



Mayor and City Council Special Called Meeting

Tuesday, January 14 2024 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: Shawn Edmondson - City Manager | Shavala Ames City Clerk | Jeff Strickland - City Attorney

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Call to Order

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 06:33 PM ET.

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 5 Shawnette Bryant

Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

Mayor Beverly Jones

Adoption of The Agenda of The Day

MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA OF THE DAY

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Smith, Seconded by Council Member: Post 4 Freeman.

Voting Yea: Council Member: Post 1 Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Smith, Council Member: Post 4 Freeman, Council Member: Post 5 Bryant, Council Member: Post 6 Crowe

MOTION APPROVED

1. **2nd READING:** Approval of the Landscaping Agreement with Crabapple (Assistant City Manager & DDA/Economic Development Director Dimov)

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Smith, Seconded by Council Member: Post 6 Crowe.

Voting Yea: Council Member: Post 1 Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Smith, Council Member: Post 6 Crowe

Voting Nay: Council Member: Post 4 Freeman, Council Member: Post 5 Bryant

MOTION APPROVED

2. **2ND READING:** Discussion and Approval of Ordinance 2025-01; an Ordinance to amend Chapter 12 (Licenses and Business Regulations) of the code of the City of Stone Mountain, Georgia, to regulate film production to include a sunset clause for 12-months (Assistant City Manager & DDA/Economic Director Dimov)

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Smith, Seconded by Council Member: Post 1 Bass.

Voting Yea: Council Member: Post 1 Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Smith, Council Member: Post 4 Freeman, Council Member: Post 5 Bryant, Council Member: Post 6 Crowe

MOTION APPROVED

3. **3rd READING:** Discussion and Approval of Resolution 2025-01; a resolution establishing permit fee schedules for film production activities. (Assistant City Manager & DDA/Economic Director Dimov)

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Smith, Seconded by Council Member: Post 2 Marianos.

Voting Yea: Council Member: Post 1 Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Smith, Council Member: Post 4 Freeman, Council Member: Post 5 Bryant, Council Member: Post 6 Crowe

MOTION APPROVED

4. Discussion and Approval of Resolution 2025-02 - A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE PENSION SECRETARY (City Clerk Ames)

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Smith, Seconded by Council Member: Post 1 Bass.

Voting Yea: Council Member: Post 1 Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Smith, Council Member: Post 4 Freeman, Council Member: Post 5 Bryant, Council Member: Post 6 Crowe

MOTION APPROVED

5. Discussion and Approval of Resolution 2025-03 - A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE ELECTION SUPERINTENDENT (City Clerk Ames)

Motion made by Post 1 Bass, Seconded by Council Member: Post 2 Marianos.

Voting Yea: Council Member: Post 1 Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Smith, Council Member: Post 4 Freeman, Council Member: Post 5 Bryant, Council Member: Post 6 Crowe

MOTION APPROVED

6. Discussion and Modification of Resolution 2024-14; A Resolution to Enforce Adherence to Rules of Decorum and Ensure Equitable and Effective Meeting Management (Mayor Jones)

City Attorney Strickland was advised to move forward with revisions as presented.

Motion made by Post 2 Marianos Seconded by Council Member: Post 1 Bass.

Voting Yea: Council Member: Post 1 Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Smith, Council Member: Post 4 Freeman, Council Member: Post 6 Crowe

Voting No: Council Member: Post 5 Bryant

MOTION APPROVED

7. Discussion on the creation of a Financial Advisory Committee (CM Freeman)

It was the consensus of Mayor and Council that City Attorney Strickland will review the parameters to establish a Financial Advisory Committee. **No other action taken.**

8. Discussion on leaving Council chamber Partitions up (CM Bryant)

The governing body held a robust discussion regarding the partitions for the council chambers. It was determined that certain members wanted to elect to keep the partitions and certain members did not. It was also suggested to consult with Stone Mountain Municipal Court regarding the partitions. **No other action taken.**

Executive Session to Discuss Personnel, Legal, Cyber Security and/or Real Estate - NONE

Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN 7:39 PM ET

Motion made by Post 4 Freeman, Seconded by Council Member: Post 2 Marianos.

Voting Yea: Council Member: Post 1 Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Smith, Council Member: Post 4 Freeman, Council Member: Post 5 Bryant, Council Member: Post 6 Crowe

MOTION APPROVED