



Mayor and City Council Work Session

Tuesday, March 18, 2025 at 6:30 PM

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

Agenda

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 | Maggie Dimov – Assistant City Manager/Economic Development Director/DDA | Shavala Ames - City Clerk | Jeff Strickland - City Attorney

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- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Determination of Quorum**
- III. **Invocation and Pledge**
- IV. **Citizen Comments – Including comments from public/stakeholders (3 minutes per comment)**

Comments from the Public

The public comments are reserved exclusively for comments from the public and not for immediate reply. The purpose of public comment is to allow the public to voice city related requests, concerns or opinions only during the public comment portion of the City Council meeting. I. The Mayor and City Council reserves the right to extend or limit the length of public comments based on: (1) the issue under discussion; (2) the number of items on the agenda; and (3) the extent to which the speaker remains constructive in their comments and questions. II. The public may not directly confront the public speaker but must direct all comments and questions to the Mayor and City Council. III. Public harassment of or confrontation with a public speaker will not be tolerated. Members of the public violating tenets two or three will be asked to sit down or leave the premises.

- V. **Review of the Journal (City Clerk)**

1. Request Minutes from City Council Meeting 03-04-2025 be approved

- VI. **Reading of Communications**

- VII. **Adoption of The Agenda of The Day**

- VIII. **Committee Discussion Items**

1. Stone Mountain Community Garden

2. Planning Commission
3. Historic Preservation Commission
4. Parks and Recreation Committee

IX. Staff Reports

1. Public Safety- Police Chief- James Westerfield Jr
2. Administration- City Manager-Shawn Edmondson

X. City Manager's Report

1. City Manager - Shawn Edmondson

XI. Council Policy Discussion Topics

XII. Unfinished Business

1. Consideration of an action on a request to declare the city is out of covid protocol and to move forward with removal of plexiglass in city council chambers, requested by Council Member Teresa Crowe

XIII. New Business

1. Consideration of an action on a request to approve Change Order #5: Traffic Calming on 4th Street, requested by Assistant City Manager/Economic Development Director Maggie Dimov
2. Consideration of an action on a request to allow a long term facility use agreement at Leila Mason Park with Donald Jones-Buonpensiere from April 20, 2025 - September 14, 2025, requested by City Clerk
3. Consideration of an action on a request to allow Dekalb County to utilize the GMC building for election purposes, requested by City Clerk Shavala Ames
4. Consideration of an action on request to approve an agreement with Emilia Walker for blight property services as needed
5. HB 581 Opt In, requested by Mayor Pro Tem Ryan Smith

XIV. New Ordinances and Resolutions

1. Resolution 2025-09 - Enforcement of Adherence to Rules of Decorum for Effective Meeting Management
2. Ordinance 2025-02 - Council's Interference with Administration
3. Resolution 2025-08 - Employee Benefits

XV. Remarks of Privilege

1. Discussion: Request to change the zoning to residential for commercial property running from the intersection of Ridge Ave and Sheppard Road to the Lucky Market, requested by Mayor Pro Tem Ryan Smith
2. Discussion: Public Works tools to do the job, requested by Councilmember Shawnette Bryant
3. Discussion: Decorum, requested by Councilmember Shawnette Bryant
4. Discussion: Property Taxes, requested by Councilmember Shawnette Bryant
5. Discussion: Pre-Planning for the 2026 Comprehensive Plan, requested by Councilmember Anita Bass
6. Discussion: GMC building used as a Multi purpose facility, Bingo night , Work shops, Mentorship, Virtual office, requested by Mayor Dr. Beverly Jones

7. Discussion: 1-hour parking, requested by Councilmember Teresa Crowe
8. Discussion: DDA Discussion, requested by Council Member Gil Freeman
9. Discussion: 2023 Audit Update, requested by Council Member Gil Freeman
10. Discussion: SPLOST Audit I and II, requested by Council Member Gil Freeman
11. Discussion: Removal of confederate symbols/memorials from Stone Mountain Cemetery, requested by Council Member Gil Freeman
12. Discussion: Forensic Audit Selection, requested by Council Member Gil Freeman
13. Discussion: New Employees and Code Enforcement Officer, requested by Councilmember Shawnette Bryant
14. Discussion: Check signing resolution to ensure all account numbers are listed on the resolution (e.g., SPLOST-1, etc.), requested by Mayor Dr. Beverly Jones
15. Discussion: Approval of Parks and Recreation by laws, requested by Council Member Gil Freeman
16. Discussion: Parks and Recreation recommendations, requested by Council Member Gil Freeman

XVI. Announcements by The Mayor

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

XVIII. Adjournment

Mayor and City Council Regular Session
Tuesday, March 04, 2025 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 | Maggie Dimov - Assistant City Manager
DDA/Economic Development Director | Shavala Ames - City Clerk | Jeff Strickland - City
Attorney**

Public Hearing was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

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

I. Public Hearing

1. Public Hearing: Special use permit to allow for a granite fabrication shop at 973 Sheppard Road (Parcel ID: 18 074 02 052).

City Planner Elizabeth Mitchum gave an overview of the project. It was the recommendation of the Planning Commission to deny approval.

Partner of the applicant, Megan Benardize, translated Cesar Hernandez. Ms. Benardize noted the building was being leased for 4 months and explained further dust won't cause problems.

Opposed

Public Comment 1: Joan Monroe - explained how building is across from homes and granite dust is toxic and harmful

Public Comment2: Grace Kelley: - explained the emissions issues, the wait of granite trucks coming in and out, and how it doesn't need to be near homes

Public Comment 3: Ms. Thomas - explained how it is a toxic process, causes health risk, and waste coming from product

Public Comment4: Vanessa Wallace - explained how residents and the park are across the street and agreed with others with opposing

No comments received in favor of the project.

2. Public Hearing: Special use permit to allow for a self-service laundromat at 5444 Rockbridge Road (Parcel ID: 18 037 12 007).

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Applicant, Daljeet Singh, gave details of the 10,000 sq ft shopping center where a proposed laundromat is being anticipated; also explained how it suits/benefits the area.

In Favor

Public Comment 1: Gail Graham - explained how no other laundromat is close by

Public Comment 2: Grace Kelley: explained it's useful to the city and a gateway; also how there's no other business in plaza and no harm to community

Public Comment 3: Name inaudible - explained how it's useful to community and greeting other businesses to shopping center

Opposed

Public Comment 4: Sharon Frierson - explained because it's a gateway doesn't think it's a good look and doesn't bring quality business

Public Comment 5: Ms. Thomas - doesn't think it's a good look because people hang out at laundromats and need security; sewer problems need to be addressed and what it's doing to infrastructure

3. Public Hearing: Rezoning request from Village Center Mixed-Use (VCM) to Traditional Residential (R-2) at 1031 Ridge Avenue (Parcel ID: 18 089 02 004).

The applicant, Grace Kelley, addressed the rezoning issue, advocating for the area to be designated as residential rather than Village Center Mixed-Use.

In Favor

Public Comment 1: Joan Monroe - explained how it's always been a home and shouldn't be mixed use

Public Comment 2: Ms. Thomas - should not have happened and needs to be fixed

Public Comment 3: Clint Monroe - should be removed and original zoning was an error

II. Adjournment

Mayor Pro Tem motioned to adjourn, Councilman Freeman seconded; Motion was approved with a unanimous vote and adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

III. Call to Order – 7:01 p.m.

IV. 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

V. Invocation and Pledge

Mayor Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the invocation.

VI. Citizen Comments – Including comments from public/stakeholders

100 **Citizen Comment 1: Grace Kelley** - commended Mardi Gras and to use events like this for
 101 revenue; should use lawn for events to not have so much road closure; DOA and Zoning
 102 meeting should not be on same night.

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 104 **Citizen Comment 2: Cheryl Dudley** - commended Mardi Gras and more events like this can
 105 bring revenue and community; use lawn to not charge for parking; take confederate symbols
 106 out of cemetery.

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 108 **Citizen Comment 3: Carl Wright** - parade came out well and many people at businesses;
 109 potholes still on James B. Rivers; Kaboom at McCurdy Park; trashcans not by playground.

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 111 **Citizen Comment 4: Joan Monroe** - festival was great; Council doesn't listen to people but
 112 Mayor can talk whenever while citizens are shorted; mentioned Women's Hist and Black
 113 History; talked about parking; missing 300k; DDA member wanted credit for business; doubled
 114 staff inabilities of manager and Chief isn't doing his job; do your job no matter how long it
 115 takes.

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 117 **Citizen Comment 5: Waini Buggs**- sidewalks at Mountain View still needed; potholes at
 118 Sheppard Road and not included in budget; senior citizens don't know who to talk to and need
 119 help with houses.

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 121 **Citizen Comment 6: Clint Monroe**- Mardi Gras was a great success; issue inviting
 122 confederate groups and gave info on history; suggested to rescind 2002 resolution previously
 123 passed.

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 125 **Citizen Comment 7: Christopher Hunt** - trying to get MLK on Stone Mountain; state
 126 legislation changed flag of GA; Confederate flag - let's get past this war.

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 128 **Citizen Comment 8: Sylvia** – came forward to speak about 5563 Memorial Drive, but it is not
 129 in the city limits of Stone Mountain.

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 131 **Citizen Comment 9: Jelani Linder** - Mardi Gras was a great event; business owners gave
 132 great feedback and thanked all involved.

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 134VII. **Review of the Journal (City Clerk)**

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 136 1. Request Minutes from City Council Special Called Meeting February 8th, 2025 be
 137 approved. **(City Clerk Shavala Ames)**.

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 139 **ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 8TH, 2025 SPECIAL CALLED**
 140 **MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED**

141 Motion made by Council Member: Post 1 Bass, Seconded by Council Member: Post 3
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 144 **Voting Yea:** Council Member: Post 1 Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Marianos, Mayor
 145 Pro Tem: Post 3 Smith, Council Member: Post 6 Crowe

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 147 **Voting No:** Council Member: Post 4 Freeman, Council Member: Post 5 Bryant

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 149 **MOTION PASSED**

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 151 2. Request Minutes from City Council Special Called Meeting February 13th, 2025 AT 10:00
 152 AM be approved. **(City Clerk Shavala Ames)**

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ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 13TH, 2025 (10:00 A.M) SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED

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 6 Crowe

Voting No: Council Member: Post 5 Bryant

MOTION PASSED

- 3. Minutes from City Council Special Called Meeting February 13th, 2025 AT 6:30 PM be approved. **(City Clerk Shavala Ames)**

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 13TH, 2025 (6:30 P.M.) SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED

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 6 Crowe

Voting No: Council Member: Post 4 Freeman, Council Member: Post 5 Bryant

MOTION PASSED

- 4. Request Minutes from City Council Workshop Meeting February 18th, 2025 be approved. **(City Clerk Shavala Ames)**

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE FEBRUARY 13TH, 2025 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED

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 6 Crowe

Voting No: Council Member: Post 4 Freeman, Council Member: Post 5 Bryant

MOTION PASSED

VIII. Reading of Communications

IX. Adoption of The Agenda of The Day

City Clerk Shavala Ames requested to remove Item 7 Benefits Resolution, and Item 8, A&S Paving Project from the agenda.

ACTION: MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA OF THE DAY AS AMENDED

208 Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Smith moved to approve to adopt the Agenda of the Day with the
209 request to remove Item 7, Benefits Resolution, and Item 8, A&S Paving Project, seconded
210 by Council Member: Post 2 Marianos

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212 **Voting Yea:** Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos,
213 Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 4 Gil Freeman, Council
214 Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

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216 **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

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218 **X. City Manager’s Report**

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220 1. City Manager - Shawn Edmondson

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222 City Manager Edmondson gave an overview of the report provided to Mayor and Council.

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224 2. February Employee of the Month – Ms. Carolyn Jewell was announced as the
225 employee of the month.

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227 **XI. Council Policy Discussion Topics**

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229 **XII. Unfinished Business**

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231 **XIII. New Business**

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233 1. Consideration of an action on a request to approve special use permit to allow for a
234 granite fabrication shop at 973 Sheppard Road (Parcel ID: 18 074 02 052), requested
235 by City Planner Richard Edwards

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237 **ACTION: MOTION TO DENY CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR GRANITE**
238 **FABRICATION SHOP AT 973 SHEPPARD ROAD**

239 Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Smith, Seconded by Councilmember: Post 2
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242 **Voting Yea:** Councilmember: Post 1 Bass, Councilmember: Post 2 Marianos, Mayor
243 Pro Tem: Post 3 Smith, Councilmember: Post 4 Freeman, Councilmember: Post 5
244 Bryant, Councilmember: Post 6 Crowe

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246 **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSY)**

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248 2. Consideration of an action on a request to approve special use permit to allow for a
249 self-service laundromat at 5444 Rockbridge Rd (Parcel ID: 18 037 12 007), requested
250 by City Planner Richard Edwards

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252 Mr. Singh stepped forward to advocate for the laundromat project, emphasizing the
253 significant financial investment involved and his desire to safeguard it. Members of the
254 Mayor and Council discussed the potential advantages and drawbacks of the project,
255 including concerns about loitering, and another laundromat being in close proximity. To
256 address security, it was recommended that cameras be installed, and that the operating
257 hours be limited to no later than 10:00 p.m.

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259 **ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR SELF-**
260 **SERVICE LAUNDROMAT AT 5444 ROCKBRIDGE ROAD CLOSING NO LATER**
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Motion made by Councilmember: Post 6 Crowe, Seconded by Councilmember: Post 1 Bass

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

Voting No: Councilmember: Post 4 Freeman, Councilmember: Post 5 Bryant

MOTION PASSED

- 3. Consideration of an action on a request to approve rezoning request from Village Center Mixed-Use (VCM) to Traditional Residential (R-2) at 1031 Ridge Avenue (Parcel ID: 18 089 02 004), requested by City Planner Richard Edwards

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE ZONING REQUEST FROM VILLAGE CENTER MIXED-USE (VCM) TO TRADITIONAL RESIDENTIAL (R-2) AT 1031 RIDGE AVENUE

Motion made by Councilmember: Post 6 Crowe, Seconded by Councilmember: Post 1 Bass

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

Voting No: Councilmember: Post 5 Bryant

MOTION PASSED

- 4. Consideration of an action on a request of consideration of Theresa Thomas for appointment to the Planning Commission, requested by City Planner Richard Edwards

City Attorney provided an overview of the committees and outlined the policy regarding family members serving on City of Stone Mountain committees.

Theresa Thomas came forward and gave an overview of her background and experience as it relates to the Planning Commission.

ACTION: MOTION OF CONSIDERATION TO APPOINT THERESA THOMAS TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Motion made by Councilmember: Post 6 Crowe, Seconded by Councilmember: Post 1 Bass

Voting Yea: Councilmember: Post 4 Freeman, Councilmember: Post 5 Bryant

Voting No: Councilmember: Post 1 Bass, Councilmember: Post 2 Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Smith, Councilmember: Post 6 Crowe

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- 5. Consideration of an action on a request of consideration of Clint Monroe for appointment to the Planning Commission, requested by City Planner Richard Edwards

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Clint Monroe came forward and gave an overview of his background and experience as it relates to the Planning Commission.

ACTION: MOTION OF CONSIDERATION TO APPOINT CLINT MONROE TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION

Motion made by Councilmember: Post 4 Freeman

MOTION DIED FOR LACK OF SECOND

- 6. Consideration of an action on a request of approval of Communication Specialist Position - request by City Manager Shawn Edmondson

City Manager Edmondson described the duties of the Communications Specialist as outlined in the job description and how it will be budgeted. Funds that were initially budgeted for the contracted firm will be allocated for the Communications Specialist position if approved.

Council members shared their perspectives on the proposed addition of a Communications Specialist, expressing concerns about insufficient funds to hire a qualified candidate and the lack of events to justify the position. The City Manager also emphasized that hiring a Communications Specialist directly would ultimately save the city money.

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE REQUEST OF COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST POSITION

Motion made by Councilmember: Post 2 Marianos, Seconded by Councilmember: Post 1 Bass

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

Voting No: Councilmember: Post 4 Freeman, Councilmember: Post 5 Bryant

MOTION PASSED

- 9. Consideration of an action on a request for an extension of the zoning entitlements at 6803 James B River Memorial Drive (Parcel ID: 18 126 06 002), requested by City Planner Richard Edwards

City Planner Elizabeth Mitchum provided an overview of the proposed extension. City Attorney Strickland reviewed the statutory restrictions and recommended against a long-term extension. Mr. Hunt then addressed the council, discussing efforts to collaborate with DeKalb County Water to advance the project.

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF ZONING ENTITLEMENTS AT 6803 JAMES B RIVER MEMORIAL DRIVE WITH THE PROVISO TO STRIKE CONDITION #18

Motion made by Councilmember: Post 2 Marianos, Seconded by Councilmember: Post 1 Bass

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

Voting No: Councilmember: Post 4 Freeman, Councilmember: Post 5 Bryant

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MOTION PASSED

- 10. Consideration of an action on a request to update the Historic Design Guidelines to include guidelines on the installation of solar panel, requested by City Planner Richard Edwards

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE REQUEST TO UPDATE THE HISTORIC DESIGN GUIDELINES TO INCLUDE GUIDELINES ON THE INSTALLATION OF SOLAR PANEL

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3, Seconded by Councilmember: Post 2 Marianos

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

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

- 11. Consideration of an action on a request to approve Kaboom! agreement, requested by Council Member Gil Freeman

Councilmember Freeman provided an overview of the Kaboom! Project, emphasizing the urgency of approving the item in a timely manner. Members of the Mayor and Council engaged in a discussion about the project's timeline and the necessity of incorporating a playground cover.

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE KABOOM! AGREEMENT

Motion made by Councilmember: Post 4 Freeman, Seconded by Councilmember: Post 5 Bryant

Voting Yea: Councilmember: Post 1 Bass, Councilmember: Post 4 Freeman, Councilmember: Post 5 Bryant, Mayor Jones

Voting No: Councilmember: Post 2 Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Smith, Councilmember: Post 6 Crowe

MOTION PASSED

[Due to the adoption of Resolution 2024-14, the meeting will end at 10:00 p.m. and any remaining items will be moved to the next available meeting]

Adjournment

ACTION: MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING at 10:03 P.M.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3, Seconded by Councilmember: Post 2 Marianos

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

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

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433 **Dr. Beverly Jones, Mayor**

City Clerk, Shavala Ames

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CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN POLICE
 ACTIVITY STATISTICS
 FEBRUARY 1-2025-FEBRUARY 29-2025

Item # 1.

ACTIVITY	DAY A-SHIFT	DAY B-SHIFT	MORNING C-SHIFT	MORNING D-SHIFT	TOTALS
Calls	46	24	13	18	101
Arrests	4	1	8	6	19
Citations	6	1	50	6	63
Warning Citations	3	3	6	8	20
DUI	0	0	0	0	0
VGCSA	0	0	1	0	1
Parking Citations	2	0	4	0	6
TOTALS	61	29	82	38	210

Incident Reports

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Accident 8

ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS - February 2025	
Item	Count
Business License (New & Renewals)	28
Open Records Request	19
Total Items	45
Item	Count
Permits	
Building Permit Fee (Commercial)	2
Building Permit Fee (Residential)	3
Total For Month	5

POLICE	
Law Enforcement/Military/Security Clearance Pre-Employment Record Checks	32
Records/Media Provided to Prosecutors (Criminal Court Cases)	9
Total For Month	41

ZONING	
Zoning Verifications	4
Special Use Permits	3
Rezoning	2
Certificates of Appropriateness	1
Total For Month	10

CODE COMPLIANCE	
Code Compliance	9
Total For Month	

A & S Paving, Inc.

P.O. Box 633
 2747 S. Stone Mtn./Lithonia Rd.
 Lithonia, GA 30058
 Tel #: 770-482-1597
 Fax #: 770-482-4422
 Email: info@aspaving.com

JOB ESTIMATE

Date: February 17, 2025

Bid To: City of Stone Mountain
 684 Main Street
 Stone Mountain, GA 30083

A & S Paving is a FBE and WBE Certified Corporation.

We are pleased to submit the following job estimate:

Job Description: 4th Street

QUANTITY	UNIT	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	TOTAL
5.00	Each	Speed Cushion	\$3,500.00	\$17,500.00
		Install 19.5 ft long x 2.93 ft wide x 2" thick prefabricated		
		Speed Cushion		
		*This estimate also included installing		
		2) Residential Speed Control District Signs		
		2) Speed Hump Ahead Signs		
		10) Speed Hump Signs		
		14 Posts for Signs		
			TOTAL:	\$17,500.00

Specifications: per plans per specs addenda seen: _____

Stipulations:

- Paved areas shall have been graded to within 1/10 foot of final subgrade elevations and proper compaction obtained.
- Additional stone needed to correct low or unsuitable areas will be extra at a price to be negotiated.
- The prices quoted allow for - base and - asph./conc. move-in. Additional move-ins at \$1,000.00 each.
- Sealcoating and/or pavement striping, if required, will be extra or quoted as separate bid items above.
- The Owner or General Contractor will provide a nearby source of potable water at no cost to A&S Paving.
- All testing will be the responsibility of the Owner or General Contractor.
- Bonding, if required, will be extra or quoted as a separate bid item above.
- Payments to be made upon completion of job. Owner agrees to pay all attorneys' fees and cost of collection.
- We guarantee all work to be free of defects in materials and workmanship for one year from the date of completion.
- The prices quoted on this proposal are good for 30 days from the date listed above.
- FINAL MEASUREMENT to be made upon completion and invoice prepared using the UNIT PRICE.
- This job estimate between A & S Paving, Inc., and the party to whom this job estimate is addressed is the exclusive contract between the parties, and all representations prior and future, whether written or oral, not incorporated herein, are superseded. This job estimate must be signed by an officer of the company.

JOB ESTIMATE: Tracey Allison APPROVED: _____

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Change Order

PROJECT: *(Name and address)*
City of Stone Mountain - 2023 LMIG
SPLOST
875 Main Street
Stone Mountain, GA 30083

CONTRACT INFORMATION:
Contract For: CIP-2023-001

Date: 3/25/2024

CHANGE ORDER INFORMATION:
Change Order Number: 005

Date: 2/21/2025

OWNER: *(Name and address)*
City of Stone Mountain
875 Main Street
Stone Mountain, GA 30083

ARCHITECT: *(Name and address)*
CPL
3011 South Gate Drive, Suite 130
Stone Mountain, GA 30083

CONTRACTOR: *(Name and address)*
A&S Paving, Inc.
PO Box 633
Lithonia, GA 30058

THE CONTRACT IS CHANGED AS FOLLOWS:

(Insert a detailed description of the change and, if applicable, attach or reference specific exhibits. Also include agreed upon adjustments attributable to executed Construction Change Directives.)

Contract Change:

CO#5 will total \$17,500.00 for the installation of 5 each prefabricated speed cushions sized at 19.5 feet long by 2.93 feet wide and 2 inches thick. They will be installed, with proper signage, on 4th Street between Mason Lane and Lucille Avenue.

The original Contract Sum was	\$ 1,199,484.10
The net change by previously authorized Change Orders	\$ 846,887.41
The Contract Sum prior to this Change Order was	\$ 2,046,371.51
The Contract Sum will be unchanged by this Change Order in the amount of	\$ 17,500.00
The new Contract Sum including this Change Order will be	\$ 2,046,371.51

The Contract Time will be increased by Sixty (60) days.
The new date of Substantial Completion will be May 15, 2025

NOTE: This Change Order does not include adjustments to the Contract Sum or Guaranteed Maximum Price, or the Contract Time, that have been authorized by Construction Change Directive until the cost and time have been agreed upon by both the Owner and Contractor, in which case a Change Order is executed to supersede the Construction Change Directive.

NOT VALID UNTIL SIGNED BY THE ARCHITECT, CONTRACTOR AND OWNER.

CPL

 ARCHITECT *(Firm name)*
 SIGNATURE
 Thomas McElheny
 PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
 03/11/2025
 DATE

A&S Paving, Inc

 CONTRACTOR *(Firm name)*
 SIGNATURE

 PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

 DATE

City of Stone Mountain

 OWNER *(Firm name)*
 SIGNATURE

 PRINTED NAME AND TITLE

 DATE

02/05/2025

Hello my name is Donald Jones-Buonpensiere,

I am looking to obtain permission to use the baseball field at Leila Mason Park. As of now the league is scheduled to play on the following dates:

Every Sunday from April 20,2025-September 14, 2025 between the hours of 8:00AM-3:00PM. We have 5 teams of 25 players each, only 4 teams will play every Sunday.

In a nearby future we will have a local little league team which we will use Leila Mason Park for as well.

We commit to the following responsibilities:

- We are responsible for maintenance of the field
- We are responsible for the lining of the baseball field
- We will clean the bathrooms

I pray you accept this proposal and give us the chance to enjoy our Sunday baseball.

FACILITY USE AGREEMENT FOR POLLING PRECINCTS

THIS AGREEMENT, made as of the _____ day of _____ 2025, by and between CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN (“**Owner**”) and DEKALB COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRATION AND ELECTIONS (hereinafter referred to as “the **Board**”) shall constitute the terms and conditions under which Owner shall provide space for use by the Board, as provided herein. Owner is the owner of a facility located at the address GEORGIA MILITARY COLLEGE, 5325 MANOR DR, STONE MOUNTAIN GA, 30083 (the “**Premises**”). NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein set forth, Owner grants to the Board the revocable right to temporarily occupy and use the Premises, and the parties hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I. CONTRACT TERM

The term of this Agreement (“**Term**”) shall commence on _____ (“**Commencement Date**”) and includes all elections specified herein through **December 31, 2025**, unless otherwise terminated by the Board pursuant to this Agreement. This Agreement shall terminate 30 days after the last election for which Owner indicates availability.

Owner is hereby notified of all election dates for the current election cycle, including the dates of a potential runoff and/or special election(s),

Election Type	Date of Election (2025)	Confirmation
Special Election 2025	June 17, 2025	<input type="checkbox"/> Available
Special Election Runoff 2025	July 15, 2025	<input type="checkbox"/> Available
Special Election 2025	<i>September 16, 2025 (if held)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Available
Special Election Runoff 2025	<i>October 14, 2025 (if held)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Available
Municipal Election 2025	November 4, 2025	<input type="checkbox"/> Available
Municipal Runoff 2025	December 2, 2025	<input type="checkbox"/> Available

ARTICLE II. PAYMENT

The Board agrees to pay Owner, without further demand or notice, a nominal fee in the amount of TBD, payable upon execution of the Agreement and no later than 30 days after the last election for which Owner indicated availability in Article I of this Agreement.

ARTICLE III. SCOPE OF WORK

- A. **Delivery of Equipment.** Owner and the Board shall schedule delivery of equipment at an agreed upon time. Voting equipment is usually delivered within the week prior to the date of the election. The equipment must be placed in a secure storage space that is not accessible and/or viewable by the public. In the event delivery of equipment cannot be scheduled during the week prior to the Monday before the date of the election, or the previously agreed upon delivery date requires rescheduling, Owner shall communicate with the Board to arrange for Monday delivery.
- B. **Delivery of Premises.** Generally, Owner will deliver Premises to the Board at an agreed upon time to set up the equipment and prepare for the election; however, the Poll Manager shall have access to the Premises *no later than the Monday prior to the date of the election*. DeKalb County Department of Voter Registration and Elections staff will be the point of contact and is responsible for making these arrangements with Owner. The

equipment and supplies shall remain undisturbed in the Premises until after the election is completed, and thereafter should be retrieved within 5 business days. On voting days, Poll Manager shall have access to the Premises *no later than 5:30 a.m.* on election morning in order to prepare to open the polling location *at precisely 7:00 a.m.*, and will have possession until the poll closes and all post-election work is completed. Additionally, Poll Manager and poll workers shall have access to a telephone and internet/Wi-Fi services at the facility before and after normal operating hours of the Premises, to make and receive calls as necessary in the event cell phone service is not available.

- C. **Emergency Contact.** Contact information for Owner or Owner’s representative who can provide before- or after-hours access to the premises on voting days if such access becomes necessary has been listed here:

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Title: _____ Email: _____

- D. **Use of Space.** The room(s)/space(s) to be used by the Board have been listed here:

- **KITCHEN/BREAK AREA**

Owner shall not interfere in any manner with any election or in the operation of the polling location by election personnel, nor shall Owner permit any other access to the Premises which would cause such interference.

- E. **Insurance.** Poll Workers are insured by DeKalb County; however, DeKalb County is not liable for any injuries to the public pursuant to this Agreement. To the extent Owner finds it necessary to purchase a rider to their policy for any additional coverage, Owner must

provide the cost in writing to the Board, or the Board Designee, before execution of this Agreement.

- F. Miscellaneous.** The Board will reimburse Owner for reasonable expenses involved in use of the facility as a polling place. This expense may include, but is not limited to, the cost of janitorial services, utilities, and any damage caused to the premises in an amount not to exceed one thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars. Reimbursement is conditioned upon review of any cost estimates, receipts, invoices or other supporting documentation which must be provided to the Board.
- G. Use of Premises.** Use of the Premises shall be limited to providing election day voting for citizens, including any post-election operations as necessary. The Board may make, at the Board's expense, reasonable and temporary alterations as necessary to adapt the Premises for the conduct of early voting and to ensure voting equipment is secured and protected from unauthorized access. Any additions installed in or placed upon the Premises shall remain the property of the Board, and will be removed by the Board within 5 business days of the conclusion of the specified election(s) in the Term. To the extent Owner maintains video surveillance of the Premises, Owner agrees to provide copies of any surveillance footage maintained on the Premises captured during early voting and/or election day voting upon request by the Board. Owner reserves the right to establish rules for use of the Premises (i.e., no smoking, etc.) to be provided in writing upon execution of this Agreement. The Board does not assume any responsibility for the conduct of the public in attendance or any damage to the Premises caused by the public.

H. Surrender of Premises. Upon the expiration of the Term or earlier termination, the Board shall surrender the Premises to Owner in a neat, clean and orderly condition. The Board shall remove any and all signs and other equipment or property belonging to the DeKalb County Department of Voter Registration and Elections within 5 business days of the conclusion of the specified election(s) in the Term.

ARTICLE IV. OTHER STIPULATIONS

- I. Lease Extension.** The Board will have the option to extend the Agreement for a total of (2) twelve-month periods by giving the Owner written notice prior to the date of the last election for which the Owner indicated availability.
- J. Right to Terminate.** At any time during or prior to the Term, The Board may in its sole discretion and without cause or reason, terminate this Agreement upon one (1) day prior notice to Owner, at which time this Agreement shall cease and terminate, and the Board shall vacate the Premises on or before the termination date set forth in the notice to terminate. The City of Stone Mountain has the right to terminate this agreement with written notice within (30) days notice to The Board.
- K. Georgia Laws Govern.** This Agreement shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia.
- L. Venue.** This Agreement shall be deemed to have been made and performed in DeKalb County, Georgia. For the purpose of venue, all suits or causes of action arising out of this Agreement shall be brought in the courts of DeKalb County, Georgia.
- M. Status as Lessor.** The relationship between Owner and The Board shall be that of lessor and lessee.

N. **Sole Agreement.** This Agreement constitutes the sole agreement between the parties. No representations oral or written nor incorporated herein shall be binding upon the parties. No amendment or modifications of this Agreement shall be enforceable unless approval by action of The Board.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed in three counterparts, each to be considered as an original by their authorized representative, on the day and date hereinabove written.

DEKALB COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRATION & ELECTIONS

Signature
By: Keisha L. Smith
Title: Executive Director, VRE
Date: _____

Mayor

Signature
By: _____
Date: _____

City Attorney

Signature
By: _____
Date: _____

OUTSIDE COUNSEL AGREEMENT

This professional services agreement (referred to herein as “Agreement”) is made and entered into by and between the **City of Stone Mountain, Georgia**, (referred to herein as the “City”), and **Emilia Walker-Ashby** (referred to herein as “Walker”).

WHEREAS, the duly elected governing authority of the City are the Mayor and Council (referred to herein as “City Council”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Code Sec. 2-56 (Purchasing procedures), the City Council may appoint attorneys for professional services annually; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby appoints Walker to serve as outside counsel for the City as set forth under this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, the mutual and dependent promises hereinafter set forth, the parties agree as follows:

- a. **Legal Services.** Walker shall perform legal services as authorized by the City Manager at the rates set forth herein, on an as-needed basis.
- b. **Funding.** Walker shall be paid at the hourly rate of \$210 for legal services performed under this Agreement. Walker may utilize her law firm to perform work under this Agreement, subject to the same hourly rate of \$210 for attorneys and \$135 for paralegals.
- c. **Term.** The term of this Agreement shall extend for one year from the effective date, and shall automatically renew annually, unless terminated by Walker or the City Council. This Agreement may be terminated by Walker or the City Council at any time, with or without cause.
- d. **Voluntarily.** The parties have entered into this agreement knowingly, freely and voluntarily.
- e. **Effective Date.** This Agreement shall become effective upon its adoption by the City Council and execution thereafter by Walker and the Mayor.
- f. **Governing Law.** This Agreement shall in all respects be governed by and construed, including for venue purposes, in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed by their duly authorized representatives as follows:

Dr. Beverly Jones, Mayor

Date

Attest: _____
Shavala Ames, City Clerk

Emilia Walker-Ashby, Esq.
Denmark Ashby LLC
100 Hartsfield Centre Pkwy, Ste. 400
Atlanta, GA 30354
Email: ewalkerashby@denmarkashby.com

Date

RESOLUTION 2025-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA (THE “CITY”), TO SUPERSEDE RESOLUTION 2024-14 REGARDING THE ENFORCEMENT OF ADHERENCE TO RULES OF DECORUM AND ENSURING EQUITABLE AND EFFECTIVE MEETING MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, the City Charter, Section 2.16(b) provides that, “In addition to all other powers conferred upon it by law, the city council shall have the authority to adopt and provide for the execution of such ordinances, resolutions, rules, and regulations, not inconsistent with this charter and the Constitution and the laws of the State of Georgia, which it shall deem necessary, expedient, or helpful for the peace, good order, protection of life and property, health, welfare, sanitation, comfort, convenience, prosperity, or well-being of the inhabitants of the City of Stone Mountain and may enforce such ordinances by imposing penalties for violation thereof”; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stone Mountain City Council values participatory democracy, civil discourse, and adherence to the established Rules of Decorum, which are designed to promote respect, inclusivity, and fairness in public meetings; and

WHEREAS, the City’s adopted Rules of Decorum emphasize the importance of treating all participants courteously, focusing on issues rather than personalizing debates, and uniformly enforcing order at public meetings; and

WHEREAS, instances of prolonged discussions, selective recognition of speakers, avoidance of certain topics, and debates centered on personal views undermine the effectiveness of meetings, discourage participation, and conflict with the Rules of Decorum; and

WHEREAS, the role of the Presiding Officer is crucial in ensuring adherence to these rules and maintaining a public meeting environment conducive to open and respectful public discourse; and

WHEREAS, in response to the above, the City Council adopted Resolution 2024-14; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, in further consideration of the policies adopted by Resolution 2024-14, has agreed to language certain modifications to such policies and procedures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Stone Mountain, Georgia, this _____ day of _____, 2025, as follows:

Section 1: Affirmation of the Rules of Decorum. The Rules of Decorum, as adopted by the City Council on September 6, 2022, are hereby reaffirmed as the guiding principles for all public meetings in the City of Stone Mountain.

Section 2: Repeal and Replacement of Resolution 2024-14. The City Council hereby repeals Resolution 2024-14 and adopts the following policies and procedures as written below.

Section 3: Public Meeting Requirements.

- (a) The Presiding Officer shall ensure equitable treatment of all attendees and participants by:
1. Allowing all individuals a fair opportunity to speak during public comment periods, without favoritism or bias;
 2. Adhering to established time limits and agenda structures to ensure orderly and efficient meetings; and
 3. Preventing personal or extended debates that detract from agenda topics.
- (b) The time allotted for an individual citizen's comments may only be extended upon a majority vote of the members of City Council present at such meeting.
- (c) Upon conclusion of the citizen comments portion of the agenda, no meeting attendees shall speak during the meeting without consent and approval of the City Council. Meeting attendees who violate this rule will be warned and, if such disruptions continue, will be subject to removal from the meeting.
- (d) A City Council member may motion to have a disruptive attendee warned and/or removed from the meeting. By majority vote of the City Council members present at such meeting, the disruptive attendee shall be removed.
- (e) No applause from the meeting attendees shall be allowed except for recognition of an achievement and in conjunction with applause from the City Council.
- (f) All City Council meetings shall end no later than 10:00 pm and any unfinished agenda items will be tabled until the next scheduled or special-called meeting.
- (g) At the work session or the regular meeting, for each item on the agenda, City Council members shall, collectively, be allotted a total of ten (10) minutes to speak and the Mayor shall be allowed a total of two (2) minutes.
- (h) No regular (voting) meeting agenda may be modified during a meeting to add new business items except in cases of emergency which shall be articulated and captured in the minutes of the meeting.
- (i) Neither the Mayor nor any City Council member shall act in an aggressive or combative manner towards the public or with each other.

- (j) The Presiding Officer shall remain, and if necessary, a majority of the City Council members shall ensure that the Presiding Officer remains, impartial and focus discussions on agenda items, avoiding selective omission or overemphasis of topics.
- (k) All actions and rulings by the Presiding Officer shall align with the City Council’s adopted Rules of Decorum and shall serve to:
 - 1. Prevent disruptions caused by disorderly conduct or unstructured debates; and
 - 2. Promote robust and inclusive dialogue that respects differing viewpoints.

Section 3: Monitoring and Enforcement

- (a) The City Council may review adherence to this Resolution and the Rules of Decorum through periodic assessments of meeting conduct.
- (b) Persistent violations of these principles by the Presiding Officer, the Mayor or any City Council Member shall result in a formal review of conduct by the City Council.
- (c) Potential corrective actions, including censure or other measures, shall be available as deemed appropriate by the City Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall serve as a directive to maintain the integrity, fairness, and decorum of all public meetings within the City of Stone Mountain.

**CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA, by
and through its City Council**

By: _____
Beverly Jones, Mayor

[Affix City Seal]

ATTEST: _____
Shavala Ames, City Clerk

**STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DEKALB**

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-02

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2 (ADMINISTRATION), OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA, TO ESTABLISH POLICY GOVERNING VIOLATIONS OF ARTICLE II, SECTION 2.30 OF THE CITY CHARTER

WHEREAS, pursuant to its Charter and other laws of the State of Georgia, the City of Stone Mountain, Georgia (the “City”), has the power to adopt reasonable ordinances, resolutions and regulations for the protection and preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.30 of the City Charter provides that “[e]xcept for the purpose of inquiries and investigations under Section 2.15 of this Charter, the City Council or its members shall deal with City officers and employees who are subject to the direction and supervision of the City Manager solely through the City Manager, and neither the City Council nor its members shall give orders to any such officer or employee, either publicly or privately”; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish a policy governing violations of Article II, Section 2.30 of the City Charter.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby ordained by the governing authority of the City of Stone Mountain as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 2 of the Code of the City of Stone Mountain, Georgia, is hereby amended to add a new Article XII titled “Council’s Interference with Administration” as set out in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 2. All ordinances, parts of ordinances, or regulations in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall become effective in accordance with City Charter Sec. 2.34.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance was proposed by Council Member _____ with a motion to adopt. Thereafter, the motion was seconded by Council Member _____. _____ Council Members voted in favor of the motion and ____ Council Members voted against the motion.

[SIGNATURES BEGIN ON NEXT PAGE]

SO ORDAINED this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Dr. Beverly Jones, Mayor

Attest:

Shavala Ames, City Clerk

[CITY SEAL]

Approved as to form:

Jeffrey Strickland, City Attorney

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CITY CHARTER SEC. 2.21 REQUIREMENTS

- Date of First Reading: _____
- Date of Second Reading: _____
- Date Adopted: _____

City Charter, Section 2.21. (Ordinance form; procedures), provides as follows:

- (a) Every proposed ordinance should be introduced in writing and in the form required for final adoption. No ordinance shall contain a subject which is not expressed in its title. The enacting clause shall be "It is hereby ordained by the governing authority of the City of Stone Mountain..." and every ordinance shall so begin. Prior to the submission of any ordinance for consideration by the Mayor and City Council, the same shall be submitted to the City Attorney and be approved by him or her as to form and to ensure such ordinance is not covered by, or in conflict with, any law of general application or other City ordinance.
- (b) An ordinance may be introduced by any member of the City Council and be read at a regular meeting, work session, or special meeting of the City Council. Ordinances shall be considered and adopted or rejected by the City Council in accordance with the rules which it shall establish; provided, however, an ordinance shall not be adopted the same day it is introduced, except for emergency ordinances provided for in Section 2.23 of this Charter. Upon introduction of any ordinance, the City Clerk shall as soon as possible distribute a copy to the Mayor and to each Councilmember and shall file a reasonable number of copies in the office of the City Clerk and at such other public places as the City Council may designate.
- (c) The reading of the preamble to an ordinance shall be sufficient to meet the requirements of a "read" or "reading." By an affirmative vote of a majority of the City Council, a reading of the ordinance in its entirety shall be required.

CITY CHARTER SEC. 2.34 REQUIREMENTS

- Date ordinance presented to Mayor: _____ (within three days after its adoption)
- Date ordinance returned to City Clerk: _____ (within four days of receipt from Clerk)

City Charter, Section 2.34. (Submission of ordinances to the mayor; veto power) provides as follows:

- (a) Every ordinance adopted by the City Council shall be presented by the City Clerk to the Mayor within three days after its adoption.
- (b) The Mayor shall within four days of receipt of an ordinance return it to the City Clerk with or without his or her approval or with his or her disapproval. If the ordinance has been approved by the Mayor, it shall become law upon its return to the City Clerk; if the ordinance is neither approved nor disapproved, it shall become law on the fifteenth day after its adoption; if the ordinance is disapproved, the Mayor shall submit to the City Council through the City Clerk a written statement of the reasons for the veto. The City Clerk shall record upon the ordinance the date of its delivery to and receipt from the Mayor.
- (c) Ordinances vetoed by the Mayor shall be presented by the City Clerk to the City Council at its next meeting when a quorum shall be present, and should the City Council then or at its next general meeting adopt the ordinance by an affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum then present, it shall become law.
- (d) The Mayor may disapprove or reduce any item or items of appropriation in any ordinance. The approved part or parts of any ordinance making appropriations shall become law, and the part or parts disapproved shall not become law unless subsequently passed by the City Council over the Mayor's veto as provided in this section. The reduced part or parts shall be presented to the City Council as though disapproved and shall not become law unless overridden by the City Council as provided in subsection (c) of this section.

- Date this ordinance becomes law: _____

EXHIBIT A

THE CODE OF THE CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN

CHAPTER 2 - ADMINISTRATION

ARTICLE XII – COUNCIL’S INTERFERENCE WITH ADMINISTRATION

Sec. 2-321. – Purpose.

It is essential to the proper administration and operation of the City that the members of the City Council do not interfere with City officers and employees who are subject to the direction and supervision of the City Manager.

Consistent with the separation of powers doctrine, the City Charter prohibits the City Council from giving orders to City officers or employees, either publicly or privately. The direction and supervision of City officers and employees are specifically reserved for the City Manager and members of the City Council may only deal with City officers and employees solely through the City Manager.

To safeguard the City Council from interfering with the City Manager’s scope of authority, this article is enacted by the City Council to provide a uniform procedure for addressing violations of Section 2.30 of the City Charter.

Sec. 2-322. – Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this article, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

City means the City of Stone Mountain.

City Council means the legislative authority of the government of the City and consists of the mayor and six Councilmembers.

City Manager means the person appointed by the City Council to act as the chief executive and administrative officer of the City and who is responsible to the City Council for the administration of all City affairs placed in the City Manager’s charge under the City Charter.

City employees and administrative officers mean the individuals appointed by the City Manager for the administration of the City’s affairs.

Sec. 2-323. – Prohibitions; exceptions.

(1) The City Council shall have no dealings with City officers and employees except solely through the City Manager. This prohibition does not apply to inquiries and investigations under Section 2.15 of the City Charter.

(2) The City Council shall not give orders to City officers and employees, either publicly or privately.

Sec. 2-324. – Complaints; investigations; hearings.

(a) Any person who believes a member of the City Council has violated Section 2.30 of the City Charter or this article, may file a written complaint with the City Manager.

(b) Upon receiving a complaint, the City Manager shall initiate an investigation solely based upon his personal observations and render a preliminary determination as to the credibility and validity of the complaint. If the City Manager determines that the allegations or basis for the complaint are reasonably supported by evidence, the City Manager shall submit the matter before the City Council for consideration.

(c) The City Council shall hold a hearing within sixty (60) days after the receipt of the City Manager's submission. The City Council shall cause a written copy of the complaint required by this section to be served on the member of the City Council subject to the complaint as soon as practicable, but not later than fifteen (15) days prior to the date set for the hearing. Service may be by personal service or by certified mail, return receipt requested.

(d) At any hearing, the City Council may administer oaths and examine witnesses. All testimony taken by the City Council shall be under oath. At any hearing held under this section, the member of the City Council against whom the complaint is brought shall have the right to be represented by legal counsel, to hear and examine the witnesses against such member and to present evidence and witnesses in opposition or in extenuation.

(e) The City Council shall render a final decision whether or not a violation of Section 2.30 of the City Charter or this article occurred. The City Council's decision must be approved by affirmative vote of four (4) members of the City Council and recorded by a resolution of the City Council.

Sec. 2-325. – Authority to discipline.

(a) If any member of the City Council is found to have violated Section 2.30 of the City Charter or this article, the City Council, acting as a whole, may discipline that member of the City Council in accordance with this article.

(b) Any City officer or employee who knowingly files a false complaint against the Mayor or a City Council Member alleging a violation of Section 2.30 of the City Charter or this article shall be subject to discipline under Code Sec. 20-91.

Sec. 2-326. – Penalties.

Upon the City Council's finding of a violation, the violating member of the City Council is subject to:

- (1) First offence – Verbal warning issued by the City Council.
- (2) Second offence – Censure issued by the City Council via resolution.
- (3) Third offence – Suspension from office in any manner authorized by the general laws of the State of Georgia.
- (4) Fourth offence – Removal from office in accordance with Section 5.16 of the City Charter.

The City Council reserves the right to impose a higher level of penalty for a violation if the nature or circumstances of the violation warrant a higher level of penalty.

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**RESOLUTION 2025-08
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City of Stone Mountain seeks to employ individuals capable of outstanding performance in public service; and

WHEREAS, employee benefits are an aide in the recruitment of highly skilled workers; and

WHEREAS, medical and dental benefit plans are commonly used by municipalities to attract highly skilled workers;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Stone Mountain, Georgia, this **18th day of MARCH 2025**, as follows:

1. that the medical insurance plan known as the **Cigna Open Access** Plan is the official, base medical benefits plan for the City of Stone Mountain effective **April 1, 2025**;
2. that the City will pay one hundred percent (100%) of the base plan premium for eligible employees electing to participate in the official, base medical benefits plan;
3. that the City of Stone Mountain will offer the plan known as the **Cigna Open Access** as a buy-up option for eligible employees, with the difference in the employee premium cost for the buy-up plan to be paid by the employee who elects the buy-up plan during the policy year ending **March 31, 2025**;
4. that eligible dependents of the employee may participate in the medical benefits plan provided that fifty percent (50%) of the premium for the dependents is paid by the employee;
5. that the dental insurance plan provided by **BestLife** and known as the **PPO/100/80/50** Plan is the official dental benefits plan for the City of Stone Mountain;
6. that the City will pay one hundred percent (100%) of the official dental plan premium for eligible employees electing to participate in the official dental plan;
7. that eligible dependents of the employee in the plan may participate in the dental benefits plan provided that one hundred percent (100%) of the premium is paid by the employee in the plan;
8. that the vision insurance plan provided by **Cigna** and known as **EyeMed** Plan for the City of Stone Mountain.
9. that employees who experience an event qualifying for COBRA continuation coverage and their eligible dependents may participate in the official medical and/or dental plan for a period of eighteen months following the month of termination provided that one hundred percent (100%) of the premium is paid by the COBRA participant;
10. that the life and accidental death and dismemberment (AD&D) insurance policy provided by **UNUM** is the official life and AD&D insurance policy for the City of Stone Mountain;
11. that the City will pay one hundred percent (100%) of the official life and AD&D plan premium for eligible employees;
12. that the City of Stone Mountain will offer the plan known as the Mutual of Omaha as a

buy-up option for eligible employees, with the difference in the employee premium cost for the buy-up plan to be paid by the employee who elects the buy-up plan during the policy year ending March 31, 2025;

- 13. that the short-term disability plan provided by Unum short-term disability plan is the official for the City of Stone Mountain;
- 14. that the City will pay one hundred percent (100%) of the official short-term disability policy premium for eligible employees;
- 15. that there is no COBRA continuation coverage option for life and AD&D or short-term disability policy coverage.

By: _____
Dr. Beverly Jones, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Shavala Ames, City Clerk

[Affix City Seal]