



Mayor and City Council Work Session

Tuesday, October 7, 2025 at 6:30 PM

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

Minutes

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: Maggie Dimov – Interim City Manager/Economic Development Director/DDA | Keturah Hall
- Assistant City Clerk | Angela Couch - City Attorney

I. Call to Order

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 6:36 P.M.

II. Determination of Quorum

PRESENT: Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 4 Gil Freeman, Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe, Mayor Beverly Jones

III. Invocation and Pledge

Mayor Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the invocation

IV. Citizen Comments – Including comments from public/stakeholders

Citizen Comment 1: Carl Wright – Expressed frustration regarding the severity of the potholes on James B. Rivers Drive, noting concerns about safety due to the heavy car and bicycle traffic in the area; requested that the city take action to repair the potholes.

Citizen Comment 2: Dave Thomas – Thanked the Council for lowering fees and expressed interest in organizing a parade to promote the city, possibly tied to Mardi Gras or Carnival; noted that he and Mayor Pro Tem Smith previously managed updates to the Village sign, which was then taken over by the city, but has not been updated since July.

Citizen Comment 3: Ms. Thomas – Thanked the Council for advancing the pavement initiative, noting that work on Rockborough East Court was completed over the weekend, with West Court scheduled next; acknowledged and appreciated the increased police presence in the area; inquired about updates on Baptist Lawn, noting confusion following rumors of a hotel development despite the Council's previous vote to move forward with the LCI proposal.

V. Review of the Journal (City Clerk)

1. Consideration of an action on a request to approve September 16, 2025 Meeting Minutes

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: 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 6 Teresa Crowe

Voting Nay: Council Member: Post 4 Gil Freeman, Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant

MOTION PASSED

VI. Reading of Communications

City Attorney came forward to discuss providing the DDA with the documents produced by Truist Bank, incident to the Mayor and Council's subpoena that was sent to Truist Bank.

ACTION: MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY ATTORNEY TO PREPARE AN ATTORNEY-TO-ATTORNEY AGREEMENT AND TO ALLOW THE CITY'S DOUMENTS TO BE PROVIDED TO THE DDA ATTORNEY FOR REDACTION AND REVIEW

Motion made by Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, 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 6 Teresa Crowe

Voting Nay: Council Member: Post 4 Gil Freeman, Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant

MOTION PASSED

VII. Adoption of The Agenda of The Day

ACTION: MOTION TO MOVE EXECUTIVE SESSION TO THE TOP OF THE AGENDA AND ADD TWO NEW ACTION ITEMS: CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO APPROVE ENRIQUEZ CONSTRUCTION LLC TO PERFORM REPAIRS ON THE PAVILION LOCATED AT MEDLOCK PARK; CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO APPROVE THE QUOTE PROVIDED BY SUMTER CONSULTING FOR INTERIM COURT SERVICES; DISCUSSION ITEM THE KABOOM PROJECT; AND DISCUSSION ITEM RELOCATION OF THE MURAL

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 Gil Freeman, Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

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

ACTION: MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:49 P.M. TO DISCUSS LITIGATION AND PERSONNEL.

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 Gil Freeman, Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant and Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

ACTION: MOTION TO ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 7:29 PM

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

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 Gil Freeman, Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

IX. Council Policy Discussion Topics – None

X. City Manager's Report

1. Operations Report - Interim City Manager Maggie Dimov

Interim City Manager Maggie Dimov provided updates as outlined in the meeting packet, presenting an Operations Report for the following departments: Code Enforcement, City Clerk, Public Works, Special Events, and Finance. Discussion was held on several capital project items, including the Stormwater Project, the SPLOST street paving project, and renovations to the City Hall parking lot. Questions were raised regarding the timeframe for completion of the newly constructed City Hall parking lot. The Interim City Manager clarified that one lot will be gated for personnel use only, while the other will include designated spaces for public parking.

XI. Council Policy Discussion Topics – None

XII. Unfinished Business – None

XIII. New Business

1. Consideration of an action on a request to approve Enriquez Construction LLC to perform repairs on the Pavilion located at Medlock Park

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE ENRIQUEZ CONSTRUCTION LLC TO PERFORM REPAIRS ON THE PAVILION LOCATED AT MEDLOCK PARK

Motion made by Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, 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 Gil Freeman, Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

2. Consideration of an action on a request to approve the quote provided by Sumter Consulting for interim court services in the amount of \$9,000.

Members of the Council questioned whether the court services provided through Sumter Consulting LLC would be temporary. The City Manager confirmed that they would be, citing the urgent need and current backlog of court services.

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE THE QUOTE PROVIDED BY SUMTER CONSULTING FOR INTERIM COURT SERVICES

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

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 Gil Freeman, Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

3. Consideration of an action on a request to have the City Attorney prepare a written legal opinion addressing conflict of interest regarding a candidate for City Council on the Ethics Board

Council Member Freeman moved to postpone consideration of a request for the City Attorney to prepare a written legal opinion addressing potential conflicts of interest and irregularities regarding a candidate for the City Council serving on the Ethics Board until the next Council Meeting, seconded by Council Member Bryant and motion carried unanimously

ACTION: MOTION TO POSTPONE A REQUEST TO HAVE THE CITY ATTORNEY PREPARE A WRITTEN LEGAL OPINION ADDRESSING THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST REGARDING A CANDIDATE FOR A CITY COUNCIL ON THE ETHICS BOARD

Motion made by Council Member: Post 4 Gil Freeman, Seconded by Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant

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 Gil Freeman, Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

4. Consideration of an action on a request to approve Resolution 2025-27 to amend the budget for the leased Enterprise vehicles for Fiscal Year 2025

Police Chief James Westerfield discussed reducing risk management with the addition of four new pursuit vehicles, which must be ordered before the end of 2025 for the Fiscal Year 2026. He noted that while the budget has been approved, no specific line item was included for Public Works or Public Safety Department vehicles.

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-27

Motion made by Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, 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 Gil Freeman, Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

5. Consideration of an action on a request to approve Change Order No. 1 with R&B Developers for the new parking lot next to City Hall

Concerns were raised regarding the timeframe for completion of the newly constructed City Hall parking lot. The Interim City Manager clarified that one lot will be gated for personnel use only, while the other will include designated spaces for public parking.

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH R&B DEVELOPERS FOR THE NEW PARKING LOT NEXT TO CITY HALL

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 Gil Freeman, Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

6. Consideration of an action on a request to approve Atlanta Gas Light to install a gas line for the previously approved generator

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE ATLANTA GAS LIGHT TO INSTALL A GAS LINE FOR THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED GENERATOR

Motion made by Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Seconded by Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant

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 Gil Freeman, Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

7. Consideration of an action on a request to approve a Manager of Special Events & Communications position with the City of Stone Mountain

Council questioned whether the position would be posted online, and it was clarified that it is an internal merger, with a current employee already performing a portion of the duties associated with the role.

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE A MANAGER OF SPECIAL EVENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS POSITION WITH THE CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN

Motion made by Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, 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 Gil Freeman, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

Voting Nay: Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant

MOTION PASSED

8. Consideration of an action on a request to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement for Local Comprehensive Plan Assistance with the Atlanta Regional Commission and Resolution 2025-26

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE A REQUEST TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN ASSISTANCE WITH THE ATLANTA REGIONAL COMMISSION AND RESOLUTION 2025-26

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 Gil Freeman, Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

9. Consideration of an action on a request for the Parks and Recreation Committee to exhibit a winter park theme at each park in the City of Stone Mountain

Council Member Marianos discussed the proposed ordinance passed by the majority of the City Council regarding the Parks and Recreation Committee. It was clarified by the City Attorney that all members must be reappointed, and the committee reestablished in accordance with the ordinances adopted during the prior Council session.

No Action Taken

10. Consideration of an action on a request to have the City Attorney prepare a written legal opinion addressing conflict of interest regarding a candidate for City Council on the Ethics Board

Council Member Freeman moved to postpone consideration of a request for the City Attorney to prepare a written legal opinion addressing potential conflicts of interest and irregularities regarding a candidate for the City Council serving on the Ethics Board until the next Council Meeting.

ACTION: MOTION TO POSTPONE A REQUEST TO HAVE THE CITY ATTORNEY PREPARE A WRITTEN LEGAL OPINION ADDRESSING THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST REGARDING A CANDIDATE FOR A CITY COUNCIL ON THE ETHICS BOARD

Motion made by Council Member: Post 4 Gil Freeman, Seconded by Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant

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 Gil Freeman, Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

XIV. New Ordinances and Resolutions – None

XV. Remarks of Privilege

1. Presentation – Safety App, requested by Mayor Beverly Jones

Mr. William Dawson gave a presentation regarding a safety app, explaining that it is currently used primarily by the Code Enforcement Department. He expressed interest in extending its use to several additional departments through closed-circuit testing as a pilot program.

No Action Taken

XVI. Announcements by the Mayor – None

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

ACTION: MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING 10:09 P.M.

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

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Dr. Beverly Jones, Mayor

Shavala Ames, City Clerk