



# Mayor and City Council Regular Session Minutes

Tuesday, March 17, 2026 at 6:30 PM

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

## Minutes

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

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5 **Staff: Maggie Dimov – City Manager/Economic Development Director/DDA | Shavala Ames - City**  
6 **Clerk | Angela Couch - City Attorney**

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8 Mission Statement: The City of Stone Mountain serves our residents, businesses, and visitors by  
9 providing an enhanced quality of life and a unique sense of place, guided by trust and integrity.

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11 **I. Call to Order**

12 Mayor Linder called the meeting to order at 6:31 P.M.

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14 **II. Determination of Quorum**

15 PRESENT: Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council  
16 Member: Post 4 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan, and Council Member: Post 6  
17 Elaine Vaughn

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19 ABSENT: Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass

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21 **III. Invocation and Pledge**

22 Mayor Linder led a 30-second moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

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24 **IV. Citizen Comments – Including comments from public/stakeholders**

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26 **Citizen Comment 1: Cordero Vigil –** Addressed concerns regarding the City's financial matters.  
27 Encouraged the Mayor and Council to consider establishing a Citizen Review Panel as a means to  
28 enhance transparency.

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30 **V. Review of the Journal (City Clerk)**

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32 1. Consideration of an action on a request to approve City Council Minutes for February 28, 2026,  
33 requested by City Clerk Shavala Ames. Goal - Governance

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36 **ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 28, 2026 MEETING MINUTES**

37 Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Seconded by Council Member: Post 4 Kay  
38 Nunez

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40 **Voting Yea:** Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council  
41 Member: Post 4 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan, Council Member: Post 6 Elaine  
42 Vaughn  
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44 **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

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46 2. Consideration of an action on a request to approve City Council Special Called Minutes for March 3,  
47 2026, requested by City Clerk Shavala Ames. Goal - Governance

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49 **ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE MARCH 3, 2026 MEETING MINUTES**

50 Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Seconded by Council Member: Post 4  
51 Kay Nunez

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53 **Voting Yea:** Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council  
54 Member: Post 4 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan, Council Member: Post 6 Elaine  
55 Vaughn

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57 **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

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59 VI. **Reading of Communications - None**

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61 VII. **Adoption of The Agenda of The Day**

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63 **ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE DAY**

64 Motion made by Council Member: Post 4 Kay Nunez, Seconded by Council Member: Post 2 Mark  
65 Marianos

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67 **Voting Yea:** Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council  
68 Member: Post 4 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan, Council Member: Post 6 Elaine  
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71 **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

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73 VIII. **Committee Reports**

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75 1. Stone Mountain Community Garden – Columbus Brown provided updates as outlined in the  
76 committee presentation and also noted that many tasks have been completed since the last report  
77 was presented.  
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79 2. Planning Commission – Report Submitted as Written (No Verbal Updates)  
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81 3. Historic Preservation Commission - Report Submitted as Written (No Verbal Updates)  
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83 IX. **Staff Reports**

- 84 1. Public Safety - Police Chief James Westerfield – reviewed report as outlined in the meeting  
85 packet.

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87 City Council members raised several inquiries to the Police Chief, including a request for a report on  
88 vacant properties, clarification regarding a homicide case referenced in the presented police  
89 statistics, and a desire for stricter parking enforcement. Chief Westerfield also provided an update  
90 on the anticipated timeline for proposed ordinances related to juveniles and loitering. Additional  
91 discussion was also held regarding the stop light at Main and Mountain, to which the Chief confirmed  
92 that is controlled by Dekalb County.

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94 *Council Member Anita Bass arrived at the meeting at 6:48 p.m.*

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

98 1. Operations Report – City Manager Maggie Dimov – reviewed report as outlined in the meeting  
99 packet.

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101 City Council members inquired about a range of ongoing projects and administrative updates,  
102 including the timeline for outdoor gym repairs, the use of SPLOST funding for street paving, parking  
103 concerns on Second Street, and a missing sign on Ridgemere Court. Additional discussion included  
104 self-watering planters and landscaping improvements, finance and audit matters, aligning future  
105 agendas with the goals established during the Council retreat, and an update on the status of the  
106 caboose.

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108 **XI. Council Policy Discussion Topics - None**

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110 **XII. Unfinished Business - None**

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112 **XIII. New Business**

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114 1. Consideration of an action on a request to approve Crabapple Service Agreement Extension,  
115 requested by City Manager Maggie Dimov. Goal – Public Works and Infrastructure

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117 City Manager Dimov discussed the need for a contract extension, followed by Council discussion  
118 regarding the performance of Crabapple and the potential transition of landscaping responsibilities  
119 to the City's Public Works Department. Council and staff engaged in a thorough conversation that  
120 included budget considerations, the feasibility of utilizing in-house staff, and the recognition of  
121 landscaping as a specialized service.

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123 **ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE CRABAPPLE SERVICE AGREEMENT EXTENSION**

124 Motion made by Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Seconded by Council Member: Post 2  
125 Mark Marianos

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127 **Voting Yea:** Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Mayor  
128 Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 4 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post 6 Elaine  
129 Vaughn

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131 **Voting No:** Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan

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133 **MOTION PASSED**

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135 2. Consideration of an action on a request to approve Resolution 2026-02 Crabapple Budget  
136 Amendment, requested by City Manager Maggie Dimov. Goal – Public Works and Infrastructure

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138 **ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE CRABAPPLE SERVICE AGREEMENT EXTENSION**

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

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144 Vaughn

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146 **Voting No:** Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan

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148 **MOTION PASSED**

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150 3. Consideration of an action on a request to approve the amended Grant Agreement with GEFA for  
151 the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) HVAC Project, requested by City  
152 Manager Maggie Dimov. Goal – Public Works and Infrastructure  
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154 **ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE THE AMENDED GRANT WITH GEFA FOR THE ENERGY**  
155 **EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT (EECBG) HVAC PROJECT**

156 Motion made by Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Seconded by Council Member: Post 4  
157 Kay Nunez  
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161 Jordan, Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn  
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166 **XIV. New Ordinances and Resolutions - None**  
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168 **XV. Remarks of Privilege**  
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170 Members of Council were reminded to adhere to established rules of decorum, including the two-  
171 minute time limit for discussion of agenda items. They also noted that the deadline for the Senior  
172 Homestead Exemption is approaching.  
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174 **XIV. Announcements by The Mayor –** Thanked everyone for an efficient meeting.  
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176 **XV. Executive Session to Discuss Litigation**  
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178 **ACTION: MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:58 P.M. TO DISCUSS**  
179 **LITIGATION**

180 Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Seconded by Council Member: Post 1 Anita  
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185 Jordan, and Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn  
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187 **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**  
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189 **ACTION: MOTION TO ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE THE CITY**  
190 **COUNCIL MEETING AT 8:23 P.M. - (3) ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

191 Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Seconded by Council Member: Post 2 Mark  
192 Marianos  
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198 **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**  
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201 **XVI. Adjournment**  
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203 **ACTION: MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 8:24 P.M.**

204 Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Seconded by Council Member: Post 2 Mark  
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**Jelani Linder, Mayor**

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**City Clerk, Shavala Ames**