

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

DATE: May 21, 2024
TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: City Manager Darnetta Tyus
RE: City Manager's Report

1. Revenue & Expense Report as of March 31, 2024

A. Please find the report in your mailboxes.

2. Baltic and Churchill Street Paving

A. The City of Stone Mountain received a change order. The change order initially amounted to \$64,999.94 but was later adjusted to \$47,999.96. This adjustment in cost is due to changing the installation price to \$12 per square yard for the 1000 ft x 12 ft lane that hasn't been worked on yet, and to \$16 per square foot for the cul-de-sacs on Churchill and Baltic. The change order entails the removal of 12 inches of wet soil, addition of strong fabric, and placement of 12 inches of compacted gravel in most areas. For areas with higher moisture content, an additional 6 inches of soil will be removed, followed by the addition of a layer of strong fabric, 6 inches of gravel, another layer of strong fabric, and finally, 12 inches of compacted gravel. The City of Stone Mountain Administration is asking for approval from the city council on this change order. For any questions that you may have, Richard Edinger, with CPL will be available during the council meeting on May 21, 2024.

3. City Wide Cleanup:

A. We extend our sincere gratitude to Atlanta Gas Light, Stone Mountain Elementary School, our sponsors, volunteers, council, and staff for their invaluable contributions to this year's Community Wide Cleanup. The event was scheduled for May 18th, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., with a concluding cookout at 12:30 p.m. Last year, our city organized an exemplary City-wide cleanup initiative that garnered tremendous community support. We were pleased to see participation from 140 dedicated volunteers. Under the leadership of our executive staff, who supervised five designated areas, we successfully removed 8 tons of debris. This event not only significantly improved the cleanliness and aesthetics of the City of Stone Mountain but also strengthened the sense of community among our residents.

4. LCI contractor

A. In an effort to improve the quality of life in Stone Mountain, the city initiated the Livable Center Initiative (LCI) subsequent to securing a grant of \$160,000. With a cash match contribution of \$40,000 from Stone Mountain, the total project funding amounts to \$200,000. The selection of the most

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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 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. Moreover, the council will convene to vote on the contract with Pond the first meeting of June.

5. Depot Cleanup Initiative:

- A. The depot is currently experiencing issues such as rodent infestation and deteriorating ceilings, prompting the City of Stone Mountain to propose a comprehensive renovation. Following this proposal, the city received bids from several reputable companies for the project, including Kissberg Construction, BHH, and Trinity Industrial Services.

After thorough evaluation, Kissberg Construction submitted the lowest bid of \$29,950.00. This matter will be deliberated further with the council during the subsequent agenda items. The project is slated to be funded through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), with additional discussion anticipated in forthcoming agenda items.

6. Zone I Signage Update:

- A. Ninety percent of the work has been completed. Remaining tasks are focused on a few areas in Rockborough. Please note, this does not include the installation of ground signage.

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7. Foundation Preparation for Outdoor Gym:

- A. Kissberg Construction is currently engaged in site preparation for concrete pouring and the repair of divots on the tennis court, which is being converted into a parking lot. This work is being conducted in advance of seal coating and striping. Curb stops were poured on May 16, and divot repairs are expected to be completed by May 17. The concrete slab will be poured within the next seven days, with the exact date contingent on weather conditions.

8. ADA Renovations Progress Update:

- A. Projects are currently underway, on schedule and on budget. Construction meetings are held weekly with Heidi Meraz, representative from Prime Engineering, and project manager from Lichtey Construction.

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