



Mayor and City Council Work Session

Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 6:30 PM
City Hall, 875 Main Street, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30083

Agenda

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

Comments from the Public

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

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.

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

1. Consideration of an action on a request to approve May 5, 2026 meeting minutes, requested by the City Clerk Shavala Ames. **Goal - Governance**

VI. **Reading of Communications**

1. April 2026 Employee of the Month
2. Public Safety Employee Recognition
3. Special Leadership Recognition

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

VIII. **Committee Discussion Items**

1. Stone Mountain Community Garden
2. Planning Commission
3. Historic Preservation Commission
4. Economic Development/DDA

IX. **Staff Reports**

1. Public Safety- Police Chief- James Westerfield Jr

X. **City Manager's Report**

1. Operations Report - City Manager - Miglena Dimov

XI. **Council Policy Discussion Topics**

XII. **Unfinished Business**

1. Consideration and Selection of Finalist - Development Advisory Services for The Lawn on Main Project

XIII. **New Business**

1. Consideration of an action on a request to enter into an agreement with Dekalb County Visitors Bureau, requested by City Manager Maggie Dimov. **Goal - Economic Development and Tourism**
2. Consideration of an action on a request to appoint Voting Delegates for the Georgia Municipal Association Annual Business Meeting to be held on June 28, 2026 in Savannah, Georgia, requested by City Clerk Shavala Ames. **Goal – Governance**
3. Consideration of an action on a request to set the Public Hearing Dates for the proposed Millage Rate, requested by City Clerk Shavala Ames. **Goal – Governance**
4. Consideration of an action on a request to approve Professional Consulting Services for the Planning Department, based on the proposal/quote received from the Sumter consultant requested by City Manager Maggie Dimov.

XIV. **New Ordinances and Resolutions**

1. Ordinance 2026-06 - Sale of City Property Amendment - Requested by Lt. Bob Hillis. **Goal - Governance (FIRST READ)**
2. Resolution 2026-08 - Budget Amendment General Fund - Requested by City Manager Maggie Dimov. **Goal - Governance**
3. Resolution 2026-09 - Budget Amendment Visitor Center Fund - Requested by City Manager Maggie Dimov. **Goal - Governance**
4. Resolution 2026-10 - Budget Amendment Stormwater Fund - Requested by City Manager Maggie Dimov. **Goal - Governance**

XV. **Remarks of Privilege**

1. Discussion Item: Parks Operations and Hours of Access, requested by Council Member Hub Jordan

XVI. **Announcements by The Mayor**

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

XVIII. **Adjournment**



Mayor and City Council Regular Session Minutes

Tuesday, May 05, 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: Council**
2 **Member Anita Bass | Post 2: Council Member Mark Marianos | Post 4: Council Member Kay Nunez**
3 **| Post 5: Council Member Hub Jordan | Post 6: Council Member Elaine Vaughn**

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5 **Staff: Maggie Dimov - City Manager/Economic Development Director/DDA | Shavala Ames - City**
6 **Clerk/Human Resources | Angela Couch - City Attorney**

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

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11 **I. Call to Order**

12 Mayor Linder called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

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14 **II. Determination of Quorum**

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

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19 **III. 30 Second Moment of Silence and Pledge**

20 Mayor Linder led a 30-second moment of silence, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

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22 **IV. Citizen Comments – Including comments from public/stakeholders (3 minutes per**
23 **comment)**

24 **Citizen Comment 1: Cheryl Hudley** – Stated that comments were on behalf of Joan Monroe.
25 Expressed that creating ways in which to conceal, or erase, or misconstrue public comments is
26 illegal. The public must be heard. Misdocumenting what is said is illegal and refusal to have public
27 comments audible is also a violation of the law. Citizens’ comments are to be accurately reported.
28 Discussed details regarding the ordinances. Expressed that the Loitering Ordinance was great.
29 Supports the Curfew Ordinance - anything that makes the City safer. The Urban Camping Ordinance
30 expressed concerns regarding the hour and a half time limit. The City may be violating people's 8th
31 amendment rights. is open to interpretation. Hopes the Police Department will be like good people
32 and not like ICE

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34 **Citizen Comment 2: Ginger Criswell** – Discussed details of a shooting on Saturday night at Willow
35 Lake apartment area. Shortly after that there was a street takeover of JBR. That’s a place that they
36 like to do because they can escape down 78. Expressed concerns about being a senior citizen who
37 has 2 apartments that rely on having good tenants. The incident disturbed tenant in the back - it’s
38 not conducive to people wanting to live in a place where that type of thing is going on. Urged the
39 County to annex Memorial Drive to have some rights there to deal with drug activity, graffiti and

garbage issues. Commissioner Chakira Johnson has been good about cleaning up trash. Need cameras at the intersection, it's very dangerous and accidents happen there all the time. Forest Street, shrubs need to be cleaned out from street, two cars cannot pass at the same time.

Citizen Comment 3: Karylyn Sanderson – Stated that her Pastor said that anytime you have to have a difficult conversation to try to get into the shoes of the people that you're addressing. Does not claim to understand what your job in government involves. Expressed concerns regarding housing insecurities, hunger, schools closing. Discussed working in the community garden because it may be a food source one day to feed neighbors and herself. Wants to make sure that we have spaces to open conversation and see complaints addressed and dealt with in real time is very important because our cities are changing so rapidly. Discussed speaking up to represent those who have been unhoused. People will likely retreat to parks to be in shaded areas. They cannot be stuck in their homes with no places to go. Mentioned schools that are closing because kids are afraid to go to school because of ICE. We have asked for Ordinances from our leaders to make sure that people feel safe travelling and to move. Discussed the cost of gas and transportations issues, food desserts and medical desserts. Expressed concern of spending on tourism, Mardi Gras parties, and roads instead of feeding people. Urged the Council to be proactive and not just taking cumulative measures investing in lights and surveillance so when these people who are desperate are forced to steal, there will be cameras and equipment in place.

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

1. Consideration of an action on a request to approve April 7, 2026 Meeting Minutes

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE APRIL 7, 2026 MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED

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, and Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

2. Consideration of an action on a request to approve April 21, 2026 Meeting Minutes

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE APRIL 21, 2026 MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED

Motion made by Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, 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, and Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

VI. **Reading of Communications**

- 1. Proclamation - National Court Employee Appreciation Week - May 3-9, 2026
- 2. Proclamation - Municipal Clerks Week - May 3-9, 2026
- 3. Proclamation - National Police Week - May 10-16, 2026
- 4. Proclamation - National Public Works Week - May 17–23, 2026
- 5. Proclamation – Economic Development Week – May 4-8, 2026

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

ACTION: MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA OF THE DAY WITH THE AMENDED CHANGE TO MOVE ORDINANCE 2026-03 AFTER THE CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

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 5 Hub Jordan, Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

VIII. City Manager's Report

- 1. Operations Report – City Manager Maggie Dimov – reviewed report as outlined in the meeting packet.
- 2. Ordinance 2026-03 Urban Camping – Second Reading

Terry Tucker with Frontline provided a presentation regarding the services offered through an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with DeKalb County that benefit the City of Stone Mountain. The presentation included information on outreach efforts, available resources, and Frontline's approach to addressing homelessness through long-term solutions focused on connecting individuals with supportive services and permanent housing opportunities.

City Council discussed several concerns related to the proposed Urban Camping Ordinance, including the importance of proper officer training and ensuring that enforcement efforts are handled appropriately and consistently. Additional discussion included partnering with churches and community organizations to provide support resources, addressing mental health concerns among vulnerable populations, and balancing public safety and crime prevention efforts with compassionate community-based solutions.

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2026-03 NEW URBAN CAMPING

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. Discussion update on SPLOST I, SPLOST II, and ARPA.

Michelle Uran, the Finance Consultant for the City of Stone Mountain, came forward to provide an overview of the City's major capital funding sources and what funding is currently available. The overview included information regarding 2025 activity, reconciliation across funds and correction of prior misclassification to present the most accurate picture of available funding.

City Council members inquired regarding an audit update, the available funding in SPLOST I, as well as the parking lot and fence and setting up a system to prevent issues. Questions were also raised regarding improving antiquated software, whether the expenditures of ARPA exceeding appropriations had been rectified, SPLOST II collections and where SPLOST percentages come from.

DISCUSSION ONLY NO ACTION TAKEN

IX. Council Policy Discussion Topics – None

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X. **Unfinished Business**

1. Consideration of an action on a request to approve Change Order No. 3 regarding the Zachary Court and Ridgemere Court paving project, requested by City Manager Maggie Dimov

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 3 REGARDING THE RIDGEMERE COURT PAVING PROJECT ONLY, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$251,081.50

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 5 Hub Jordan, Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

2. Consideration of an action on a request to approve Change Order #2 for the City Hall parking lot project, closeout of the parking lot project and approval of the fence component removal and material reimbursement, requested by City Manager Maggie Dimov

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #2 FOR THE CITY HALL PARKING LOT PROJECT, CLOSEOUT OF THE PARKING LOT PROJECT AND APPROVAL OF THE FENCE COMPONENT REMOVAL AND MATERIAL REIMBURSEMENT

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)

XI. **New Business**

1. Discussion Item: Review of Presentations from Top Three Finalists - Development Advisory Services for The Lawn on Main Project.

City Attorney Angela Couch outlined the presentation process and logistics for the three firms participating in the discussion regarding professional services for the City. The firms present included CBRE, 4PM, and JLL. Each firm provided an overview of its organization, relevant experience, qualifications, and the scope of services it could provide to the City, as further detailed in the City Council agenda packet. The presentations also included discussion of each firm's approach, prior project experience, and ability to support the City's goals and operational needs.

Following the presentations, members of the governing body engaged in discussion and presented several questions and requests for clarification to the firms regarding their proposals, experience, and service delivery methods. After discussion, it was determined that the firms would require additional time to prepare and submit more detailed responses to certain questions raised during the meeting before further consideration could take place.

ACTION: MOTION TO EXTEND RESPONSE TO CITY COUNCIL'S QUESTIONS TO 10 MINUTES PER FIRM

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

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

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209 **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

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211 Upon completion of the presentations and follow-up questions with each presenting firm, the Mayor and
212 City Council concluded discussion regarding the Development Advisory Services proposals for the Lawn
213 on Main project. Members of the governing body indicated that additional review and consideration of the
214 information presented would be needed before moving forward with any decision. No action taken.

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216 **2.** Consideration of an action on a request to approve JBR street improvements, requested by Public
217 Works Director Mike Helton.

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219 Public Works Director Mike Helton provided a general overview of the request.

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221 City Council discussed the proposal and inquired regarding pipe connections and if repaving was a waste
222 of money. Questions were also raised regarding whether Public Works has worked with Civil before.

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224 **ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE JBR STREET IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF**
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226 Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Seconded by Council Member: Post 1
227 Anita Bass

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229 **Voting Yea:** Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos,
230 Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 4 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post
231 5 Hub Jordan, Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn

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233 **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

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235 **3.** Consideration of an action on a request for an agreement with A & A Wildlife and Home Solutions to
236 perform rodent removal and exclusion services for the Historic Depot., requested by Public Works
237 Director Mike Helton.

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239 Public Works Director Mike Helton provided a general overview of the request.

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241 City Council discussed the proposal and inquired whether there have been other issues with depot and
242 if the entire depot is being done. Questions were also raised regarding whether the rodents have been
243 traveling from side to side or a comment? and if the one time service includes a one year coverage.

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245 **ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE A & A WILDLIFE AND HOME SOLUTIONS TO PERFORM**
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247 Motion made by Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Seconded by Council Member: Post 2
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250 **Voting Yea:** Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos,
251 Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 4 Kay Nunez, Council Member: Post
252 5 Hub Jordan, Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn

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254 **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

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- 4. Consideration of approval of an agreement with Casey Tree Experts for the removal of potentially hazardous trees from the area of the fitness court at McCurdy Park, requested by Public Works Director Mike Helton.

Public Works Director Mike Helton provided a general overview of the request.

City Council discussed the proposal and inquired if there is a right quote for the number of trees, the reasoning for removing the trees and if it is compatible with the tree ordinance.

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH CASEY TREE EXPERTS FOR THE REMOVAL OF POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS TREES FROM THE AREA OF FITNESS COURT AT MCCURDY PARK

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)

- 5. Consideration of an action on a request to declare certain city-owned vehicles as surplus and authorize their sale, requested by Lt. Bob Hillis.

Lt. Bob Hillis provided a general overview of the request.

City Council discussed the proposal and inquired how many vehicles we have that we own and where the funds would be going back to.

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE CERTAIN CITY-OWNED VEHICLES AS SURPLUS AND AUTHORIZE THEIR SALE

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 5 Hub Jordan, Council Member: Post 6 Elaine Vaughn

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

XII. New Ordinances and Resolutions

- 1. Resolution 2026-07 - Support City of Milton

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2026-07 SUPPORT CITY OF MILTON

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

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

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2. Ordinance 2026-04 - Loitering Amendment

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2026-04 LOITERING AMENDMENT

Motion made by Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, 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 2026-05 - Curfew Regulations

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2026-05 CURFEW REGULATIONS

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

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)

XIII. Remarks of Privilege

Mayor Pro Tem Ryan Smith gave appreciation to Swisher and Eddie Stephens regarding the new railroad bridge.

XIV. Announcements by The Mayor – Mayor Linder wished Council Member Elaine Vaughn a happy belated birthday.

XV. Executive Session – None

XVI. Adjournment

ACTION: MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 9:43 P.M.

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

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

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

361 **Jelani Linder, Mayor**

City Clerk, Shavala Ames

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MAY 19, 2026, COMMITTEE REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

STONE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY GARDEN AT VFW PARK



Spelman College Philosophy Club Volunteers

Committee Members:

COLUMBUS BROWN, CHAIR
CHAKIRA JOHNSON, VICE CHAIR
JULIANA TAYLOR, SECRETARY
JACKIE MARSHALL, MEMBER
TOM ZIMMERMAN, MEMBER

OVERVIEW

Stone Mountain Community Garden at VFW Park (SMCG) is an all volunteer effort and has been operating continuously since March 2011, as a partnership between the City of Stone Mountain and the Dekalb County/University of Georgia Extension Service (Extension Service). **“We Grow Community.”** So far, the SMCG has donated over 17,370 pounds of fresh produce to the Stone Mountain Ecumenical Food Pantry (Food Pantry) for distribution to local families with food insufficiencies — providing healthy and nutritious food for over 4,340 families to date. Thus far this year, we have delivered 330 pounds of fresh produce to the Food Pantry. Current crops include: asparagus, basil, beans, beets, black berries, blueberries, bok choy, broccoli, carrots, cucumbers, eggplant, garlic, green beans, green onions, kale, leeks, lemongrass, lettuces, okra, parsley, peppers (sweet and jalapeño), potatoes, radishes, rosemary, sage, strawberries, squash, sweet potatoes, thyme, tomatoes and Swiss chard.

The SMCG provides 54 spaces for individuals in the community to grow their choices of vegetables, fruits and flowers throughout the year. We maintain an apiary with three active honey bee hives, a butterfly/pollinator garden, four composting systems, herb garden, children’s garden, grape arbor, two vertical gardens, co-planting demonstration area and a newly operational greenhouse. Pesticides are not used at the SMCG.

Master Gardeners continue to support the Community Garden through the Extension Service. They play an important role in the community by providing gardening and environmental education — through workshops, classes and technical assistance onsite. At least one Master Gardener is on duty every Saturday morning and there is a Community Workday on the second Saturday of each month.

RECENT SMCG EVENTS

- April 23, 2026 Interview by Logan Ritchie of Rough Draft Atlanta for Article on Role of Gardens Helping People in Need (See Media Events)
- April 24, 2026 Special Workday for Spelman College Students (See Front Page)
- May 9, 2026 Presentation of Master Gardener Certificate to Dr. Gertrude Allen During Workday
- May 9, 2026 Hive Inspection with Volunteer Participation

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SMCG

May 30, 2026	Volunteers from Rooted in Solutions to Assist in Repairing Raised Beds
June 6, 2026	Potluck Brunch Commemorating 15th Anniversary of SMCG at VFW Park
June 13, 2026	Workday and Mini Talk by Master Gardener Karen Angel from Tucker Butterfly Garden on “Alternative Method for Mosquito Control”
June 13, 2026	Host Food Well Alliance Volunteer Group
June 27, 2026	Plant Eat and Repeat Workshop on “Pollinators” at SMCG by Food Well Alliance and Atlanta Botanical Gardens

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Public Works Replenished Depleted Compost in Stall and Remove Weed Pile from Stall
2. Food Well Alliance Donated Plants and Snacks for Workday on April 14
3. Dunwoody Community Garden Donated Vegetable Plants to SMCG
4. Kent Leslie Donated Flowers (Begonias) to SMCG
5. Plants Grown in New Greenhouse Used in Food Pantry Garden
6. Electrical Problems in Storage Building Resolved

IMMEDIATE NEEDS FROM CITY

1. Handicap Accessibility to Garden and Bathrooms—Problems Persist
2. Remedy Drainage Problem Along Gordon Street and Entrance to Community Garden
3. Relocate Storage Shed from Georgia Military College Site to Community Garden
4. Replace Third Picnic Bench Under Kiosk
5. Replace/Repair Water Faucets for Hoses and Tanks

MEDIA EVENTS

Rough Draft Atlanta - *Role of Gardens Helping People in Need*, April 30, 2026 - <https://roughdraftatlanta.com/2026/04/30/community-gardens-donate-produce/>

Atlantic Bee Company, January 19, 2026 - <https://atlanticbeecompany.substack.com/p/healing-land>

Food Well Alliance - *What Growers Have to Say* June 18, 2025 - <https://us9.campaign-archive.com/?u=a0e6e9dd6a052a57e2be9f86e&id=9e92df56bd>

Food Well Alliance Summer Campaign, June 18, 2025 <https://mailchi.mp/foodwellalliance/june-2025-newsletter-updates-8346492?e=7cfe561612>

Third Annual Faith and Blue Event at SMCG on City Of Stone Mountain Website
https://www.stonemountaincity.org/news_detail_T3_R356.php

Faith and Blue Event at SMCG on FOX News, October 12, 2024
<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/CGsdZKhqoGVzRYtb/?mibextid=K35XfP>

Caston's Blog Dekalb County Extension 2024 - <https://site.extension.uga.edu/dekalb/2024/07/master-gardener-site-spotlight-stone-mountain-community-garden/>

Food Well Alliance April 2024 Instagram
<https://www.instagram.com/reel/C5USbu7uiS0/?igsh=MWJ4d3M1cnV5MHQ1cw==>

Stone Mountain Community Garden - Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/StnMtnCommunityGarden/>

AIB TV 2024 Documentary on SMCG <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DeVQI5Q-l34&t=1s>

11 Alive TV 2024 Documentary on SMCG -
<https://www.11alive.com/video/news/local/gardeners-grow-for-the-hungry-in-stone-mountain/85-2bd50dc4-d5f6-42b0-8af8-14bc12bed901>

FOX 5 ATL 2024 Documentary on SMCG - <https://www.fox5atlanta.com/video/1435657>

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<https://georgiabulletin.org/news/2021/04/corpus-christi-parishioners-join-community-effort-to-garden-with-love/>

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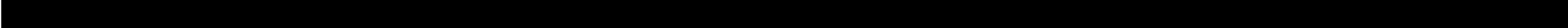
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Planning Commission Status Report



Agenda Item	Summary	Date	Topic	Notes
COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS (March)				
City of Stone Mountain Council Retreat	Update	3/18/2026	Review of Meeting Outcomes with Planning Commission	
City of Stone Mountain 2026 Staff Work Plan	Workplan items	3/18/2026	Planning and Zoning: Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED), Blighted Properties, Complete Streets & Connectivity, Overlay Districts/Mapping, Historic Guideline Updates, Regulatory Compliance, Streamline Development Review, Landuse Code Updates, Performance Monitoring	
Town Hall, March 19th	Notification of Date	3/18/2026	Comprehensive Plan	
Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee Meeting #1 April 9, 2026	Notification of Date	3/18/2026	Comprehensive Plan	
OLD BUSINESS (March)				
Bylaws Update- Include Remarks of Privilege (10 day Review)	Update Bylaws	4/20/2026		In Process
APRIL/MAY 2026 PLANNING COMMISSION				
Website Updates	Applications, Forms/Work Plan	4/20/2026	Planning to update Commission on website changes - clarifying processes, forms, and service delivery.	
Bylaws Update- Include Remarks of Privilege (10 day Review)	Requested Business by Planning Commission	4/20/2026	(Under Development)	Planned
Responses from Town Hall	Town Hall	5/18/2026	Presented for discussion	Planned
Complete Streets Policy	Code Update	5/18/2026	Staff Work Plan (Under Development)	Planned
Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)	Code Update	5/18/2026	Staff Work Plan (Under Development)	Planned
COUNCIL AGENDA ITEMS PENDING CITY MANAGER APPROVAL				
REZONE2026-1803712007	REZONING	6/2/2026	Rezone from R-1 Single Family Residential to GC General Commercial	Planning
CUP2026-1803712007_1	CONDITIONAL USE	6/2/2026	Conditional Use Permit - Nail Salon	Planning
CUP2026-1803712007_2	CONDITIONAL USE	6/2/2026	Conditional Use Permit - Laundromat	Planning
SUP2026-1808927003	SPECIAL USE PERMIT	6/2/2026	Special Use Permit - Microdistillery and Smoke Shop	Planning
VAR2026-1808926006	SIGN VARIANCE	6/2/2026	Sign Variance	Planning
Street Name Change	Mackin	TBD	Resolution	Pending
Street Name Change Resolution	Therrell	TBD	Resolution	Pending
Complete Streets Policy	Workplan	5/15/2026	Code Update	Pending
CPTED	Workplan	5/15/2026	Code Update	Pending
Comprehensive Plan Map	Comprehensive Plan	TBD	Map errors identified in 2024 (May) and timeline for revised map	Pending
CASES (MAY)				
6122 E Ponce De Leon	Combination Plat	TBD	Waiting Plans Submittal	Planning
931 4th Street	Preliminary Plat	Under Review	Plans received 4/8. Under Review. May Planning Commission Planned	Planning

Historic Preservation Commission Status Report



Topic	Date	Status	Notes
COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS			
Historic Preservation Grant	3/18/2026	Draft Contract Complete	Planned for Council April 21, 2026 (Submitted to City Manager and Finance Manager for Review on 3/13/2026)
Stone Mountain Council Retreat	3/18/2026	Briefed HPC on Retreat Outcomes	
City Council 2026 Staff Work Plan	3/18/2026	To brief HPC on Work Plan related items	Planning and Zoning: Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED), Blighted Properties, Complete Streets & Connectivity, Overlay Districts/Mapping, Historic Guideline Updates, Regulatory Compliance, Streamline Development Review, Landuse Code Updates, Performance Monitoring
Comprehensive Plan Survey Update	3/18/2026	comprehensive plan survey	950 Responses
Posting of HPC Agendas/Minutes	4/15/2026		Awaiting approval from City Manager on process and workflow to comply with Per 50-18-71(B) .
Tree Ordinance Stakeholder Development	4/15/2026	Work Plan Task	
Online Meeting Agendas (Process)	4/15/2026		
Town Hall March 19, 2026	3/18/2026	Comprehensive Plan Town Hall Scheduled 3/19	
ITEMS REQUIRING COUNCIL REVIEW			
Revise 5-33(a)	Pending	Pending City Manager Approval	To allow stakeholder members that live outside city
NO REVIEW MAINTENANCE			
COA2026-180745008 767 4th Street (Tree Removal)			
COA2026-1808902013 1000 Main Street (Exterior Maintenance) Replaced Existing Signage			
CASES TO BE REVIEWED MAY 2026			STATUS
Case# HPC2026-1812602003 6201 Atlanta Seafood			Proposed for May 2026 HPC
Case# HPC2026-1808927024 5367 E Mountain Street			Proposed for May 2026 HPC
MEETING OUTCOMES			STATUS
Vice Chair Election - Elisabeth Richmond	3/18/2026	Unanimous - Vote	Adopted
Public Comment Procedures	3/18/2026	Unanimous - Vote	Adopted
UPCOMING JULY 2026			
Stakeholder Process (Tree Ordinance)	7/15/2026	Pending	Pending

Activity Report

From: Downtown Development Authority (DDA) of City of Stone Mountain

Date: 05/13/2026

Re: Report for the period – February to April 2026

The Downtown Development Authority (DDA) of Stone Mountain continued to advance downtown revitalization efforts, business development initiatives, tourism-related projects, and community partnerships during the first quarter of 2026. Below is a summary of activities and accomplishments from February through April 2026.

Enhancement and Commercial Grant Activity

The DDA continues to support local businesses and encourage private investment through its Enhancement and Commercial Grant Programs. During this reporting period:

- Previously approved projects, including the German Restaurant and Live Oak Restaurant, reached completion and are currently being processed for reimbursement through the DDA grant programs.
- In February 2026, the DDA approved a Commercial Grant award for the property located at 955 Main Street (property owner: Hilda Wells) in the amount of \$25,000, contingent upon receipt of all required permits.
- In April 2026, the DDA approved additional grant funding requests for the Stone Mountain Front Porch project, including:
 - Commercial Grant Approval: \$20,288.80
 - Enhancement Grant Approval: \$10,000.00

The approved projects include indoor renovations, plumbing and electrical improvements, as well as exterior enhancements designed to support continued investment and revitalization within the downtown district.

Public Art and Downtown Beautification Initiatives

The DDA continued discussions regarding downtown beautification, branding, and public art initiatives. During the February 2026 meeting, mural projects, downtown landscaping improvements, branding initiatives, and revitalization of the Farmer's Market were identified as priority projects for FY2026.

In March 2026, the DDA discussed moving forward with the proposed mural project at Stoned Pizza. In April 2026, the DDA formally approved Charity Hamidullah as the finalist artist and approved \$20,000 in funding for the mural project at Stoned Pizza.

Charity Hamidullah was selected as the Finalist Artist for the mural project, which will be installed on the left façade of Stoned Pizza:



Semi-Finalist Artist: Alexandra Sorto



Downtown Events and Community Partnerships

The DDA continued to support local events and community engagement activities throughout downtown Stone Mountain. During the March 2026 meeting, the DDA approved support for the “Tunes by the Tracks” initiative contingent upon receipt of a formal proposal. In April 2026, the DDA formally approved the proposed agreement between the DDA and Main Street Inc. for implementation of the “Tunes by the Tracks” program.

The DDA also discussed support for future community events and tourism initiatives, including the criterium event scheduled for September 2026.

Downtown Development and Strategic Planning

Throughout the reporting period, the DDA continued discussions on several long-term economic development and revitalization initiatives, including:

- Development opportunities for The Lawn on Main Street
- Technical Assistance Panel (TAP) opportunities
- City branding initiatives
- Business incubator concepts
- Downtown security and camera initiatives
- Visitor Center and Museum operations planning
- Tourism and downtown activation strategies

The DDA also continued evaluating potential economic development tools, including consideration of a Tax Allocation District (TAD), and coordination with regional and statewide development organizations.

The DDA Board looks forward to participating in a joint session with the Mayor and City Council in June 2026, to further discuss downtown development priorities and collaborative initiatives.

**CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN
POLICE ACTIVITY STATISTICS**

APRIL 1, 2026-APRIL 30,2026

ACTIVITY	A-SHIFT (DAY)	B-SHIFT (DAY)	C-SHIFT (NIGHT)	D-SHIFT (NIGHT)	TOTALS
Calls	38	43	23	22	126
Arrest	7	0	1	4	12
Citations	106	11	42	100	259
Warning Citations	37	14	14	148	213
DUI	1	0	0	0	1
VSCSA	0	0	1	2	3
Parking Citations	7	0	36	0	43
TOTALS	196	68	117	274	657
Incident Reports	126			Domestic 9	Accident 13

**CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN
2026 CRIME STATISTICS**

2026	VIOLENT CRIME	PROPERTY CRIME	Statistic	Stone Mounnta													
JAN	3	26	Violent Crime per 1,000 Residents	4.12													
FEB	4	6	Property Crime per 1,000 Residents	25.18													
MAR	0	14	Total Crime per 1,000 Residents	29.30													
APR	2	9															
MAY			Total Cases Assigned to CID YTD*	92.00													
JUN			CID Active YTD	66													
JUL			CID Inactive YTD	0													
AUG			CID Cleared YTD	13													
SEP			CID Exceptionally Cleared YTD	8													
OCT			CID Suspended YTD	23													
NOV			CID Unfounded YTD	3													
DEC			CID Clearance Rate (Cleared/Total Cases)	24%													
TOTALS	9	55															
MO. AVERAGE	2.25	13.75															
ANNUALIZED	27.00	165.00															
CRIME RATE PER 1,000 POP	4.12	25.18															
			Simple Assault	24	88	72	92	107	123	101	112						
			Simple Assault per 1,000 Residents	3.58	13.13	10.74	13.73	15.96	19.44	15.96	17.70						

*Cases Assigned to CID include NIBRS Group A and Group B Crimes



CODE ENFORCEMENT MONTHLY REPORT

APRIL 2025

Item # 1.

New Cases:

SEC. 10-41	BUILDING NUMBERING: VISIBLE FROM STREET	1
SEC. 13-66	INOPERABLE VEHICLE PROHIBITED	6
SEC. 4-32	ANIMALS - KEEPING OF FOWL/SMALL DOMESTIC ANIMALS	1
SEC. 4-51	ANIMALS - ANIMAL NOISE DISTURBANCE	1
SEC. 5-161	APPLICATION/PERMIT REQUIRED	1
SEC. 5-167(B)	WORKING WITHOUT PERMIT	2
SEC. 5-267(A)	EXTERIOR PREMISES REQUIREMENT	5
SEC. 5-267(B)	EROSION/STAGNANT WATER PROHIBITED	1
SEC. 5-267(G6)	TRAILER/REC VEH PARKING RESTRICTIONS	13
SEC. 5-269	EXT STRUCTURE: MAINTENANCE REQUIRED	1
SEC. 5-270(C)	INT STRUCTURE: INTERIOR SURFACES	1
SEC. 5-274	WEEDS, GRASS, OTHER VEGETATION	13
MISC	MISC CODE ENFORCEMENT	3
TOTAL		49

Citations Issued:

SEC. 5-167(B)	WORKING WITHOUT PERMIT	3
APDX A 16-2.1	SHORT TERM RENTALS: OCCUPANCY RESTRICTIONS	1
APDX A 16-4.2	PROPERTY MANAGER REQUIRED	1
TOTAL		5

Blights and Nuisances:

Nuisance abatement hearing set for June 4, 2026 on property located at 806 Ridge Avenue due to overgrowth, dumping, and obstruction of stormwater flow.

Letter of intent to pursue blight options sent to owner of 935 Main Street.

POLICE RECORDS STATS

APRIL 2026

Open Records Requests answered

45

Law Enforcement/Military/Security Clearance Pre-Employment Records Checks 18

Records and Media provided to prosecutors for criminal court cases 22



Item # 1.

OPERATIONS REPORT

City Manager, Maggie Dimov
April 21, 2026 - May 19, 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.

Public Service

The Office of the City Manager would like to formally recognize and acknowledge Public Service Recognition Week, observed May 3–9, 2026. Although this recognition comes following the official observance period, the importance of honoring public service extends well beyond a designated week.

Public Service Recognition Week serves as an opportunity to celebrate and recognize the dedicated individuals who serve in all areas of government and public service. From those working behind the scenes to those serving directly in the community, public servants play a vital role in supporting operations, delivering essential services, and enhancing the quality of life for residents. The City extends its appreciation and gratitude to all employees and public service professionals for their continued commitment, hard work, and service to the community.

City Clerk

Department Head: Shavala Ames, City Clerk

Item # 1.

Business Licenses

- New licenses issued - 0
- Renewed licenses issued - 48

JustFOIA (Open Records Requests)

- 65 various requests completed for the City of Stone Mountain (April 21, 2026 - May 14, 2026)

City Clerk Update

- District 3 Municipal Clerks held their first quarter Lunch and Learn at City Hall in the heart of Sandy Springs, GA. The event was organized by GMCA District 3 Director Shavala Ames and offered a solid mix of useful information and a welcome break from the usual routine.
- The Office of the City Clerk was recognized during the May 5, 2026, City Council Meeting in observance of Municipal Clerks Week, celebrated May 3–9, 2026. Municipal Clerks Week serves as an opportunity to recognize the essential role municipal clerks play in supporting local government operations.



Human Resources Update

The City of Stone Mountain continues to actively recruit talented professionals to join our team and support the successful implementation of the City's 2026 World Class Georgia plan. We welcome you to join us in welcoming our newest team members and helping them experience what makes the City of Stone Mountain such a great place to serve and work.

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New Certification Alert!

City Clerk/Human Resources Manager Shavala Ames successfully completed the Human Resources Administration Certificate (HRAC) Program through the Georgia Municipal Association. Completion of this program further enhances professional knowledge and strengthens the City Clerk's understanding of human resources administration, employment practices, and organizational management, supporting continued professional development and improved service to the City.



Public Works

Department Head: Mike Helton, Public Works Director

Item # 1.

Public Works Updates / April 2026 Monthly Update

Staff conducted multiple interviews during the month of April and completed them by hiring individuals to fill two positions. Nicole Wright, as Stormwater Administrator, and Eric Harvey, Public Works Supervisor.

The first challenge for Stormwater Administrator was to initiate contact with the Environmental Protection Division and Georgia Soil and Water Conservation Commission and determine the city's filing status and current standing. Contacts were made, meetings were started and required document searches were initiated during the month of April.

Public Works coordinated with the National Fitness Campaign and Nationwide Fixture Installations Company to accomplish the process of restoration and reopening of the McCurdy Park Fitness Court.

Public Works continued contract management work involving Crabapple Landscape and the Main Street ground and hanging planters.

Public Works continued steps toward restoring the GMC building for future city office space. Meetings included with electrician, HVAC vendor, and Georgia Power.

Public Works conducted process of removal of city furniture and equipment from the depot and into the GMC building.

Public Works performed daily and weekly tasks related to facilities janitorial, public restroom cleaning and restocking, mowing and weed eating, trash and debris removals throughout city parks as well as city streets with a special focus on routes used for entry and exit of the city.

Public Works performed repairs to brick structure next to the depot, as well as various boards of the Gazebo.

Public Works assisted with broken window repair on the Caboose.

Public Works met with multiple vendors for purposes of gathering quotes for a wide variety of services needed for Council agenda preparation.

Public Works participated in review of development proposals regarding the Lawn on Main project.

Public Works received 12 See Click Fix requests that pertain to our department. All 12 were acknowledged and placed into work order system. The type of issues sent in include sign maintenance, stormwater system repairs, tall grass, pedestrian crossing signs, storm drain/sewage concerns, street light repair, landscape service issues on Main Street.

- **New City Hall Parking Lot / Fence and Gate around the PD parking lot**

The City has substantially completed construction of the New City Hall parking lot and is currently moving through the final project closeout process. During this process, Mayor and Council approved removal of the fence and gate component from the original scope of work. As a result, the fence installation will no longer be part of the current parking lot project.

The City is currently awaiting installation of the parking lot lighting fixtures, which represents the remaining item needed prior to opening the parking lot for public use.

The decision to remove the fence component was made following internal review and coordination regarding project funding and closeout considerations.

The City acknowledges that fence materials had previously been procured under the original scope of work and will coordinate accordingly regarding reimbursement and future use of the materials.

- **Street Paving**

At its most recent Council meeting, Mayor and Council approved the contractor to proceed with paving improvements on Ridgemere Drive. Upon completion of that work, the City will evaluate available funding to determine whether paving improvements for Zachary Street can also move forward.

- **Fitness Equipment Maintenance / Outdoor Gym Repair**

The project has been completed, and the outdoor fitness gym is now open and available for public use.

- **JBR/Memorial at Forest Avenue**

The City continues to move forward with several stormwater improvement projects planned for 2026. One of the priority projects involves the collapsed stormwater pipe located beneath JBR/Memorial Drive at Forest Avenue.

Following the solicitation and review process, Mayor and Council approved the selected contractor/finalist for the project. Coordination and pre-construction activities are currently underway, and work is expected to begin soon.

Communications

Communications Specialist: Brionna Smith

Communications Report for the Month of May

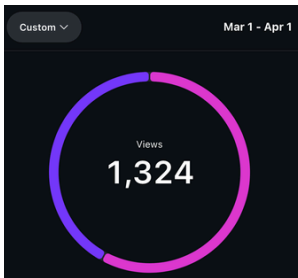
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This month, the focus has been establishing a stronger and more consistent online presence, with measurable improvements in reach, visibility, and community interaction.

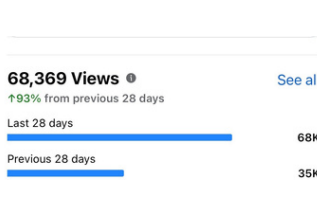
Key Highlights:

- Increased overall digital engagement and audience growth, gaining 100+ new followers across all social media platforms within the first month.
- Captured and promoted key community events including the **Live Oak Tap Grand Opening, Stone Mountain High School Signing & Commitment Day, and Tunes By The Tracks.**
- Conversations focused on the branding of Stone Mountain, including discussions around updated marketing materials, visual identity, and strengthening community storytelling efforts should be considered.
- Continued development of the new city website, currently on track for launch on June 1, 2026, with a focus on improved accessibility, communication, and resident engagement.

Instagram Growth Comparison



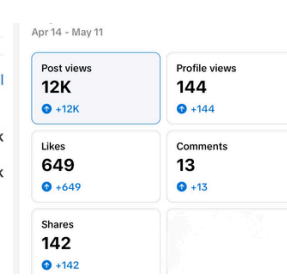
Facebook



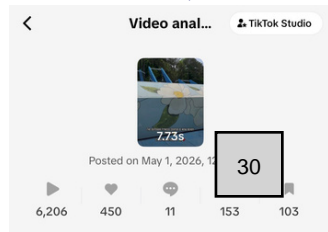
Live Oak Tap Grand Opening
Video - 17,304 views



TikTok



Outdoor Fitness Center Update
Video - 6,206 views



LIVE OAK TAP





REVIEW OF JOURNAL

		City Council Meeting Date:	May 19, 2026
Goal:	Economic Development – Strategic Project Implementation	Department:	City Manager Maggie Dimov
Agenda Title:	Consideration and Selection of Finalist - Development Advisory Services for The Lawn on Main Project		

Workplan Goal Details:	
<p>Economic Development: Advance the implementation of The Lawn on Main as a vibrant, mixed-use and tourism destination by incorporating a building component, a flexible special events space; public amenities. The project aims to enhance community gathering opportunities, support economic development, and create an active, family-friendly environment in the downtown district.</p>	
Agenda Item Description (Background/History/Details):	
<p>The City issued a Request for Proposals/Qualifications (RFP/RFQ) for Development Advisory Services for The Lawn on Main Project, with proposals due on April 20, 2026. Eight (8) proposals were received and evaluated, and the top three (3) ranked firms: CBRE, JLL, and 4PM, were invited to present to Mayor and Council.</p> <p>On May 5, 2026, each of the three firms presented their qualifications, approach, and vision for the project. Council had the opportunity to ask questions and further evaluate each firm’s experience, project understanding, and alignment with the City’s goals for The Lawn on Main.</p> <p>This agenda item is for Council to consider the presentations and evaluation, select a finalist firm, and authorize staff to proceed with negotiating a professional services agreement.</p>	

Staff Recommendations (Motion):	
<p>Motion to select a finalist firm for Development Advisory Services for The Lawn on Main Project and authorize the City Manager to negotiate a professional services agreement for future Council approval.</p>	

Mayor’s Signature Required:		NO
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Budgeted Yes/No	Fund Name & Code	City Manager’s Initials
Yes	Small Cities IGA	MD



REVIEW OF JOURNAL

		City Council Meeting Date:	May 19, 2026
		Department:	City Manager
Goal:	Economic Development - Tourism	Presenter:	Maggie Dimov
Agenda Title:	Discussion/Action Item: Approval of Hotel/Motel Tax Allocation Agreement (Partnership between the City of Stone Mountain and the DeKalb Visitor Bureau); and Budget Amendment		

Workplan Goal Details:

Economic Development - Supports the City of Stone Mountain’s Economic Development workplan by strengthening tourism promotion through regional collaboration. By coordinating with the Visitor Bureau, the City can expand its marketing reach, highlight local attractions and events, and attract new visitors to the downtown and surrounding areas.

Agenda Item Description (Background/History/Details):

The City of Stone Mountain previously maintained a contractual partnership with the DeKalb County Visitor Bureau to collaborate on social media outreach and targeted marketing initiatives designed to promote the City as a tourism destination. Both the City and the Visitor Bureau expressed interest in reestablishing and expanding this partnership to support future tourism promotion efforts, strengthen destination branding, and increase visitor activity that contributes to local economic development.

Consideration of approval of the amended agreement regarding the allocation of Hotel/Motel Tax revenues between the City and the Visitor Bureau. The City currently collects a 5% Hotel/Motel Tax rate, with the City retaining the first 3% (60%) for general governmental purposes and the remaining 2% (40%) allocated to the Visitor Bureau for tourism promotion purposes.

Based on current unaudited INCODE revenues, 2025 Hotel/Motel Tax collections are approximately \$33,837. Under the proposed allocation methodology, the estimated Visitor Bureau portion would be approximately \$13,535.00, representing 40% of the collections.

The item also includes consideration of a budget amendment for line item 02.5075.52.3340 Payment to Visitor Center, which currently has no allocated funds.

Staff Recommendations (Motion):

Suggested action: Motion to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the DeKalb County Convention & Visitors Bureau (Discover DeKalb) for partnership and tourism promotion services.

List Attachments:

1. Proposed agreement between the City of Stone Mountain and the DVB

CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN



CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Financial Information (MUST BE COMPLETED AND PRE-APPROVED BY CITY MANAGER)

Budgeted Yes/No	Fund Name & Code	Current Balance	Requested Allocation	City Manager's Initials
NO	02.5075.52.3340	\$0.00	\$13,535.00 (From 2025 Hotel -Motel revenue, the funds to be allocated to 02.5075.52.3340)	MD

**AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT BETWEEN
CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA, AND
DEKALB CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU, INC.**

THIS AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT by and between the City of Stone Mountain, Georgia, a political subdivision of the State of Georgia, acting by and through its duly elected City Council (hereinafter sometimes referred to as the “City”), and the DeKalb Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc., a non-profit Corporation, chartered in the State of Georgia, acting by and through the duly elected Board of Directors (hereinafter sometimes referred to as “Corporation”) amends the parties’ original agreement dated April 6, 2021 (hereinafter referred to as the “Original Agreement”).

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the City levies an excise Tax of five percent (5%) pursuant upon the furnishing for value to the public and any room or rooms, lodgings, or accommodations furnished by any person or legal entity licensed by, or required to pay business and occupation Taxes to the City for operating a hotel, motel, inn, lodge, tourist camp, tourist cabin, campground, or any place in which rooms, lodgings, or accommodations are regularly furnished for value pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 48-13-51(a)(3) (the Tax); and

WHEREAS, the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 48-13-51(a)(3) require the City levying such Tax to expend (in each fiscal year during which the Tax is collected) an amount equal to the amount by which the total Taxes collected exceeds the Taxes which would be collected at a rate of three percent (3%) (the ‘Expenditures’) for the purposes stated therein, including but not limited to, promoting tourism, conventions, and trade shows; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 48-13-51(a)(3) further required that the Expenditures shall be made only through a contract or contracts with certain entities stated therein, including but not limited to private sector, nonprofit organizations and

WHEREAS, the Corporation is a private sector nonprofit organization as defined in O.C.G.A. § 48-13-51(a)(3) and meets all other necessary and reasonable requirements to qualify as an appropriate entity to make the Expenditures of the Tax; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation has covenanted and agrees that it shall make the Expenditures of the Tax in accordance with an established budget of the funds (the “Budgeted Funds”) which budget and any amendments or modifications thereof shall be subject to the prior approval of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City and the Corporation have agreed that for the period of April 6, 2021 to December 31, 2024, the City shall not be obligated to make any payments under the Original Agreement; and that this Amendment to the Original Agreement is needed to govern the parties going forward.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the mutual obligations herein assumed the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged and received, the parties agree as follows:

I.

The parties agree that the City shall make a one-time payment to Corporation for 2025 in the amount of \$13,535.00 no later than June 1, 2026, said funds representing Tax funds collected in 2025 and designated for use in 2026.

II.

Beginning with collections for calendar year 2026 and for each year thereafter, the City shall, following the close of each fiscal year and completion of financial reconciliation, calculate the total hotel/motel tax collections and allocate such funds in accordance with applicable law and this Amendment to Original Agreement, whereby the City shall retain the first three percent (3%) for general governmental purposes, and any amount in excess of three percent (3%) shall be remitted to the Corporation for tourism promotion purposes. Said payment shall be made to the Corporation in the year following actual collections, no later than March 1 of each subsequent year. By way of illustration, funds collected in fiscal year 2026 will be paid no later than March 1, 2027, and funds collected in fiscal year 2027 will be paid no later than March 1, 2028, etc.

III.

City hereby agrees that the Corporation shall make Expenditures of the Tax in the amounts approved by the City as Budgeted Funds, and the Corporation hereby agrees to receive and make the Expenditures of the Tax in accordance with the terms and conditions hereinafter set forth. The general nature of the Corporation's activities shall be as set forth in **Amended Exhibit A**, attached hereto and incorporated herein by the reference.

IV.

Corporation agrees to submit a budget acceptable to the City showing the planned expenditure of all Expenditures to be received from the City and to maintain accurate records of the expenditure and disposition of such funds, such records to be maintained in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and in accordance with the requirements of O.C.G.A. § 48-13-51(a)(9). All such records will be made available for inspection and audit by the City, upon its request.

V.

Corporation shall be responsible from the time of signing this Amendment to the Original Agreement, or from the time of the beginning of the first work, whichever shall be the earlier, for all injury or damage of any kind resulting from its work or the work of any subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by or under the supervision of any of them, to persons or property, including employees and property of the City. Corporation shall exonerate, indemnify, and save harmless the City from and against all claims or actions, and all expenses incidental to the defense of any such claims or actions, based upon or arising out of damage or injury (including death) to person or property caused by or sustained in connection with its performance of this Amendment to Original Agreement and the Original Agreement or the work of any of them or by conditions created thereby or arising out of or in any way connected with work performed under this Amendment to Original Agreement and the Original Agreement and shall assume and pay for, without cost to the City, the defense of any and all claims and actions based on, or arising out of, an act or omission of Corporation, or any subcontractor, or anyone directly or indirectly employed by or under the supervision of any of them. The Corporation expressly agrees to defend against any claims brought or actions filed against the City where such claim or action involves, in whole or in part, the subject of the indemnity contained herein, whether such claims or actions are rightfully or wrongfully brought or filed.

VI.

Corporation shall furnish the following to the City:

- A. Certificates of insurance from companies doing business in Georgia and acceptable to the City covering:
 - 1. Statutory Workers' Compensation Insurance, or proof that Corporation is not required to provide such coverage under state law.
 - 2. Professional liability coverage at a minimum policy amount of \$1,000,000 as required by City Code Sec. 2-56(B)(4).
- B. Certificates of Insurance must be executed in accordance with the following provisions:
 - 1. Certificates to contain policy number, policy limits, and policy expiration date of all policies issued in accordance with the agreement;
 - 2. Certificates to contain the locations and operations to which the insurance applies;

- 3. Certificates to contain Corporation's protective coverage for any subcontractor's operations;
- 4. Certificates to contain Corporation's contractual insurance coverage;
- 5. Certificates are to be issued to:

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

- 6. Certificates referred to in subparagraph "5." above must be mailed to:

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

- C. Corporation shall be wholly responsible for obtaining certificates of insurance showing coverage as set forth above for all subcontractors who are engaged in work covered by this Amendment to Original Agreement.
- D. Corporation agrees to carry statutory Workers' Compensation Insurance and to have all subcontractors likewise carry statutory Workers' Compensation Insurance or provide proof that such coverage is not required under state law.

VII.

As set forth herein, the City agrees that it will pay to Corporation the amount equal to 100% of the Tax actually collected by it in excess of 3%, but any penalties assessed against hotel-motels for late payment of the Tax will be retained by the City.

VIII.

With respect to the revenues anticipated to be received by the Corporation from DeKalb County and from the cities of Stone Mountain, Tucker, Chamblee, and Stonecrest, Corporation agrees to expend such revenues in an equitable fashion and within the purpose and intent of O.C.G.A. § 48-13-50, et seq., to promote, attract, stimulate and develop conventions, tourism and trade shows in the county and municipalities in accordance with the revenues received from each such jurisdiction.

IX.

The City designates the City Manager as its point of contact, coordinator, and liaison person with Corporation in the execution of the terms of this Amendment to Original Agreement.

X.

Subject to Paragraph XII below, this Amendment to Original Agreement may be modified or amended by mutual agreement of the parties; provided, however, that no waiver, modification, or amendment of any term, condition, or provision of this Amendment to Original Agreement will be valid, or of any force of effect, unless made in writing, approved by the respective parties' governing bodies, and properly executed by the parties' authorized representatives.

XI.

Subject to Paragraph XII below, this Amendment to Original Agreement may be terminated, with or without cause, by either party hereto by the giving of ninety (90) days prior written notice of such termination.

XII.

This Amendment to Original Agreement will remain in effect from May 31, 2026 until midnight of December 31, 2026, unless it shall sooner have been terminated, modified, or amended in the manner set forth in it. Thereafter, this Amendment to Original Agreement shall be automatically renewed on December 1st of each succeeding calendar year during which Expenditures is collected by the City unless a party to it delivers written notice to the other party of such party's intent not to renew this Amendment to Original Agreement at least ninety (90) days prior to the end of a calendar year. Except to the extent specifically agreed upon by the parties, any modification or termination of this Amendment to Original Agreement in the manner set forth above or any other modification or termination of this Amendment to Original Agreement for whatever cause or under whatever circumstances, shall not relieve or impair the obligations of either party arising prior to the effective date of any such modification or termination. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the provisions of Paragraphs II, III, IV, V, VII and VIII of this Amendment to Original Agreement shall survive its termination until the accomplishment of all the requirements imposed by those paragraphs, as they exist as of the date of the termination of this Amendment to Original Agreement. By way of illustration, Corporation shall continue to be obligated to devote any and all non-expended Expenditures funds received from the City, and not returned to the City in accordance with the provisions of this Amendment to Original Agreement, for the purposes provided in this Amendment to Original Agreement and the City shall continue to be obligated to advance funds under Paragraphs II and VII of this Amendment to Original Agreement for the payment of actual costs incurred or committed to be incurred by Corporation prior to the termination of this Amendment to Original Agreement.

XIII.

This Amendment to Original Agreement shall be executed in an original and two (2) copies, any one of which may be used for any purpose for which the original may be used.

XIV.

For the purposes of this Amendment to Original Agreement, any notices required to be sent to the parties to it shall be mailed to the following respective addresses:

CORPORATION

DeKalb Convention and Visitors
Bureau, Inc.
1990 Lakeside Parkway, Suite 170
Tucker, Georgia 30084

CITY

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

XV.

It is the intent of the parties that nothing contained in this Amendment to Original Agreement shall be interpreted to assign to Corporation any status other than that of an independent contractor.

XVI.

This Amendment to Original Agreement shall be deemed to have been made and performed in DeKalb County, Georgia. For the purposes of venue, all suits or causes of action based on, arising out of, this Amendment to Original Agreement shall be brought in the Courts of DeKalb County, Georgia.

XVII.

The parties agree that the validity and interpretation of, and all rights and obligations created by this Amendment to Original Agreement shall be governed, controlled, and defined by and under the laws of the State Georgia.

XVIII.

Immigration Compliance: Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, the City shall not enter into a contract with a service provider for the physical performance of services unless the service provider shall provide evidence on City-provided forms, attached hereto as **Amended Exhibit B** (affidavit regarding compliance with the E-Verify program), that it has registered with, is authorized to use and uses the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify, or any subsequent replacement program, in accordance with the applicable provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, and that it will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the Term.

The Corporation hereby verifies that it has, prior to or contemporaneous with executing this Amendment to Original Agreement, executed a notarized affidavit, the form of which is provided in **Amended Exhibit B** and submitted such affidavit to City. Further, the corporation hereby agrees to comply with the requirements of the Federal Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986 (IRCA), P.I. 99-603, O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91 and rule 300-10-1-02.

The Corporation agrees that the employee-number category designated below is applicable to the Corporation:

- 500 or more employees
- 100 or more employees
- Fewer than 100 employees

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have affixed their hands and seals on this _____ day of _____, 2026.

DEKALB CONVENTION &
VISITORS BUREAU

CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA

JAMES TSISMANAKIS
Executive Director & CEO

JELANI LINDER
Mayor

ATTEST:

ATTEST:

Office Manager

City Clerk

(SEAL)

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

AMENDED EXHIBIT A

PURPOSE AND NATURE OF AMENDMENT TO ORIGINAL AGREEMENT

City Purpose: The City wishes to promote tourism, conventions, and trade shows and wishes to advertise, promote, and encourage the use of all facilities and businesses relating to conventions, trade shows, and tourism, both public and private, within the City, thereby increasing the City's revenue and creating employment opportunities within the City.

Corporation Purpose: The Corporation is a nonprofit organization under the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code and has been recognized as exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code. Through its activities, it is anticipated that the Corporation will plan, conduct, or participate in programs of information and publicity designed to attract or advertise tourism, conventions, or trade shows to and within the City. Such activities are expected to be broad-based and to benefit a wide range of businesses and are not to benefit the City's government per se. and such activities are related to and consistent with the performance of the Corporation's tax-exempt activities.

Nature of Expenditures: It is understood and agreed that the Expenditures are to be made by the Corporation in strict compliance with the provisions of O.C.G.A. § 48-13-50, et seq., and for the purpose of promoting conventions, tourism, and trade shows within the City. The activities of the Corporation under the Amendment to Original Agreement do not constitute the rendition of services to the City, but rather the Amendment to Original Agreement constitutes the specified manner of compliance with the above statute for the levying of the Tax and the expenditure of the Expenditures.

Intentions of the Parties: It is the understanding of the parties that the Hotel/Motel tax funds when received by the Corporation will not be taxable income under either the IRS Code or the Income Tax Code of the State of Georgia. The Corporation agrees to notify the IRS and the Georgia Revenue Department (if necessary) of this Amendment to Original Agreement and to seek confirmation of this understanding. If necessary, the parties agree to amend and modify this Amendment to Original Agreement in order to preserve the tax-exempt status of the Corporation and the tax-exempt status of the funds covered by this Amendment to Original Agreement.

STATEMENT OF SERVICES

Corporation agrees to operate a convention and visitors bureau which will enable DeKalb County, the cities within DeKalb County, and the hotels and motels therein to market the county as a destination for specific inbound groups, increase the occupancy rate of hotel and motel rooms, and promote the development of facilities designed to enhance the growth of the travel, tourism, convention, and trade show industry DeKalb County and its cities.

Corporation shall also perform the following:

1. Corporation will hire and direct staff members whose duties will include the following:
 - a. Develop and implement marketing plans for convention, trade show, and tourism sales.
 - b. Produce and distribute publications in support of facilities and attractions in the City, DeKalb County, and its other cities.
 - c. Implement a tourism program to increase tourist visitation and spending in the City, DeKalb County, and its other cities.
 - d. Make contact with meeting planners and other groups to provide them with information about facilities located in the City, DeKalb County, and its other cities that are available to host their events and make appropriate referrals of such groups to such facilities.
2. Corporation will require and assure performance of its Annual Marketing Plan, which is on file with the Corporation and which is incorporated herein by this reference.
3. Corporation will (a) submit annual programmatic and financial progress reports indicating its accomplishment of the Program to the City, (b) report its accomplishment of the above in the Corporation's annual report and provide copies of all such publications to designated City personnel and to the City Council.
4. Corporation will use its best efforts to ensure that all funds received under this Amendment to Original Agreement are expended for the purposes set forth in this Amendment to Original Agreement.

AMENDED EXHIBIT B

**STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DEKALB**

CONTRACTOR AFFIDAVIT AND AGREEMENT

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned contractor verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the individual, firm, or corporation which is engaged in the physical performance of services on behalf of **City of Stone Mountain, Georgia**, has registered with, is authorized to use and uses the federal work authorization program commonly as E-Verify, or any subsequent replacement program, in accordance with the applicable provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91. Furthermore, the undersigned contractor will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period, and the undersigned contractor will contract for the physical performance of services in satisfaction of such contract only with subcontractors who present an affidavit to the contractor with the information required by O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b).

Contractor hereby attests that the federal work authorization user identification number and date of authorization are as follows:

58-2014277
Federal Work Authorization Identification
Number

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on _____, 2026 in Tucker, GA

July 15, 1992
Date of Authorization

Signature of Authorized Officer or Agent

DeKalb Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc.
Name of Contractor

Printed Name and Title of Authorized Officer

Agreement re. Hotel-Motel Tax Expenditures
Name of Project

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME ON
THIS ___ DAY OF _____, 2026.

STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA
Name of Public Employer

NOTARY PUBLIC

[NOTARY SEAL]

My Commission Expires



Date:	May 13, 2026	City Council Meeting Date:	May 19, 2026
From:	Shavala Ames	Department:	City Clerk
Goal:	Governance	Presenter:	Shavala Ames
Agenda Title:	Consideration of an action on a request to appoint Voting Delegates for the Georgia Municipal Association Annual Business Meeting to be held on June 28, 2026 in Savannah, Georgia		

Agenda Item Description (Background/History/Details):	
<p>The 2026 Annual Business Meeting of the Georgia Municipal Association will be held on Sunday, June 28, 2026, from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm in the Governor’s Ballroom of the Savannah Convention Center. Agenda items will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of GMA’s 2027 Legislative Policies • Election of GMA’s 2026-2027 Officers and Board of Directors <p>As a reminder, each member city is entitled to one vote at the business meeting. If your city will not be represented at the meeting, you may designate a proxy to vote on your city’s behalf.</p> <p>As a reminder, if your city fails to designate, in writing, a designated representative it will be presumed that that chief elected official of that municipality has been designated to cast a vote on behalf of the city. Walk-up changes to the designated representative will not be allowed without a new designation in writing. Please note that city officials serving as a voting delegate should pick up their voting credential between 3:00 pm and 3:30 pm on the day of the meeting just outside of the Governor’s Ballroom. Voting credential pickup will be organized alphabetically by the name of the city.</p>	
Workplan Goal Details: Governance - Focus on strengthening legislative continuity and participation through the consideration of a voting delegate and proxy process, while ensuring the City remains actively engaged, represented, and collaborative in regional and municipal affairs that impact the community.	

Staff Recommendations (Motion):
Staff recommends the following: “Designate the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem”

Department Head Approval:	Shavala Ames
City Manager Approval:	Miglana Dimov

Mayor’s Signature Required:	YES	NO
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List Attachments:
1. None

THIS ITEM DOES NOT HAVE ANY FINANCIAL IMPACT



Date:	May 13, 2026	City Council Meeting Date:	May 19, 2026
From:	Shavala Ames	Department:	Finance
Goal:	Governance	Presenter:	Maggie Dimov
Agenda Title:	Consideration of an action on a request to set the Public Hearing Dates for the proposed Millage Rate		

Agenda Item Description (Background/History/Details):	
<p>The Stone Mountain currently maintains a millage rate of 15.827 mills for ad valorem taxes. As part of the FY 2026–2027 budget process, the City must determine how it will proceed with the millage rate for the upcoming fiscal year. This agenda item is solely for the purpose of establishing the dates and times for the required public hearings and does not constitute an actual public hearing on the proposed millage rate. The scheduled public hearings will provide residents and stakeholders an opportunity to offer input and comments regarding the City’s proposed millage rate decision.</p> <p><i>Note: Public hearing dates can be held twice a day if necessary.</i></p> <p>Proposed dates are: June 4, 2026 – 10:00 am or 6:30 pm (Special Called Meeting) June 8, 2026 – 10:00 am or 6:30 pm (Special Called Meeting) June 16, 2026 – 6:30 pm (Scheduled City Council Meeting)</p> <p>This legal ad will be funded by the Legal Ads Admin Code as noted.</p>	
<p>Workplan Goal Details: Governance - Ensure compliance with state-mandated requirements by establishing and advertising the public hearing dates necessary for the consideration of the FY 2026–2027 millage rate, while promoting transparency, public participation, and informed decision-making in the municipal budget process.</p>	

Staff Recommendations (Motion):	
Staff recommends the following: “Approve millage rate public hearing dates”	

City Manager Approval:	Miglena Dimov
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Mayor’s Signature Required:	YES	NO
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List Attachments:
1. Dekalb County Tax Digest Schedule

Budgeted Yes/No	Fund Name & Code	City Manager’s Initials
Yes	Legal Ads 01.5030.52.3300	MD

2026 Projected Digest Calendar



2026 COUNTY DIGEST SCHEDULE

**All dates are subject to change*

April 30	BOA to approve 2026 Real Estate values
May 29	Annual Notice of Assessment is mailed
June 04	BTA to approve Personal Property values
June 25	Board of Education adopts millage rate
July 1	Deadline for all cities to adopt final millage rate
July 6	Deadline for cities to have all documents to TC office
July 8	Board of Commissioners adopts millage rate
July 13	Real Estate Appeal Deadline
July 23	2026 Digest submission to DOR for approval



REVIEW OF JOURNAL

		City Council Meeting Date:	May 19, 2026
Goal:	Internal Operations / Administration (Professional Services)	Department:	City Manager Maggie Dimov
Agenda Title:	Approval of Professional Services Agreement for Interim Planning Director		

Workplan Goal Details:	
Internal Operations / Administration (Professional Services)	
Agenda Item Description (Background/History/Details):	
<p>Summary: The City of Stone Mountain seeks to engage Sumter Local Government Consulting (LGC) to provide an Interim Planning Director to ensure continuity of planning operations. Sumter LGC will recruit and provide a qualified professional to perform the customary duties of the Planning Director in accordance with Georgia law and City ordinances. The firm will manage the contractual relationship, including oversight and personnel-related matters, and will ensure continuity by replacing the interim professional if necessary.</p> <p>Fiscal Impact: Monthly cost of \$12,000 for professional services, invoiced monthly</p>	

Staff Recommendations (Motion):	
Staff recommends the following: Approval of a professional services agreement with Sumter Local Government Consulting (LGC) to provide Interim Planning Director services.	

Mayor's Signature Required:	YES	NO
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List Attachments:
1. Quote/Proposal from Sumter Consulting

Budgeted Yes/No	Fund Name & Code	City Manager's Initials
Yes	01.5030.52.1200 Professional Serv.	MD



**PROPOSAL for the City of Stone Mountain, GA
5/11/2026**

Proposal 2026-32 (v.2) - Interim Planning Director

OVERVIEW

Sumter Local Government Consulting (LGC) is pleased to propose professional consulting services to the City of Stone Mountain.

Sumter LGC will provide an Interim Planning Director for the City of Stone Mountain.

The proposal includes a detailed scope of work and a corresponding fee proposal for interim services.

BACKGROUND

Sumter LGC was established in 2021 to help local governments tackle complex challenges through executive search, interim staffing, and consulting services.

Sumter LGC offers decades of experience in local government, helping cities and counties tackle challenges and seize opportunities for talent acquisition, staffing enhancements, and effective problem-solving.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

- A. Sumter LGC understands that we will provide interim services, specifically the customary duties of a Planning Director. The professional services will be provided in accordance with industry best practices, Georgia law, the City's Charter, Code of Ordinances, Zoning Ordinance, and Job Description.
1. Provide the City of Stone Mountain with a qualified candidate willing and able to provide professional services to perform the duties of the Interim Planning Director. The City can review resumes, interview candidates, and select a qualified candidate.
 2. Manage the relationship between the City and the Interim Planning Director, assisting with any issues and handling personnel-type issues. Sumter LGC will pay the interim professional and replace them as necessary at the client's discretion.
 3. The interim professional will be an independent contractor and is not entitled by this agreement to receive any "employee" benefits from the City of Stone Mountain.

PRICING

<u>FEES FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES</u>	<u>FEE TYPE</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Professional services rendered to the City for interim Planning Director services. Client is invoiced on the 1 st of each month.	Monthly	\$12,000

Either party can terminate this agreement for any reason, with prorated fees owed to the consultant up to the termination date.

Agreed to by Warren Hutmacher, President,

Warren Hutmacher

Warren Hutmacher, President
Sumter Local Government Consulting

Approved and accepted by the City of Stone Mountain, GA:

Signature

Name and Title

Date: _____



Date:	May 13, 2026	City Council Meeting Date:	May 19, 2026
From:	Lt. Bob Hillis	Department:	Police
Goal:	Governance	Presenter:	Lt. Bob Hillis
Agenda Title:	Consideration Amendment to City Ordinance Chapter 2, Section 2-61 pertaining to the Sale of City Property		

Agenda Item Description (Background/History/Details):
<p>Currently, City Ordinance, Chapter 2, Section 2-61 restricts the sale of city property by either sealed bid or public outcry to the highest bidder for cash. An amendment is proposed to allow sale of city property through a contract vendor, like Enterprise. In many cases, use of a contract vendor may garner a higher price closer to fair market value over local sale options.</p> <p>Additionally, another subsection is proposed that will allow the city staff to turn over wrecked or damaged insured city property to an insurance company upon receipt of payment.</p>
Workplan Goal Details: Governance – Add additional options and clarity for the sale of city property.

Staff Recommendations (Motion):
Staff recommends the following: “First Read on Ordinance 2026-06 revising City Ordinance Chapter 2, Section 2-61”

Department Head Approval:	n/a
City Manager Approval:	Miglana Dimov

Mayor’s Signature Required:	YES	NO
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List Attachments:
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Comparison – Old Language vs. New Language 2. Ordinance Draft

THIS ITEM DOES NOT HAVE ANY FINANCIAL IMPACT

**STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DEKALB**

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA, BY AMENDING CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, TO ESTABLISH ADDITIONAL OPTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS FOR THE SURPLUS, SALE, AND DISPOSAL OF CITY PROPERTY; AND FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council wish to add clarification and expand the options available for the sale and disposal of surplus or destroyed city property; and

WHEREAS, having additional sales options available to the city staff is likely to garner a greater financial return to the City;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Stone Mountain, Georgia, that the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 2, Administration, is hereby amended by adding a new Article III to read as follows:

**Article III – Purchasing
Sec. 2-61 – Sale of City Property**

- (a) No property belonging to the city shall be sold except after approval of the mayor and city council.
- (b) When any property owned by the city has become surplus, unserviceable or useless, the head of the department in charge of the property shall certify to mayor and city council that such property is no longer useful and should be disposed of. Any property to be sold shall be sold at public sale by sealed bid, public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, or through a contracted vendor. Nothing herein shall prevent the city from donating or exchanging such surplus property with other governmental units or quasi-governmental units.
- (c) City property that is insured may be disposed of when deemed a total loss and payment has been received from the insurer.

SECTION 2.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3.

This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

SO ORDAINED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Jelani Linder, Mayor

Attest:

Shavala Ames, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

[CITY SEAL]

Angela Couch, City Attorney

CURRENT VERSION

Sec. 2-61. Sale of city property.

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- (b) When any property owned by the city has become surplus, unserviceable or useless, the head of the department in charge of the property shall certify to mayor and city council that such property is no longer useful and should be disposed of. Any property to be sold shall be sold at public sale either by sealed bid or public outcry to the highest bidder for cash. Nothing herein shall prevent the city from donating or exchanging such surplus property with other governmental units or quasi-governmental units.

(Ord. No. 08-14, 11-4-08)

Charter reference(s)—Sale of property, § 6.29.

PROPOSED VERSION

Sec. 2-61. Sale of city property.

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- (c) City property that is insured may be disposed of when deemed a total loss and payment has been received from the insurer.



CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN

770-498-8984
www.stonemountaincity.org
875 Main Street, Stone Mountain, GA 30238

Date: May 13, 2026
To: City of Stone Mountain, Mayor and City Council
From: Michelle Uran, Finance Director
Subject: FY2025 Budget Amendment Summary

FY2025 Budget Amendment Summary

- General Fund amendment reflects departmental expenditure overages offset partially by revenues exceeding budget and the appropriation of fund balance.
- Visitor Center amendment aligns actual revenues, expenditures, and required General Fund support.
- Stormwater amendment aligns revenues and expenditures with actual operations and capital activity.

Amounts remain subject to final audit adjustments and year-end reconciliation procedures

RESOLUTION - _____
 A Resolution of Mayor and City Council of Stone Mountain, Georgia

WHEREAS, the local fiscal year 2025 budget for the City of Stone Mountain, Georgia was adopted in December 2024; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend such budget now;

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Stone Mountain, Georgia, that the following amendment to the General Fund budget for Fiscal Year 2025 be made this _____ day of, _____ 2026

FUND 01	GENERAL FUND				
REVENUE	LINE ITEM DESCRIPTION	2025 Budget	INCREASE	DECREASE	2025 Revised Budget
	Use of Fund Balance	0	\$ 515,822.00		\$ 515,822.00
	Actual Revenues Exceeding Budget	\$ 5,986,280.00	\$ 156,972.00		\$ 6,143,252.00
	Total	\$ 5,986,280.00	\$ 672,794.00		\$ 6,659,074.00
EXPENSE	LINE ITEM DESCRIPTION		INCREASE	DECREASE	
Buildings & Grounds		\$ 127,950.00	\$ 95,925.00		\$ 223,875.00
Court		\$ 354,430.00	\$ 50,663.00		\$ 405,093.00
Public Safety		\$ 1,972,708.00	\$ 743,445.00		\$ 2,716,153.00
Parks		\$ 24,200.00	\$ 2,348.00		\$ 26,548.00
Administration		\$ 1,421,601.00	\$ 69,551.00		\$ 1,491,152.00
Post 4		\$ 19,848.00		\$ (2,239.00)	\$ 17,609.00
Post 6		\$ 19,848.00		\$ (6,930.00)	\$ 12,918.00
Mayor		\$ 37,966.00		\$ (1,907.00)	\$ 36,059.00
Post 3		\$ 19,848.00		\$ (2,362.00)	\$ 17,486.00
Post 5		\$ 19,848.00		\$ (1,467.00)	\$ 18,381.00
Post 1		\$ 19,848.00		\$ (2,095.00)	\$ 17,753.00
Post 2		\$ 19,848.00		\$ (5,099.00)	\$ 14,749.00
General Government		\$ 860,261.00		\$ (133,674.00)	\$ 726,587.00
Public Works		\$ 867,091.00		\$ (70,418.00)	\$ 796,673.00
Debt Service		\$ 200,986.00		\$ (62,948.00)	\$ 138,038.00
	TOTAL:	\$ 5,986,281.00	\$ 961,932.00	\$ (289,139.00)	\$ 6,659,074.00

to amend the 2025 General Fund budget to align FY2025 General Fund revenues and expenditures with actual activity, including the use of fund balance to offset net expenditure overage.

 Jelani Linder, Mayor

 Shavala Ames, City Clerk



CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN

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THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Stone Mountain, Georgia, that the following amendment to the Visitor Center Fund budget for Fiscal Year 2025 be made this _____ day of, _____ 2026

FUND 02	VISITOR CENTER FUND				
REVENUE	LINE ITEM DESCRIPTION	2025 Budget	INCREASE	DECREASE	2025 Revised Budget
	Revenue Shortfall/Reduction	\$ 171,075.00	\$ -	\$ (88,417.00)	\$ 82,658.00
	Transfers In - General Fund	\$ -	\$ 38,629.00		\$ 38,629.00
	Total	\$ 171,075.00	\$ 38,629.00		\$ 121,287.00
EXPENSE	LINE ITEM DESCRIPTION		INCREASE	DECREASE	
	Visitor Center Expenditures	\$ 171,075.00	\$ -	\$ (49,788.00)	\$ 121,287.00
	TOTAL:	\$ 171,075.00	\$ -	\$ (49,788.00)	\$ 121,287.00

Budget Amendment to align FY2025 Visitor Center Fund revenues and expenditures with actual activity and recognize required interfund support from the General Fund

 Jelani Linder, Mayor

 Shavala Ames, City Clerk



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Date: May 13, 2026
To: City of Stone Mountain, Mayor and City Council
From: Michelle Uran, Finance Director
Subject: FY2025 Budget Amendment Summary

FY2025 Budget Amendment Summary

- General Fund amendment reflects departmental expenditure overages offset partially by revenues exceeding budget and the appropriation of fund balance.
- Visitor Center amendment aligns actual revenues, expenditures, and required General Fund support.
- Stormwater amendment aligns revenues and expenditures with actual operations and capital activity.

Amounts remain subject to final audit adjustments and year-end reconciliation procedures

RESOLUTION - _____
 A Resolution of Mayor and City Council of Stone Mountain, Georgia

WHEREAS, the local fiscal year 2025 budget for the City of Stone Mountain, Georgia was adopted in December 2024; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend such budget now;

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mayor and Council of the City of Stone Mountain, Georgia, that the following amendment to the Stormwater Fund budget for Fiscal Year 2025 be made this _____ day of, _____ 2026

FUND 08	STORMWATER FUND				
REVENUE	LINE ITEM DESCRIPTION	2025 Budget	INCREASE	DECREASE	2025 Revised Budget
	Stormwater Revenues Exceeding Budget	\$ 103,500.00	\$ 41,246.00	\$ -	\$ 144,746.00
	Use of Fund Balance	0	\$ 58,642.00		\$ 58,642.00
	Total	\$ 103,500.00	\$ 99,888.00	\$ -	\$ 203,388.00
EXPENSE	LINE ITEM DESCRIPTION		INCREASE	DECREASE	
	Stormwater Expenditures	\$ 103,500.00	\$ 99,888.00	\$ -	\$ 203,388.00
	TOTAL:	\$ 103,500.00	\$ 99,888.00	\$ -	\$ 203,388.00

Budget Amendment to align FY2025 Stormwater Fund revenues and expenditures with actual activity, including the use of fund balance for eligible stormwater operations and capital expenditures

 Jelani Linder, Mayor

 Shavala Ames, City Clerk

From: [Hub Jordan](#)
To: [Shavala Ames](#); [Miglena Dimov](#)
Subject: Discussion Topic
Date: Monday, May 11, 2026 10:52:18 AM

For the next council meeting, I would like to add a discussion topic to address weekend services by Public Works and the daily opening and closing of our parks/green space by Public Works and/or Police.

Hub Jordan
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