



Mayor and City Council Regular Session

Tuesday, December 3rd, 2024 at 6:30 PM

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

Agenda

Mayor and Council: Dr. Beverly Jones – Mayor | Post 3 :Mayor Pro Tem Ryan Smith

Post 1: Council Member Anita Bass | Post 2: Council Member Mark Marianos

Post 4: Council Member Gil Freeman | Post 5: Council Member Shawnette Bryant

Post 6: Council Member Teresa Crowe

Staff: Shawn Edmondson - City Manager - City Clerk | Maggie Dimov - Assistant City Manager - DDA/Economic Development Director | Danny Mai - Assistant City Clerk | Jeff Strickland - City Attorney

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I. Public Hearing

1. 1st Public Hearing regard City of Stone Mountain Budget for FY2025

City Manager Edmondson introduced FY2025 Budget to Mayor, Council, and Members of the Public. Per the public hearing procedures, for non-zoning decision related items, upon the completion of the introduction, the public hearing is limited to a total of 20 minutes for all discussion.

Start Time: 07:06 PM ET

End Time: 07:17 PM ET

Citizens spoke on the importance of transparency and ensuring that the information is being sent out per the city charter. It was mentioned that generating revenue is important in order to alleviate property taxes upon the taxpayers. It was mentioned that Community development is important so that the community grows.

II. Adjournment

CM Freeman motioned to adjourn the Public Hearing. CM Bryant seconded the motion. No abstains.

III. Call to Order

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 07:19 PM ET

IV. **Determination of Quorum**

Present: Mayor Jones, CM Marianos, CM Bass, CM Freeman, CM Bryant, CM Crowe
Absent: MPT Smith

V. **Invocation and Pledge**

Mayor Jones led the pledge at 07:20 PM ET. Mayor Jones led the Invocation at 07:20 PM ET.

VI. **Citizen Comments – Including comments from public/stakeholders (3 minutes per comment)**

Comments from the Public

Citizen Comments #1 Jelani Linder: Linder spoke in acknowledgement and praise towards the Stone Mountain Police Department. Additionally, Linder spoke in regard to the rules of decorum and the need to do better.

Citizen Comments #2 Carl Wright: Wright thanked council for participating in the Joint DDA/City Council Meeting that occurred last month. Additionally, Wright spoke on the importance of working towards progress.

Citizen Comments #3 Cheryl Dudley: Dudley spoke on the importance of supporting the German Bakery to ensure that it opens within a reasonable timeframe.

Citizen Comments #4 Joan Monroe: Monroe spoke on the importance of returning funds granted by Lorraine Cochran Johnson.

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.

VII. **Review of the Journal (Assistant City Clerk Mai)**

1. Request Minutes from City Council Special Called Session held on [11.23.2024] be approved (Assistant City Clerk Mai)

CM Marianos Motioned to approve the minutes. CM Bass seconded the motion.

Yes: CM Bass, CM Marianos, CM Crowe

No: CM Freeman, CM Bryant

VIII. **Reading of Communications**

IX. Adoption of The Agenda of The Day

CM Marianos motioned to adopt the Agenda of the Day. CM Bass adopted the Agenda of the Day.

Yes: CM Bass, CM Marianos, CM Crowe

No: CM Freeman, CM Bryant

Due to a lack of Adoption of the Agenda of the Day, no action can be taken after this vote.

X. City Manager's Report

1. City Manager - Shawn Edmondson
City Manager Report in the Agenda Package.

XI. Council Policy Discussion Topics

XII. Unfinished Business

1. Discussion on the DDA (CM Freeman)
Postponed until the next Work Session.

2. Discussion and approval of an agreement between Pond & Company and the City of Stone Mountain for additional services related to the schematic design of the Baptist Lawn property and adjacent Georgia Military College property, aimed at developing a public green space for special events. The scope includes two tasks: Task 1 – Existing Conditions Assessment (including survey) for \$20,000.00 and Task 2 – Concept Design for \$34,000.00, totaling \$54,000.00. (City Manager Edmondson)

City Manager Edmondson spoke on this. No Action Taken.

3. Discussion on the appointment and approval of a City Attorney for FY2025 (City Attorney Strickland)

City Attorney Strickland spoke on this. No Action Taken.

XIII. New Business

1. **Consent Agenda Package for en banc approval:** Reappointment of the Municipal Court Related Positions (Judges & Solicitors)

City Manager Edmondson spoke about this. No Action Taken.

XIV. New Ordinances and Resolutions

1. Discussion and Approval of resolution 2024-11; A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA, TO ESTABLISH THE HOLIDAY SCHEDULES FOR THE YEAR 2025 (City Manager Edmondson)

City Manager Edmondson spoke about this. No Action Taken.

1. Discussion and Approval of Resolution 2024-12; A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA, TO ESTABLISH THE CITY COUNCIL SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR 2025 (City Manager Edmondson)

City Manager Edmondson spoke about this. No Action Taken.

XV. **Remarks of Privilege**

XVI. **Announcements by The Mayor**

XVII. **Executive Session to Discuss Personnel, Legal, Cyber Security and/or Real Estate (if needed)**

No Executive Session

XVIII. **Adjournment**

CM Freeman motioned to adjourn the Public Hearing. CM Bryant seconded the motion. No abstains.