



Special Called Meeting – Millage Rate Discussion

May 28, 2026, at 9:00 A.M.

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

Minutes

1 **Mayor and Council: Jelani Linder – Mayor | Post 3: Mayor Pro Tem Ryan Smith | Post 1: Council**
2 **Member Anita Bass | Post 2: Council Member Mark Marianos | Post 4: Council Member Kay**
3 **Nunez | Post 5: Council Member Hub Jordan | Post 6: Council Member Elaine Vaughn**
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5 **Staff: Maggie Dimov – City Manager | Angela Couch – City Attorney | City Clerk – Shavala Ames**
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7 ***Mission Statement:*** *The City of Stone Mountain serves our residents, businesses, and visitors by*
8 *providing an enhanced quality of life and a unique sense of place, guided by trust and integrity.*
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10 **Call to Order**

11 Mayor Linder called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
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13 **Determination of Quorum**

14 PRESENT: Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member:
15 Post 2 Mark Marianos, Council Member: Post 4 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan,
16 Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn, Mayor Jelani Linder
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19 **1. Overview of the Millage Rate Workshop**

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21 City Manager, Maggie Dimov, provided general background information regarding the Millage Rate
22 Discussion.
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24 Finance Director, Michelle Uran, reviewed the Preliminary digest from the county received from May 4th
25 and May 15th. Michelle Uran also provided a general overview of the potential cost savings (Fund 02),
26 reviewed (Fund 01), and discussed areas where budget reductions may be considered.
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28 Various millage rate scenarios were presented, illustrating the projected financial impact on the City if the
29 millage rate were decreased, maintained at its current level, set at the rollback rate, or increased above
30 the rollback rate.
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32 Council Members held discussions regarding potential budget reductions, the governing body identified
33 programs and events they would prefer to preserve, including back to school initiatives, observances
34 such as Juneteenth and Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and community events such as Mardi Gras. Council
35 Members emphasized the importance of events that promote community engagement and activate the
36 City. Additional discussion centered on Fund 01, including whether it represented a feasible and practical
37 options.
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39 Further discussion focused on the potential operational impact of the Crabapple landscaping
40 agreement on staff resources, the timeline for establishing the millage rate, 2025 actual revenues and

41 quarterly financial reports, Public Safety budget allocations, the 2024 audit, and various budget line
42 items. There was concern expressed about increasing responsibilities for Public Works staff and the
43 potential effects on departmental operations if they take over for Crabapple. Concern was also
44 discussed on the conditions of the Public Works facilities. Members also discussed the risks associated
45 with maintaining the status quo, the importance of having appropriate personnel to effectively manage
46 the budget, and the long term implications of continued budget reductions without sufficient investment
47 in the City's services, infrastructure, and growth.

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49 **2. Overview of the Capitals Project Workshop**

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51 City Manager, Maggie Dimov, gave a general overview of the potential projects for 2026-2027 as
52 outlined in the previously distributed materials.

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54 It was requested for the governing body to provide clarification on their top five priorities for the City and
55 took time to outline and compare their individual priorities. The governing body also emphasized the
56 importance of proactively pursuing grant opportunities to support City initiatives and reduce reliance on
57 local funding. In addition, Members suggested reaching out to peer cities to identify successful grant
58 writers or consultants they may be using as a potential resource.


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60 **3. Adjournment**

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62 **ACTION: MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:26 P.M.**
63 Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Seconded by Council Member: Post 4 Kay
64 Nunez

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66 **Voting Yea:** Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos,
67 Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 4 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post
68 5 Hub Jordan, Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn

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70 **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

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75 **Jelani Linder, Mayor**

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80 **City Clerk, Shavala Ames**

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