Mayor and City Council Session



Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at 6:30 PM City Hall, 875 Main Street, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30083

Action Summary

OCGA 50-14-1(e)(2)(A)

A summary of the subjects acted on and those members present at a meeting of any agency shall be written and made available to the public for inspection within two business days of the adjournment of a meeting.

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 | Shavala Ames - City Clerk | Angela Couch - City Attorney

Council Member Freeman absent at the beginning of the Public Hearing

- Public Hearing 6:31 P.M.
 - 1. Public Hearing on 1008B Main Street to consider a Special User Permit to allow for a tattoo studio, presented by Tamaya Huff
 - (4) Comments received in favor
 - (1) Comments received opposing

Council Member Freeman arrived at 6:44 p.m.

- II. Adjournment 6:53 P.M.
- **III.** Call to Order 6:56 P.M.
- IV. Determination of Quorum All Present
- V. Invocation and Pledge Invocation led by Rev. Orea Parks
- VI. Citizen Comments There were (5) citizens comments.
- VII. Review of the Journal (City Clerk)
 - 1. Mayor Pro Tem Smith moved to approve the July 15, 2025, Meeting Minutes, seconded by Council Member Bass. Council Member Bass, Council Member Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Council Member Crowe voted in favor; Council Member Freeman and Council Member Bryant opposed, and motion carried.
 - 2. Council Member Bass moved to approve the July 24, 2025, Special Called Meeting Minutes, seconded by Council Member Marianos. Council Member Bass, Council Member Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Council Member Crowe voted in favor; Council Member Freeman and Council Member Bryant opposed, and motion carried.

3. Mayor Pro Tem Smith moved to approve the July 28, 2025, Special Called Joint DDA and Mayor and Council Meeting Minutes, seconded by Council Member Bass. Council Member Bass, Council Member Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Council Member Crowe voted in favor; Council Member Freeman and Council Member Bryant opposed, and motion carried.

VIII. Reading of Communications - None

IX. Adoption of The Agenda of The Day

- 1. Council Member Bass moved to table Unfinished Business Item Parks and Recreation Committee Establishment Ordinance, seconded by Council Member Freeman. Council Member Bass, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, Council Member Freeman, and Council Member Crowe voted in favor; Council Member Marianos and Council Member Bryant opposed, and motion carried.
- 2. Council Member Crowe moved to remove from the agenda Unfinished Business Item 1-Hour Parking, seconded by Council Member Bass. Council Member Bass, Council Member Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, Council Member Freeman and Council Member Crowe voted in favor; Council Member Bryant opposed, and motion carried.
- 3. Mayor Pro Tem Smith moved to remove from the agenda New Business Item Incode Agreement, seconded by Council Member Marianos, and motion carried unanimously.
- 4. Council Member Bass moved to adopt the agenda of the day as amended, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and motion carried unanimously.

X. City Manager's Report

- 1. City Manager Interim City Manager Maggie Dimov gave an operations update as outlined in the packet.
- 2. June Financials Finance Director Adam Kurt reviewed the June Financials as outlined in the packet.
- **3.** Investigation Updated City Attorney Angela Couch gave an overview on the update of the banking allegations.
- 4. Council Member Crowe motioned to move forward with an inquiry into Truist Bank refusal to provide information as in regards to Section 2-15, seconded by Council Member Bass; Council Member Freeman moved to amend the motion to include to obtain from Truist Bank any and all checks from City of Stone Mountain and DDA accounts that cleared with only one signature, list of any and all City of Stone Mountain and DDA accounts (open or closed) in existence for the last eighteen (18) months, statements for each of these City of Stone Mountain and DDA accounts (open or closed) for the past eighteen (18) months, list of any and all security risks and other concerns identified by the Truist Bank Security team in the past eighteen (18) months, any and all correspondence that you have with any and all persons from Truist Bank relating to the above requests, seconded by Council Member Bryant Council Member Bass, Council Member Freeman, and Council Member Bryant voted in favor; Council Member Marianos, Council Member Smith and Council Member Crowe opposed; Mayor Jones voted in favor, and motion carried.
- 5. Council Member Crowe motioned to move forward with a subpoena in regards to Section 2-15; seconded by Council Member Smith Council Member Bass, Council Member Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, Council Member Freeman, and Council Member Crowe voted in favor; Council Member Bryant opposed, and motion carried.

XI. Council Policy Discussion Topics - None

XII. Unfinished Business

- 1. Mayor Pro Tem Smith moved to override the veto of Ordinance 2025-05 Procedures of Removal, seconded by Council Member Marianos. Council Member Bass, Council Member Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Council Member Crowe voted in favor; Council Member Freeman and Council Member Bryant opposed, and motion carried.
- 2. Council Member Crowe moved to approve a two-way sign at Third and East Mountain, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Smith. Council Member Bass, Council Member Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, Council Member Freeman, and Council Member Crowe voted in favor; Council Member Bryant opposed, and motion carried.

XIII. New Business

 Council Member Marianos moved to approve a Special User Permit with staff recommendations for 1008B Main Street to allow a tattoo studio, seconded by Council Member Bass and motion carried. Council Member Bass, Council Member Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, Council Member Bryant and Council Member Crowe voted in favor; Council Member Freeman opposed, and motion carried.

XIV. Ordinances and Resolutions

1. Council Member Marianos moved to approve Resolution 2025-22 Open Records Request Fee Schedule, seconded by Council Member Bass. Council Member Bass, Council Member Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem Smith, and Council Member Crowe voted in favor; Council Member Freeman and Council Member Bryant opposed, and motion carried.

XV. Remarks of Privilege

 Bryant discussed assisting residents and annual back to school block party, and thanked Maggie; Mayor Pro Tem Smith thanked the Public Works team; Mayor Jones thanked all employees, unfortunate to try to remove elected officials; Council Member Freeman discussed failed attempts of political hit jobs, appreciates staff, Maggie best City Manager; Council Member Bass discussed checking our hearts and learning the policy since being on council.

XVI. Executive Session - None

XVII. Adjournment

 Mayor Pro Tem Smith moved to adjourn at 9:00 p.m., seconded by Council Member Bryant, and motion carried unanimously.