



Mayor and City Council/Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Joint Meeting

Monday, August 03, 2026, at 6:30 PM

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

Minutes

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

DDA: Chair Carl Wright, Vice Chair Robert Witherspoon, Treasurer Sarah Hage, Board Member Bobby Singleton, Board Member Michelle Dunbar, Board Member Thom DeLoach, Board Member & Council Member Anita Bass, DDA Attorney Kyle Williams

Staff: Maggie Dimov – City Manager | Angela Couch – City Attorney | Deputy City Clerk – Nakeya Burton

I. Call to Order

Mayor Linder called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

II. Determination of Quorum

PRESENT: Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Council Member: Post 4 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan, Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn, Mayor Jelani Linder

ABSENT: Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith

PRESENT: Treasurer Sarah Hage, Board Member Bobby Singleton, Board Member Michelle Dunbar, Board Member Thom DeLoach, Board Member & Council Member Anita Bass, DDA Attorney Kyle Williams

ABSENT: Chair Carl Wright, Vice Chair Robert Witherspoon

III. Adoption of The Agenda of The Day

ACTION: MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA OF THE DAY

Motion made by Board Member: Thom DeLoach, Seconded by Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass

Voting Yea: Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Council Member: Post 4 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan, Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn, Treasurer Sarah Hage, Board Member Bobby Singleton, Board Member Michelle Dunbar, Board Member Thom DeLoach, Board Member & Council Member Anita Bass, DDA Attorney Kyle Williams

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

42 **1. Overview of the Strategic Economic Alignment for Stone Mountain Village**

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44 DDA Board Member, Bobby Singleton, presented a PowerPoint Presentation overview of the Strategic
45 Economic Alignment for Stone Mountain Village.

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47 Discussion: DDA Members provided their perspective on what items need to be prioritized for the
48 governing body and DDA Members to align such as departing from the 5-million-dollar gap and expressed
49 the urgency of acting now. Council Members expressed that they feel everyone is aligned but need more
50 specificity, how it's been years of kicking the can down the road, and that more information on TAD (Tax
51 Allocation District) is needed. DDA Board Member, Bobby Singleton and DDA Attorney, Kyle Williams,
52 provided context regarding TAD.

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54 Council Members had questions regarding if the City has a TAD and who makes the decision regarding
55 it. Mayor Linder provided feedback and clarification. The governing body also inquired whether the TAD
56 would be reactivated or if a new one would be established, if the City would take on the burden if the
57 calculations don't work for a developer, and if TAD allows revitalization and purchase of property. Further
58 questions were posed regarding the timeframe for when items need to be completed, if a study can be
59 done, and if there are other cities to research that are doing the same thing. DDA Board Members, Bobby
60 Singleton and Thom DeLoach and City Manager, Maggie Dimov, provided clarity.

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62 Suggestions included having a representative from TAD appearing to speak with everyone, forming a
63 work plan, deciding where to allocate the TAD funds, and knowing the ideas one another are floating.

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65 City Manager, Maggie Dimov, expressed the importance of outlining some projects and initiatives as the
66 City's 2027 Budget is in the works. DDA Board Member, Bobby Singleton, mentioned the Lawn on Main
67 and Main St as top priorities.

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69 Thatcher Hart, Community Development Director, provided suggestions and feedback from his prior
70 experience.

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72 **2. Executive Session to Discuss Personnel, Legal, and Real Estate (if needed)**

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74 **ACTION: MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:20 P.M. TO DISCUSS REAL**
75 **ESTATE**

76 Motion made by Board Member: Thom DeLoach, Seconded by Council Member: Post 5 Hub
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79 **Voting Yea:** Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Council
80 Member: Post 4 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan, Council Member: Post 6 Elaine
81 Vaughn, Treasurer Sarah Hage, Board Member Bobby Singleton, Board Member Michelle
82 Dunbar, Board Member Thom DeLoach, Board Member & Council Member Anita Bass, DDA
83 Attorney Kyle Williams

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85 **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

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87 **ACTION: MOTION TO ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE THE CITY**
88 **COUNCIL MEETING AT 8:12 P.M. - (1) ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

89 Motion made by Treasure Sarah Hage, Seconded by Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn

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91 **Voting Yea:** Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Council
92 Member: Post 4 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan, and Council Member: Post 6
93 Elaine Vaughn, Treasurer Sarah Hage, Board Member Bobby Singleton, Board Member Michelle
94 Dunbar, Board Member Thom DeLoach, Board Member & Council Member Anita Bass, DDA
95 Attorney Kyle Williams

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

3. Adjournment

ACTION: MOTION TO RESUME THE MEETING AT 8:12 P.M.

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, Council Member: Post 4 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan, Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn, Treasurer Sarah Hage, Board Member Bobby Singleton, Board Member Michelle Dunbar, Board Member Thom DeLoach, Board Member & Council Member Anita Bass, DDA Attorney Kyle Williams

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

ACTION: MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:13 P.M.

Motion made by Board Member: Thom DeLoach, Seconded by Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos

Voting Yea: Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Council Member: Post 4 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan, Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn, Treasurer Sarah Hage, Board Member Bobby Singleton, Board Member Michelle Dunbar, Board Member Thom DeLoach, Board Member & Council Member Anita Bass, DDA Attorney Kyle Williams

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

Jelani Linder, Mayor

City Clerk, Shavala Ames