

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

DATE: April 16, 2024
TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: City Manager Darnetta Tyus
RE: City Manager's Report

1. Baltic and Churchill Street Paving

- A. Work has recommended the following discussions regarding the change order.

2. Enterprise Presentation

- A. During the last City Council meeting, representatives highlighted the extensive involvement of cities and counties in the Fleet Management Program, emphasizing the manifold benefits of partnering with Enterprise. They outlined Enterprise's plans for Stone Mountain, encompassing fleet acquisition, sale, and maintenance. When questioned by MPT Smith about maintenance procedures and locations, the representatives explained Enterprise's network of certified shops for fleet servicing, along with negotiated fixed prices for the city's benefit. Regarding the addition of police equipment into vehicles, it was clarified that this responsibility would remain with the city. CM Crowe inquired about the contract term, to which the representatives explained it's determined on a case-by-case basis considering factors such as mileage and usage, with financial recommendations provided by Enterprise. They emphasized that the decision ultimately lies with the city and underscored the absence of binding contractual obligations, emphasizing their commitment to partnership. Additionally, they cited examples of successful collaborations with both governmental entities and corporations such as Home Depot and Chick-fil-A. Responding to CM Bass's inquiry about immediate return on investment (ROI), they projected savings exceeding \$100,000 within the first year. The Assistant City Manager & City Clerk underscored various reasons why the program would benefit the city, including risk mitigation, time savings, reduced manpower requirements, and insurance coverage. Chief Westerfield urged City Council approval, highlighting guaranteed compliance with corporate sourcing agreements. The matter was tabled for voting during the next session.

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3. City Wide Cleanup:

- A. The City-wide cleanup is scheduled for May 18th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., followed by a cookout at 12:30 p.m. Last year, our city organized an exemplary City-wide cleanup initiative that received overwhelming support from our community. With the participation of 140 dedicated volunteers and under the guidance of our executive staff members supervising five designated areas, we successfully removed 8 tons of debris. This event not only significantly contributed to enhancing the cleanliness and aesthetics of the City of Stone Mountain but also fostered a strong sense of community cohesion among our residents. The results of the renaming of the Baptist Lawn are as followed:
 - a. The survey garnered a total of 177 responses, with the following breakdown:
 - i. Village Lawn: 70 responses
 - ii. Stone Mountain Lawn: 17 responses
 - iii. City Village Lawn: 8 responses
 - 1. Other: 88 responses
 - a. Among the 88 responses for the "Other" category, the top three suggestions were:
 - b. Village Green: 35 responses
 - c. Come back to the drawing board: 7 response
 - d. The Big Yard: 3 responses

4. LCI contractor

- A. In pursuit of enhancing the livability of Stone Mountain, the city embarked on the Livable Center Initiative (LCI) following the acquisition of a \$160,000 grant. The selection of the most suitable firm for the LCI project involved a meticulous process. Interviews were conducted with four firms on April 17th and April 18th, where key stakeholders, including the City Manager, Business Analyst, representatives from the Atlanta Regional Commission, and the Special Projects Manager, thoroughly evaluated each firm's capabilities. Criteria such as experience, approach, stakeholder engagement, budget management, and community impact were meticulously reviewed. Following

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careful deliberation, Pond emerged as the highest-ranking firm and was chosen by staff to lead the feasibility study for the LCI. Looking ahead, during the upcoming council meeting on May 21st, 2024, Pond will present their proposal, and Andrew Smith from the Atlanta Regional Commission will be available to address any questions related to the LCI. Furthermore, the council will conduct a vote to determine the firm for the LCI project.

5. Depot Cleanup Initiative:

- A. The procurement process for this initiative is currently underway, with efforts focused on soliciting competitive quotes.

6. Zone I Signage Update:

- A. In Rockborough, Zone I, the subdivision signs have been successfully replaced.

7. Foundation Preparation for Outdoor Gym:

- A. Commencing next week, the project entails grading, concrete flatwork installation for the gym area, subbase gravel installation and compaction, sealcoating and striping of the former tennis court area to serve as a parking lot, repair of two aprons on Mountain, erosion control measures, and grassing.

9. ADA Renovations Progress Update:

- A. Currently underway at Medlock Park, subsequent phases will proceed to McCurdy, Leila Mason, and VFW, prioritized based on the extent of renovations required at each location, from most to least.

4. Sinkhole Update

- A. 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
 - Currently in progress
 - 1001 Hill Street
 - Currently in progress

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- 718 Ridge Ave
 - Currently in Progress
- Rosewood and Lucille
 - Currently in Progress