



**Mayor and City Council Regular Session**  
Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 6:30 PM  
City Hall, 875 Main Street, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30083

**Minutes**

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

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5 **Staff: Maggie Dimov – City Manager/Economic Development Director/DDA | Shavala Ames - City**  
6 **Clerk | Angela Couch - City Attorney**

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

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12 **I. Call to Order**

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14 Mayor Linder called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

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16 **II. Determination of Quorum**

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18 PRESENT: Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Mayor Pro  
19 Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 4 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan,  
20 and Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn

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22 **III. Invocation and Pledge**

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24 Mayor Linder led a 60-second moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

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26 **IV. Citizen Comments/Including comments from public/stakeholders**

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28 **Citizen Comment 1: Joan Monroe** – Discussed the posted meeting management rules were done  
29 without an ordinance and is an ethics violation. Items that are not budgeted are against the City's  
30 Code. Park no longer teaching is a lost cause, donate trips to the zoo.

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32 **Citizen Comment 2: Cheryl Dudley** – Mention excitement for the (3) developments. The Park has  
33 a new operator. The Monument Strengthening Bill did not pass.

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35 **Citizen Comment 3: Beverly Patterson**– Concerned about the Visitor Center and the budget. City  
36 Management was supposed to change something in the budget. 50,000 titled "other" in the Visitor  
37 budget is not transparent.

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39 **Citizen Comment 4: Carl Wright** – JBR has had potholes for over (8) years. Questioned when is  
40 the bridge opening on JBR and Ridge. Supports the appointment of Bobby Singleton to the DDA  
41 Board. The City spent money on the investigation of the previous Mayor and closure is needed.

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43 **Citizen Comment 5: Karylyn Sanderson** – Discussed concerns of air traffic – sleep is being  
44 interrupted

45 every night – action and an explanation is needed. Concerned about the upcoming election and ICE  
46 – would like some type of resolution. Mentioned there are no services in Parks and Recreation, what  
47 are families to do for the summer. Officers sat and watched while at the Community Garden ,  
48 meanwhile trash is overflowing.  
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50 **Citizen Comment 6: Dave Thomas** – Discussed the pending vote of the museum and the contract  
51 to the Historic Society – cautions the mission of the Historic Society and they should be held  
52 accountable.  
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54 **Citizen Comment 7: C. Monroe** – Mentioned the new rule of needing the residents’ address to leave  
55 a public remark. Questioned how to preserve the past. Confederate tourism – will not stand. Need to  
56 fund programs that make sense and are a return on investment for the city.  
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58 *Note: (1) comment was not recorded. Speaker did submit an address for the record.*  
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60 **V. Review of the Journal (City Clerk)**

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62 1. Consideration of an action on a request to approve March 17, 2026 Meeting Minutes  
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64 **ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE MARCH 17, 2026 MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED**

65 Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Seconded by Council Member: Post 2 Mark  
66 Marianos  
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68 **Voting Yea:** Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos,  
69 Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 4 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post  
70 5 Hub Jordan, and Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn  
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72 **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**  
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74 **VIII. Reading of Communications – None**  
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76 **IX. Adoption of The Agenda of The Day**  
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78 **ACTION: MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA OF THE DAY AS AMENDED TO REMOVE NEW**  
79 **BUSINESS ITEM #4 AGREEMENT WITH ATLANTA OFFICE MACHINES FROM THE**  
80 **AGENDA**

81 Motion made by Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Seconded by Council Member: Post 2 Mark  
82 Marianos  
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84 **Voting Yea:** Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos,  
85 Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 4 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post  
86 5 Hub Jordan, and Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn  
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88 **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**  
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90 **X. Council Policy Discussion Topics – None**  
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92 **XI. Unfinished Business – None**  
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94 **XII. New Business**  
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96 1. Consideration of an action on a request to appoint a new Downtown Development Authority (DDA)  
97 Board Member Robert Singleton to fill an unexpired vacant seat, requested by City Manager Maggie  
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101 **ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE TO APPOINT A NEW DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT**  
102 **AUTHORITY (DDA) BOARD MEMBER ROBERT SINGLETON TO FILL AN UNEXPIRED**  
103 **VACANT SEAT**

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

106 **Voting Yea:** Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Mayor  
107 Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 4 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post 5 Jordan  
108 Hub, and Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn

109 **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**  
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- 112 2. Consideration of an action on a request to approve a lighting agreement with Georgia Power  
113 Company for the new parking lot at 865 Main Street, requested by Public Works Director Mike Helton  
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115 **ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE A LIGHTING AGREEMENT WITH GEORGIA POWER**  
116 **COMPANY FOR THE NEW PARKING LOT AT 865 MAIN STREET**

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

119 **Voting Yea:** Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Mayor  
120 Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 4 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post 5 Jordan  
121 Hub, and Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn  
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123 **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**  
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- 126 3. Consideration of an action on a request to approve the purchase and installation of a Verkada PTZ  
127 camera to cover the new parking lot located at 865 Main Street and Resolution 2026-03 Budget  
128 Amendment to cover the expense of the purchase, requested by Lt. Bob Hillis  
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130 **ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF A VERKADA**  
131 **PTZ CAMERA TO COVER THE NEW PARKING LOT LOCATED AT 865 MAIN STREET**

132 Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Seconded by Council Member: Post 1 Anita  
133 Bass  
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135 **Voting Yea:** Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Mayor  
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139 **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**  
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142 **ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-03 BUDGET AMENDMENT TO COVER**  
143 **THE EXPENSE OF VERKADA PARKING LOT CAMERAS LOCATED AT 865 MAIN STREET**

144 Motion made by Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Seconded by Council Member: Post 2 Mark  
145 Marianos  
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147 **Voting Yea:** Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Mayor  
148 Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 4 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post 5 Hub  
149 Jordan, and Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn  
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151 **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**  
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- 154 4. Consideration of an action on a request to approve professional services for the clean-up project at  
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**ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE CLEAN-UP PROJECT AT THE DEPOT WITH HANDYMAN SERVICES**

Motion made by Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, 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 4 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan, and Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn

**MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

5. Consideration of an action on a request to approve professional annual services for Museum Programming at The Depot, requested by City Manager Maggie Dimov

Mayor Linder recused himself from the discussion as he stated his wife serves on the Historic Society Board.

Historic Society President Mary Beth Reed appeared before the governing body to present the proposed vision for the museum, as outlined in the submitted proposal. She provided an overview of the goals, intended programming, and long-term direction for the museum's development.

The governing body discussed the presentation and offered feedback on the overall vision. Key points of discussion included the potential establishment of a volunteer program to support museum operations, the importance of developing a cohesive branding and marketing strategy to promote the museum and ensuring that Shermantown is meaningfully included and represented within museum tours and related educational programming.

**XIII. New Ordinances and Resolutions**

1. Resolution 2026-04 Georgia Cities Week, requested by City Clerk Shavala Ames

**ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-04 GEORGIA CITIES WEEK**

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 4 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan, Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn

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**XIV. Remarks of Privilege**

1. Council Member Vaughn thanked and commended the team for moving on items that were discussed at the Mayor and Council Retreat.

**XV. Announcements by the Mayor**

1. Mayor Linder offered condolences on the passing of former Police Chief Troutman's son and Nann Nash; recognized the success of the Easter Egg Hunt, Pancake Breakfast, and Wrestling event that took place in the City.

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

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**ACTION: MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:44 P.M. TO DISCUSS REAL ESTATE, LITIGATION, AND PERSONNEL**

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 4 Kay Nunez, 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 8:04 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 4 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan, and Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn

**MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

XVII. **Adjournment**

**ACTION: MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING 8:05 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 4 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan, and Council Member Post 6: Elaine Vaughn

**MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

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Jelani Linder, Mayor

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Shavala Ames, City Clerk