CALL TO ORDER

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE DAY

CITIZEN COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (The public is encouraged to speak but to keep comments to three minutes.)

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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

STAFF REPORTS
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C. Chief of Police
D. City Clerk

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B. Facilities Use Agreement between DeKalb County School District and the City of Stone Mountain – Historic Rock Gym
C. Communications Strategy and Procedures Policy

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CITY MANAGER’S REPORT

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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 issue under discussion; (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 tenets two or three will be asked to sit down or leave the premises.
CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE/WORK SESSION
875 Main Street, Stone Mountain, GA
March 20, 2017 @ 6:30 p.m.
MINUTES

PRESENT: Mayor Patricia Wheeler, Mayor Pro Tem Chakira Johnson, Council Members Susan Coletti, Steve Higgins, Richard Mailman, Andrea Redmond, Steve Wells

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

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE: The invocation was given by Council Member Higgins. Council Member Wells led the pledge to the flag.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS: None.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE DAY: Council Member Johnson made the motion to adopt the agenda of the day. Council Member Coletti seconded the motion.
Motion approved 6-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY (The public is encouraged to speak but to keep comments to three minutes.): The following people came forward to share their announcements, concerns, opinions and suggestions: Karen Patton, Sara Abrams, Mechel McKinley and Diana Hollis.

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

B. Community Affairs: Ms. Coletti reported the dumpsters will be in town April 14-21. They will be located at McCurdy, Medlock and Lela Mason Park. A small electronic dumpster will be in front of the GMC building.

C. Economic Development/Downtown Development Authority and Visitor Center: Interim DDA Director, Kim Cumbie reported the Visitor Center 89 visitors from 14 states. The Visitor Center is now open on Sundays. Color Vibe is May 20th. The registration is over 800. She reported the DDA board recommends the Council’s approval of the Resolution for the Downtown Development Revolving Loan Fund. Council Member Mailman asked that the Visitor Center numbers will be sent to the Park. Farmers’ Market starts April 18 and currently, there are 9 registered vendors.

D. Finance: Council Member Higgins needed clarification if the books were closed. City Manager Thornton reported the books closed on February 28.

E. Community Outreach: Council Member Redmond participated in DeKalb County’s CEO, Michael Thurmond’s, “Clean Sweep.” She offered supplies to those who would like to have a neighborhood clean-up. Council Member Redmond announced the County will be taking hazardous waste on
Saturday, March 25th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the DeKalb County Sanitation Central Transfer Site on Leroy Scott Drive. Friday, March 24 at Mercer University will be the basketball game “Sawbones vs. Jawbones” fundraiser. All proceeds will go to Side by Side Brain Injury Clubhouse.

F. Public Works: Council Member Wells wished everyone well on the first day of Spring and invited all to join in on cleaning up Medlock Park on April 22.

G. Public Safety: Council Member Mailman was upset to learn about Ms. McKinley’s incident and hoped that if anyone saw a dog without a leash or if they witnessed an encounter of an aggressive animal, please call 911 and make sure the call indicates they are in the Village of Stone Mountain.

H. Historic Preservation Commission: Mr. Capagrossi brought up the parking problem at City Hall. He suggested putting a time on the signs from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The agenda moved to Staff Reports, Item D.

**STAFF REPORTS:**

A. Code Compliance Officer: Officer Roseberry reported on her training class. She announced the McKinley case will go before the court on April 12. The dog did not have to be quarantined because the animal did not attack a human but another dog.

Officer Roseberry reported she has given 25 warning as trash violations. There was a discussion regarding rooming houses, homes that are unsightly and the legal process involved in bringing them to court.

B. Public Works Director: Mr. Tavenner reviewed his monthly report. He reported the paving on Ridge Avenue will take place during the school break, the first week in April. He updated Council on efforts to clean up McCurdy Park. He asked permission for the picnic tables to be removed from an area in the park. It was the consensus of Council from Mr. Tavenner to remove the picnic tables. His department has been working on the cemetery and cutting the underbrush of the trails at McCurdy Park. Mr. Tavenner reported on their efforts to be in compliance with the MS 4 Report.

He asked that while the dumpsters are available during the week of April 14, should the dumpsters be full, please put the materials to the side of the dumpsters. If the debris is not level with the dumpster, sanitation will not pick up the dumpsters.

Council Member Redmond excused herself from the Work Session at 7:30 p.m.

Council Members Coletti and Johnson requested four poles be delivered to the Community Garden. Mr. Tavenner reported on a stormwater project and a possible grant. He reported on the costs associated with applying for the grant, such as, the Army Corps of Engineers’ permit and the drawings necessary upon submittal. The grant also has matching funds associated with it should the City receive the grant.

Discussion then turned to problems with Advance Disposal and the number of complaints received by citizens regarding their services.
C. Chief of Police: Chief Troutman gave commendations to the following individuals: Lt. Manning, Sgt. Norton, Sgt. Floyd and Records Custodian Vicki Tucker. He thanked the team for working to locate a missing special needs adult and brought him back to his family.

Officers Palmer, Clark, Coleman and Hubbard received a commendation for catching a suspect who had committed armed robbery. Officer Palmer was commended him for apprehending a drug dealer during a traffic stop.

Officer Bob Hillis was commended to leading the taser training. He reviewed his monthly report with the Council.

Council Member Johnson reported on a commuter who is driving through the stop signs on Ridge in the morning. Council Member Coletti reported on a vacant car on 4th Street. The agenda moved to Staff Reports, Item A

D. City Clerk: Ms. Settle did not give an oral report. The agenda moved to Staff Reports, Item C.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A. Relocation of the Dog Park: Council Member Coletti reported that the small ball field is already being used as a dog park. She has met with interested parties and would like to get them and the Council together to talk about possibilities of running the park. Council Member Coletti hoped to move this through soon.

Council Member Wells suggested police monitor the smaller field because it is currently not a dog park.

B. Facilities Use Agreement between DeKalb County School District and the City of Stone Mountain – Historic Rock Gym: City Manager Thornton reported that the indemnity clause has been changed to the betterment of the City. It also allows for commercial use of the building once the City has received approval from the school board.

Council Member Mailman referred to Item 4 referencing the safety of the space. City Manager Thornton reported the item has always been within the agreement. Council Member Higgins asked if certain members of council should have a key to the building. City Manager Thornton thought Council should identify programs they would like to be city programs and all other programs need the approval of the School Board.

C. Communications Strategy and Procedures Policy: City Manager Thornton reviewed the changes to the draft document. She asked Council to send any input to her that they would like to see changed or added to the document. Council Member Mailman thought the responsibility should be delegated to another position other than the City Manager. City Manager Thornton reviewed how the information would flow and when the City Manager would get involved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Consent Agenda: None.
B. Lease Agreement between the City of Stone Mountain and Georgia Municipal Association – Police Vehicles – $94,636.88: City Manager Thornton informed the Council the rate is 3.53% for the lease agreement and it was budgeted at a higher rate. City Manager Thornton informed Council the City may be inclined to purchase the vehicles and then get reimbursed by GMA instead of borrowing the funds. She relayed a conversation she had with Darren Jenkins of GMA who is speaking to the bank. City Manager Thornton explained the reasoning is because of the delay in production.

C. Change Order to the Contract between the City of Stone Mountain and Atwell LLC for Construction Management – Engineering Services–$6,500: City Manager Thornton asked that this item be discussed in Executive Session.

D. City Wide Yard Sale: Council Member Coletti reported the last few yard sales were not well attend and she wanted to hear from Council whether they were interested in having it this year or postponing for another year. She has not received any calls of interests whereas in the past, she would have received calls a couple months out. Council Member Coletti suggested doing it in the Fall. Council Member Johnson thought if we were to have the Yard Sale in the Fall perhaps, choose a smaller venue, such as, the municipal parking lot. It was the consensus of the Council to see if there is interest and look into having it in the Fall.

NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:
A. Resolution 2017-07 – To Set the Date and Time for July 2017 Regular Session of Mayor and Council: It was the consensus of Council to have the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

B. Resolution 2017-08 – Resolution in Support of Downtown Development Revolving Loan Fund (DDRLF) – Economy Properties – 1054 Main Street: Council Member Johnson reported the purpose of the Resolution is to support Economy Properties in their efforts to rebuild Stone Mountain Plaza. The loan is specifically being used for the pavement of the parking lot. The Downtown Development Authority will also be approving a similar resolution. The loan is for $100,000; Mr. Economy will be reimbursed for funds already expended. The loan is at 2% to be paid over 15 years.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT: City Manager Thornton reported on the payment from Georgia Power exceeded the budgeted amount. She announced that Laureen Cooper will be retiring in July. The Workers' Compensation Audit was completed by Alicia Daniels and there was no need for City Manager involvement. City Manager Thornton reviewed the Expense and Revenue Report. She will be working on the documentation for the TAN. She requested an Executive Session to discuss litigation, personnel and real estate matters.

The Work Session was recessed at 8:15 p.m. in order for Council to go into Executive Session. The Work Session reconvened at 8:14 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR: None.
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Council Member Johnson reported there was no action taken at Executive Session. Council Member Coletti asked that all keep Jimmy Childs' Family in their prayers. He recently passed away.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Council Member Johnson made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Mailman seconded the motion.

**Motion approved 6-0**
The meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

[Signatures]

Mayor Patricia Wheeler

Rathleen E. Settle, City Clerk

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