



Mayor and City Council Regular Session

Wednesday, November 06, 2024 at 6:30 PM

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

Agenda

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: Shawn Edmondson - City Manager - City Clerk | Danny Mai - Assistant City Clerk | Jeff Strickland - City Attorney

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I. Public Hearing

1. Discussion and review of Staff Recommendations for Variance at 844 Sheppard Way (Parcel ID: 18 073 01 135) to allow for the construction of a wooden fence within the stream buffers, with the condition that the fence be at least 50% open to allow for water flow.(City Planner Edwards) Pages 5-29
2. Discussion and review of Staff Recommendations for Variance Denial at 844 Sheppard Way (Parcel ID: 18 073 01 135) to deny the request for a fence in the front yard to exceed 4 feet in height, as recommended by staff and the Planning Commission. (City Planner Edwards) Pages 30-53
3. Discussion and review of Staff Recommendations for Variance Denial at 6204 East Ponce de Leon Ave (Parcel ID: 18 125 03 014) to deny the request for a curb cut exceeding 24 feet in width, as recommended by staff and the Planning Commission. (City Planner Edwards)

4. Ordinance 2024-08 to amend Chapter 5, Article 6, Division 12 – Community Redevelopment Tax Incentive Program of the City of Stone Mountain Code of Ordinances. (City Planner Edwards) Pages 63 - 71

II. Adjournment

III. **Call to Order**

IV. **Determination of Quorum**

V. **Invocation and Pledge**

VI. **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.

VII. **Review of the Journal (Assistant City Clerk Mai)**

1. Request Minutes from City Council Meeting [10.15.2024] be approved

VIII. **Reading of Communications**

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

X. **City Manager's Report**

1. City Manager - Shawn Edmondson

XI. **Council Policy Discussion Topics**

XII. **Unfinished Business**

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4. Discussion regarding DDA (CM Freeman)
5. Discussion on SPLOST I AND SPLOST II (Mayor Jones)

XIII. New Business

1. Discussion with Forensic Audit Firm: Forensic Brothers Investigative Services (FBIS) regarding Council's requested Scope of Work and Engagement with FBIS, along with a presentation overview. (City Manager Edmondson)
2. Discussion on spending of the City Credit Card by Council and Staff (Mayor Jones)
3. Review and Discussion regarding the contractual renewal regarding the City Attorney role for the upcoming Fiscal Year (City Manager Edmondson) Pages 130-132
4. Review and Discussion regarding the contractual renewal regarding the Finance Director role for the upcoming Fiscal Year (City Manager Edmondson)
5. Discussion of the hiring process for city staff (Mayor Jones)
6. Discussion on the Status of City Cell phones in association with Staff and Council Members (Mayor Jones)
7. Discussion on personnel representation with the Media (Mayor Jones)
8. Discussion on adding the City Attorney to be listed on the monthly work session agenda (Mayor Jones)
9. Discussion on Parks and Recreation (Mayor Jones)

XIV. New Ordinances and Resolutions

1. 1ST READING: Ordinance 2024-08 to amend Chapter 5, Article 6, Division 12 – Community Redevelopment Tax Incentive Program of the City of Stone Mountain Code of Ordinances. (City Planner Edwards) Pages 133-141
2. Budget amendment resolution to allocate remaining funds in ARPA, prior to deadline of 12.31.2024 (City Manager Edmondson)
3. Resolution 2024-09 regarding the creation of two new roles within City Administration (City Manager Edmondson) Page 142

XV. Remarks of Privilege

XVI. Announcements by The Mayor

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

1. Executive Discussion regarding Cyber Security & Personnel (Mayor Jones)

XVIII. Adjournment