



Mayor and City Council Regular Session

Tuesday, May 07, 2024 at 6:30 PM

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

Agenda

Mayor and Council: Dr. Beverly Jones – Mayor | Ryan Smith - Mayor Pro Tem

Anita Bass | Mark Marianos | Gil Freeman | Shawnette Bryant | Teresa Crowe

Staff: Darnetta Tyus - City Manager | Shawn Edmondson - Assistant City Manager - City Clerk |

Danny Mai - Assistant City Clerk | Jeff Strickland - City Attorney

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Public Hearing Regarding Applicant Kenny Bittick requests for:

- A variance from Section 5-2.5(A)(8) to reduce the minimum heated floor area from 1,500 square feet to 728 square feet.

; AND,

- A variance from Section 5-2.7(A)(1) for relief from the requirement to develop a single-family dwelling with a two-car garage or carport parking spaces.

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Pursuant to Article II of the City of Stone Mountain Zoning Ordinance, Staff has reviewed the request in accordance with the required review criteria and recommends **APPROVAL** of the variance from Section 5-2.5(A)(8) to reduce the minimum heated floor area from 1,500 square feet to 728 square feet with the following conditions (City Planner Edwards) :

1. The development shall be substantially in compliance with the site plan dated January 19, 2024.
2. The square footage of the home shall not be less than 728 square feet.
3. Short-term rentals shall be prohibited for both lots.
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Adjournment

Call to Order

Determination of Quorum

1.

Participants: Jeff Strickland, City Attorney; Darnetta Tyus, City Manager; Shawn Edmondson, Assistant City Manager & City Clerk; Danny Mai, Assistant City Clerk. Members of the general public also attended and observed the meeting.

Invocation and Pledge

Citizen Comments – Including comments from public/stakeholders (3 minutes per comment)

Comments from the Public

The public comments are reserved exclusively for comments from the public and not for immediate reply. The purpose of public comment is to allow the public to voice city related requests, concerns or opinions only during the public comment portion of the City Council meeting. I. The Mayor and City Council reserves the right to extend or limit the length of public comments based on: (1) the issue under discussion; (2) the number of items on the agenda; and (3) the extent to which the speaker remains constructive in their comments and questions. II. The public may not directly confront the public speaker but must direct all comments and questions to the Mayor and City Council. III. Public harassment of or confrontation with a public speaker will not be tolerated. Members of the public violating tenets two or three will be asked to sit down or leave the premises.

Review of the Journal (Assistant City Manager & City Clerk Edmondson)

2. Request Minutes from City Council Meeting 04/16/24 be approved.

Reading of Communications

Adoption of The Agenda of The Day

City Manager's Report

3. City Manager - Darnetta Tyus

Council Policy Discussion Topics

Unfinished Business

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6. Request the adoption of the Official Zoning Map of the City of Stone Mountain. Pursuant Appendix A-Zoning, Article I, Section 1-1 The official zoning map shall have marked upon it the following: "Official Zoning Map of the City of Stone Mountain." The official zoning map shall be signed by the City Clerk and shall include the date of its adoption (City Planner Edwards).

7. The Downtown Development Authority requests the re-appointment of Thom Deloach as a member of the Downtown Development Authority. (Assistant City Manager & City Clerk Edmondson)
8. The Downtown Development Authority requests the re-appointment of Michelle Dunbar as a member of the Downtown Development Authority. (Assistant City Manager & City Clerk Edmondson)
9. City Staff request the approval to purchase audio/video equipment to modernize the City Council/Court Room through Sharp Business Systems.

The funding lines for the upgrade are **(01-5035.52.1300 Court/Technical Services & 01-5030.52.1200 Administration/Professional Services)**.

Options are listed below. (Assistant City Manager & City Clerk Edmondson)

OPTION (A): A partial upgrade for the Audio Systems of the City Council/Court Room for an amount of \$13,923.99

OPTION (B): A partial upgrade for the Video Systems of the City Council/Court Room for an amount of \$20,673.02

OPTION (C): A full upgrade and modernization of the entire City Council/Court Room for an amount of \$26,121.51

10. City Staff request the approval to enter into the agreement for the Enterprise Fleet Management Program to manage and monitor maintenance and inventory of the City of Stone Mountain's Vehicles.

The budgeted funding lines are **(01-5040.52.2220 Vehicle Repair & Maintenance)**

(Chief Westerfield & Assistant City Manager & City Clerk Edmondson)

11. City Administration is seeking the adoption of Resolution 2024-04. A resolution adopting the Traffic Calming Study on 4th Street. (City Manager Tyus)

12. Vote on Executive Session Item #1 to Discuss Personnel, Legal, and/or Real Estate.

The Funding lines for this item are **(ARPA 12-5212.57.9000)**

New Business

13. Discussion on the inclusion of City Staff (Code Enforcement, Storm Water & Public Works) to attend and participate in City Council Meetings. (CM Crowe).
14. Discussion on Parks and Recreation Committee regarding city Charter, terms, etc... (CM Crowe)
15. Discussion on the changing of the two-way stop to a four-way stop at East Mountain and Third. (CM Crowe)

16. Discussion on the city's participation with Bike Ride Across Georgia (BRAG). BRAG is requesting that the City of Stone Mountain act as a "*Rest Stop*" for 1000+ anticipated riders.
(MPT Smith)

17. Discussion on the following items:

- Results and actionable items from the Community Table Talks with respect to the ***Baptist Lawn***
- Actionable items moving forward with the development of the ***Baptist Lawn*** project
(CM Marianos)

18. Discussion on the consideration of limiting Citizen Comments from 3 minutes to 2 minutes.
(CM Crowe)

New Ordinances and Resolutions

19. **2nd Reading:** The adoption of Ordinance 2024-04, "The Adoption Agreement for the City of Stone Mountain's Defined Benefit Retirement Plan through the Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System. (Assistant City Manager & City Clerk Edmondson)

Remarks of Privilege

Announcements by The Mayor

Executive Session to Discuss Personnel, Legal, and/or Real Estate (if needed)

20. Executive Session Item #1 to Discuss Personnel, Legal, and/or Real Estate.

Adjournment