



Minutes

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

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6 **Staff: Maggie Dimov – Interim City Manager | Shavala Ames - City Clerk | Angela Couch - City**
7 **Attorney**

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9 **I. Call to Order**

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11 **ACTION: MOTION TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 2:09 P.M.**

12 Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Ryan Smith, Seconded by Council Member: Post 1
13 Anita Bass

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15 **Voting Yea:** Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark
16 Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 4 Kay Nunez,
17 Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan, Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn

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19 **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

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21 **II. Determination of Quorum**

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23 **PRESENT:** Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Mayor Pro
24 Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan, Council
25 Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn

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27 **1. Retreat Discussion**

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29 Warren Hutmacher of Sumter Consulting introduced Jeff Drobney, who served as the facilitator for the
30 retreat. Mr. Drobney opened the session by inviting all elected officials, staff members, and
31 guests/residents in attendance to provide brief introductions and share their roles or interests related to
32 the City.

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34 Mayor Linder offered special appreciation to the City of Lithonia for making their facilities available on
35 short notice and for the warm hospitality extended to all participants.

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37 Mr. Drobney led the group through a series of structured exercises and facilitated open discussions
38 focused on identifying key issues facing the City. These discussions highlighted a range of concerns,
39 as well as both strengths and challenges impacting the City as a whole. Participants were encouraged
40 to share perspectives and engage in dialogue regarding current conditions and future opportunities.
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42 As part of the retreat activities, Mr. Drobney conducted exercises designed to help council members
43 better understand one another's priorities, leadership styles, and expectations. Following these
44 exercises, Mr. Drobney reviewed a presentation and facilitated discussion among the elected officials,
45 who were provided the opportunity to offer feedback and share input on the possible development of a
46 mission statement for the City. The proposed mission statement for the City of Stone Mountain is: The
47 City of Stone Mountain serves our residents, businesses, and visitors by providing an enhanced quality
48 of life and a unique sense of place, guided by trust and integrity.

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50 Based on the progress made during the retreat, it was agreed that a Part II retreat will be necessary to
51 continue the work initiated, including further discussion of a vision statement and the identification of
52 strategic goals to guide the City moving forward.

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54 **III. Adjournment**

55 **ACTION: MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:12 P.M.**

56 Motion made by Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Seconded by Council Member:
57 Post 5 Hub Jordan

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59 **Voting Yea:** Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark
60 Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 4 Kay Nunez,
61 Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan, Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn

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63 **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**
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Jelani Linder, Mayor

_____ **City Clerk, Shavala Ames**