



**Mayor and City Council Work Session**  
Tuesday, June 16, 2026 at 6:30 PM  
City Hall, 875 Main Street, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30083

## Agenda

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**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/Economic Development Director/DDA | Shavala Ames - City Clerk/Human Resources | Angela Couch - City Attorney**

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***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. **Public Hearing**
  1. [Millage Rate - Public Hearing #3](#)
- II. **Adjournment**
- III. **Call to Order**
- IV. **Determination of Quorum**
- V. **Invocation and Pledge**
- VI. **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.*

*The City appreciates your input and wants to hear from you. If you have a complaint or concerns about a particular person associated with the City, please contact the City Manager's office. Your public comments during a Council meeting may not be directed at or to any particular City representative, including but not limited to the Mayor, City Council members, or a member of City staff. If your presentation includes such comments, the City reserves the right to stop your presentation. During your public comment, if you use obscenities or vulgar or abusive language, yell, or point fingers, the City reserves the right to stop your presentation. During your public comment, if you physically approach any City representative or your presentation rises to the level of disorderly conduct, your public comment will be stopped.*

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

1. Consideration of an action on a request to approve May 28, 2026, meeting minutes, requested by the City Clerk Shavala Ames. **Goal - Governance**
2. Consideration of an action on a request to approve June 2, 2026, meeting minutes, requested by the City Clerk Shavala Ames. **Goal - Governance**
3. Consideration of an action on a request to approve June 4, 2026, meeting minutes, requested by the City Clerk Shavala Ames. **Goal - Governance**
4. Consideration of an action on a request to approve June 8, 2026, meeting minutes, requested by the City Clerk Shavala Ames. **Goal - Governance**

VIII. **Reading of Communications**

IX. **Adoption of The Agenda of The Day**

X. **Committee Discussion Items**

1. Stone Mountain Community Garden
2. Planning Commission
3. Historic Preservation Commission

XI. **Staff Reports**

1. Public Safety- Police Chief- James Westerfield Jr

XII. **City Manager's Report**

1. Operations Report - City Manager, Maggie Dimov
2. April 2026 Financials Presentation - Michelle Uran, Finance Consultant

XIII. **Council Policy Discussion Topics**

XIV. **Unfinished Business**

XV. **New Business**

XVI. **New Ordinances and Resolutions**

1. Ordinance 2026-11 - 5406 E. Mountain Street - Sign Variance - **Goal: Economic Development and Governance - (SECOND READ)**
2. Ordinance 2026-12 - Purchasing - **Goal: Governance - (SECOND READ)**
3. Ordinance 2026-13 - Millage Rate Adoption - **Goal: Governance - (SECOND READ)**
4. Resolution 2026-11 – City Banking Account for Confiscated Funds - **Goal: Governance**

XVII. **Remarks of Privilege**

XVIII. **Announcements by The Mayor**

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

1. Real Estate

XX. **Adjournment**

## NOTICE

Item # 1.

The **City of Stone Mountain** does hereby announce that the millage rate will be set at a meeting to be held at **875 Main St Stone Mountain, GA 30083** on **June 16, 2026** at **6:30 pm** and pursuant to the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 48-5-32 does hereby publish the following presentation of the current year's tax digest and levy, along with the history of the tax digest and levy for the past five years.

### CURRENT 2026 PROPERTY TAX DIGEST AND 5 YEAR HISTORY OF LEVY

		CITY WIDE		2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
		CITY AREA	VALU E	Real & Personal	143,162,123	175,792,863	225,211,962	244,917,925	248,452,405
Motor Vehicles	757,750			668,340	601,850	600,510	434,230	357,370	
Mobile Homes	633			633	570	570	570	1,743	
Timber - 100%	0			0	0	0	0	0	
Heavy Duty Equipment	0			0	0	0	0	0	
Gross Digest	143,920,506			176,461,836	225,814,382	245,519,005	248,887,205	249,117,887	
Less Exemptions	3,962,174			4,510,024	5,488,988	5,530,459	5,850,142	6,392,391	
<b>NET DIGEST VALUE</b>	<b>139,958,332</b>			<b>171,951,812</b>	<b>220,325,394</b>	<b>239,988,546</b>	<b>243,037,063</b>	<b>242,725,496</b>	
R A T E	Gross Maintenance & Operation Millage	17.8180	16.5000	16.0000	16.0000	15.8270	17.5000		
	Less Rollback (Local Option Sales Tax)	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000		
	<b>NET M&amp;O MILLAGE RATE</b>	<b>17.8180</b>	<b>16.5000</b>	<b>16.0000</b>	<b>16.0000</b>	<b>15.8270</b>	<b>17.5000</b>		
T A X	<b>TOTAL M&amp;O TAXES LEVIED</b>	<b>\$2,493,778</b>	<b>\$2,837,205</b>	<b>\$3,525,206</b>	<b>\$3,839,817</b>	<b>\$3,846,548</b>	<b>\$4,247,696</b>		
	Net Tax \$ Increase	\$26,244	\$343,427	\$688,001	\$314,610	\$6,731	\$401,149		
	Net Tax % Increase	1.06%	13.77%	24.25%	8.92%	0.18%	10.43%		

**CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN - 2026 MILLAGE RATE DISCUSSIONS**

Preliminary Digest - RP & PP & Industrial	\$	236,987,017	<b>PRELIMINARY DIGEST RECEIVED 5/4/2026</b>		
Current Millage		15.827			
Rollback Rate		Pending			
Proposed Increase					
Budgeted Real Property Tax Revenue Needed	\$	4,102,672			
Preliminary Digest Status		Early Preliminary - 5/4/2026			
Updated Digest Expected		5/15/2026			
Scenerio					
Current Millage		15.827	\$	3,750,794	\$ (351,878)
Rollback Rate					
Proposed Increase		17.35	\$	4,111,724.74	\$ 9,053

Preliminary Digest - RP & PP & Industrial	\$	248,758,774	<b>PRELIMINARY DIGEST RECEIVED 5/15/2026</b>		
Current Millage		15.827			
Rollback Rate		Pending			
Proposed Increase					
Budgeted Real Property Tax Revenue Needed	\$	4,102,672			
Preliminary Digest Status		Early Preliminary - 5/15/2026			
Updated Digest Expected		5/15/2026			
Scenerio					
Current Millage		15.827	\$	3,937,105	\$ (165,567) 100% collection
			\$	3,661,508	\$ (441,164) 93% collection

**Millage Rate Scenerios - BASED ON PRELIMINARY DIGEST INFORMATION RECEIVED 5/15/2026**

<b>Rollback Rate</b>	15.884	\$	3,951,284.37	\$	(151,388)	100% collection
		\$	3,674,694	\$	(427,978)	93% collection
Proposed Increase -16.25	16.250	\$	4,042,330.08	\$	(60,342)	100% collection
		\$	3,759,367	\$	(343,305)	93% collection
Proposed Increase - 16.5	16.500	\$	4,104,519.77	\$	1,848	100% collection
		\$	3,817,203	\$	(285,469)	93% collection
Proposed Increase - 16.75	16.750	\$	4,166,709.46	\$	64,037	100% collection
		\$	3,875,040	\$	(227,632)	93% collection
Proposed Increase - 17.35	17.350	\$	4,315,964.73	\$	213,293	100% collection
		\$	4,013,847	\$	(88,825)	93% collection
Proposed Increase - 17.5	17.500	\$	4,353,278.55	\$	250,607	100% collection
		\$	4,048,549	\$	(54,123)	93% collection



REVIEW OF JOURNAL

		<b>City Council Meeting Date:</b>	June 16, 2026
		<b>Department:</b>	City Clerk
<b>Goal:</b>	Governance	<b>Presenter:</b>	Shavala Ames
<b>Agenda Title:</b>	<b>Consideration of an action on a request to approve May 28, 2026, meeting minutes.</b>		
<b>Audio/Visual Presentation:</b>	Yes/No/NA		

<b>Workplan Goal Details:</b>
Governance - Focus on streamlining legislative processes to ensure timely, accurate, and transparent dissemination of information to the City Council, staff, and the public, reinforcing the foundation of local governance.
<b>Agenda Item Description (Background/History/Details):</b>
(O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1) requires public agencies to maintain written meeting minutes and make them available for public inspection after approval.

<b>Staff Recommendations (Motion):</b>
Staff recommends the following: <b>“Approve Meeting Minutes as required”</b>

<b>Department Head Approval:</b>	Shavala Ames
<b>City Manager Approval:</b>	Miglana Dimov

<b>Mayor’s Signature Required:</b>	YES	NO
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<b>List Attachments:</b>
1. May 28, 2026, Meeting Minutes DRAFT

**Financial Information (MUST BE COMPLETE & PRE-APPROVED BY CITY MANAGER)**

Budgeted Yes/No	Fund Name & Code	Current Balance	Requested Allocation	City Manager’s Initials
No	N/A	N/A	N/A	MD

# 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**

20  
21 City Manager, Maggie Dimov, provided general background information regarding the Millage Rate  
22 Discussion.  
23

24 Finance Director, Michelle Uran, reviewed the Preliminary digest from the county received from May 4<sup>th</sup>  
25 and May 15<sup>th</sup>. 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.  
27

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.  
31

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.  
38

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.

48  
49 **2. Overview of the Capitals Project Workshop**

50  
51 City Manager, Maggie Dimov, gave a general overview of the potential projects for 2026-2027 as  
52 outlined in the previously distributed materials.

53  
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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74 **Jelani Linder, Mayor**

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78 **City Clerk, Shavala Ames**



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# Mayor and City Council Regular Session

Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 6:30 PM

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:**  
2 **Council Member Anita Bass | Post 2: Council Member Mark Marianos Post 4: Council**  
3 **Member Kay Nunez | Post 5: Council Member Hub Jordan Post 6: Council Member Elaine**  
4 **Vaughn**

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6 **Staff: Maggie Dimov – City Manager/Economic Development Director/DDA | Shavala Ames**  
7 **- City Clerk | Angela Couch - City Attorney**  
8

9 **Mission Statement:** *The City of Stone Mountain serves our residents, businesses, and visitors*  
10 *by providing an enhanced quality of life and a unique sense of place, guided by trust and integrity*

11  
12 **Public Hearing was called to order at 6:30 p.m.**

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14 PRESENT: Mayor – Jelani Linder, Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2  
15 Mark Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 4 Kay Nunez,  
16 Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan, and Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn  
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18 **I. Public Hearings**

- 19  
20 1. Public Hearing on Rezoning from Single Family Residential (R-1) to General Commercial  
21 (GC) - 5444 Rockbridge Road  
22

23 Mayor Jelani Linder provided a general overview of the Public Hearing as outlined in the provided  
24 city council packet. City Attorney Angela Couch acted as the zoning administrator’s designee and  
25 read the recommendations.  
26

27 The representative of the applicants came forward to speak regarding the property. Roberto  
28 Cornelio stated that when they applied for the permit, they got approved but expected it to be a  
29 commercial property and are willing to resubmit their plans to meet the 2026 requirements.  
30 Tammy Cowins advised that she’s always known the property to be commercial.  
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32 *Mayor Linder opened the public hearing.*

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34 **Public Hearing comments - None**

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36 *Mayor Linder closed the public hearing.*  
37

- 38 2. Public Hearing on Conditional Use Permit - Nail Salon - 5444 Rockbridge Road.  
39

40 City Attorney Angela Couch gave a general overview of the conditional use permit as outlined in  
41 the provided agenda packet and the recommendation from the Planning Commission.  
42

43 The applicant Tammy Cowins expressed her excitement for the Nail Salon. She advised that  
44 she has been in the industry for 3 years and described the location details and the services to  
45 be provided if approved for the Conditional Use Permit.

46 *Mayor Linder opened the public hearing.*

47  
48 **Public Hearing comments**

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50 **Public Comment 1: Gina Cox** – Expressed support for the proposed nail salon, noting that  
51 residents currently travel outside of the City to access similar services.

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53 **Public Comment 2: Creola Davis** – Stated that an additional nail salon may not be beneficial to  
54 the area and referenced existing nail salons already operating nearby.

55  
56 *Mayor Linder closed the public hearing.*

57  
58 3. Public Hearing on Conditional Use Permit - Laundromat - 5444 Rockbridge Road.

59  
60 City Attorney Angela Couch gave a general overview of the conditional use permit as outlined in  
61 the provided agenda packet and the recommendation from the Planning Commission.

62  
63 Roberto Cornelio stated that the applicants have already applied for the permit and that it is in  
64 the works and that the applicants already own two facilities and would like to own and operate  
65 another one in the City.

66  
67 *Mayor Linder opened the public hearing.*

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69 **Public Hearing comments**

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71 **Public Comment 1: Tammy Cowins** – Expressed support for the proposed laundromat, noting  
72 that it would provide a modern, updated facility compared to existing options in the City. It was  
73 also stated that the project would offer residents additional choices and could generate additional  
74 revenue for the City

75  
76 **Public Comment 2: Creola Davis** – Expressed that the Laundromat is not beneficial to the area.  
77 It attracts the wrong kind of company.

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79 **Public Comment 3: Belinthia Cummings** – Expressed that she is not opposed or for the  
80 Laundromat but has concerns regarding the revenues.

81  
82 *Mayor Linder opened the public hearing.*

83  
84 4. Public Hearing on Special Use Permit - Micro distillery and Smoke Shop - 977 Main Street.

85  
86 City Attorney Angela Couch gave a general overview of the conditional use permit as outlined in  
87 the provided agenda packet and the recommendation from the Planning Commission. It was also  
88 noted that there was some confusion between what was stated with previous city staff and the  
89 applicant.

90  
91 The applicant Deron Furr, stated that his business should not be classified as a smoke shop and  
92 noted that a previous Planning Manager had identified it as such. Mr. Furr explained that his  
93 concept is centered on providing patrons the opportunity to enjoy cigars alongside their beverage  
94 of choice in a controlled environment designed to maintain clean air quality, with cigar-related  
95 sales representing approximately 10 percent of overall business activity. He further clarified that  
96 the establishment is not intended to operate as a nightclub or traditional lounge, but rather as a  
97 cultural house.

98  
99 *Mayor Linder opened the public hearing.*

100  
101 **Public Hearing comments**

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103 **Public Comment 1: Elieen Smith** – Expressed that the establishment will fill the gap that Public  
104 House left and be much classier.

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106 **Public Comment 2: Gace Kelly** – Expressed that she is not in favor or against but that she is a  
107 Planning Commissioner, and their recommendations are not present in the presentation. She also  
108 expressed that information is missing and because of that, a vote should not be held at the present  
109 time.

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111 **Public Comment 3: Denise Phillips** – Expressed that the establishment sounds like a hole that  
112 Public House did leave and that the taxes will fill the spot of Public House.

113  
114 *Mayor Linder closed the public hearing.*

115  
116 5. Public Hearing on Sign Variance - 5406 East Mountain Street.

117  
118 City Attorney Angela Couch gave a general overview of the conditional use permit as outlined in  
119 the provided agenda packet and the recommendation from the Planning Commission.

120  
121 The representative for the applicant, Mulli Velilobos, stated that the applicant first applied for signs  
122 in July 2025 and was advised by the former Planning Manager that everything was on board,  
123 however, once they reached out to process the remaining signs they never received a response.  
124 Once Ms. Velilobos came on board at Atlanta Mortuary, she reached out to the former Planning  
125 Manager regarding two citations for the signs and have been trying to get in compliance since.

126  
127 *Mayor Linder opened the public hearing.*

128  
129 **Public Hearing comments**

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131 **Public Comment 1: Gina Cox** – Expressed that it’s a sign and directed the governing body to  
132 approve it.

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134 **Public Comment 2: Cordel Vigil** – Expressed that it’s a sign and asked the governing body to  
135 approve it.

136  
137 **Public Comment 3: Carolyn Sanderson** – Expressed that she would like the sign approved.

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139 **Public Comment 4: Eileen Smith** – Expressed that she has no issue with signs and that it is  
140 unfortunate what happened with the applicant, but the code of ordinances allows for 3 signs per  
141 business, and they are asking for 4.

142  
143 *Mayor Linder closed the public hearing.*

144  
145 **II. Adjournment** – 7:09 P.M.

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147 **ACTION: MOTION TO ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:09 P.M.**  
148 Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Seconded by Council Member: Post  
149 2 Mark Marianos

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

154  
155 **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

156  
157 **III. Call to Order**

158  
159 Mayor Linder called the meeting to order at 7:09 P.M.  
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161 **IV. Determination of Quorum**  
162

163 PRESENT: Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Mayor  
164 Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 4 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post 5 Hub  
165 Jordan, and Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn  
166

167 **V. Invocation and Pledge**  
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169 Mayor Linder led a 30-second moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance  
170

171 **VI. Citizen Comments/Including comments from public/stakeholders**  
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173 **Citizen Comment 1: Rhonda Morrison** – Thanked Council for taking a photo with her  
174 grandchildren and advised it is very encouraging for them.  
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176 **Citizen Comment 2: Grace Kelley** – Thanked everyone for their continuous efforts and  
177 addressed the narrative suggesting that the Lawn on Main is failing as well as the Ordinance  
178 Amendment of Section 2-61.  
179

180 **Citizen Comment 3: Mark Keyton** – Requested City restrooms to be locked.  
181

182 **Citizen Comment 4: Eileen Smith** – Addressed the number of City employees and their salaries.  
183

184 **Citizen Comment 5: Sarah Abrams** – Thanked Public Works for the Pine Tree removal on  
185 Sunday at VFW Park, advised that the Police Department has stepped up the patrolling at the  
186 park at night, and addressed her concern for the children possibly getting hurt by climbing the  
187 soccer posts.

188 **Citizen Comment 6: Cordero Vigil** – Expressed that what the public has spoken up regarding  
189 is falling on deaf ears and that the citizens campaigned for something new last year, but the  
190 same things are being done. Suggested that the governing body review the budget items line by  
191 line.  
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193 **Citizen Comment 7: Denise Phillips** – Expressed concerns regarding the lack of information  
194 being provided to Council.  
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196 **Citizen Comment 8: Karylyn Sanderson** – Addressed the Urban Camping Ordinance and  
197 expressed her heartbreak concerning the depiction of the homeless and advised that there needs  
198 to be a plan for support.  
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200 **Citizen Comment 9: Cheryl Dudley** – Discussed the upcoming runoff election, the City's  
201 Juneteenth event, and advised that the City needs to show action regarding fighting for  
202 democracy and equality for everyone.  
203

204 **Citizen Comment 10: Joan Monroe** – Addressed the appearance of 842 3<sup>rd</sup> St Trailer Park,  
205 expressed concerns regarding 1060 3<sup>rd</sup> St, 1059 2<sup>nd</sup> St, and 691 Pepperwood Trail, as well as  
206 the ivy on the tree at 806 Ridge Avenue, Ordinance 2026-06, City Staff output, and the governing  
207 body's efforts.  
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209 **Citizen Comment 11: Gina Cox** – Expressed that the Millage Rate has been a hot topic,  
210 suggested reducing the salary of the City Council, furlough days and consolidating duties of City  
211 Staff. Advised that City Ordinances are outdated and need to be modified. Lastly inquired when  
212 the parking lot next to City Hall will be open for use.  
213

214 **Citizen Comment 12: Rachel Isley** – Noted that the planning commission voted to approve the  
215 Special Use Permit Application for 977 Main St with significant conditions at their April 20<sup>th</sup>  
216 Meeting. Expressed that due to City Staff's cancellation of the May 18<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission  
217 Meeting, she'd like the governing body to postpone the vote on the permit and the other Public  
218 Hearings until the Planning Commissions input is reported and shared.

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220 **Citizen Comment 13: C. Monroe** – Urged City Staff to fix the podium mic. Expressed  
221 discussions regarding signage, whether raising property taxes is the right move, and concerns  
222 regarding throwing away the only green space that the City has.

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

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227 **1. Consideration of an action on a request to approve May 19, 2026, Meeting Minutes**

228 **ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE MAY 19, 2026, MEETING MINUTES**  
229 Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Seconded by Council Member:  
230 Post 1 Anita Bass

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

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237 **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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239 **2. Consideration of an action on a request to approve May 23, 2026, Meeting Minutes**

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241 **ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE MAY 23, 2026, MEETING MINUTES**  
242 Motion made by Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem: Post  
243 3 Ryan Smith

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

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249 **MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

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251 **VIII. Reading of Communications – None**

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253 **IX. Adoption of The Agenda of The Day**

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255 **ACTION: MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA OF THE DAY AS AMENDED TO**  
256 **INCLUDE THE DEKALB COUNTY CDBG AGREEMENT TO NEW BUSINESS ITEM #1**  
257 Motion made by Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Seconded by Council Member:  
258 Post 1 Anita Bass

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

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264 **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

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266 **X. Council Policy Discussion Topics – None**

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268 XI. **Unfinished Business – None**

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270 XII. **New Business**

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272 1. Consideration of an action on a request to approve the Letter of Intent to enter the Dekalb  
273 County CDBG Agreement that will run from 2027-2029

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275 **ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE THE LETTER OF INTENT TO ENTER DEKALB**  
276 **COUNTY CBDG AGREEMENT THAT WILL RUN FROM 2027-2029**

277 Motion made by Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Seconded by Council Member: Post  
278 4 Kay Nunez

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

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284 **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

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286 2. Consideration of an action on a request to approve reclassification of the Economic  
287 Development Director to the Community Development Director

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289 **ACTION: MOTION TO TABLE THE DISCUSSION REGARDING THE**  
290 **RECLASSIFICATION OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR TO THE**  
291 **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

292 Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Seconded by Council Member: Post  
293 5 Hub Jordan

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295 **Voting Yea:** Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan

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297 Voting No: Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 4 Kay Nunez,  
298 Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn

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300 **MOTION FAILED**

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302 **ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE THE RECLASSIFICATION OF THE ECONOMIC**  
303 **DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

304 Motion made by Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Seconded by Council Member: Post  
305 2 Mark Marianos

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307 **Voting Yea:** Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos,  
308 Council Member: Post 4 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn

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310 **MOTION CARRIED**

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312 3. Consideration of an action on a request to adjust the salary for the Tourism Manager Position

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314 **ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE THE ADJUSTMENT OF THE SALARY FOR THE**  
315 **TOURISM MANAGER POSITION**

316 Motion made by Council Member: Post 4 Kay Nunez, Seconded by Council Member: Post  
317 1 Anita Bass

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319 **Voting Yea:** Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos,  
320 Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 4 Kay Nunez, Council Member:  
321 Post 6 Elaine Vaughn

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323 **Voting No:** Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan

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**MOTION CARRIED**

- 4. Consideration of an action on a request to adjust the salary for the Senior Planner Position

**ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE THE ADJUSTMENT OF THE SALARY FOR THE SENIOR PLANNER POSITION**

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, 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 6 Elaine Vaughn

**Voting No:** Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan

**MOTION PASSED**

XIII. **New Ordinances and Resolutions**

- 1. Ordinance 2026-06 - Sale of City Property Amendment

**ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2026-06 SALE OF CITY PROPERTY AMENDMENT**

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Seconded by Council Member: Post 4 Kay Nunez

**Voting Yea:** Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, 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

*Council Member Mark Marianos was not present for the vote*

**MOTION CARRIED**

- 2. Ordinance 2026-07 - 5444 Rockbridge Road Rezoning R-1 to GC

**ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2026-07 5444 ROCKBRIDGE ROAD REZONING R-1 TO GC WITH STAFF CONDITIONS OF A 90-DAY TIMEFRAME**

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

**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, Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn

**MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

- 3. Ordinance 2026-08 - 5444 Rockbridge Road Conditional Use Permit for a Nail Salon

**ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2026-08 5444 ROCKBRIDGE ROAD CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A NAIL SALON WITH STAFF CONDITIONS**

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

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

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382 **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

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384 4. Ordinance 2026-09- 5444 Rockbridge Road Conditional Use Permit for a Laundromat

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386 **ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2026-08 5444 ROCKBRIDGE ROAD**  
387 **CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A LAUNDROMAT**  
388 Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Seconded by Council Member: Post  
389 2 Mark Marianos

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

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395 **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

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397 5. Ordinance 2026-10 - 977 Main Street Special Use Permit for a Micro Distillery and Smoke  
398 Shop

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400 **ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2026-10 977 MAIN STREET SPECIAL**  
401 **USE PERMIT FOR A MICRO DISTILLERY AND SMOKE SHOP ADDING PLANNING**  
402 **CONDITIONS**  
403 Motion made by Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Seconded by Council Member:  
404 Post 1 Anita Bass

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

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410 **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

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412 **ACTION: AMENDED MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2026-10 977 MAIN STREET**  
413 **SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR A MICRO DISTILLERY AND SMOKE SHOP WITH**  
414 **CONDITIONS TO ADHERE TO THE GA SMOKE FREE ACT, LIMIT TO CIGARS AND**  
415 **SMOKE INSIDE THE BUILDING**  
416 Motion made by Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Seconded by Council Member:  
417 Post 1 Anita Bass

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

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423 **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

424  
425 6. Ordinance 2026-11 - 5406 E. Mountain Street - Sign Variance – First Read Only – No  
426 Action

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428 7. Ordinance 2026-12 – Purchasing – First Read Only – No Action

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431 XIV. **Remarks of Privilege – None**

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433 XV. **Announcements by the Mayor**

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435 1. The Mayor made announcements regarding the Community Garden brunch on Saturday and  
436 the City's Juneteenth event.  
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438 XVI. **Executive Session – None**

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440 XVII. **Adjournment**

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442 **ACTION: MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING 10:00 P.M.**

443 Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Seconded by Council Member: Post  
444 2 Mark Marianos

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

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450 **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

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456 **Jelani Linder, Mayor**

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**Shavala Ames, City Clerk**



REVIEW OF JOURNAL

		<b>City Council Meeting Date:</b>	June 16, 2026
		<b>Department:</b>	City Clerk
<b>Goal:</b>	Governance	<b>Presenter:</b>	Shavala Ames
<b>Agenda Title:</b>	<b>Consideration of an action on a request to approve June 8, 2026, meeting minutes.</b>		
<b>Audio/Visual Presentation:</b>	Yes/No/NA		

<b>Workplan Goal Details:</b>
Governance - Focus on streamlining legislative processes to ensure timely, accurate, and transparent dissemination of information to the City Council, staff, and the public, reinforcing the foundation of local governance.
<b>Agenda Item Description (Background/History/Details):</b>
(O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1) requires public agencies to maintain written meeting minutes and make them available for public inspection after approval.

<b>Staff Recommendations (Motion):</b>
Staff recommends the following: <b>“Approve Meeting Minutes as required”</b>

<b>Department Head Approval:</b>	Shavala Ames
<b>City Manager Approval:</b>	Miglana Dimov

<b>Mayor’s Signature Required:</b>	YES	NO
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<b>List Attachments:</b>
1. June 8, 2026, Meeting Minutes DRAFT

**Financial Information (MUST BE COMPLETE & PRE-APPROVED BY CITY MANAGER)**

Budgeted Yes/No	Fund Name & Code	Current Balance	Requested Allocation	City Manager’s Initials
No	N/A	N/A	N/A	MD

# Special Called Meeting – Millage Rate Public Hearing #1

June 4, 2026, at 6:30 P.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 **I. Call to Order**

11 Mayor Linder called the Meeting to order at 6:30pm.  
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13 **II. Determination of Quorum**

14 PRESENT: Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Mayor Pro  
15 Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan, Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn,  
16 Mayor Jelani Linder  
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18 ABSENT: Council Member: Post 4 Kay Nunez  
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20 **III. Public Hearing**

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22 **1. Millage Rate Discussion**  
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24 City Attorney, Angela Couch, gave an overview of the meeting guidelines.

25 City Manager, Maggie Dimov, reviewed the outline of the Millage Rate scenarios based on the preliminary  
26 digest provided by Dekalb County.  
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28 *Mayor Linder opened the public hearing.*  
29

30 **Public Comment 1: Vanessa Cummings** – Provided the definition of Millage and compared different  
31 counties Millage Rates. Expressed that the City’s budget comes out of the citizens’ pockets. Discussed  
32 the budget allocated for 2026 and how the employees are being overpaid.  
33

34 **Public Comment 2: Joan Monroe** – Expressed that the City Attorney does multiple jobs and inquired at  
35 what cost and feels it is unethical. Inquired what the job description of the City Manager is, if the City is  
36 hiring qualified individuals and asked who’s in charge of hiring. Also expressed that 1.5 million could be

37 decreased from the budget, how the population has not increased, services have diminished, taxes have  
38 increased, and funds have been mishandled.

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40 **Public Comment 3: William Galloway** – Expressed the importance of quality-of-life improvements, that  
41 everyone is trying to reach the same goal and urged Council Members to set a good example for the  
42 people in the City. Feels that multiple votes from the governing body weren't unanimous at the last  
43 meeting but that the disagreements were of good will.

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45 **Public Comment 4: – Denise Phillips** – Expressed that the 2024 reserves have been overtaxing citizens  
46 since 2018, how the burden needs to be taken off taxpayers and how the facilities are at a \$90,000 deficit.  
47 Discussed Blight and inquired if we are charging homeowners and businesses. Provided budget cut  
48 suggestions and inquired if City cars are being factored into the budget. Urged the governing body to get  
49 creative regarding the budget.

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51 **Public Comment 5: Ms. Thomas** – Did not provide address. Comment not a part of record.

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53 *Mayor Linder closed the public hearing.*

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55 **II. Adjournment** – 6:53 P.M.

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57 **ACTION: MOTION TO ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:53 P.M.**

58 Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Seconded by Council Member: Post 1 Anita  
59 Bass

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61 **Voting Yea:** Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Mayor  
62 Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan, and Council Member: Post 6  
63 Elaine Vaughn

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65 **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

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67 **IV. Executive Session to Discuss Personnel, Legal, and Real Estate**

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69 **ACTION: MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:54 P.M. TO DISCUSS**  
70 **LITIGATION AND REAL ESTATE**

71 Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Seconded by Council Member: Post 1 Anita  
72 Bass

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74 **Voting Yea:** Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Mayor  
75 Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan, and Council Member: Post 6  
76 Elaine Vaughn

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78 **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

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80 **ACTION: MOTION TO ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE THE CITY**  
81 **COUNCIL MEETING AT 8:03 P.M. - (2) ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION**

82 Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Seconded by Council Member: Post 2 Mark  
83 Marianos

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85 **Voting Yea:** Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Mayor  
86 Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan, and Council Member: Post 6  
87 Elaine Vaughn

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89 **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

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V. **Adjournment**

**ACTION: MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:03 P.M.**

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

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

**MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

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**Jelani Linder, Mayor**

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**City Clerk, Shavala Ames**



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<b>Mayor’s Signature Required:</b>	YES	NO
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# Special Called Meeting – Millage Rate Public Hearing #2

June 8, 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 **I. Call to Order**

11 Mayor Linder called the Meeting to order at 6:30pm.  
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13 **II. Determination of Quorum**

14 PRESENT: Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council  
15 Member: Post 4 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn, Mayor Jelani Linder  
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17 ABSENT: Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 5 Hub Jordan  
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19 City Clerk Shavala Ames came forward with a request to add the First Read of the Millage Rate Ordinance  
20 to the agenda.  
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22 **ACTION: MOTION TO ADD MILLAGE RATE ORDINANCE FIRST READ TO THE AGENDA**

23 Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, seconded by Council Member: Post 4 Kay  
24 Nunez  
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26 **Voting Yea:** Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan  
27 Smith, Council Member: Post 4 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn  
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29 **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**  
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31 **III. Public Hearing**  
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33 **1. Millage Rate – Public Hearing**  
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35 City Manager Maggie Dimov reviewed the outline of the Millage Rate scenarios based on the preliminary  
36 digest provided by Dekalb County.  
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38 *Mayor Linder opened the public hearing.*  
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40 **Public Comment 1: Eileen Smith** – Expressed disappointment that there has been no update regarding  
41 the Preliminary Digest from Dekalb County since May 15<sup>th</sup>. Discussed the calculations of the Budget  
42 Deficit and Collections. Expressed disappointment that the Millage Rate has been decided on and does  
43 not think that everything has been done.

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45 **Public Comment 2: Cheryl Dudley** – Expressed that if the governing body does nothing and keeps the  
46 current Millage Rate, the City will wind up with a 31% raise in the tax space. Feels that an incompetent  
47 administration has been created with no accountability, infrastructure, and public safety.

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49 **Public Comment 3: Ms. Thomas** – Did not provide address. Comment not a part of record.

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51 **Public Comment 4: Michael Nally** – Inquired what specific departments or projects require the  
52 additional funds, how much of the increase is for ongoing operating expenses versus one-time capital  
53 projects, if staffing benefits or salaries increased in the last year, if any non-property tax revenue sources  
54 were evaluated before proposing a Millage increase, what new revenue initiatives have been  
55 implemented in the last 5 years, and if so how much did they generate. In addition, inquired if there’s an  
56 update on the City obtaining a grant writer, how much funding was awarded versus what was requested  
57 in the last two budget cycles, what spending reductions were considered before recommending a higher  
58 Millage Rate, if any City positions have been added since 2020 and if so what’s the impact on the budget.  
59 Lastly, inquired whether the Millage Rate is approved, what measurable outcome the citizens can expect  
60 and if it is not approved, what services could be eliminated as well as if this is a one-time adjustment.

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62 **Public Comment 5: Day Joyles** – Expressed that is already tough for people with the increase in  
63 everything. Inquired what repairs are coming to the City with the Millage Rate increase. Inquired  
64 regarding grant opportunities.

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66 *Mayor Linder closed the public hearing.*

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68 **IV. Millage Rate Ordinance 2026 – First Read Only - No Action Taken**

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70 **V. Adjournment**

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72 **ACTION: MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:49 P.M.**

73 Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Seconded by Council Member: Post 4 Kay  
74 Nunez

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76 **Voting Yea:** Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan  
77 Smith, Council Member: Post 4 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn

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79 **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

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84 **Jelani Linder, Mayor**

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**City Clerk, Shavala Ames**

## CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN POLICE ACTIVITY STATISTICS

MAY 1,2026 – MAY 31,2026

ACTIVITY	SHIFT-A (DAY)	SHIFT-B (DAY)	SHIFT- C (NIGHT)	SHIFT- D (NIGHT)	TOTALS
CALLS	58	51	48	32	189
ARREST	7	5	1	13	26
CITATIONS	7	187	36	140	370
WARNING CITATIONS	9	44	14	73	140
DUI	0	0	0	0	0
VSCSA	0	0	0	0	0
PARKING CITATIONS	0	27	52	1	80
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>805</b>
INCIDENT REPORTS 189	DOMESTIC 11	ACCIDENTS 8			







# CODE ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT

MAY 2020

Item # 1.

### New Cases:

SEC. 13-66	INOPERABLE VEHICLE PROHIBITED	4
SEC. 15-1	NOISE CONTROL VIOLATION	1
SEC. 22-28 (County)	SANITATION: PREP/STORAGE OF RESIDENTIAL REFUSE	1
SEC. 5-167(B)	WORKING WITHOUT PERMIT	6
SEC. 5-267(A)	EXTERIOR PREMISES REQUIREMENT	10
SEC. 5-267(G)(2)	IMMOBILE VEHICLE PARKING PROHIBITED	1
SEC. 5-267(G6)	TRAILER/REC VEH PARKING RESTRICTIONS	1
SEC. 5-274	WEEDS, GRASS, OTHER VEGETATION	28
BLIGHT	BLIGHT INVESTIGATION	2
MISC	MISC CODE ENFORCEMENT	3
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>57</b>

### Citations Issued:

SEC. 22-28 (County)	SANITATION: PREP/STORAGE OF RESIDENTIAL REFUSE	1
SEC. 5-161	APPLICATION/PERMIT REQUIRED	1
SEC. 5-167(B)	WORKING WITHOUT PERMIT	2
SEC. 5-267(A)	EXTERIOR PREMISES REQUIREMENTS	1
SEC. 5-267(G)(1)	UNREGISTERED/UNLICENSED PARKING IN RESIDENTIAL AREA	1
SEC. 5-267(G)(2)	IMMOBILE VEHICLE PARKING PROHIBITED	1
SEC. 5-274	WEEDS, GRASS, OTHER VEGETATION	1
PARKING	PARKING VIOLATIONS	12
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>20</b>

**Roadside Signs Removed:** 54

### Blights and Nuisances:

The following properties have been designated as blighted properties. The property owners have 30 days from receipt of notification to request an appeal hearing before municipal court:

- 935 Main Street
- 900 VFW Drive
- 5470 Warnoll Street

The nuisance abatement hearing for 806 Ridge Avenue has been reset for July.



Item # 1.

# OPERATIONS REPORT

City Manager, Maggie Dimov  
May 19, 2026 - June 16, 2026

The City Manager's Operations Report offers a comprehensive overview of key activities, upcoming projects, and community events that are helping to shape the future of Stone Mountain. The report highlights interdepartmental collaboration, ongoing infrastructure improvements, and strategic initiatives designed to enhance connectivity and strengthen community engagement. The information below reflects current operations and project updates across the City of Stone Mountain.

## Municipal Court Week

In recognition of Municipal Court Week, the City of Stone Mountain proudly acknowledges the essential role the Municipal Court plays in upholding justice, ensuring due process, and serving the community with fairness and integrity. The court's daily operations reflect a strong commitment to professionalism, efficiency, and public service, supporting both residents and the overall functioning of local government.

The City extends sincere appreciation to Court Clerk Kristie Tucker and Deputy Court Clerk Esha Gordon for their continued dedication, attention to detail, and commitment to excellence in service delivery. Their work ensures the administration of court operations and contributes significantly to maintaining public trust in the municipal court system.

## City Clerk

Department Head: Shavala Ames, City Clerk

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### Business Licenses

- New licenses issued - 0
- Renewed licenses issued - 5

### JustFOIA (Open Records Requests)

45 various requests completed for the City of Stone Mountain (May 14, 2026 - June 11, 2026)

### City Clerk Update

On May 20, 2026, the Office of the City Clerk attended the annual recognition ceremony at the Georgia State Capitol, where City Clerks from across the state were acknowledged by Governor Brian Kemp for their service and contributions to local government. The event provided an opportunity to proudly represent the City of Stone Mountain, strengthen relationships with municipal professionals, and showcase the City's commitment to effective and responsive public service.



## Human Resources Update

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On June 8, 2026, City employees had the opportunity to participate in a Lunch and Learn session focused on retirement planning and benefits available through the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA). Randy Brisikin of GMA provided a comprehensive presentation that enhanced employees' understanding of their retirement options and equipped them with valuable information to support future financial planning.

This session supports the City of Stone Mountain's 2026 Governance Work Plan by promoting employee education, encouraging informed decision making, and investing in the long term well being of the City's workforce. Human Resources is pleased to offer educational opportunities that provide meaningful value to employees. By connecting staff with resources, information, and subject matter experts, the City continues to invest in the growth, development, and long term success of its workforce.



## Public Works

Department Head: Mike Helton, Public Works Director

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### **Public Works Updates / May 2026 Monthly Update**

The Public Works and Stormwater Department continued to make significant progress on regulatory compliance, infrastructure management, and daily maintenance operations throughout the City. Staff coordinated with DeKalb County Watershed Management and obtained access to the County's GIS system. This resource will help identify stormwater infrastructure ownership and maintenance responsibilities, while also providing access to information regarding water and sewer infrastructure throughout the City.

Staff completed and submitted the City's Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) to the Georgia Environmental Protection Division. The SWMP outlines how the City will meet the requirements of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit. In addition, staff finalized the City's annual MS4 Report, which documents actions taken during the previous reporting period to comply with state stormwater requirements.

Professional development and certification efforts continued during the month. Staff successfully obtained Level 1B Stormwater Certification, allowing them to conduct construction site inspections, and completed Level II Plan Review Certification. Staff also participated in the monthly Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission meeting, submitted all required weekly and monthly reports, attended the Southeast Stormwater Association webinar on stormwater innovation, and secured memberships with the Georgia Association of Water Professionals and the Southeast Stormwater Association.

Public Works and Stormwater staff responded to several citizen and Police Department concerns related to drainage and stormwater issues, including site visits at Rockborough Terrace, Ridge Avenue, Lucille Avenue, Cherrywood Drive, and Carillon Court. Staff also continued routine maintenance activities throughout the City, including drain clearing, right of way maintenance, trash and debris removal, public restroom cleaning, mowing, and weed control.

Facility maintenance and infrastructure improvements remained a priority. Public Works is working with DeKalb County to restore water service to the Medlock Park restroom and coordinating with Georgia Power to restore electrical service to the McCurdy Park restrooms. Staff also coordinated with Handyman Training School on the Depot renovation project and managed fire protection system inspections and maintenance at both the Depot and City Hall.

The Department welcomed Eric Harvey, who began serving as the City's Public Works Director in May 2026.

Public Works completed numerous roadway maintenance projects, including pothole repairs on Sheppard Road, Rockborough Drive, and 4th Street. Staff also removed trees and debris from Stoneside Drive, repaired six streetlights throughout the City, and cleared low hanging limbs obstructing sidewalks on East Mountain Street.

The Department received and addressed 14 SeeClickFix service requests involving clogged storm drains, fallen trees, roadway and right of way debris, low hanging branches, leaking fire hydrants, facility repairs, and streetlight maintenance. Staff also responded to after-hours emergencies, including a downed tree on Ridge Avenue and trash and debris control efforts on Main Street and at Leila Mason Park during Memorial Day weekend.

Additionally, Public Works and Stormwater staff have begun compiling and tracking City projects through a centralized monitoring process to improve project management and reporting capabilities.

### Department Head: Nancy Lovingood

#### June 2026 Monthly Update

**Comprehensive Plan Update** - ARC will be hosting an Open House meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5380 Studios, at 5:30pm. The community is invited to hear more about the latest updates and provide feedback.

\*\*October 20th - City Council adoption of 2026 Comprehensive Plan\*\*

**Historical Survey** - The Historic District Survey is scheduled for June 15 and 16. During this effort, every property within the Historic District will be surveyed. Staff and consultants will collect data regarding property conditions and will take at least two photographs of each property to support the survey documentation. (Staff is preparing the flyers/announcement to the public that will be listed on the website and in social media).

## Permits

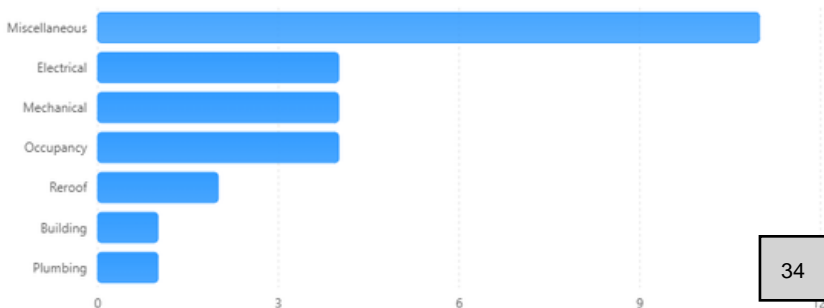
### Contractor: Permit Service Group

#### May 2026 Permit Activity Summary

During May 2026, the City issued 27 permits with total permit revenue of \$7,500.77. Miscellaneous permits accounted for the largest share of permit activity, followed by electrical, mechanical, and occupancy permits. The continued level of permitting activity reflects ongoing residential and commercial investment throughout the City.

#### May 2026 Permit Activity

Permits issued by category during May 2026. Total permits issued: 27.



## Court Services

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### Department Head: Kristie Tucker

#### Monthly Report: April 2026

\*Code Calendar was held on April 16, 2026, at 9 am  
15 defendants were scheduled with 18 total citations  
1 defendant failed to appear and notice was sent

\*Arrestment calendar- April 23, 2026, at 9 am  
73 defendants were scheduled with 97 total citations  
3 defendants failed to appear and notice was sent, 2 of those had failed to appear prior so a warrant was issued

\*Trial/Compliance calendar- April 23, 2026, at 1 pm  
27 defendants were scheduled with 40 citations  
All cases reached resolution with 0 trials held  
2 defendants failed to appear and had failed to appear prior, so a warrant was issued  
Probation held 6 revocation hearings

\*Amnesty calendar- April 30, 2026, at 9 am  
66 defendants were scheduled with 94 total citations  
2 defendants failed to appear and had failed to appear prior, so a warrant was issued

Misc.

We held 3 inmate court sessions throughout the month for arrests made

#### FINAL AMNESTY STATS:

Amnesty ran for the month of March and those who had to come to court attended court on April 30, 2026, at 9 am.

59 citations were handled during the Amnesty period.

47 were paid in full

9 were placed on probation

3 are returning in July with an opportunity to complete a driver's education course.

All have had their driving privileges restored and warrants cleared if necessary.

#### Monthly Report: May 2026

\*No Code Calendar was held for the month May

\*Arrestment calendar- May 21, 2026, at 9 am  
77 defendants were scheduled with 103 total citations  
10 defendants failed to appear and notice was sent, 4 of those had failed to appear prior so a warrant was issued

\*Trial/Compliance calendar- May 21, 2026, at 9 am  
25 defendants were scheduled with 41 citations  
All cases reached resolution with 0 trials held  
1 defendant failed to appear and had failed to appear prior, a warrant was issued  
Probation held 10 revocation hearings

Misc.

We held 7 inmate court sessions throughout the month for arrests made

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- **Lawn on Main Project**

The City is in the process of finalizing the agreement with JLL, for the Lawn on Main project.

- **Street Paving**

At its most recent Council meeting, Mayor and Council approved the contractor to proceed with paving improvements on Ridgemere Drive. The contractor is getting ready to start the project, and place signs/put door knockers in advance to notify the community.

- **Depot Museum**

The City and the Historic Society are partnering to host a Juneteenth celebration and educational event. As part of the program, the Historic Society will present a special exhibit at the Depot recognizing the significance of Juneteenth and its importance in American history.

The event is sponsored by DeKalb County Commissioner Mereda Davis Johnson and will feature special guests from DeKalb County, community leaders, and other distinguished speakers.

The event will be held on Friday, June 19, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Historic Depot, located at 922 Main Street, Stone Mountain, Georgia.

- **JBR/Memorial at Forest Avenue**

The City is working towards finalizing the contract with the vendor.

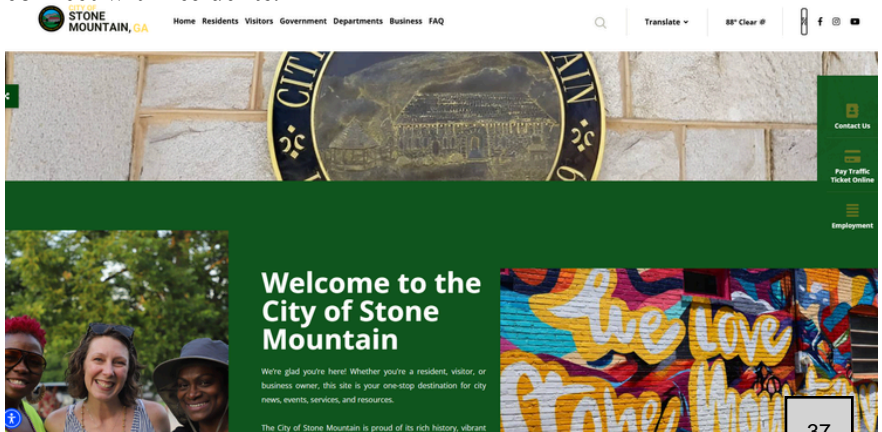
**Communications Specialist: Brionna Smith**

Communications Report for the Month of May

The City successfully launched its new website, providing residents with an improved user experience and easier access to information and services.

Social media performance continues to trend positively, with overall views increasing by more than 13,000 during the reporting period. Engagement across the City's social media platforms remains strong, indicating continued growth in audience reach and community awareness.

Current communications efforts are focused on promoting the City's Juneteenth celebration and encouraging community participation in upcoming events and activities. Overall, the City's digital communications presence is performing well and continues to effectively connect with residents.



THE CITY OF  
**STONE MOUNTAIN**

# JUNETEENTH

## *Celebration*

HONORING OUR PAST • CELEBRATING OUR FREEDOM • INSPIRING OUR FUTURE



JOIN US

FRIDAY

**JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup>**



**5:00 PM - 7:00 PM**



922 Main Street,  
Stone Mountain, GA 30083

**FREEDOM. UNITY. COMMUNITY.**

*Together We Thrive.*



# Around the City with Mayor and Council

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**City of Stone Mountain, Georgia**  
**Budget Expenditure Analysis**  
**As of April 30, 2026**  
**April Budget Analysis**

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	AMENDED BUDGET	2026 Expended YTD	% of BUDGET	Remaining BALANCE	Variance from Target	Variance Information
<b>REVENUE SUMMARY</b>							
TAXES	\$ 5,910,372.00	\$ 5,910,372.00	\$ 654,564.23	11.07%	\$ 5,255,808.00		
LICENSES & PERMITS	\$ 154,919.00	\$ 154,919.00	\$ 76,534.27	49.40%	\$ 78,385.00		
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES	\$ 107,000.00	\$ 107,000.00	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 107,000.00		
CHARGES FOR SERVICE	\$ 12,400.00	\$ 12,400.00	\$ 4,985.00	40.20%	\$ 7,415.00		
FINES & FORFEITURES	\$ 430,000.00	\$ 430,000.00	\$ 128,113.80	29.79%	\$ 301,886.00		
INVESTMENT INCOME	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 75,000.00		
CONTRIBUTIONS-PRIV SRCS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%	\$ -		
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	\$ 40,500.00	\$ 40,500.00	\$ 47.84	12.00%	\$ 40,452.00		
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,100.00	22.00%	\$ 3,900.00		
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 6,735,191.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,735,191.00</b>	<b>\$ 865,345.14</b>		<b>\$ 5,869,846.00</b>		
<b>EXPENDITURE SUMMARY</b>							
			<b>4 months average:</b>	<b>33.33%</b>			
TOTAL CC Post 4	\$ 20,618.00	\$ 20,618.00	\$ 1,076.50	5.22%	\$ 19,542.00	-28.11%	Personal Services (PS) expenditures are currently skewed due to payroll allocations for the Mayor and six Council seats. Finance is working with HR to review and correct coding allocations
TOTAL CC Post 6	\$ 20,618.00	\$ 20,618.00	\$ -	0.00%	\$ 20,618.00	-33.33%	
TOTAL Mayor	\$ 38,036.00	\$ 38,036.00	\$ 8,845.96	23.26%	\$ 29,190.00	-10.07%	
TOTAL CC Post 3	\$ 20,618.00	\$ 20,618.00	\$ 7,535.50	36.55%	\$ 13,083.00	3.22%	
TOTAL CC Post 5	\$ 20,618.00	\$ 20,618.00	\$ 4,306.00	20.88%	\$ 16,312.00	-12.45%	
TOTAL CC Post 2	\$ 20,618.00	\$ 20,618.00	\$ 6,459.00	31.33%	\$ 14,159.00	-2.00%	
TOTAL CC Post 1	\$ 20,618.00	\$ 20,618.00	\$ 3,229.50	15.66%	\$ 17,389.00	-17.67%	

	ORIGINAL	AMENDED	2026 Expended	% of	Remaining	Variance from	Variance
	BUDGET	BUDGET	YTD	BUDGET	BALANCE	Target	Information
TOTAL Administration	\$ 1,500,741.00	\$ 1,500,741.00	\$ 414,128.37	27.86%	\$ 1,082,571.00	-5.47%	
TOTAL Buildings	\$ 107,700.00	\$ 107,700.00	\$ 38,982.29	36.32%	\$ 68,586.00	2.99%	Purchased and Contracted Services: 36.32%
TOTAL General Government	\$ 975,070.00	\$ 975,070.00	\$ 393,810.37	40.39%	\$ 581,260.00	7.06%	PS & Benefits: 57.5% Supplies: 142.10% Other Costs: 46.48%
TOTAL Court	\$ 322,771.00	\$ 322,771.00	\$ 88,973.44	27.58%	\$ 233,736.00	-5.75%	
TOTAL Public Safety	\$ 2,693,045.00	\$ 2,693,045.00	\$ 937,463.30	35.52%	\$ 1,736,367.00	2.19%	PS & Benefits: 36.5% Purchased & Contracted Svcs: 48.84% Other Costs: 39.83% Public Safety expenditures exceed the straight line benchmark and will continue to be monitored.
TOTAL Public Works	\$ 826,196.00	\$ 826,196.00	\$ 236,958.78	28.74%	\$ 588,782.00	-4.59%	
TOTAL Parks	\$ 20,200.00	\$ 20,200.00	\$ 3,742.79	18.53%	\$ 16,457.00	-14.80%	
TOTAL Debt Service	\$ 127,724.00	\$ 127,724.00	\$ 105,611.03	82.69%	\$ 22,113.00	49.36%	1st Annual Debt Payment has been made
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 6,735,191.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,735,191.00</b>	<b>\$ 25,551,122.83</b>		<b>\$ 4,460,164.00</b>		

**STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF DEKALB**

**ORDINANCE 2026-11**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA, CONCERNING 5406 EAST MOUNTAIN STREET (PARCEL ID #1808926006) APPROVING A VARIANCE REQUEST REGARDING COMMERCIAL SIGNAGE TO ALLOW FOR TWO GROUND SIGNS AND ONE WALL SIGN**

This is an Ordinance ("Ordinance") to amend Appendix A Zoning Code of Ordinances ("Code") of the City of Stone Mountain, Georgia ("City") enacted by the City to its authority under the laws of Georgia Zoning Procedures Law O.C.G.A. Title 36, Chapter 66;

**WHEREAS**, on April 20, 2026, the Planning Commission ("Commission") held a public meeting on four variance applications treated as one variance application for a variance to allow an 80' x 48' wooden ground sign, a 60' x 48' ground sign, and two 10' x 96' wall signs located at 5406 East Mountain Street (Parcel ID # 1808926006) requesting an amendment to the Code and to the Zoning Map relating to the subject property more particularly shown in Exhibit A ("Variance Application"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission thereafter recommended granting the Variance Application in part and denying the Variance Application in part to allow for the two ground signs and only one wall sign on the front side of the building facing/adjacent to East Mountain Street and to deny the wall sign facing/adjacent to 4th Street; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 16, 2026, the Mayor and City Council ("Council") held a public hearing on the Variance Application; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council thereafter approved the Commission's recommendations, with approval of two ground signs and one wall sign on the front side of the building facing/adjacent to East Mountain Street, where the wall sign shall facing/adjacent to 4th Street was denied.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council meeting in regular session, that the Code and Zoning Map are hereby amended as follows:

1. 5406 East Mountain Street (Parcel ID # 1808926006) will be governed by the provisions and conditions of this ordinance except as modified, revised, or amended in accordance with Sec 2-1 of the Code and applicable Georgia law.
2. 5406 East Mountain Street (Parcel ID # 1808926006) will continue to be governed by the provisions of the underlying zoning district or Office Professional/Industrial (OPI), except as modified, revised, or amended in accordance with Sec 2-1 of the Code and applicable Georgia law.

- 3. The Variance Application is hereby approved in part, as follows:
  - A. The 80 x 48' wooden ground sign is approved.
  - B. The 60' x 48' ground sign is approved
  - C. The 10' x 96' wall sign on the front side of the building facing/adjacent to East Mountain Street is approved.
  - D. The 10' x 96' wall sign shall facing/adjacent to 4th Street is denied.
  - E. All approved signs shall be located in the general position as set forth in Exhibit B.

BE FURTHER RESOLVED that this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption, this 16th day of June 2026.

CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA  
Approved:

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Jelani Linder, Mayor

ATTEST:

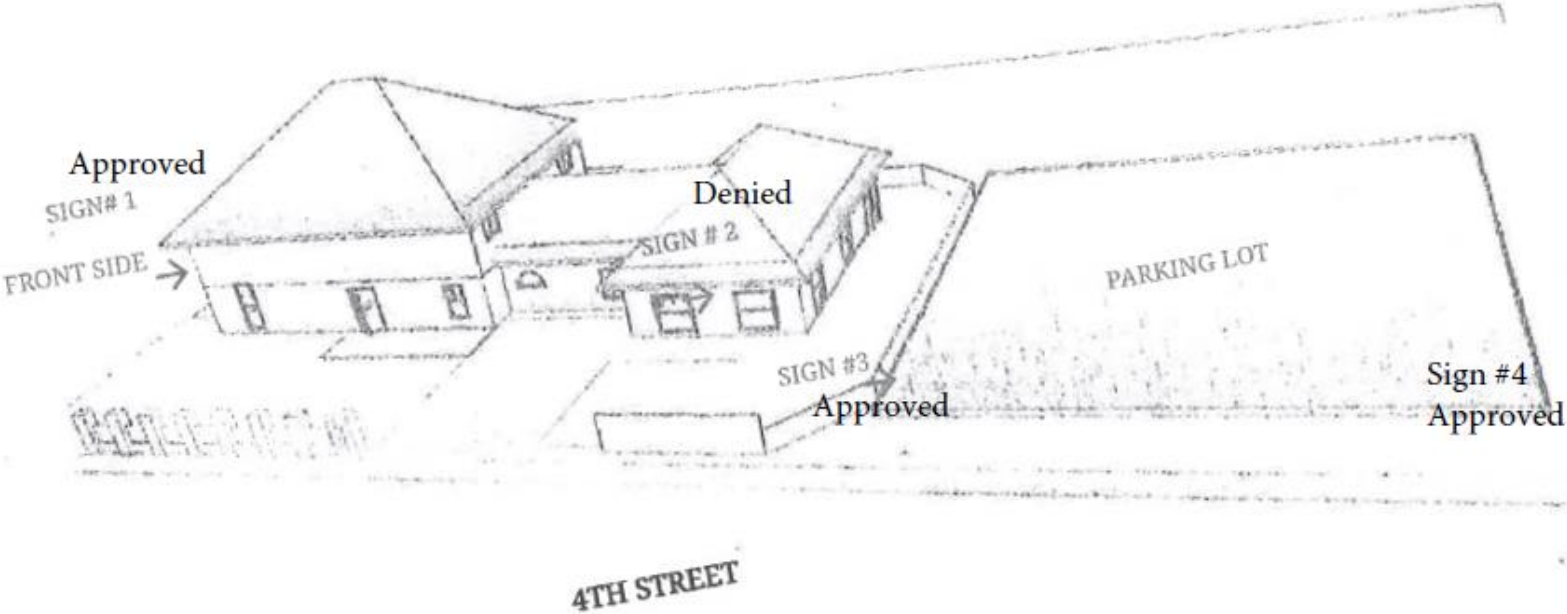
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Shavala Ames, City Clerk

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Angela C. Couch, City Attorney



EXHIBIT B TO ORDINANCE 2026-11



**STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF DEKALB**

**ORDINANCE 2026-12**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA TO AMEND ARTICLE III OF CHAPTER 2 (PURCHASING) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA**

**WHEREAS**, the authority of a City Council and its members is delegated by the Georgia General Assembly through the passage of general state laws applicable to all municipalities and elected officials (e.g., state statutes) and local laws specific to a particular jurisdiction or entity (e.g., a city's charter); and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Stone Mountain (the "City") currently operates under a charter that was passed by the Georgia General Assembly and ratified by the City's voters in 2009 (the "Charter") (see Ga. Laws 2009, p. 4108); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the City's Charter, Sec. 2.10, the legislative authority of the government of the City is vested in the City Council which is comprised of a mayor and six councilmembers; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the City's Charter, Sec. 2.16, and other laws of the State of Georgia (e.g., O.C.G.A. § 36-35-3), except as otherwise provided by law or in the Charter, the City Council is vested with all the powers of government of the City and 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**, pursuant to the City's Charter, Sec. 2.29, the City Manager is the chief executive and administrative officer of the City with the power and duty to, among other things, direct and supervise the administration of all departments, offices, and agencies of the City, except as otherwise provided by the Charter or by law; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the City's Charter, Sec. 1.12(b)(2), the powers of the City shall be construed liberally in favor of the City and shall include, but not be limited to, making appropriations for the support of the government of the City, to authorize the expenditure of money for any purposes authorized by the City's Charter and for any purpose for which a municipality is authorized by the laws of the State of Georgia, and to provide for the payment of expenses of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, after review of the purchasing ordinance, it was determined that same was outdated and restricted efficient administration of the City's financial affairs.

**NOW THEREFORE**, it is hereby ordained by the governing authority of the City of Stone Mountain that the sections of Article III of Chapter 2 of the Code of the City of Stone Mountain shall be amended as set forth below. All provisions in said Article not otherwise changed herein shall remain as currently set forth. All ordinances, parts of ordinances, or regulations in conflict herewith are hereby repealed. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption.

**Sec. 2-55. Functions of the departments.**

- (a) Departments should plan their work so that "rush orders" and emergencies will be held to a minimum. Requests should be forwarded to the purchasing department far enough in advance to allow sufficient time for delivery.
- (b) Departments should assist the purchasing department by suggesting the names of vendors that have access to particular items being requested, especially items of a technical nature. However, the purchasing department is in no way confined to the vendors suggested. The purchasing department maintains a list of vendors and any responsible firm may be added to that list upon application by telephone or mail.
- (c) The city is not obligated to purchase equipment or accessories that are delivered for use on a "trial" basis.
- (d) Department Heads may be provided purchasing cards, but individual departments or employees cannot independently and directly buy goods or services over \$500 without authority from the purchasing officer, city manager, finance department, or council, depending on the purchase, as set forth in this Article.
- (e) No city employee shall purchase supplies, material or equipment of any kind for personal use.
- (f) Department heads will be called upon to assist in writing specifications for bids. Specifications should not be written which are considered "closed" (written around one (1) specific brand). Brand names, model numbers, etc., may be submitted as a guideline as to the type and quality of merchandise desired. However, the wording "or approved equal" will always be added so as not to discriminate against any vendor's merchandise. Competition must be kept in mind throughout the writing of specifications.

**Sec. 2-56. Purchasing procedures.**

- (a) *Budgeted Items.* The purchasing procedures to be followed by the city based on the dollar amount of the budgeted purchase are as follows, unless under state contract (note: these procedures apply on a per item basis); state contract bidding should be used if available.
  - (1) *Up to two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) and line item budgeted*—direct purchase by the purchasing agent.
  - (2) *Two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) and line item budgeted*—minimum of three (3) email or fax quotations to be evaluated by the appropriate department head and approved by the city manager.
  - (3) *Five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) up to twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) and line item budgeted*—minimum of three (3) formal, written quotations and submitted to the city manager. Quotations and award to be recorded and filed with the city Clerk.
  - (4) *Twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) up to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) and budgeted*—minimum of three (3) formal, written quotations. Purchasing agent and city manager make recommendation to city council who awards the purchase. Quotations and award to be recorded and filed with the city Clerk.
  - (5) *Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) and above and budgeted*—requires advertised solicitation of formal, sealed bids. Purchasing agent and city manager make recommendation to city council who awards the bid. Solicitation, bids, bid evaluations, and award to be recorded and filed with the city Clerk.
  - (6) *Budgeted vehicles, regardless of cost* —direct purchase from state contract, by department heads with city manager approval. If purchase from state contract not possible

(7) *Exceptions*—The requirements of (a)(1)-(5) above shall not apply to public road contracts (as defined in O.C.G.A. Title 32) or public works construction contracts (as defined in O.C.G.A. Title 36).

(b) *Nonbudgeted items.* The purchasing procedures to be followed by the city based on the dollar amount of the non-budgeted purchase are as follows:

(1) *Up to three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500.00)* — direct purchase by the purchasing agent after minimum of three (3) email or fax quotations.

(2) *Three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500.00) up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00)* – approval by city Council after minimum of three (3) email or fax quotations. Quotations and award to be recorded and filed with the city Clerk.

(3) *Five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) up to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00)* – approval by city Council after minimum of three (3) formal, written quotations. Quotations and award to be recorded and filed with the city Clerk.

(4) *Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) and above* —approval by city Council after advertised solicitation of formal, sealed bids. Solicitation, bids, bid evaluations, and award to be recorded and filed with the city Clerk.

(c) *Professional services.*

(1) city council may appoint vendors for professional services annually based upon qualifications and experience of the respective vendors. These professional services shall include, but not be limited to, auditor, attorney, solicitor, judge, judge pro tem, engineers, architects, and surveyors.

(2) For professional services to be performed for less than annual basis and that are budgeted, procedures in subsection (a) shall be followed, depending on the estimated costs of the services.

(3) For professional services to be performed for less than annual basis and that are not budgeted, procedures in subsection (b) shall be followed, depending on the estimated costs of the services.

(d) *Bond and insurance requirements.*

(1) Public road project contracts over five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) require performance bond and payment bond as well as public liability and property damage insurance bonds or policies, and bonds to maintain in good condition; such completed construction for a period of not less than five (5) years, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 32-4-119. The amount of insurance depends on the size of the project.

(2) Public works contracts over one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) require a bid bond, performance bond, and payment bond in accordance with O.C.G.A. §§ 36-91-50, 36-91-70 and 36-91-90, respectively.

(3) Any contractor entering a contract with the city must carry a worker's compensation policy at the minimum statutory limit, unless such contractor is exempt under O.C.G.A. § 34-9-1 et seq.

(4) Licensed professionals contracting with the city for services in the amount of forty thousand dollars (\$40,000.00) or more must provide professional liability coverage of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00).

### **Sec. 2-59. Emergency purchases.**

In all cases where there is immediate need for any services, materials, supplies, goods, wares or merchandise by any department, such department must advise the city manager, and if he cannot be located, the officer or employee must immediately notify the mayor or mayor pro tem. Approval of an emergency purchase may be made only by the mayor or mayor pro tem.

### **Sec. 2-62. Sole/Single Source.**

A contract may be awarded or a purchase made without competition when the city determines that there is only one source for the required products, services, or items. The city manager, in consultation with the city Attorney may determine that there exists only a sole vendor or single source for the product, service, or item. The determination will be limited to a specific time frame and/or project and will be effective for no more than three (3) fiscal years (initial year is the fiscal year of approval; expiration occurs at the end of the third fiscal year). The city Manager will maintain a listing of sole source and single source vendors to be filed and recorded with the city Clerk. Once a vendor has been deemed sole source or single source, the city may procure goods or services from this vendor without the need for quotes or bids.

### **Sec. 2-63. Cooperative Purchasing.**

The city manager may acquire goods, services, and professional services by direct negotiation or other method involving limited or no competition from a supplier having a requirements contract/annual agreement with any public entity (e.g. federal, state, county, city, authority, school board, buying cooperative, etc.) at prices or discounts no less favorable than any set forth in such contracts, provided however, that such contract was the product of a competitive bid process if such process is required under this Article for the type of purchase being made. The city manager may participate in, sponsor, conduct or administer a cooperative purchasing agreement for procurement (e.g. Omnia Partners, Sourcewell, NASPO, SAVVIK, etc.) including “piggybacking” on governmental (e.g. local, state, national, etc.) and authority (GDOT, transportation, utility and or development authorities, etc.) contracts; provided however, that such agreement was the product of a competitive bid process if such process is required under this Article for the type of purchase being made. Prior to the city making a purchase through “piggybacking” or cooperative purchasing, the city manager must verify that the original contract states that it is subject to cooperative purchasing and/or intergovernmental agreements or obtain written consent from the vendor and the original public agency for the cooperative purchasing/”piggybacking” by the city. Cooperative purchasing agreements assist local governments in reducing the cost of purchased goods and services through pooling the purchasing power of multiple public agencies. Due to the nature of cooperative purchasing agreements, competition has been established so additional quotes, bids, or proposals are not required. However, approval requirements as set forth in this Article are still in effect.

### **Sec. 2-64. Ethical Considerations and Conflict of Interest**

Each person involved in the purchasing process must adhere to the highest standard of ethics and avoid any appearance that their actions are motivated by private or personal interest. Actions such as the acceptance of gratuities or kickbacks are expressly prohibited. Unethical actions by employees or vendors will not be tolerated.

The following principles are to be maintained:

Consider the best interest of the city in all transactions;

Purchase without prejudice, and follow defined processes and procedures seeking to obtain the best value for each dollar expenditure in accordance with required quality standards;

Subscribe to and demonstrate honesty and truth in purchasing and avoid all forms of conflict of interest, as well as the appearance of such conflicts of interest;

Avoid all unethical practices and appearance of the same, including the improper or unlawful attempt to influence the outcome of the purchasing process; and

Strive consistently for knowledge of materials and supplies required for use by the city.

Employees will avoid activities which would compromise or give the perception of compromising the best interests of the city. Employees will not knowingly use confidential proprietary information for actual or anticipated personal gain.

Employees will avoid any activity that would create a conflict between their personal interest and the interest of the city. Conflicts exist in any relationship where a person is not acting in the city’s best interest and may be acting in their own interest or the interest of someone associated with them. Such conflicts of interest would include being involved in any purchasing in which:

The employee or any member of the employee’s family has a financial interest pertaining to the city purchasing process;

A business or organization in which the employee, or any member of the employee’s family, has a financial interest pertaining to the city purchasing process, or

Any other person, business, or organization with whom the employees or a member of the employee’s family is negotiating or has an arrangement concerning prospective employment.

If such conflicts of interest exist, the employee will notify the city manager in writing and will remove him/herself from the purchasing process.

Employees will avoid the appearance of unethical or compromising practices in relationship, actions, and communications regarding the purchasing process.

Employees will never solicit or accept money, loans, gifts, favors, or anything of value, from present or potential contractors which might influence or appear to influence a purchasing decision by a government official. If anyone is in doubt about whether a specific transaction complies with this policy, the person should disclose the transaction to the city manager or the city attorney for a determination of compliance.

Any city employee found in violation of this Article will face disciplinary action pursuant to established policy/procedures.

**SO ORDAINED THIS 16TH DAY OF JUNE, 2026.**

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Jelani Linder, Mayor

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Shavala Ames, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Angela C. Couch, City Attorney

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF DEKALB

ORDINANCE 2026-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA, OFFICIALLY SETTING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING 2026-2027 PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE AT 17.500 MILLS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the City of Stone Mountain is required by O.C.G.A. § 48-5-32.1 to adopt a millage rate after satisfying the advertising and public hearing requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Stone Mountain has met the advertisement and public hearing requirements set forth in O.C.G.A. § 48- 5-32.1; and

WHEREAS, the property tax bills can only be issued after the millage rate has been set;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1. Adoption of Millage Rate.** The Mayor and Council hereby adopt the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Millage Rate in the amount of 17.500 mills ad valorem taxes.

**Section 2. Filing Copies of this Ordinance.** The City Manager is authorized and directed to file a copy of this Ordinance in the Office of the City Clerk where it shall be certified and made available for public inspection.

**Section 3. Severability.** If any section, part, or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any other portion of this ordinance, and all parts, sections, whereas clauses, and other provisions of this ordinance shall be severable.

**Section 4. Effective date.** This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption. Resolved this 16th day of June, 2026.

CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA

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Jelani Linder, Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shavala Ames, City Clerk

[Affix City Seal]

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Angela Couch, City Attorney



<b>Date:</b>	June 11, 2026	<b>City Council Meeting Date:</b>	June 16, 2026
<b>From:</b>	Lt. Bob Hillis	<b>Department:</b>	Police
<b>Goal:</b>	Public Safety	<b>Presenter:</b>	Chief J. Westerfield
<b>Agenda Title:</b>	<b>Consideration of an action to establish a bank account for the deposit and dispersal of funds derived from the Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture Program, name signatories, and establish accounting fund code(s)</b>		
<b>Audio/Visual Presentation:</b>	Yes/No/NA		

<b>Agenda Item Description (Background/History/Details):</b>
The Stone Mountain Police Department is a participant in the U.S. Department of Justice’s Asset Forfeiture Program. As such, the Department is in need of a separate bank account, signatories, accounting codes for the use of these proceeds.
<b>Workplan Goal Details:</b> Public Safety – Improve public safety by accessing resources available from the Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture Program for the purchase of additional police equipment and training.

<b>Staff Recommendations (Motion):</b>
Staff recommends the following: “ <b>Approve of Resolution 2026-11 authorizing the establishment of a bank account for the deposit and dispersal of funds derived from the Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture Program, naming signatories, and establishing accounting fund code(s)</b> ”

<b>Department Head Approval:</b>	James R. Westerfield, Jr.
<b>City Manager Approval:</b>	Miglana Dimov

<b>Mayor’s Signature Required:</b>	YES	NO
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<b>List Attachments:</b>
Proposed Resolution

**Financial Information (MUST BE COMPLETE & PRE-APPROVED BY CITY MANAGER)**

Budgeted Yes/No	Fund Name & Code	Current Balance	Requested Allocation	City Manager’s Initials
No	N/A	N/A	N/A	MD

**STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF DEKALB**

**RESOLUTION 2026-11**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA, REGARDING CREATION OF DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ASSET FORFEITURE PROGRAM BANK ACCOUNT, MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES, AND AUTHORITIES**

**WHEREAS**, the authority of a City Council and its members is delegated by the Georgia General Assembly through the passage of general state laws applicable to all municipalities and elected officials (e.g., state statutes) and local laws specific to a particular jurisdiction or entity (e.g., a city's charter); and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Stone Mountain (the "City") currently operates under a charter that was passed by the Georgia General Assembly and ratified by the City's voters in 2009 (the "Charter") (see Ga. Laws 2009, p. 4108); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the City's Charter, Sec. 2.10, the legislative authority of the government of the City is vested in the City Council which is comprised of a mayor and six councilmembers; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the City's Charter, Sec. 2.16, and other laws of the State of Georgia (e.g., O.C.G.A. § 36-35-3), except as otherwise provided by law or in the Charter, the City Council is vested with all the powers of government of the City and 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**, pursuant to the City's Charter, Sec. 2.29, the City Manager is the chief executive and administrative officer of the City with the power and duty to, among other things, direct and supervise the administration of all departments, offices, and agencies of the City, except as otherwise provided by the Charter or by law; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the City's Charter, Sec. 1.12(b)(2), the powers of the City shall be construed liberally in favor of the City and shall include, but not be limited to, making appropriations for the support of the government of the City, to authorize the expenditure of money for any purposes authorized by the City's Charter and for any purpose for which a municipality is authorized by the laws of the State of Georgia, and to provide for the payment of expenses of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Stone Mountain Police Department participates in the Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the City must abide by federal laws and regulations governing the Asset Forfeiture Program, and

**WHEREAS**, the current program guidance mandates that separate bank accounts be maintained and/or unique account codes be established for Department Justice and Treasury Department funds.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and Council of the City of Stone Mountain, Georgia, this 16th day of June, 2026, as follows:

1. That Truist Bank is presently recognized and confirmed as the designated depository institution for the City; and
2. That the City Management staff is hereby authorized to open an account with Truist Bank for the sole use of proceeds and expenditures related to the Asset Forfeiture Program; and
3. That said account shall have the following requirements:
  - a. Each check shall bear the signature of James R. Westerfield, Jr., Stone Mountain Chief of Police;
  - b. Checks in excess of one thousand dollars (\$1000.00) shall also bear the signature of Miglena Dimov, Stone Mountain City Manager;
  - c. The City’s Police Department’s Asset Forfeiture Program Administrator, Lt. William R. Hillis, and the City’s Finance Director, Michelle Uran, shall be granted non-signatory (read-only) account access for the purposes of administration, account reconciliation, audit, and open records; and
4. That the City’s Finance Department shall establish accounting fund and line item codes to ensure Asset Forfeiture Program funds and expenditures are not comingled with other City funds and accounts; and
5. That any expenditures from the Asset Forfeiture Program account shall follow the City’s purchasing policies and procedures, but any expenditure must be approved by the Chief of Police; and
6. That this Asset Forfeiture Program account and all related accounting records are subject to audit process established for all other City accounts and those mandated by the Asset Forfeiture Program; and
7. That no funds from this Asset Forfeiture Program account shall be used to replace or supplant the Police Department’s appropriated resources; and
8. That a copy of this Resolution be delivered to Truist Bank with the request that Truist Bank keep a copy of this Resolution in any and all files related to the City.

SO RESOLVED this 16th day of June, 2026.

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Jelani Linder, Mayor

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Shavala Ames, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

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Angela C. Couch, City Attorney