CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wheeler called the meeting to order at 6:42pm.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Mayor Wheeler determined that there was a quorum. Councilmembers Little, Cox, Hollis, Johnson, Monroe and Bryant were present.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Councilmember Hollis gave the Invocation and Councilmember Monroe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

- Rev. Parker  
  821 Third Street, Stone Mountain, GA  
  Reiterate MLK Celebration, Unveiling of Eva Mamie Lane, and Bell Ringing that will take place at St. Paul AME on Monday, January 20, 2020 at 10:00am.

- Sharon Frierson  
  5282 Oakridge Dr., Stone Mountain, GA  
  Congrats to New Councilmembers. Request that all councilmembers respond to the citizens when they call.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL

A. Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting 11/7/19

   Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting for November 7, 2019; seconded by Councilmember Hollis. There were no additions or corrections by Council.

   Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

B. Minutes of Special Called Meeting 11/19/19

   Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting for November 19, 2019; seconded by Councilmember Hollis. There were no additions or corrections by Council.

   Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

C. Minutes of Work Session Meeting 11/19/19

   Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the Work Session City Council Meeting for November 19, 2019; seconded by Councilmember Hollis. There were no additions or corrections by Council.

   Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

D. Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting 12/3/19

   Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting for December 3, 2019; seconded by Councilmember Hollis. There were no additions or corrections by Council.

   Motion carried unanimously 6-0.
E. Minutes of Special Called Meeting 12/17/19
Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the Special Called City Council Meeting for December 17, 2019; seconded by Councilmember Hollis. There were no additions or corrections by Council.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

F. Minutes of Work Session Meeting 12/17/19
Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the Work Session City Council Meeting for December 17, 2019; seconded by Councilmember Hollis. There were no additions or corrections by Council.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS
None. Mayor wished everyone a Happy New Year!

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE DAY – Request to add by Unanimous Consent Under:

New Business:
Item E – Appointment of Bernie Waller to the Downtown Development Authority Board with term to expire July 31, 2021.


Item G – Consideration for City Contribution to Dependent Care Medical Coverage for Eligible Employees.

Item H – Appointment for New Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved for the adoption of the Agenda of the day with the request to add by unanimous consent under New Business Item E – Appointment of Bernie Waller to the Downtown Development Authority Board with term to expire July 31, 2021, Item F – Surplus of Asset for Disposal – 2014 Dodge Charger_VIN3346 – Transfer of Title in Insurance Claim_Total Loss, Item G – Consideration for City Contribution to Dependent Care Medical Coverage for Eligible Employees, and Item H – Appointment for New Mayor Pro Tem; seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

New Ordinances and Resolutions:
Item E – Resolution 2020-01 Intergovernmental Agreement for the Distribution of Equalized Homestead Option Sales Tax Proceeds.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved for the adoption of the Agenda of the day with the request to add by unanimous consent under New Ordinances and Resolutions Item E – Resolution 2020-01 Intergovernmental Agreement for the Distribution of Equalized Homestead Option Sales Tax Proceeds; seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
A. Hearthstone Subdivision Covenant Restrictions – update.

No update beyond what was provided on December 17, 2019. City Manager Thornton made administrative request to remove item from the agenda until there are new or revised covenant restrictions to present to the council for review.

B. Executive Session to Discuss Personnel and Real Estate.
Executive Session to Discuss Personnel and Real Estate moved to end of agenda.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved for Executive Session at 7:33pm; seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

No action from Executive Session.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Sexton Drive Improvements Proposal for Project Survey, Construction Documents, Bid & Construction Administration – Clark Patterson & Lee - $70, 500.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved for approval of Sexton Drive Improvements Proposal for Project Survey, Construction Documents, Bid & Construction Administration – Clark Patterson & Lee - $70, 500; seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

City Manager noted that this cost did not include additional permitting from EDP or National Core of Engineers.

Councilmember Hollis requested estimated cost of the project. City Manager provided estimated cost of $625, 708.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.


Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved for approval of the Letter of Engagement – Audit Services – James L. Whitaker, P.C. – For Year Ended December 31, 2019; seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

City Manager stated that if Letter of Engagement is approved, Administration will keep council advised of Audit Ending in Fiscal Year 2019.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.


Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved for approval of the Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement between the City of Stone Mountain and the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency; seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

Notation made by City Manager, providing that GEMA gives local government of the State the authority to make agreements for mutual aid assistance in emergencies. This aid includes reimbursement of costs incurred by those parties.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

D. Funding Request – To Sponsor Two Interns Who Provide Mentorship and Summer Academic Help to Low-Income Children In Stone Mountain – Project Transformation North Georgia - $7, 000.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved for approval of the Funding Request – To Sponsor Two Interns Who Provide Mentorship and Summer Academic Help to Low-Income Children In Stone Mountain – Project Transformation North Georgia - $7, 000; seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

Discussion led by City Manager. City Manager met with Diane Ward of Project Transformation. Contract will be prepared and presented during the January 21, 2020 Work Session.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.
E. Appointment of Bernie Waller to the Downtown Development Authority Board with term to expire July 31, 2021.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved for approval of the Appointment of Bernie Waller to the Downtown Development Authority Board with term to expire July 31, 2021; seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson stated that the DDA did review the Application of Bernie Waller. Mr. Waller did meet all requirements and the recommendations was approved by DDA.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.


Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved for approval of Surplus of Asset for Disposal – 2014 Dodge Charger_VIN3346 – Transfer of Title in Insurance Claim_Total Loss; seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson requested explanation. City Manager explained that Police Vehicle was involved in an accident, in which it was deemed a total lost. Proceeds will be used to put a motor into another police vehicle.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

G. Item G – Consideration for City Contribution to Dependent Care Medical Coverage for Eligible Employees.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson requested explanation. City Manager explained the research for Dependent Care Coverage presented in different scenarios: 50%, 75%, and 90%.

Councilmember Little posed rollout of Public Safety only.

Councilmember Bryant posed several questions answered by the City Manager. City Manager responded that there will be no change in plan, but adds an additional benefit, monies will be made available from General Fund Reserve, other cities are providing similar coverage, and it seems prudent to provide benefit that will save money in the long run, due to the turn-over in Public Safety. Item will be placed on the January 21, 2020 Special Called Meeting.

H. Item H – Appointment for New Mayor Pro Tem.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved for approval of the Appointment for New Mayor Pro Tem; seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

Councilmember Little nominated the appointment of Mayor Pro Tem Johnson. Councilmember Monroe nominated the appointment of Councilmember Bryant. Mayor Wheeler requested secret written nomination from Councilmembers. Written nomination tied. Mayor made re-appointment of Mayor Pro Tem.

Motion carried by the majority vote 4-2. Councilmembers Monroe and Bryant voted no.

NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS
E. Resolution 2020-01 Intergovernmental Agreement for the Distribution of Equalized Homestead Option Sales Tax Proceeds.

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved for adoption of Resolution 2020-01 Intergovernmental Agreement for the Distribution of Equalized Homestead Option Sales Tax Proceeds; seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.
COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Planning and Zoning.
   Update provided by City Manager. No meeting date set.

B. Economic Development/Downtown Development Authority.
   Update provided by Mayor Pro Tem. Thanked all for the appointment of Bernie Waller. Thanked Gary Pete for his services. There is one additional vacancy.

C. Historic Preservation Commission.
   Update provided by City Manager, to include advertisement of HPC Members.

D. Parks & Recreation Committee.
   Update provided by Councilmember Cox. Meeting will be held next month.

REMARKS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Councilwoman Little – Announcement of Think-Tank.

Councilwoman Hollis – Wished all a Happy New Year and invited all to come to council meetings.

Councilman Monroe – Thanked all for coming out and conveyed the importance of the community support.

Councilwoman Bryant – Reminded all of the Police Academy Tour.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

Thanked all for coming out and reminded to all of MLK Celebration and Council Retreat.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Council Member Hollis.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:58pm.

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Patricia Wheeler, Mayor/s/

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Mallory Minor, City Clerk/s/