



Mayor and City Council Session
Tuesday, August 19, 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

Call to Order – 6:33 P.M.

Determination of Quorum – All Present

Invocation and Pledge – Invocation led Mayor Jones

Citizen Comments – There were (11) citizens comments.

Review of the Journal (City Clerk)

1. Mayor Pro Tem Smith moved to approve the August 5, 2025, Meeting Minutes as amended, 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.

Reading of Communications - None

Adoption of The Agenda of The Day

1. Mayor Pro Tem Smith moved to adopt the agenda of the day, seconded by Council Member Marianos, and motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

1. Stone Mountain Community Garden – Reports/updates given by Columbus Brown
2. Planning Commission – None
3. Historic Preservation Commission - Reports/updates given by Theresa Hambrick
4. Parks and Recreation Committee - None

Staff Reports

1. Public Safety – Reports/Updates given by Chief Westerfield

City Manager's Report

1. Operations Reports – Interim City Manager Maggie Dimov gave updates as outlined in the packet.
2. Investigation Update – City Attorney Angela Couch gave an overview on the update of the banking allegations.
3. Mayor Pro Tem Smith motioned to initiate the removal proceedings of Mayor Jones for violation pursuant of City Charter Section 2.32(6), Section 3.13, and Section 2.29, violation of oath of office, and violation of state law regarding the DDA accounts, 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.

XI. Council Policy Discussion Topics - None

XII. Unfinished Business - None

XIII. New Business

1. Council Member Marianos moved to approve an agreement with Sumter Consulting for financial services, 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 was absent for the vote, and motion carried.
2. Council Member Crowe moved to approve a Subrecipient Agreement with Dekalb County for VFW improvements, seconded by Council Member Bass. Council Member Bass, Council Member Marianos, Council Member Freeman, and Council Member Crowe voted in favor; Mayor Pro Tem Smith and Council Member Bryant opposed, and motion carried.
3. Council Member Crowe moved to approve the issuance of a subpoena to Truist Bank for the provision of specified records outlined in addition to adding any documents presented by the Mayor or the City that gave Truist the authorization to change the signatures on the City or DDA accounts, seconded by Council Member Bass and motion carried unanimously.
4. Council Member Bass moved to approve to rename Mackin Street to William Woodson Morris Street, seconded by Council Member Marianos, and motion carried unanimously.

XIV. Ordinances and Resolutions

1. Council Member Marianos moved to approve Resolution 2025-23 Employee Benefits - Dental, seconded by Council Member Bass, and motion carried unanimously.

XV. Remarks of Privilege

1. Council Member Bass informed that the city was selected for ordinance revamping with GMA through the University of Georgia; Bryant discussed the success of the back-to-school event and thanked everyone involved, Georgia Power will present to the city on September 11th; Mayor Jones discussed the backed up traffic due to Georgia Power construction, discussed the upcoming Caribbean Festival.

XVI. Executive Session

1. Council Member Marianos moved to enter into Executive Session at 9:31 p.m. to discuss personnel and litigation, seconded by Council Member Bryant and motion carried unanimously.

2. Council Member Bass moved to adjourn Executive Session and reconvened the city council meeting at 10:08 p.m.
3. Council Member Crowe moved to authorize the City Attorney to respond to potential litigation that a Public Hearing Officer will not be provided, 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.

XVII. Adjournment

1. Council Member Freeman moved to adjourn at 10:10 p.m., seconded by Council Member Bryant, and motion carried unanimously.