

**STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF HENRY  
CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE**

**RESOLUTION NO. B13-561**

**A RESOLUTION NAMING AND APPOINTING THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR FILING OF A CERTIFIED COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS; AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK TO ATTEST SIGNATURES AND AFFIX THE OFFICIAL SEAL OF THE CITY, AS NECESSARY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING INCONSISTENT RESOLUTIONS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION; 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; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 36-42-1 *et seq.* provides a process whereby Georgia cities can activate downtown development authorities in order to assist in the revitalization and redevelopment of central business districts of the municipal corporations of the state; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Mayor and Council of the City of Stockbridge, Georgia (the "City") that there is a continuing need in the City for the revitalization and redevelopment of the central business district of the City to develop and promote for the public good and general welfare, trade, commerce, industry, and employment opportunities and to promote the general welfare of the State of Georgia by creating a climate favorable to the location of new industry, trade, and commerce and the development of existing industry, trade, and commerce within the City; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Mayor and Council of the City that revitalization and redevelopment of the central business district of the City by financing projects under the Downtown Development Authorities Law (O.C.G.A. § 36-42-1 *et seq.* – 1981 Ga. Laws p. 1744 – the “Downtown Development Authorities Law”) will develop and promote for the public good and general welfare, trade, commerce, industry, and employment opportunities, and will promote the general welfare of the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the Mayor and Council of the City that it is in the public interest and is vital to the public welfare of the people of the City and of the people of the State of Georgia to continue to revitalize and develop the central business district of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Development Authorities Law creates in and for each municipal corporation in the State of Georgia a downtown development authority for the purpose of revitalizing and redeveloping the central business district of such municipal corporation and promoting the public good and general welfare, trade, commerce, industry, and employment opportunities, and promoting the general welfare of the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City activated the City’s downtown development authority by way of a duly adopted ordinance on March 14, 1983; and

WHEREAS, the City’s original downtown development authority became defunct, inactive, and without a board of directors, and as a result the City’s March 14, 1983 ordinance was repealed by action of the governing body of the City; and

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2013 the City re-activated its defunct DDA by resolution of the Mayor and City Council; and

WHEREAS, in its April 8, 2013 the City did not specifically name the members of the Board of Directors of the re-activated DDA; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 36-42-6 (2) specifically allows the City to name the members of the Board of Directors of the re-activated DDA via subsequent resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City, after thorough investigation, have determined that it is desirable and necessary that members of the Board of Directors of the Stockbridge Downtown Development Authority be specifically named in this written resolution.

NOW THEREFORE, THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS;

Section 1. **Board of Directors** – The Mayor and City Council of the City of Stockbridge resolve that there are hereby named and appointed as members of the Board of Directors of the Downtown Development Authority of the City the following seven (7) named persons, each of whom shall be one or more of the following:

(1) a taxpayer residing in the municipal corporation for which the authority is created; or

(2) four or more directors shall meet all of the following three criteria: (1) be an owner or operator of a business located within the downtown development area, (2) be a taxpayer residing in the County in which is located the City of Stockbridge, and (3) be or represent a party who has an economic interest in the redevelopment and revitalization of the downtown development area defined herein; or

(3) one director may be a member of the governing body of the City of Stockbridge; or

(4) one director may reside outside the County in which the City of Stockbridge is located, provided that director owns a business within the downtown development area and is a resident of the State of Georgia.

<u>Names</u>	<u>Terms of Office</u>
<u>Robin Buschman</u>	Two years
<u>Dean Echols</u>	Two years
<u>Ron Castillo</u>	Four years
<u>Vivian Thomas-Smith</u>	Four years
<u>Rob Beall</u>	Six years
<u>Rocio Camacho</u>	Six years
<u>J.T. Williams</u>	Six years

The Mayor and Council of the City further resolve that commencing with the date of adoption of this resolution each of the persons named above

as directors shall serve in such capacity for the number of years set forth opposite his or her respective name, however, that after the expiration of their initial terms, the terms shall be four years for directors who are reappointed. The term of a director who is also a member of the governing body of the City of Stockbridge shall end when such director is no longer a member of the governing body of the municipal corporation.

Section 2.     **Prior Resolution** – The Mayor and Council of the City further resolve that their prior resolution of April 8, 2013 re-activating the Stockbridge Downtown Development Authority remains in full effect, except as specifically amended herein.

Section 3.     **Secretary of State** – The Mayor and Council of the City further resolve that the City shall furnish promptly to the Secretary of State of the State of Georgia a certified copy of this resolution in compliance with the provisions of the Downtown Development Authorities Law.

Section 4.     **Department of Community Affairs** – The Mayor and Council of the City further resolve that the City shall furnish promptly to the Department of Community Affairs of the State of Georgia a certified copy of this resolution in compliance with the provisions of the Downtown Development Authorities Law.

Section 5.     **Previous Authorities** – The Mayor and Council of the City further resolve that the actions taken by the Mayor and Council of the City as herein specified are not intended in any way to affect any public corporation, industrial development, downtown development, or payroll authority previously created by legislative act or constitutional amendment including, without limitation, its existence, purpose, organization, powers, or function.

Section 6.     **Documents** – The City Clerk is authorized to execute, attest to, and seal any documents which may be necessary to effectuate this Resolution, subject to approval as to form by the City Attorney.

Section 7.     **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.

Section 8.     **Repeal of Conflicting Provisions** - All City resolutions inconsistent with this Resolution are hereby repealed.

Section 9.     **Effective Date** - This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon the date of its adoption by the City Council and Mayor as provided in the City Charter.

[Signatures on following page.]

SO RESOLVED, this the 9th day of December, 2013.

**CITY OF STOCKBRIDGE, GEORGIA**

Mark A. Alarcon  
MARK A. ALARCON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Rhonda A. Blackmon  
RHONDA A. BLACKMON, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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