



Mayor and City Council Work Session
Tuesday, December 2, 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 | Shavala Ames - City Clerk | Angela Couch - City Attorney

Public Hearing was called to order at 6:32 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 6 Teresa Crowe, Mayor Beverly Jones

ABSENT: Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant

I. Public Hearing

1. Public Hearing on the renaming of Mackin Street to William Woodson Morris Street

Planning Manager Tamaya Huff provided a general overview of the proposed renaming of Mackin Street to William Woodson Morris Street as outlined in the provided city council packet.

Public Hearing comments – None

II. Adjournment – 6:37 P.M.

ACTION: MOTION TO ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:37 P.M

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 4 Gil Freeman, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

III. Call to Order

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 6:37 P.M

IV. 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 6 Teresa Crowe, Mayor Beverly Jones

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47 **V. Invocation and Pledge**

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49 Mayor Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the Invocation sent by Reverend Andrew
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52 **VI. Citizen Comments/Including comments from public/stakeholders – None**

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54 **VII. Review of the Journal (City Clerk)**

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56 **1. Consideration of an action on a request to approve November 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

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58 **ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE NOVEMBER 18, 2025 MEETING MINUTES**

59 Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Seconded by Council Member: Post 1 Anita
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62 **Voting Yea:** Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos,
63 Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

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

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67 **MOTION PASSED**

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69 **VIII. Reading of Communications – None**

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71 **IX. Adoption of The Agenda of The Day**

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73 **ACTION: MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA OF THE DAY**

74 Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Seconded by Council Member: Post 1
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77 **Voting Yea:** Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos,
78 Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 4 Gil Freeman, Council Member: Post
79 6 Teresa Crowe

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81 **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

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

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85 1. Interim City Manager Maggie Dimov presented operational updates for Court Services, City Clerk,
86 Public Works, Special Events, and Finance, and provided progress reports on capital projects
87 including the City Hall parking lot renovation, Historic Caboose completion, the McCurdy Park
88 Stormwater project, and the 4th Street pond cleanup.
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90 2. She also announced a cemetery moratorium, pausing new burial plot applications due to
91 incomplete records and the possible need for a new survey, effective through June 1, 2026.
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93 3. Additionally, she expressed appreciation to the University of Georgia committee for assisting with
94 updates to the City's Financial and Procurement Policy and related ordinance.
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97 **XI. Council Policy Discussion Topics – None**

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101 **XIII. New Business**

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1. Consideration of an action on a request to approve contracts for Judge Services

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE CONTRACTS FOR JUDGE SERVICES

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 4 Gil Freeman, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

2. Consideration of an action on a request to approve Probation Services agreement with Professional Probation Services, Inc.

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE PROBATION SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PROFESSIONAL PROBATION SERVICES, INC.

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 6 Teresa Crowe

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

3. Consideration of an action on a request to approve an updated agreement between the City of Stone Mountain and GEFA for the HVAC project

Discussion was held regarding the updated agreement between the City of Stone Mountain and GEFA for the HVAC project. The original grant estimate was \$75,000; however, contractor quotes came in at just over \$85,000. The City re-engaged GEFA to request an increase in funding, and it was announced that GEFA approved the increase to fully cover the revised cost, resulting in no out-of-pocket expense to the City.

NO ACTION WAS TAKEN

4. Consideration of an action on a request to approve a Special Use Permit with the conditions set forth for 798 Third Street

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE A SPECIAL USE PERMIT WITH THE CONDITIONS SET FORTH FOR 798 THIRD STREET

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 6 Teresa Crowe

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

5. Consideration of an action on a request to approve the renaming of Mackin Street to William Woodson Morris Street

Council raised questions regarding the belief that the street renaming had been approved in August. Planning Manager Tamaya Huff clarified that the item was proposed and reviewed by the Planning Commission, but final approval requires verification with DeKalb County to ensure there are no duplicate street names.

She further explained that, per City Code, a public hearing and a formal motion to approve are required before a resolution can be signed and the City can move forward.

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE THE RENAMING OF MACKIN STREET TO WILLIAM WOODSON MORRIS STREET

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

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6. Consideration of an action on a request to obtain a sworn statement from the custodian of records at Truist Bank attesting to the unmanipulated authenticity of the logon audit logs provided, including the full native logs, a description of the system that generated them, and documentation of the bank's standard audit-log retention procedures. The request also includes obtaining all versions of the logs, whether native or converted, all emails to and from Truist regarding the request, any internal communications concerning the extraction, handling, or transmission of the logs, and any system metadata associated with the creation or export of these records related to the Truist subpoena.

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE A REQUEST TO OBTAIN A SWORN STATEMENT FROM THE CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS AT TRUIST BANK ATTESTING TO THE UNMANIPULATED AUTHENTICITY OF THE LOGON AUDIT LOGS PROVIDED, INCLUDING THE FULL NATIVE LOGS, A DESCRIPTION OF THE SYSTEM THAT GENERATED THEM, AND DOCUMENTATION OF THE BANK'S STANDARD AUDIT-LOG RETENTION PROCEDURES. THE REQUEST ALSO INCLUDES OBTAINING ALL VERSIONS OF THE LOGS, WHETHER NATIVE OR CONVERTED, ALL EMAILS TO AND FROM TRUIST REGARDING THE REQUEST, ANY INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING THE EXTRACTION, HANDLING, OR TRANSMISSION OF THE LOGS, AND ANY SYSTEM METADATA ASSOCIATED WITH THE CREATION OR EXPORT OF THESE RECORDS RELATED TO THE TRUIST SUBPOENA.

Motion made by Council Member: Post 4 Gil Freeman

MOTION DIED FOR A LACK OF A SECOND

7. Consideration of an action on a request to increase the count from 21 to 24, adding (2) seats for citizens not in an existing committee and citizens who have lived in Stone Mountain for decades, who have already expressed interest in being on the City of Stone Mountain 2026 Comprehensive Planning Advisory Leadership Committee

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE A REQUEST TO INCREASE THE COUNT FROM 21 TO 24, ADDING (2) SEATS FOR CITIZENS NOT IN AN EXISTING COMMITTEE AND CITIZENS WHO HAVE LIVED IN STONE MOUNTAIN FOR DECADES, WHO HAVE ALREADY EXPRESSED INTEREST IN BEING ON THE CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN 2026 COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING ADVISORY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

Motion made by Council Member: Post 4 Gil Freeman

MOTION DIED FOR A LACK OF A SECOND

XIV. New Ordinances and Resolutions

1. Resolution 2025-34 – Cemetery Moratorium

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-34 – CEMETERY MORATORIUM

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 4 Gil Freeman, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

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XV. Remarks of Privilege – None

XV. Announcements by the Mayor

1. The Mayor thanked everyone for attending and noted the brief nature of the evening's City Council meeting.

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

XVIII. Adjournment

ACTION: MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING 7:21 P.M.

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 4 Gil Freeman, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

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Dr. Beverly Jones, Mayor

Shavala Ames, City Clerk