



Mayor and City Council Work Session
Tuesday, December 16, 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

I. Call to Order

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M

II. 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

Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant Arrived at 7:24 P.M.

III. Invocation and Pledge

Mayor Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the Invocation

IV. Citizen Comments/Including comments from public/stakeholders

Citizen Comment 1: Joan Monroe – Expressed that she recently reviewed a report presented to the City Commission reflecting population decline and reduced revenue for the City. She expressed concern that, despite limited financial resources, additional staff are being hired to prepare reports she believes may be inaccurate and encouraged the City to conduct independent audits and exercise fiscal restraint. She also raised concerns regarding relevant information not being included on Planning Committee meeting agendas.

Citizen Comment 2: Kay Nunez – She expressed support for the agenda item regarding the installation of “No parking” signs, emphasizing that their placement is important for the safety of emergency vehicles and neighbors exiting their homes.

Citizen Comment 3: Ms. Thomas – Raised concerns regarding A&S Paving, stating that property damage had occurred. She also noted that the court on Rockborough Terrace was paved but is already cracked. She requested that the City Manager visit the site; the City Manager indicated that an engineer would be brought out, but this has not yet occurred. Further stated that there is conflicting information between the Comprehensive Advisory Committee and the Planning Commission regarding the ability to add three additional seats. She referenced the LCI study, indicating that Rockborough was excluded and that residents’ voices should be

heard, stated that planning is out of compliance, and inquired about when the 2024 audit will be presented.

Citizen Comment 4: Hawa Aden – A resident reported property damage caused by A&S Paving and requested a meeting with the City Manager after being informed the damage would be repaired, but receiving no further updates.

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

1. Consideration of an action on a request to approve December 2, 2025 Meeting Minutes

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE December 2, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, 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 6 Teresa Crowe

Voting Nay: Council Member: Post 4 Gil Freeman

MOTION PASSED

VI. **Reading of Communications**

1. Interim City Manager Maggie Dimov took a moment to thank the Mayor and Council members whose terms of service conclude at the end of 2025, noting that they exemplified leadership by serving with integrity and care on behalf of the City. Expressed appreciation for the countless hours of hard work and personal sacrifice dedicated to the public good and extended best wishes for continued success in their future endeavors.

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

ACTION: MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA OF THE DAY

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)

VIII. **Committee Discussion items**

1. Stone Mountain Community Garden

Mr. Brown could not be present to give reports/updates

2. Planning Commission

Ms. Tamayah Huff provided an update from the Planning Commission, announcing that the initial public hearing for the Comprehensive Plan will be held on January 20, 2026, to introduce the original 2021 plan and review procedures and processes. She also noted that a draft Comprehensive Plan calendar, including the stakeholder meeting schedule, will be released and posted on the City's website.

98 Additionally, the Planning Commission is updating its bylaws to ensure compliance with zoning
99 procedures and laws.

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101 The Mayor requested clarification regarding the addition of members to the Planning Commission,
102 stating she had been advised that some individuals were unable to participate due to not being
103 residents of the City of Stone Mountain. Ms. Huff clarified that twenty-one positions were presented to
104 Council in October and that none of the proposed members were disqualified based on residency. She
105 explained that, in accordance with DCA requirements, the commissions followed a structured process
106 to identify and recommend potential stakeholders.

107 108 **3. Historic Preservation Commission**

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110 Ms. Tamayah Huff provided an update on the grant Memorandum of Agreement, stating that it has
111 been executed and the RFP process is underway to solicit consultants to document approximately 438
112 buildings. She noted that while some buildings may not qualify, many are near the 40-year threshold
113 and are expected to be included in the historic preservation review in accordance with the State's
114 analysis.

115 116 **IX. Staff Reports**

117 **1. Public Safety – Reports/Updates given by Police Chief James Westerfield**

118 Chief James Westerfield presented an overview of recent activity and crime statistics as outlined in the
119 agenda packet. He also addressed Council questions regarding seasonal increases in certain crimes,
120 including domestic incidents and package theft. He advised residents to coordinate with neighbors and
121 to schedule package deliveries when they are home.

122 123 **X. City Managers Report**

124 125 **1. Operations Report - Interim City Manager Maggie Dimov**

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127 The Interim City Manager invited Police Chief James Westerfield to the podium to present the
128 Employee of the Month and Officer of the Quarter awards to Officer Voy.

129 Interim City Manager Maggie Dimov then reviewed the Operations Report, highlighting key staff
130 accomplishments and providing updates on several capital projects, including the successful
131 completion of the Kaboom Project by Public Works. She also reported that a pipe leak near the VFW
132 has been repaired, City Hall's parking lot and HVAC system are being addressed, and the stormwater
133 project is underway with permits currently being prepared.

134 Council Member Marianos requested an update on the potholes along James B. River Memorial. It was
135 confirmed that a temporary repair has been completed, with full paving scheduled for next year, and
136 that further consultation with contractors will take place regarding the project.

137 138 **XI. Council Policy Discussion Topics – None**

139 140 **XII. Unfinished Business**

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

the Truist subpoena Consideration of an action on a request to approve contracts for Judge Services

Council Member Gil Freeman expanded on this action item and asked the City Attorney why there had been no follow-up regarding the subpoena sent to Truist.

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE 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

Motion made by Council Member: Post 4 Gil Freeman, Seconded by Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant

Voting Yea: Council Member: Post 4 Gil Freeman, Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant

Voting Nay: Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, and Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

MOTION FAILED

2. 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 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

Motion made by Council Member: Post 4 Gil Freeman, Seconded by Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant

Voting Yea: Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, and Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

MOTION PASSED FAILED

XIII. New Business

1. Consideration of an action on a request of Historic Preservation Commission Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) Determination Case Number HPC2025-1809005009 (Parcel ID: 18 090 05 009) 6444 James B Rivers Memorial Drive – NOTICE OF APPEAL

Ms. Tamayah requested that the City Council set a hearing date or appoint a hearing officer to determine the time and place for the hearing. The Council decided that the hearing will take place at the next Council meeting on January 6th.

ACTION: CONSIDERATION OF AN ACTION ON A REQUEST OF HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS (COA) DETERMINATION CASE NUMBER HPC2025-1809005009 (PARCEL ID: 18 090 05 009) 6444 JAMES B RIVERS MEMORIAL DRIVE – NOTICE OF APPEAL

Motion made by Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Seconded by Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

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

Voting Nay: Council Member Post 5: Shawnette Bryant

MOTION PASSED

2. Consideration of action on a request to approve the installation of “No Parking” signs (one side only) along 2nd Street between City Hall and Mackin Street

Chief James Westerfield explained the requirements for installing “No Parking” signs, including compliance with engineering and traffic standards, liability concerns, emergency vehicle access, and public safety. He also suggested temporarily painting the curbs with “No Parking” markings as an alternative to signs, which could distract drivers, until an engineer can conduct a proper study.

ACTION: CONSIDERATION OF ACTION ON A REQUEST TO APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF “NO PARKING” SIGNS (ONE SIDE ONLY) ALONG 2ND STREET BETWEEN CITY HALL AND MACKIN STREET

Motion made by Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Seconded by Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

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

Voting Nay: Council Member Post 5: Shawnette Bryant

MOTION PASSED

XIV. New Ordinances and Resolutions

1. Ordinance 2025-11 – 1082 New Gibraltar Square Variance – FIRST READ, requested by Planning Manager Tamaya Huff

NO ACTION TAKEN

XV. Remarks of Privilege

1. Council Member Freeman thanked all who voted, as well as those who did not, and stated that he looks forward to serving the City again in another capacity. He expressed appreciation to City Manager Maggie Dimov, noting that many projects were completed during her tenure, and thanked City staff for their hard work and dedication. He also wished the incoming Council Members success in their upcoming terms.
2. Council Member Bryant stated that she enjoyed serving on the City Council, noting that while the position is challenging, it is rewarding. She highlighted completed projects, including the Senior Gift Basket Giveaway, and acknowledged her work with Officer Roseberry regarding 5444 Rockbridge Road. She recognized Chief Westerfield and Interim City Manager Maggie Dimov for their

contributions and encouraged future Council Members to serve with integrity and in the best interest of the citizens.

3. Council Member Crowe thanked everyone who voted for her and shared that the experience provided a valuable opportunity to get to know members of the community. She noted that she was advised during her initial campaign that she would learn a great deal and acknowledged that she has. She congratulated all who ran and were elected and expressed her optimism for the City's continued progress.

XVI. Announcements by the Mayor

1. The Mayor announced that it had been an honor to serve the City of Stone Mountain and stated that she felt led and directed by God to serve the community. She assured residents that they were always her first priority, regardless of the challenges faced. She noted that she set aside personal pride despite frivolous lawsuits and continued to exemplify leadership throughout her tenure. The Mayor acknowledged the incoming Mayor and wished him success in the role.

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

ACTION: MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:49 P.M.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Seconded by Post 5 Shawnette Bryant

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 5 Shawnette Bryant and Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

ACTION: MOTION TO ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 9:17PM

Motion made by Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Seconded by Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant

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 5 Shawnette Bryant, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

XVIII. Adjournment

ACTION: MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING 9:18 P.M.

Motion made by Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Seconded by Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant

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 5 Shawnette Bryant, and Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

Dr. Beverly Jones, Mayor

Shavala Ames, City Clerk