

RESOLUTION NO. R16-750

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A CHAPLIN FOR THE CITY COUNCIL; AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST SIGNATURES AND AFFIX THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE CITY, AS NECESSARY; REPEALING INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Stockbridge ("City") is a municipal corporation located within Henry County, Georgia duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia and is charged with providing public services to residents located within the corporate limits of the City;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in 1983 in Marsh v. Chambers that legislative chaplains are permissible under the Constitution of the United States of America;

WHEREAS, In 2014, the U.S Supreme Court ruled in Town of Greece v. Galloway that sectarian prayers at the beginning of legislative sessions are permissible under the Constitution of the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the City finds it necessary and desirable to appoint and set forth the duties of a Chaplain to the City Council;

THEREFORE, IT IS NOW RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

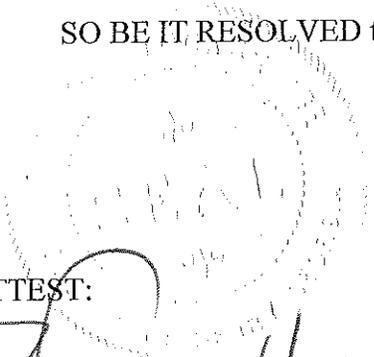
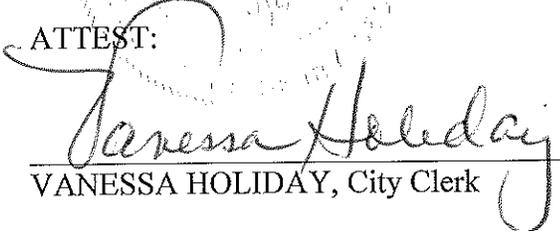
1. **Appointment of Chaplain.** The City Council of the City of Stockbridge hereby appoints Pastor Terrance Gattis to the position of Chaplain for the City Council. The Council may remove or otherwise change the appointment of the Chaplain at any time in its sole discretion. The position of Chaplain shall be a non-paid voluntary position, and the Chaplain shall be responsible for the following:
 - a. The Chaplain shall be available to the City Council to provide spiritual guidance and counsel on an as-needed basis whenever the circumstances shall require.
 - b. The Chaplain shall be responsible for coordinating the attendance of appropriate clergy to render invocations for all meetings of the City Council unless directed otherwise.
 - c. The Chaplain shall be responsible for providing comfort to the City of Stockbridge during times of grief or discord within the community.

2. **Documents.** The City Clerk is authorized to execute, attest to, and seal any documents which may be necessary to effectuate the amendment, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.
3. **Severability.** To the extent any portion of this Resolution is declared to be invalid, unenforceable or non-binding, that shall not affect the remaining portions of this Resolution.
4. **Repeal of Conflicting Provisions.** All City resolutions are hereby repealed to the extent they are inconsistent with this Resolution.
5. **Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be effective on the date of its approval by the City Council and Mayor as provided in the City Charter.

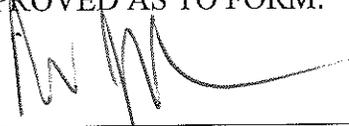
SO BE IT RESOLVED this 8th day of August 2016.


Anthony S. Ford, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



VANESSA HOLIDAY, City Clerk (SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


MICHAEL WILLIAMS, City Attorney