

**MEMORANDUM**  
City of Stone Mountain  
875 Main Street  
Stone Mountain, GA 30083

DATE: March 19, 2024  
TO: Mayor and City Council  
FROM: City Manager Darnetta Tyus  
RE: City Manager's Report

**1. Financial Report for January:**

**2. SPLOST II Update**

**3. For the crosswalk on Main and the Marquis, I anticipate an update on where we stand on these items. For the crosswalk, has the city reached out to other vendors? For the Marquis, is the City getting bids? This may be part of city manager report but I am not sure.**

**4. Council Completed their Retreat:**

- The council retreat, spanning Friday, March 8 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Saturday, March 9, 2024, from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM at the Georgia Municipal Association Headquarters, was marked by intensive and productive discussions. Beginning with a reflection on the previous year's achievements and challenges, the agenda included a comprehensive climate survey, fostering effective communication and team building, and setting clear priorities for 2024. The retreat also featured a working lunch for informal networking and brainstorming sessions. Updates from the previous retreat and dedicated time to addressing pressing issues ensured accountability and proactive problem-solving. The agenda on Saturday included a recap of the previous day's discussions, additional issue resolutions, and a wrap-up session, concluding with an executive session for confidential matters. Overall, the retreat provided a cohesive platform for reflection, collaboration, and strategic planning, laying out a roadmap for focused and effective governance moving forward.

**5. City Council Concern Report:**

- Due to a staffing change, the company will be prepared to do a presentation on the April 2, 2024.

**6. City of Stone Mountain Climate Survey:**

- PivotPath's organizational climate survey with the City of Stone Mountain revealed a positive workforce ethos, emphasizing pride, commitment, and teamwork. The findings underscore effective communication, empowerment, and leadership support, alongside a conducive work environment and strong job satisfaction. While employee's express optimism and dedication, there are nuanced concerns, notably

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regarding political influences and a call for continuous improvement. Overall, these insights serve as a guiding compass for strategic decisions, fostering a culture aligned with the city's aspirations for sustained excellence.

**7. Walk Bridge on Sheppard Road:**

- Our Public Works department completed a significant project involving the removal and responsible disposal of an aging bridge. Public Works installed a new pipe system and created a catch basin to manage water flow effectively. With the water now directed underground through the new pipes, water will seamlessly travel to the catch basin, from where it will be channeled into our existing stormwater system. This initiative not only improves drainage capabilities but also enhances the overall resilience of our infrastructure. I commend the dedication of our Public Works team for their efforts in executing this project, which contributes to the ongoing enhancement of our city's infrastructure and quality of life for our residents.

**8. Sinkhole Update**

- Please find the formalized update on the priority list for the assessment and resolution of the sinkhole situation within the City of Stone Mountain. The following properties have been identified, and their status and prioritization are as follows:
  - **Zachery Drive**
    - Started on 3/13/2024.
  - **1001 Hill Street**
    - After Zachery is completed, we will start on 1001 Hill Street
  - **718 Ridge Ave**
    - We have ordered a new cap for the catch basin. We will perform maintenance to clear debris from the drainage area once the cap is delivered.
  - **Rosewood and Lucille**
    - Pipe has been ordered. Will be completed after McCurdy.

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