Special Called Meeting – Capital and Special Projects Workshop

October 28, 2026, at 6:30 P.M.
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 | Angela Couch – City Attorney | City Clerk – Shavala Ames

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.*

I. **Call to Order**

Mayor Linder called the Meeting to order at 6:30pm.

II. **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 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan, Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn, Mayor Jelani Linder

III. **New Business**

1. **Capital and Special Projects Workshop**

City Manager, Maggie Dimov, provided an overview of City staff's project tracker. Public Works Director, Mike Helton, provided insight and feedback. Financial Consultant, Michelle Uran, provided an overview of the City's available funding.

The governing body inquired regarding whether the City can receive another estimate for the Train Depot and if it can be overseen by the Downtown Development Authority, if Stormwater SPLOST can be used for contribution, whether the City can receive standard quote sheets from the engineering firms, the deadline to use SPLOST funds and the projected start date for James B Rivers Street repairs. Council Members also requested clarification regarding the City Attorney's review of the Stormwater repairs. City Attorney, Angela Couch, provided clarity and feedback.

Members of the governing body provided input, suggestions, and discussed their top priorities for each of the Capital and Special Projects, including Main and Mimosa, stormwater requests, James B Rivers and Zachary Court Street repairs, parks, cemetery wall improvements, expanding the historical part of the Train Depot as well as making it a rentable event space and funding for engineering services. Davenport Financial Advisor, Ricardo Cornejo, provided insight and feedback.

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The governing body was directed to compile their top five priority projects with a deadline for submission forthcoming from City staff.

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

ACTION: MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:43 P.M. TO DISCUSS REAL ESTATE
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, and Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

ACTION: MOTION TO ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 9:33 P.M. - (1) ITEM DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
Motion made Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 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)

V. **Adjournment**

ACTION: MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:42 P.M.
Motion made by Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Seconded by Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn

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

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

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Jelani Linder, Mayor **City Clerk, Shavala Ames**

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