



Special Called Meeting – Millage Rate Public Hearing #1

June 4, 2026, at 6:30 P.M.

City Hall, 875 Main Street, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30083

Minutes

Mayor and Council: Jelani Linder – Mayor | Post 3: Mayor Pro Tem Ryan Smith | Post 1: Council Member Anita Bass | Post 2: Council Member Mark Marianos | Post 4: Council Member Kay Nunez | Post 5: Council Member Hub Jordan | Post 6: Council Member Elaine Vaughn

Staff: Maggie Dimov – City Manager | Angela Couch – City Attorney | City Clerk – Shavala Ames

Mission Statement: *The City of Stone Mountain serves our residents, businesses, and visitors by providing an enhanced quality of life and a unique sense of place, guided by trust and integrity.*

I. Call to Order

Mayor Linder called the Meeting to order at 6:30pm.

II. Determination of Quorum

PRESENT: Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan, Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn, Mayor Jelani Linder

ABSENT: Council Member: Post 4 Kay Nunez

III. Public Hearing

1. Millage Rate Discussion

City Attorney, Angela Couch, gave an overview of the meeting guidelines.

City Manager, Maggie Dimov, reviewed the outline of the Millage Rate scenarios based on the preliminary digest provided by Dekalb County.

Mayor Linder opened the public hearing.

Public Comment 1: Vanessa Cummings – Provided the definition of Millage and compared different counties Millage Rates. Expressed that the City's budget comes out of the citizens' pockets. Discussed the budget allocated for 2026 and how the employees are being overpaid.

Public Comment 2: Joan Monroe – Expressed that the City Attorney does multiple jobs and inquired at what cost and feels it is unethical. Inquired what the job description of the City Manager is, if the City is hiring qualified individuals and asked who's in charge of hiring. Also expressed that 1.5 million could be

decreased from the budget, how the population has not increased, services have diminished, taxes have increased, and funds have been mishandled.

Public Comment 3: William Galloway – Expressed the importance of quality-of-life improvements, that everyone is trying to reach the same goal and urged Council Members to set a good example for the people in the City. Feels that multiple votes from the governing body weren't unanimous at the last meeting but that the disagreements were of good will.

Public Comment 4: – Denise Phillips – Expressed that the 2024 reserves have been overtaxing citizens since 2018, how the burden needs to be taken off taxpayers and how the facilities are at a \$90,000 deficit. Discussed Blight and inquired if we are charging homeowners and businesses. Provided budget cut suggestions and inquired if City cars are being factored into the budget. Urged the governing body to get creative regarding the budget.

Public Comment 5: Ms. Thomas – Did not provide address. Comment not a part of record.

Mayor Linder closed the public hearing.

II. Adjournment – 6:53 P.M.

ACTION: MOTION TO ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:53 P.M.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Seconded by Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass

Voting Yea: Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan, and Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

IV. Executive Session to Discuss Personnel, Legal, and Real Estate

ACTION: MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:54 P.M. TO DISCUSS LITIGATION AND REAL ESTATE

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Seconded by Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass

Voting Yea: Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan, and Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

ACTION: MOTION TO ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 8:03 P.M. - (2) ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Seconded by Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos

Voting Yea: Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan, and Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

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V. **Adjournment**

ACTION: MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:03 P.M.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Seconded by Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos

Voting Yea: Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan, Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

Jelani Linder, Mayor

City Clerk, Shavala Ames