REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
875 Main Street, Stone Mountain, GA 30083
Monday, April 4, 2017 at 6:30 P.M.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor Patricia Wheeler, Mayor ProTem Chakira Johnson, Council Members: Steve Higgins, Richard Mailman and Andrea Redmond, Steve Wells

STAFF: City Manager ChaQuias Thornton, Chief of Police Chauncey Troutman, Public Works Director Jim Tavenner, Interim Downtown Development Authority Kim Cumbie, City Clerk Kate Settle

ABSENT: Council Member Susan Coletti

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Wheeler called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM: A quorum was present.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE: Council Member Redmond 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: Norman Joss.

READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL
A. Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting – March 7, 2017: Motion by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Mailman to approve the minutes of March 7.
   Motion approved 5-0.

B. Minutes of City Council Committee/Work Session – March 20, 2017: Motion by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Mailman to approve the minutes of March 20, 2017.
   Motion approved 5-0.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE DAY: Request to add by unanimous consent under New Ordinances and Resolutions, Item C. Resolution 2017-09 FY2017 Budget Amendment: Motion by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Mailman to adopt the agenda of the day with a request to add under unanimous consent under Ordinances and Resolutions, Item C. Resolution 2017-09 FY 2017 Budget Amendment.
   Motion approved 5-0.

CONSIDERATION OF ANY LEGISLATION VETOED BY THE MAYOR: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
A. Relocation of the Dog Park: Mayor Wheeler reported Council Member Coletti is heading up the effort for the Dog Park and is out of the country at this time. If anyone is interested in learning more, please contact her. Council Member Johnson added a sample agreement from Peachtree Dog Park was included for informational purposes.

B. Facilities Use Agreement between DeKalb County School District and the City of Stone Mountain – Historic Rock Gym: Motion by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Mailman to approve the
Facilities Use Agreement between DeKalb County School District and the City of Stone Mountain – Historic Rock.
Motion approved 5-0.

C. Communications Strategy and Procedures: Motion by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Mailman to implement the Communications Strategy and Procedures Policy.
Motion approved 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS
A. Consent Agenda: None

B. Maintenance Agreement – Lease Agreement between the City of Stone Mountain and Georgia Municipal Association – Police Vehicles – $94,636.88. Motion by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Mailman to move the lease agreement to unfinished business on the April Work Session agenda. The City had not received the vin numbers for the vehicles
Motion approved 5-0.

C. Change Order to the Contract between the City of Stone Mountain and Atwell LLC for Construction Management – Engineering Services–$6,500. This item was scheduled to be discussed at the end of the meeting at the Executive Session.

D. City Wide Yard Sale: Kim Cumbie, Interim DDA Director and Visitor Center Manager, reported a recent survey was put on the DDA’s Facebook page and Next Door. She reported the City Wide Yard Sale got a favorable response. It appeared there was more interest in the Yard Sale Trail as opposed to the City Wide Yard Sale. Ms. Cumbie informed all the event would not take place in the Spring but possibly in the Fall.
Motion approved 5-0.

NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS
A. Resolution 2017-07 – To Set the Date and Time for July 2017 Regular Session of Mayor and Council as July 11, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. Motion by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Mailman to adopt Resolution 2017-07.
Motion approved 5-0.

B. Resolution 2017-08 – Resolution in Support of Downtown Development Revolving Loan Fund (DDRLF) – Economy Properties – 1054 Main Street: Motion by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Mailman to adopt Resolution 2017-08.
Motion approved 5-0.

C. Resolution 2017-09 FY2017 Budget Amendment: Motion by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Mailman to adopt Resolution 2017-09.
Motion approved 5-0.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS
A. Planning and Zoning: None

B. Community Affairs: None.

C. Economic Development/Downtown Development Authority: Council Member Johnson reported the next DDA Work Session will be held at City Hall on April 10, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

D. Finance: None.
E. Community Outreach: Council Member Redmond reported the DeKalb waste recycling was a great success. She thanked the volunteers who restored the mural at the Baptist Church Pavilion. The 73rd Easter Sunrise Service at Stone Mountain Memorial Park. There is free mulch at Hometown Harvest Garden at 4080 Bancroft Circle in Tucker. The Legislative Session has ended and there was no bill dropped for Stone Mountain’s Annexation. Council Member Redmond was concerned about the number of incidents regarding dogs and the pet owners. She hoped the City might be able to post some of the rules on the website. Council Member Redmond reported the Farmer’s Market is looking for entertainment.

F. Public Works: Council Member Wells announced the Clean-up of Medlock Park will be held on April 22. He reported the Green Haven Bill was dropped. Green Haven includes most of unincorporated DeKalb County. Ridge Avenue paving has been completed.

G. Public Safety: None.

H. Historic Preservation Commission: None.

I. Visitor Center: None.

**REMARKS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:** The Mayor distributed sections of the Charter to Council and would like to discuss any questions at the next work session.

Council Member Johnson made the motion to recess the Regular Meeting to go into Executive Session at 7:10 p.m. Council Member Mailman seconded the motion.

**Motion approved 5-0.**

**The Regular Meeting reconvene at 9:**

Announcement from Executive Session: The City is still in negotiations with the contractor. The City is setting up a meeting to sit down with the lawyers, the contractor and the engineer.

Motion by Council Member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Mailman to approve the Change Order to the Contract between the City of Stone Mountain and Atwell, LLC in the amount of $6,500 but the additional invoices that have been received and not paid.

**Motion approved 5-0.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR:**

**ADJournment:** Motion by Council member Johnson, seconded by Council Member Mailman to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

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Mayor Patricia Wheeler        Kathleen E. Settle, City Clerk