



**Mayor and City Council Regular Session**  
Tuesday, August, 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: Shawn Edmondson - City Manager | Maggie Dimov - Assistant City Manager/Economic Development Director/DDA | Shavala Ames - City Clerk | Angela Couch - City Attorney**

Public Hearing was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

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

ABSENT: Council Member: Post 4 Gil Freeman

**I. Public Hearing**

1. Public Hearing on 6804 JBR Memorial Drive on 1008B Main Street (Parcel ID: 18 089 02 016) to allow a tattoo studio, requested by City Planner Tamaya Huff

City Planner Tamaya Huff gave a general overview of the proposed Special Use Permit conditions for the tattoo studio and also mentioned the requirements to have a parking agreement if approved.

The applicant Krystal Rogers came forward to present her case regarding the Special Use Permit.

City Attorney Angela Couch reviewed the guidelines of the public hearing.

**Public Hearing Comments**

**In Favor**

**Public Comment 1: Kyle King** – tattoo studio would be a good fit for the city, and the applicant is a hard worker.

*Council Member Freeman arrived at 6:44 p.m.*

**Public Comment 2: Vanessa Walls** – wonderful that business is coming to Stone Mountain.

**Public Comment 3. Luis Finley** – studio is a good addition to the downtown.

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46 **Opposed**  
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48 **Public Comment 1: Joan Monroe** – tattoo parlors come and go; looking for something more  
49 progressive.  
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51 **II. Adjournment**  
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53 **ACTION: MOTION TO ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:53 P.M.**

54 Motion made by Council Member: Post 4 Gil Freeman, Seconded by Council Member: Post 2 Mark  
55 Marianos  
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57 **Voting Yea:** Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Mayor  
58 Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 4 Gil Freeman, Council Member: Post 5  
59 Shawnette Bryant, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe  
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61 **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**  
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63 **III. Call to Order**  
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65 Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 6:56 P.M.  
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67 **IV. Determination of Quorum**  
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69 PRESENT: Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Mayor  
70 Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 4 Gil Freeman, Council Member: Post 5  
71 Shawnette Bryant, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe, Mayor Beverly Jones  
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73 **V. Invocation and Pledge**  
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75 Mayor Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the invocation by Reverend Orea Parks  
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77 **VI. Citizen Comments – Including comments from public/stakeholders**  
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79 **Citizen Comment 1: Dave Thomas** – discussed selling all or one of the City parks – they are  
80 under utilized and money can be used for capital improvements; a study can be done to consider  
81 which is best; would not be losing significant green space.  
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83 **Citizen Comment 2: Cheryl Dudley** – the investigation of the Mayor follows all things mentioned  
84 in the state constitution; spend too much time and money on rerouting the ordinance; discussed  
85 the Governor Kemp article regarding not to expect more money in the coming year.  
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87 **Citizen Comment 3: Joan Monroe** – was threatened for asking for crime reports; discussed the  
88 various recent crime cases and not advising residents puts the public at risk; why are we working  
89 with someone who went to federal prison for real estate fraud; SPLOST and ARPA were  
90 misappropriated – do not want a phony investigator; citizens are asking for safety.  
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92 **Citizen Comment 4: Sharon Frierson** – there are stormwater issues in the cul-de-sac - 100  
93 gallons run in that general area; meeting was to be had with the Mayor and Public Works Director  
94 2 years ago regarding the matter – neighbors cannot sit in their own yards due to standing water;  
95 trash being thrown over the embankment; sick of other areas of focus – concerned with the Oak  
96 Ridge area; love you all.  
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98 **Citizen Comment 5: Clint Monroe** – thanked everyone involved in Stone Mountain Day;  
99 discussed a witch hunt for the City Attorney or Investigator to find something to hang one person –  
100 non-specific charges are useless and cannot be enforced; mudslinging and wasted legal  
101 expenses; citizens are more concerned with stormwater and potholes.  
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VII. Review of the Journal (City Clerk)

1. Consideration of an action on a request to approve July 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes, requested by City Clerk Shavala Ames

**ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE JULY 15, 2025 MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED**

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 6 Teresa Crowe

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

**MOTION PASSED**

2. Consideration of an action on a request to approve July 24, 2025 Special Called Meeting Minutes, requested by City Clerk Shavala Ames

**ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE JULY 24, 2025 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES**

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 6 Teresa Crowe

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

**MOTION PASSED**

3. Consideration of an action on a request to approve July 28, 2025 Special Called Joint DDA Meeting Minutes, requested by City Clerk Shavala Ames

**ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE JULY 28, 2025 SPECIAL CALLED JOING DDA MEETING MINUTES**

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 6 Teresa Crowe

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

**MOTION PASSED**

VIII. Reading of Communications

IX. Adoption of The Agenda of The Day

**ACTION: TABLE ORDINANCE 2025-03 PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

Motion made by Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Seconded by Council Member: Post 4 Gil Freeman

**Voting Yea:** Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 4 Gil Freeman, Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant

**Voting Nay:** Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

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162 **MOTION PASSED**

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164 **ACTION: REMOVE 1-HOUR PARKING CONSIDERATION FROM THE AGENDA**

165 Motion made by Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe, Seconded by Council Member: Post 1  
166 Anita Bass

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168 **Voting Yea:** Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Post 2 Mark Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem: Post  
169 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 4 Gil Freeman, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

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171 **Voting Nay:** Council Member: Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant

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173 **MOTION PASSED**

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175 **ACTION: REMOVE INCODE AGREEMENT FROM THE AGENDA**

176 Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Seconded by Council Member: Post 2  
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179 **Voting Yea:** Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos,  
180 Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 4 Gil Freeman, Council Member:  
181 Post 5 Shawnette Bryant, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

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183 **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

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185 **ACTION: MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA OF THE DAY AS AMENDED**

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

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189 **Voting Yea:** Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos,  
190 Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 4 Gil Freeman, Council Member:  
191 Post 5 Shawnette Bryant, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

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193 **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

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196 **X. City Manager's Report**

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198 **1. Operations Report - Interim City Manager Maggie Dimov**

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200 Interim City Manager Maggie Dimov reviewed the Operations Report, highlighting key accomplishments  
201 and providing updates on capital projects, as well as recent weather-related delays that have  
202 temporarily slowed progress. She noted that the parking project is expected to begin in September and  
203 that updates regarding CSX will be provided at a later date.

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205 **2. June Financials Update – Finance Director Adam Kurt**

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207 Finance Director Adam Kurt reviewed the June financials as outlined in the agenda packet.

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209 **3. Investigation Update – City Attorney Angela Couch**

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211 City Attorney Angela Couch stated that the investigation into banking allegations involving the Mayor  
212 remains incomplete due to Truist's lack of cooperation in providing information and records. Members  
213 of the governing body voiced concerns, emphasizing the need to apply pressure on Truist to release  
214 the requested records; also noting that taxpayer dollars are being wasted and that the scope of the  
215 investigation should be expanded.

**ACTION: MOTION TO MOVE FORWARD WITH AN INQUIRY AS ALLOWED UNDER CHARTER SECTION 2-15 INTO TRUIST'S BANK REFUSAL TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO INVESTIGATOR JACK WILSON**

Motion made by Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe, Seconded by Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass

**ACTION: MOTION TO AMEND THE PREVIOUS MOTION TO INCLUDE TO OBTAIN FROM TRUIST BANK ANY AND ALL CHECKS FROM CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN AND DDA ACCOUNTS THAT CLEARED WITH ONLY ONE SIGNATURE, LIST OF ANY AND ALL CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN AND DDA ACCOUNTS (OPEN OR CLOSED) IN EXISTENCE FOR THE LAST EIGHTEEN (18) MONTHS, STATEMENTS FOR EACH OF THESE CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN AND DDA ACCOUNTS (OPEN OR CLOSED) FOR THE PAST EIGHTEEN (18) MONTHS, LIST OF ANY AND ALL SECURITY RISKS AND OTHER CONCERNS IDENTIFIED BY THE TRUIST BANK SECURITY TEAM IN THE PAST EIGHTEEN (18) MONTHS, ANY AND ALL CORRESPONDENCE THAT CITY STAFF HAS HAD WITH ANY AND ALL PERSONS FROM TRUIST BANK RELATING TO THE ABOVE REQUESTS**

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 4 Gil Freeman, Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant

**Voting Nay:** Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

Mayor Jones voted in favor

**MOTION PASSED**

**ACTION: MOTION TO DRAFT A SUBPOENA FOR TRUIST BANK REGARDING BANKING ALLEGATIONS INVESTIGATION AGAINST THE MAYOR AS ALLOWED UNDER SECTION 2-15**

Motion made by Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe, 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**

**XI. Council Policy Discussion Topics**

**XII. Unfinished Business**

1. Consideration of an action on a request to veto Ordinance 2025-05 Procedures for Removal, requested by Mayor Beverly Jones

City Clerk Shavala Ames read the veto request into the record.

Members of the governing body shared their views on the proposed veto, confirming that the ordinance, if adopted, would apply to all elected officials not solely the Mayor.

**ACTION: MOTION OVERRIDE THE VETO OF ORDINANCE 2025-05 PROCEDURES FOR REMOVAL**

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 6 Teresa Crowe

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

**MOTION PASSED**

2. Consideration of an action on a request to approve a two-way sign at Third and East Mountain, requested by Council Member Teresa Crowe

Police Chief Westerfield briefly outlined some issues at this location and confirmed why a two-way sign may be needed.

**ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE A TWO-WAY SIGN AT THIRD AND EAST MOUNTAIN**

Motion made by Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan 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 6 Teresa Crowe

**Voting Nay:** Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant

**MOTION PASSED**

3. Consideration of an action on a request to approve to authorize an agreement with Sumter Consulting to initiate the search for a new City Manager

Recruiter Warren Hutmacher reviewed the scope of services detailed in the agreement, outlining each stage of the executive search process, including candidate outreach, screening, and selection. He also noted his prior experience with the City of Stone Mountain, having assisted in the City Manager role.

**ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH SUMTER CONSULTING TO INITIATE THE SEARCH FOR A NEW CITY MANAGER**

Motion made by Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan 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 5 Shawnette Bryant, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

**Voting Nay:** Council Member: Post 4 Gil Freeman

**MOTION PASSED**

**XIII. New Business**

1. Consideration of an action on a request to approve a Special Use Permit for 1008B Main Street (Parcel ID: 18 089 02 016) to allow a tattoo studio, requested by Planning Manager Tamaya Huff

**ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR 1008B MAIN STREET TO ALLOW A TATTOO STUDIO, WITH THE PROVISIO OF STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS TO OBTAIN A PARKING AGREEMENT**

Motion made by Council Member: Post 2 Marianos, Seconded by Council Member: Post 1 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 5 Shawnette Bryant, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

**Voting Nay:** Council Member: Post 4 Gil Freeman

**MOTION PASSED**

#### XIV. New Ordinances and Resolutions

##### 1. Resolution 2025-22 Open Records Request Fee Schedule

City Clerk Shavala Ames presented the proposed fee schedule and responded to various questions from the governing body. It was noted that the schedule will also address certain types of requests, particularly those from outlets that use records for profit.

**ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-22 OPEN RECORDS REQUEST FEE SCHEDULE**

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**

#### XV. Remarks of Privilege

1. Council Member Shawnette Bryant spoke about assisting residents, highlighted the upcoming annual Back-to-School Block Party in the Rockborough neighborhood, and expressed appreciation to Maggie.
2. Mayor Pro Tem Ryan Smith thanked the Public Works team for their continued dedication and hard work.
3. Mayor Beverly Jones expressed gratitude to all employees and remarked on the unfortunate efforts to remove elected officials.
4. Council Member Gil Freeman addressed failed political attacks, expressed appreciation for staff, and commended Maggie as the best City Manager during his tenure in office.
5. Council Member Anita Bass emphasized the importance of self-reflection and actively learning city policies since joining the council to enhance her knowledge and effectiveness

#### XVI. Adjournment

**ACTION: MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING 9:00 P.M.**

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Seconded by Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant

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**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)**

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**Dr. Beverly Jones, Mayor**

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**Shavala Ames, City Clerk**