CALL TO ORDER

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

CITIZENS COMMENTS (Citizens are encouraged to speak but to keep their comments to three minutes)

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL
A. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting – January 3, 2017
B. Minutes of the Special Call Meeting – January 17, 2017
C. Minutes of City Council Committee/Work Session – January 17, 2017

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS


Please Add and I. Interim DDA Director Position.

CONSIDERATION OF ANY LEGISLATION VETOED BY THE MAYOR

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS
A. Consent Agenda
B. Medlock Park: Consideration for August 26, 2017, Rock the Block Event and Futuristic Retro Super Heroes as the Theme for the Park
C. Local Government Entities Agreement between American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers and the City of Stone Mountain
D. Appointment to the Planning and Zoning Committee – Fred Jackson
E. Appointment of the Personnel Hearing Officer – Two Year Term – Latisha Dear Jackson – December 31, 2018

NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS
A. Ordinance 2017-01 Amendments to the Golf Cart Ordinance

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS
A. Planning and Zoning
B. Community Affairs
C. Economic Development/Downtown Development Authority
D. Finance
E. Community Outreach
F. Public Works
G. Public Safety
H. Historic Preservation Commission
I. Visitor Center

REMARKS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

ADJOURNMENT

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 tone or order of discussion; and (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 these two or three will be asked to sit down or leave the premises.
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
875 Main Street, Stone Mountain, GA 30083
Tuesday, February 7, 2017
Immediately following the Public Hearing 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 and Steve Wells.

STAFF: City Manager ChaQuias Thornton, City Attorney Joe Fowler, Lieutenant Shirlene Manning, Public Works Director Jim Tavenner, City Clerk Kate Settle

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Wheeler called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM: A quorum was present.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE: Council Member Higgins gave the invocation. Council Member Wells led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZENS COMMENTS (Citizens are encouraged to speak but to keep their comments to three minutes): The following citizens came to express their concerns, suggestions and opinions: Sara Abrams, Norman Joss, Mark Keaton, Diana Hollis, and Mike Sheplock. Mayor Wheeler addressed the concerns regarding the construction project on East Mountain and Second Street and let the citizens know that the City is in dispute with the contractor.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL
A. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting – January 3, 2017: Council Member Johnson moved to approve the minutes as presented. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion.
   Motion carried 6-0.
B. Minutes of the Special Call Meeting – January 17, 2017: Council Member Johnson moved to approve the minutes as presented. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion.
   Motion carried 6-0.
C. Minutes of City Council Committee/Work Session – January 17, 2017 Council Member Johnson moved to approve the minutes as presented. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion.
   Motion carried 6-0.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE DAY: Request for unanimous consent to add under New Business Item F. Variance Application – Mattie Stroud – 787 Fourth Street; Item G. Amend Personnel classification Plan – Public Works Foreman Position; Item H. Rock Gym Facility Use Agreement Terms and Conditions; and I. Interim DDA Director Position. Motion by Council Member Johnson to approve the agenda of the day with the request to add under New Business Item F. Variance Application – Mattie Stroud – 787 Fourth Street; Item G. Amend Personnel classification Plan – Public Works Foreman Position; Item H. Rock Gym Facility Use Agreement Terms and Conditions; and I. Interim DDA Director Position. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coletti.
   Motion approved 6-0.

CONSIDERATION OF ANY LEGISLATION VETOED BY THE MAYOR: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS
A. Consent Agenda: None.
B. Medlock Park: Consideration for August 26, 2017, Rock the Block Event and Futuristic Retro Super Heroes as the Theme for the Park: Discussion among Council Members included: combining the themes of old Stone Mountain and looking toward the futures; colorful murals; having a charrette to assist in deciding a theme. There was a consensus among the Council Members to accept the date of August 26th. Council Member Coletti suggested getting input during the August 26 event. Council Member Redmond reported the Jett Jones Foundation will be doing a clean-up on August 5 and they will be working on Medlock Park.

Council Member Higgins suggested getting the children in the community involved.

C. Local Government Entities Agreement between American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers and the City of Stone Mountain: Motion by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Coletti to approve the agreement between American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers and the City of Stone Mountain.

Motion approved 6-0.

D. Appointment to the Planning and Zoning Committee – Fred Jackson: Motion by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Coletti to approve the appointment to the Planning and Zoning Board, Fred Jackson.

Motion approved 6-0.

E. Appointment of the Personnel Hearing Officer – Two Year Term – Latisha Dear Jackson – December 31, 2018: Motion by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Susan Coletti to approve the appointment of the Personnel Hearing Officer, Latisha Dear-Jackson for a two year term ending December 31, 2018. Council Member Coletti thought it had been decided to have Judge Dear-Jackson in the interim until the City could find a permanent solution. City Manager Thornton reported on her conversations with other City Managers on how they handle the Personnel Hearing Officer. She recommended the appointment Judge Jackson and appointing Judge Hoffman as an alternate. Motion by Council Member Redmond to amend the motion to include appointing Judge Hoffman as an alternate Personnel Hearing Officer. The motion was seconded by Council Member Johnson.

Motion approved 6-0.

The Mayor asked that a vote be taken on the motion to appoint Judge Latisha Jackson as the Personnel Hearing Officer.

Motion approved 6-0.

F. Variance Application – Mattie Stroud – 787 Fourth Street: Council Member Johnson made the motion to approve the Ms. Stroud’s variance application for 787 Fourth Street. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion.

Motion approved 6-0.

G. Amend Personnel Classification Plan – Public Works Foreman Position: Council Member Johnson made the motion to amend the personnel classification plan. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion. City Manager Thornton reported the Public Works Foreman was at the final step in the grade. The purpose of the amendment is to place this position in grade 21 in order to allow for the increase. A question and answer period followed.

Motion approved 6-0.

H. Rock Gym Facility Use Agreement Terms and Conditions: Council Member Johnson made the motion to approve the Rock Gym Facility Use Agreement Terms and Conditions. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion. City Manager Thornton reported on the amended terms of the contract with the County School Board; which included the issue of the water, medical insurance, and indemnity clause. The change in the agreement that stood out to City Manager Thornton was the indemnity clause which included the City being held liable for any issues in and around the building which would include the parking lot. Other members of the community
use the parking lot, as well as, Champion Middle School. She and Attorney Fowler reviewed the contract and
they were both in agreement the indemnity clause was too broad. City Manager asked if they wanted to go back
and ask the School Board to remove the clause. Council Member Wells tabled the item. The motion was
seconded by Council Member Coletti.
**Motion approved 6-0.**

I. Interim DDA Director Position: City Manager Thornton reported that the DDA Board was in consensus to
appoint the Visitor Center Manager, Kim Cumbie as the Interim DDA Director. Ms. Cumbie will continue to
serve as the Visitor Center Manager. She reported there are activities that need to be tended to until there is
someone placed in a permanent position. She reviewed the increase proposed for the Interim DDA Director.
Discussion included whether the amount budgeted for the Economic Development would be enough to offer;
adding permanent duties to Ms. Cumbie’s role in the future; possibly contracting the position out and
contracting out for certain projects.
**Motion approved 6-0.**

**NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**
A. Ordinance 2017-01 Amendments to the Golf Cart Ordinance: Motion for the adoption of Ordinance 2017-01
amendments to the Golf Cart Ordinance. Council Member Johnson read the preamble into the record. Council
Member Coletti seconded the motion. City Manager Thornton reported the purpose of the ordinance is to define
motorized golf carts and allows for those vehicles to be allowed on city streets of 25 mph or less with the ability
to cross streets that will lead to another 25 mph zone.
**Motion approved 6-0.**

**COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS**
A. Planning and Zoning: None.

B. Community Affairs: Council Member Coletti reported that Stone Mountain Park will be holding 5th Annual
Monadnock Madness, Exploring Georgia’s Mountains.

C. Economic Development/Downtown Development Authority: Council Member Johnson spoke of about the
Director Position with the DDA. The DDA’s Regular Meeting is held on the fourth Monday of the month.

D. Finance: None.

E. Community Outreach: Council Member Redmond reported on her attendance at the MARTA meeting. She
has been working diligently to remove the bigger buses from driving the routes through the City. Council
Member Redmond reported on the damage these buses have done to the streets and sidewalks. She hoped
MARTA would consider using smaller buses within the city limits and to supply the City with two covered bus
stops. Council Member Redmond will be attending with the Stone Mountain Women’s Club, “Stop the
Violence Against Women’s Day” at the State Capitol. She will be teaching a Yoga Class on February 18 at
the Sue Kellogg Library. There will be no charge. Council Member Redmond plans on attending a community
meeting with Stephen Green to inform him on the School Board’s lease agreement with the Rock Gym.

F. Public Works: Council Member Wells reported on the efforts being done to pick up the leaves in the gutters.
He asked the citizens to please not rake them into the gutter. Public Works is working on a grant regarding the
creek near McCurdy Park. Council Member Wells encouraged diversity and encouraged volunteerism in the
City.

G. Public Safety: Council Member Mailman reported he hoped to receive information in writing from Chief
Troutman which he requested at a recent Council meeting. He encouraged the citizens to contact the Council
Members with any concerns.
H. Historic Preservation Commission: None.

I. Visitor Center: Ms. Cumbie’s report was given at the Work Session.

Motion by Council Member Johnson to recess the Regular Meeting to go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation. The motion was seconded by Council Member Redmond.

**Motion approved 6-0.**

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 8:10 p.m. Council Member Johnson reported there was no action taken out of the Executive Session. An official statement from the City will be released regarding East Mountain Street. She assured the citizenry they would be sharing as much information as they possibly could in the future.

**REMARKS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:** Mayor Wheeler reported, she and Council Member Johnson attended on a meeting with State representatives. She found it very interesting and reported on comments made by the former CEO of DeKalb County.

City Manager Thornton reported the preliminary audit on January 30-31 and commended staff on their work.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Coletti to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Mayor Patricia Wheeler

Kathleen E. Settle, City Clerk