



Mayor and City Council Regular Session Minutes

Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at 6:30 PM

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

Minutes

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

Staff: Maggie Dimov - City Manager/Economic Development Director/DDA | Shavala Ames - City Clerk/Human Resources | Angela Couch - City Attorney

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

Public Hearing was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

I. Public Hearings

1. Public Hearing on ART Station – Alcohol License – 5483 Manor Drive.

City Clerk Shavala Ames outlined the request for an alcohol license and the requirements for ART Station to hold a public hearing according to the City's code.

Mayor Linder opened the public hearing.

Public Hearing comments

Public Comment 1: Dave Thomas – Expressed support for the Alcohol License application and advised that the Art Station has had a liquor license for a long time and is not aware of any incidents related to it. Also expressed that having it enhances the theatre experience.

Mayor Linder closed the public hearing.

II. Adjournment – 6:33 P.M.

ACTION: MOTION TO ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:33 P.M.

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 4 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan, and Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn

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44 **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**
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46 **III. Call to Order**

47 Mayor Linder called the meeting to order at 6:34 P.M.
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49 **IV. Determination of Quorum**

50 PRESENT: Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Mayor Pro
51 Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 4 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan,
52 and Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn
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54 **V. 30 Second Moment of Silence and Pledge**

55 Mayor Linder led a 30-second moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance
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57 **VI. Citizen Comments – Including comments from public/stakeholders (3 minutes per**
58 **comment)**
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60 **Citizen Comment 1: Ginger Criswell** – Expressed disappointment with Police treatment towards
61 citizens. Feels treated like a criminal regarding expired tag and that a warning could have been given
62 instead of a \$180 fine. Expressed past pleas to the City to address the traffic on JBR.
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64 **Citizen Comment 2: Cheryl Hudley** – Expressed that it is very hot outside. Apologized to the
65 previous citizen regarding police treatment received. Feels that the City needs to be mindful
66 regarding the treatment of senior citizens and code enforcement. Also expressed feeling that senior
67 citizens were being targeted and harassed last year. Announced that GDOHS and the FBI handles
68 senior citizen mistreatment.
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70 **VII. Review of the Journal (City Clerk)**
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72 **1. Consideration of an action on a request to approve June 16, 2026, Meeting Minutes**
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74 **ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE June 16, 2026, MEETING MINUTES**

75 Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Seconded by Council Member: Post 4 Kay
76 Nunez
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78 **Voting Yea:** Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos,
79 Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 4 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post
80 5 Hub Jordan, and Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn
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82 **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**
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84 **VIII. Reading of Communications – None**
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86 **IX. Adoption of The Agenda of The Day**
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88 **ACTION: MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA OF THE DAY**

89 Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Seconded by Council Member: Post 2 Mark
90 Marianos
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92 **Voting Yea:** Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Mayor
93 Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 4 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post 5 Hub
94 Jordan, Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn
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96 **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

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98 X. **Council Policy Discussion Topics – None**

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100 XI. **Unfinished Business – None**

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102 XII. **New Business**

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104 1. Consideration of an action on a request to approve an Alcohol License for ART Station, located at
105 5384 Manor Drive

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107 **ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE AN ALCOHOL LICENSE FOR ART STATION LOCATED AT**
108 **5384 MANOR DRIVE**

109 Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Seconded by Council Member: Post 1 Anita
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112 **Voting Yea:** Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3
113 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 4 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan, Council
114 Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn

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116 **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

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118 2. Consideration of an action on a request to approve Auditing Services

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120 **ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE AUDITING SERVICES WITH MAULDIN & JENKINS**

121 Motion made by Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Seconded by Council Member: Post 2
122 Mark Marianos

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124 **Voting Yea:** Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos,
125 Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 4 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post
126 5 Hub Jordan, Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn

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128 **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

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130 3. Consideration of an action on a request to approve the final agreement with JLL for the Lawn on
131 Main Development Advisory Services

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133 **ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE THE FINAL AGREEMENT WITH JLL FOR THE LAWN ON**
134 **MAIN DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY SERVICES**

135 Motion made by Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Seconded by Council Member: Post 2
136 Mark Marianos

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138 **Voting Yea:** Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos,
139 Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 4 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post
140 5 Hub Jordan, Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn

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142 **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

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144 4. Consideration of an action on a request to approve Change Order #1 with JLL

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146 **ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #1 WITH JLL**

147 Motion made by Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Seconded by Council Member: Post
148 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 4 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan, Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

5. Consideration of an action on a request to appoint members to the Historic Preservation Committee (HPC)

ACTION: MOTION TO TABLE THE DISCUSSION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

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

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 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan, Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

6. Consideration of an action on a request to appoint members to the Planning Committee (PC)

ACTION: MOTION TO TABLE THE DISCUSSION REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Motion made by Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, 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 4 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan, Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

XIII. New Ordinances and Resolutions

1. Resolution 2026-12 – Georgia Fund I – A. General Fund

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-12A – GEORGIA FUND 1 – GENERAL FUND

Motion made by Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, 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 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan, Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

2. Resolution 2026-12 – Georgia Fund I – B. SPLOST II

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-12B – GEORGIA FUND 1 – SPLOST II

Motion made by Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, 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 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan, Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

3. Resolution 2026-12 – Georgia Fund I – C. Small Cities IGA

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-12C – GEORGIA FUND 1 – SMALL CITIES IGA

Motion made by Council Member: Post 4 Kay Nunez, 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 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan, Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

4. Resolution 2026-13 – Small Cities Bank Account

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-13 – SMALL CITIES BANK ACCOUNT

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

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 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan, Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn

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XIV. Remarks of Privilege - Council Member Bass made an announcement regarding the Ambassador's meeting in reference to Homestead Exemption. Council Member Marianos praised Council Member Jordan for suggesting Georgia Fund I. Mayor Pro Tem Smith announced that the City completed Ridgemere Court. Council Member Kay Nunez mentioned an article in Decaturish regarding Dave and Joyce; Elizabeth and Troy's party at the park and Vannie's Youth Program. Council Member Jordan gave thanks to Pastor G for providing ice cream for the 4th of July. Council Member Vaughn invited everyone to the community cleanup on the 11th at Ridgemere Court and expressed her enjoyment of the 4th of July festivities.

XV. Announcements by The Mayor

1. The Mayor made announcements regarding making it halfway through the year and how the City has transitioned well.

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

ACTION: MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:31 P.M. TO DISCUSS LEGAL AND LITIGATION

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 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan, and Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

ACTION: MOTION TO ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 8:01 P.M. - (2) ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan, and Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

ACTION: MOTION TO RESUME MEETING AT 8:01 P.M.

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 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan, and Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn

XVII. **Adjournment**

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

ACTION: MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 8:01 P.M.

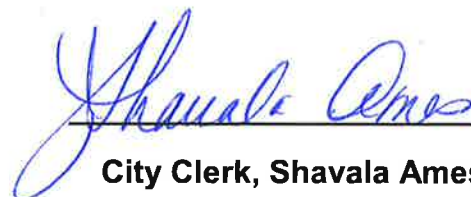
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MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)



Jelani Linder, Mayor



City Clerk, Shavala Ames