



CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE/WORK SESSION MINUTES
Tuesday, March 20, 2018 @ 6:30 pm
City Hall, 875 Main Street, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30083

CALL TO ORDER- Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:46 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 Wells.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS-None

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE DAY-City Manager Thornton asked for consideration for the DDA Variance added to the agenda under New Business Item G: Councilmember Hollis made a motion; Councilmember Mailman seconded; **motion carried 5/0.**

CITIZEN COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

- Jeanne Maiden wanted to thank Code Compliance for moving on and getting her a proper recommendation for getting the runoff in her yard on Maple Drive. Wants the Police Department to do more cruising in that area and in Cherrywood. Also, wants a sign stating No Parking which she asked for 12 years ago.
- Steve Higgins from 1028 Ridge Avenue wanted to talk about the Rock Gym but was told he had to wait until the item comes up on the agenda.
- Margaret Pickens from 416 Rockborough Court thank the city for the street light that was put on North Rockborough; spoke about the street sweeper that she saw in January as she thought it was not going to run anymore, so she wanted confirmation on that; she also spoke about the signs in the median; 217 S. Rockborough Court in the yard and garage there are items that need to be picked up; the entrance of 516 Rockborough Drive they are still working on cars and then parking them across the street at 517 Rockborough Drive. Also, the group she is in is going to replace all of the wooden street signs as needed.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Planning and Zoning – Mike Cooper gave a summary of the prior Planning and Zoning meeting; 1024 Hill Street was approved; a long summary of points for denial were given on the Georgia Military College Variance.
- B. Economic Development/Downtown Development Authority – Errol Newark spoke on the handout he gave out.
- C. Historic Preservation Commission – Al Capagrossi mentioned 5262 Poplar Springs and its trees. Mr. Capagrossi suggested that we get a committee together to handle a tree ordinance.
- D. Annexation Task Force Committee – None

STAFF REPORTS

- A. Code Compliance Officer – Sgt. Roseberry – Requested signs at the parks for no dumping. Officer Hillis also went over his report. Councilmember Wells asked about a tree ordinance.
- B. Public Works Director – Jim Tavenner – Mr. Tavenner reported on several items concerning public works. Councilmember Wells brought up points on the trash and dumpster situation at the parks. Then he gave his inspection numbers. Then he gave three main private projects they will be working on. Also went over the two lower bids for the Zachary Drive project. The City Manager also spoke on the projects and the TAN. There was also an update on The Depot.
- C. Chief of Police – Chief Troutman – Chief Troutman was in training but did turn in a report.
- D. Visitor center Manager – Kim Cumbie – Went over the report that was handed out.
- E. City Clerk – Rhonda Blackmon – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Consideration of Rock Gym Maintenance – City Manager Thornton gave an update from the meeting with the school board. Councilmember Mailman asked some questions of City Manager Thornton. Steve Higgins came up and spoke on the update.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consent Agenda - None

- B. Intergovernmental Agreement for the 2018 Distribution of HOST and EHOST Tax Proceeds between DeKalb County and the City of Stone Mountain, et al.; City Manager Thornton went over a proposal of how the HOST and EHOST will be distributed.
- C. Callahan Banner Permit Request – Placing Banners/Signs throughout the City; City Manager Thornton gave a summary of the purpose for the signs and the event that would take place. City Manager Thornton explained that this is much like the request for Breakfast with Santa. Councilmember Mailman spoke on the event.
- D. Conditional Use Permit Application – 1024 Hill Street – Accessory Dwelling Unit – Richard Keyton, Owner; no discussion.
- E. Agreement between Georgia Military College Foundation, City of Stone Mountain, and Downtown Development Authority of the City of Stone Mountain – Parking and Right of First Refusal; City Manager Thornton gave an update on this item. She explained that the Right of First Refusal can be removed, and she went over the parking agreement. Councilmember Wells spoke, and Councilmember Mailman also spoke. City Manager Thornton also stated that we were going to see what it will take to amend the ordinance pertaining to this situation.
- F. This item was removed.
- G. Variance Application – 5325 Manor Drive Parcel #18 089 04 003 – Downtown Development Authority – Owner; Councilmember Wells spoke on the item as well as City Manager Thornton. She also gave the legal opinion of the city attorney. Mr. Wells had some discussion. Mr. Cooper also gave comments.

NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

- A. Ordinance 2018-08 FY2018 Budget Amendment – City Manager Thornton went over the amendment. Councilmembers Mailman and Wells asked questions that Ms. Thornton answered.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – The City Manager went over the revenue and expense report explaining that we could not do a report prior to this as our accounting system could not do a 2018 report until 2017 was closed out. City Manager Thornton stated that she will be out of the office part of next week for the City Manager's Conference.

Councilmember Wells gave an update on the speed humps.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR – Mayor Wheeler let everyone know that she received a call regarding the city becoming a purple heart city. Mayor said she thought it would be good for the city. There is a district 3 meeting in April and she will be sending out a notice.

ADJOURNMENT – Mayor called for an adjournment; Councilmember Hollis made a motion; Councilmember Mailman seconded; the **motion carried 5/0**; meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Mayor Patricia Wheeler

City Clerk Rhonda A. Blackmon