



Agenda Item

Meeting Date: September 02, 2025

SUBJECT: Appoint Hearing Panel and Attorney – Removal Proceedings

Item: Action Item

Department: City Manager

Presented By: City Attorney

Summary: At the August 19, 2025 city council meeting, an action was made to initiate the removal proceedings regarding Mayor Beverly Jones.

Per 2-135. Procedures for Removal of Officer: The following procedures shall be followed for the removal of an officer as specified in Section 5 .16 of the Charter:

(a) Impartial Hearing Panel

(1) The Panel shall be made up of three (3) members.

(2) One member shall be the Chief Judge of the City's Municipal Court. If for some reason the Chief Judge is unable to serve, the Chief Judge shall appoint an individual who meets the qualifications as set forth in this Section. The Chief Judge or his/her appointee shall be paid the same rate as the current rate for the Chief Judge for Municipal Court appearances.

(3) The remaining two members shall be appointed by a majority vote of Council.

(4) In addition to the Chief Judge or his/her appointee, at least one member shall be a competent attorney at law in good standing with the Georgia Bar with at least seven (7) years' experience in the practice of law. Said member shall be paid the same hourly rate as that received by the City Attorney. This attorney shall not have represented the Mayor nor any individual Council Member in his/her personal business at any time. This attorney shall not be a current resident of the City of Stone Mountain. For purposes of this section, a resident of the City of Stone Mountain means either owning or renting real property in the City, where such property is the primary place of abode of said person; said person currently lives at such property on a regular, continuous basis; and said person has no present intention of leaving said abode.

Mayor Beverly Jones Nominee – **Nadine Ali**

Council Member Anita Bass – **Erica Lewis**

Council Member Mark Marianos Nominee - **None**

Mayor Pro Tem Ryan Smith Nominee – **Virginia Townes**

Council Member Gil Freeman – **Teresa Hardy**

Council Member Shawnette Bryant Nominee – **Qunee Haile**

Council Member Theresa Crowe Nominee – **Karla Brown**

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Attachments/Exhibits: Resumes of Attorney, Oath to Serve

Requested Action: City Council to approve a hearing panel for the removal proceedings