30 pm here at City Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR – Mayor let everyone know that Robert Smith who was on our council for year, has passed away and the funeral will be held Saturday, February 24th at 11:00 am at Bethsaida Baptist Church.

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor called for an adjournment; Mayor Pro Tem made a motion; Councilmember Hollis seconded; the **motion carried 5/0**; meeting was adjourned at 9:37 pm.

Mayor Patricia Wheeler

City Clerk Rhonda A. Blackmon