



## Mayor and City Council Work Session

Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 6:30 PM

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

### Agenda

Mayor and Council: Dr. Beverly Jones – Mayor | Post 3: Mayor Pro Tem Ryan Smith  
Post 1: Council Member Anita Bass | Post 2: Council Member Mark Marianos  
Post 4: Council Member Gil Freeman | Post 5: Council Member Shawnette Bryant  
Post 6: Council Member Teresa Crowe

Staff: Shawn Edmondson - City Manager | Maggie Dimov - Assistant City Manager/Economic Development Director/DDA | Shavala Ames - City Clerk | Angela Couch - City Attorney

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#### I. Public Hearing

1. Public Hearing on 6804 JBR Memorial Drive on proposed zoning from R-2 Home Occupation/Tax Office to R-2 Single Family Vacation Home Facility, requested by City Planner Tamaya Huff

#### II. Adjournment

#### III. Call to Order

#### IV. Determination of Quorum

#### V. Invocation and Pledge

#### VI. Citizen Comments – Including comments from public/stakeholders (3 minutes per comment)

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

- 1.** Consideration of an action on a request to approve the July 1, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes
- 2.** Consideration of an action on a request to approve the July 7, 2025 Special Called Meeting Minutes

**VIII. Reading of Communications**

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

**X. Committee Discussion Items**

- 1.** Stone Mountain Community Garden
- 2.** Planning Commission
- 3.** Historic Preservation Commission
- 4.** Parks and Recreation Committee

**XI. Staff Reports**

- 1.** Public Safety- Police Chief- James Westerfield Jr

**XII. City Manager's Report**

- 1.** City Manager's Report - Presented by Interim City Manager Maggie Dimov
- 2.** Administrative Stats Update

**XIII. Council Policy Discussion Topics**

**XIV. Unfinished Business**

- 1.** Consideration of an action on a request to allocate funds for the Back to School Bash in Rockborough, requested by Council Member Shawnette Bryant

**XV. New Business**

- 1.** Consideration of an action on a request to approve the bylaws for the Parks and Recreation Committee, requested by Mayor Beverly Jones
- 2.** Consideration of an action on a request to approve a two way sign at Third and East Mountain, requested by Council Member Teresa Crowe
- 3.** Consideration of an action on a request to veto Ordinance 2025-05 Procedures for Removal, requested by Mayor Beverly Jones

- [4.](#) Consideration of an action on a request to authorize an agreement with Sumter Consulting to initiate the search for a new City Manager

**XVI. New Ordinances and Resolutions**

- [1.](#) 2025-04 - Parks and Recreation Committee Establishment (2nd Reading)
- [2.](#) Resolution 2025-19 - Dekalb County to conduct the City of Stone Mountain 2025 General Municipal Election
- [3.](#) Resolution 2025-20 - Banking Resolution to add Interim City Manager

**XVII. Remarks of Privilege**

1. Discussion: Stormwater with Stormwater Administrator Mike Vasquez, requested by Council Member Shawnette Bryant

**XVIII. Announcements by The Mayor**

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

- [1.](#) Litigation

**XX. Adjournment**



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

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## STAFF ANALYSIS AND REPORT

**OWNER/APPLICANT:** Robbie Terry-Washington

**LOCATION:** 6804 JBR Memorial Drive  
(Parcel ID: 18 126 07 012)

**CURRENT ZONING/USE:** R-2: Home Occupation/Tax Office

**PROPOSED ZONING/USE:** R-2: Single-Family Vacation Home Facility

**REQUEST:** Special Use Permit to allow for short-term lodging, vacation home facility.

**ZONING/ADJACENT LAND USE:**

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| North | R-2: Single-Family Residential           |
| South | MR-1: Proposed MR-1 Townhomes            |
| West  | R-2: Single-Family Residential           |
| East  | R-2: Stone Mountain Memorial Association |

**MEETING INFORMATION:**

|                                      |                        |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Planning & Zoning Commission:        | 04/21/2025 – 6:30 P.M. |
| Mayor & City Council Public Hearing: | 07/15/2025 – 6:30 P.M. |

**RECOMMENDATION:** Approval with conditions.



## **BACKGROUND:**

### **Background:**

A vacation home facility is defined as: “a residential type establishment, with commercial enterprise, offering whole house rental with no more than four lodging rooms for temporary occupancy for a fee that does not offer food to guest.” The occupancy of the guest shall not exceed 14 consecutive days during any 90-day period.

The existing home was constructed in 1949. The home is 1,220 square feet, containing 2 bedrooms and 1 bathroom.

**Analysis:** Pursuant to Article II of the City of Stone Mountain Zoning Ordinance, Staff has reviewed the special use permit request in accordance with the required review criteria.

**A. Whether or not there will be a significant adverse effect on the neighborhood or area in which the proposed use will be located.**

The existing building is a single-family home, which is currently used as office space. This request would reduce the number of available long-term rentals for citizens in the City of Stone Mountain but would return the building to a residential use. There are no significant adverse effects anticipated on the neighborhood or area with the proposed staff conditions.

**B. Whether or not the use is compatible with the neighborhood.**

The proposed use is compatible with the neighborhood. This is an existing single-family home primarily surrounded by low-intensity or residential uses.

**C. Whether or not the proposed use will constitute a nuisance as defined by state law.**

It is not anticipated that the proposed use will constitute a nuisance.

**D. Whether or not property values of surrounding property will be adversely affected.**

Adjacent property values are not anticipated to be adversely affected through the establishment of the requested use.

**E. Whether or not adequate provisions are made for parking and traffic considerations.**

It is not anticipated that the proposed use will cause a burden on traffic. This is an existing single-family home with an established driveway/parking area.

**F. Whether or not the site or intensity of the use is appropriate.**

The proposed vacation home facilities within the home does appear to be appropriate if accompanied by staff recommended conditions.

**G. The location or proximity of other similar uses (whether conforming or non-conforming).**

There is a Short-Term Rental – Homestay located on Poplar Springs Road; this similar use location is not significantly close to the requested use's location.

**H. Whether or not adequate controls and limits are placed upon commercial deliveries.**

It is not anticipated that any commercial deliveries will be required.

**I. Whether or not adequate landscaping plans are incorporated to ensure appropriate transition.**

The proposed use is for an existing single-family lot that has existing landscaping and tree cover.

**J. Whether or not the public health, safety and welfare of the surrounding neighborhoods will be adversely affected.**

The subject property is located along a corridor that has primarily single-family residential homes that serve as the entry to Stone Mountain Park property. The proposed use is not anticipated to produce adverse impacts on the public health, safety, and welfare of surrounding neighborhoods. There will not be an undue strain on resources (i.e.: schools, transportation, water) based on the characteristics of the proposed use.

**K. Whether it is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.**

The property falls within the Single-Family Residential designation on the Future Land Use Map, which calls for single-family residential uses. The property also falls within the Park Edge Character Area, which does not expressly call for residential land uses, but the proposed use is a continuation of the existing residential character and development pattern for the area. Generally, this request is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends approval of the Special Use Permit with the following conditions:

1. The applicant shall apply for a Short-Term Rental Permit and Business License annually.
2. Provide no more than three lodging (guest) rooms with a minimum of 70 square feet per room.
3. Occupancy of a lodging room shall require at least 40 square feet per individual.
4. Occupancy by guest(s) shall not exceed 14 consecutive days during any 90-day period.
5. Vacation home facilities shall be required to have a smoke alarm in each lodging room (guest room) and a fire extinguisher visible and accessible to guests. The facilities are subject to at least one annual inspection at the time of initial licensing and during renewal of the same.
6. There shall be no on-street parking allowed for guests.
7. No business and advertising signs shall be permitted.

The Planning Commission voted to **recommend approval** of the request, with a vote of 6-0.



## APPLICATION FOR USE PERMIT

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

Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_

USE PERMIT #: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Office Use Only)

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name: Robbie Terry-Washington c/o RTW Xxact Enterprises, LLC  
Address: 6804 JBR Memorial Drive  
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Fax: 678-785-1623  
Email Address: info@rtwxxact.com

### OWNER INFORMATION (If different from Applicant)

Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

### PROPERTY INFORMATION

Address: 6804 JBR Memorial Drive, Stone Mountain, GA30083  
Parcel ID#: 18 126 07 012 Land Lot: 107243 District: TSMI  
STMTN CTYTAD

CURRENT ZONING: Office Professional

USE PERMIT REQUEST: Resident ialAirBNB

Name (print) Robbie Terry-Washington

Signature: [Signature] Date: February 24, 2025



**SECTION II****OWNER/PETITIONER**

**NOTICE:** Part 1 and/or Part 2 below must be signed and notarized when the petition is submitted. Please complete Section IV as follows:

- If you are the sole owner of the property and not the petitioner complete Part 1.
- If you are the petitioner and not the sole owner of the property complete Part 2.
- If you are the sole owner and petitioner complete Part 1.
- If there are multiple owners each must complete a separate Part 1 and include it in the application.

**Part 1.**

**Owner states under oath that he/she is the owner of the property described in the attached legal description, which is made part of this application.**

Robbie Terry Washington  
TYPE OR PRINT OWNER'S NAME

6804 JBR Memorial Drive  
ADDRESS

Stone Mountain, GA 30083  
CITY & STATE ZIP CODE

[Signature]  
OWNER'S SIGNATURE

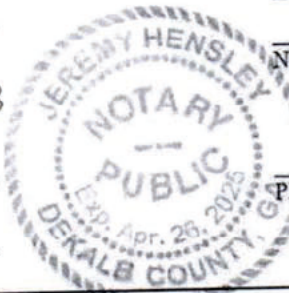
info@rtwxxxact.com  
EMAIL ADDRESS

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the

24 Day of Feb 2025

[Signature]  
NOTARY PUBLIC

678-736-1598  
PHONE NUMBER

**PART 2.**

**Petitioner states under oath that: (1) he/she is the executor or Attorney-in-fact under a Power-of-Attorney for the owner (attach a copy of the Power-of-Attorney letter and type name above as "Owner"); (2) he/she has an option to purchase said property (attach a copy of the contract and type name of owner above as "Owner"); or (3) he/she has an estate for years which permits the petitioner to apply (attach a copy of lease and type name of owner above as "Owner").**

\_\_\_\_\_  
TYPE OR PRINT PETITIONER'S NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY & STATE ZIP CODE

\_\_\_\_\_  
PETITIONER'S SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL ADDRESS

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the

\_\_\_\_\_  
Day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

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NOTARY PUBLIC

\_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE NUMBER

**SECTION V****ATTORNEY / AGENT**

Check One: ☐ Attorney ☐ Agent

\_\_\_\_\_  
TYPE OR PRINT ATTORNEY / AGENT NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY / AGENT

\_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY & STATE ZIP CODE

\_\_\_\_\_  
EMAIL ADDRESS

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PHONE NUMBER

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PETITIONER'S SIGNATURE



## USE PERMIT CONSIDERATIONS

Applicant: Robbie Terry-Washington

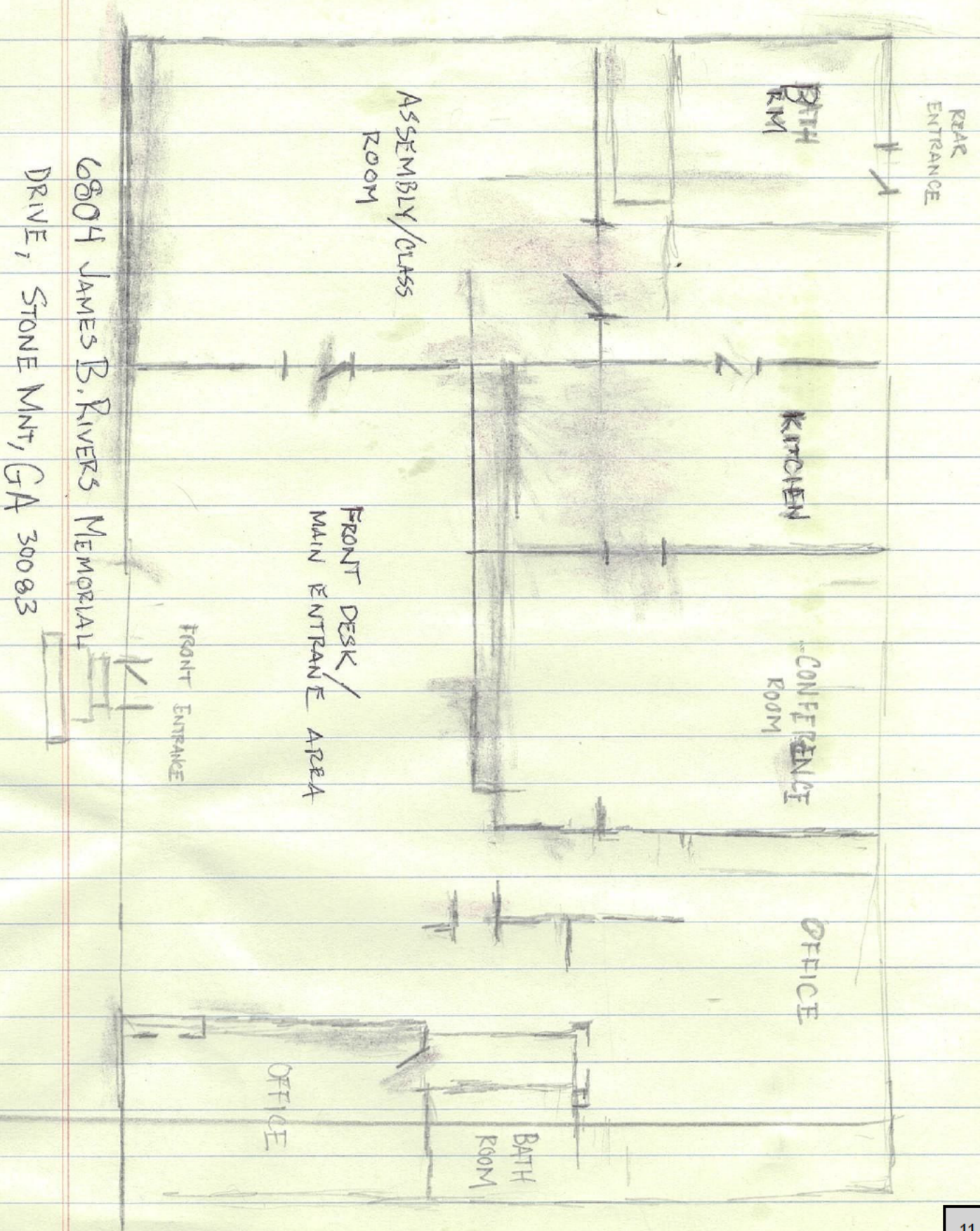
*Analyze the impact of the proposed use permit with the following questions:*

1. Compatibility with land uses and zoning districts in the vicinity of the property for which the use permit is proposed? no change
2. What is the extent to which property values are diminished by their particular zoning restrictions? 2025 no change
3. What is the extent to which the possible reduction of property values of the subject property promotes health, safety, morals or general welfare of the public? no change
4. What is the relative harm to the public as compared to the hardship imposed upon the individual property owner? none
5. What is the suitability of the subject property for the zoning proposed? perfect
6. What is the length of time the property has been vacant as zoned, considered in the context of land development in the area in the vicinity of the property? none - currently in use
7. Will the zoning proposal will permit a use that is suitable in view of the use and development of adjacent and nearby property? YES



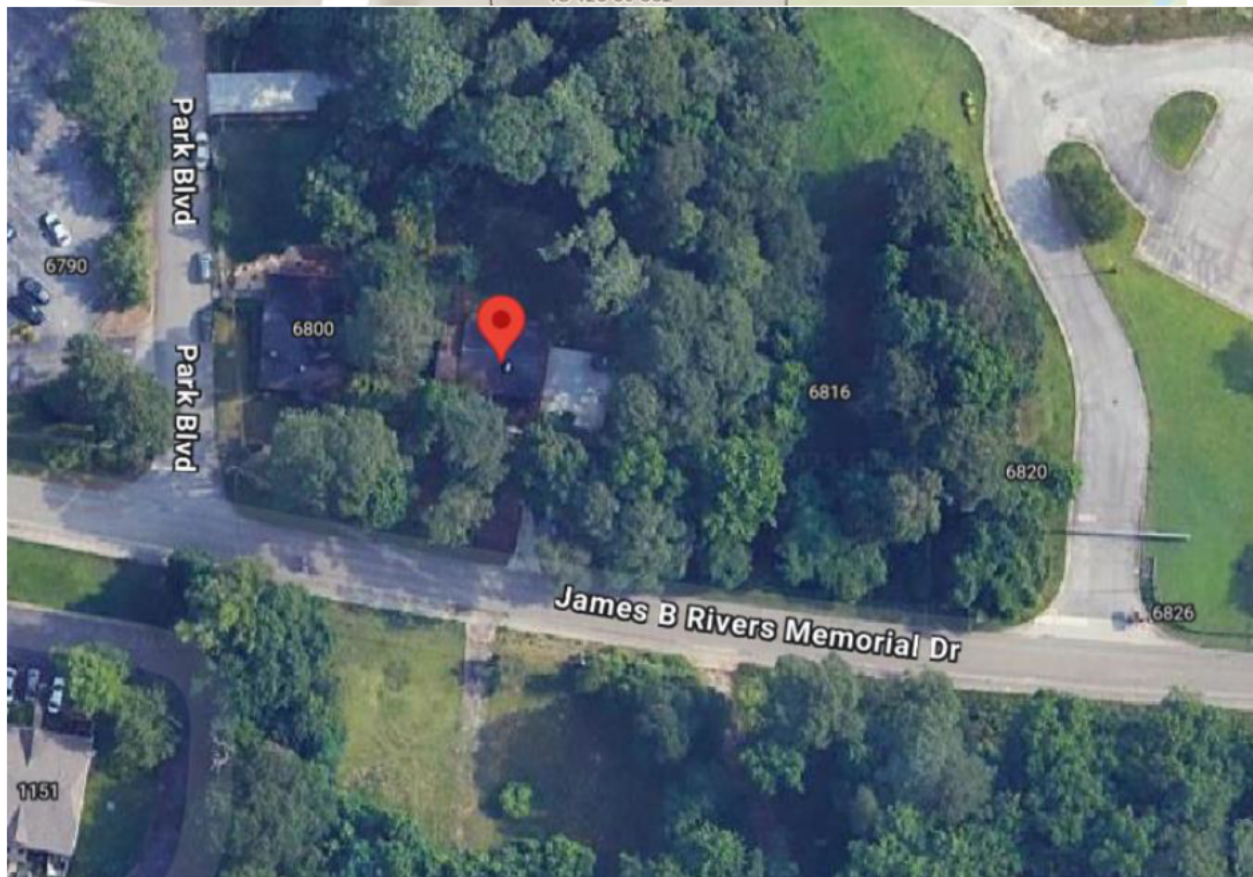
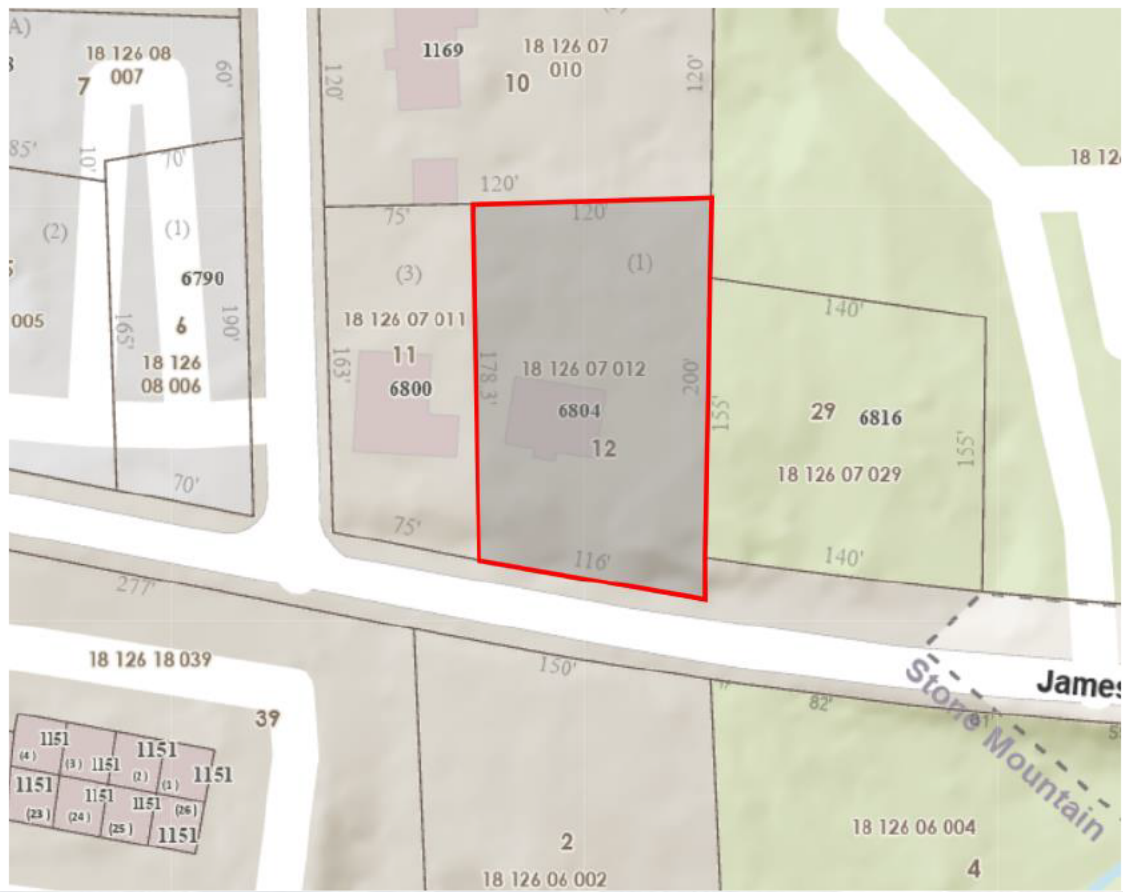
8. Will the zoning proposal adversely affect the existing use or usability of adjacent or nearby property?  
NO
9. Does the property affected by the zoning proposal have a reasonable economic use as currently zoned?  
YES
10. Does the zoning proposal result in a use which will or could cause an excessive or burdensome use of existing streets, transportation facilities, utilities, or schools?  
NO
11. Is the zoning proposal is in conformity with the policy and intent of the comprehensive plan and future development map?  
YES - residential property
12. Are there any other existing or changing conditions affecting the use and development of the property which gives supporting grounds for either approval or disapproval of the zoning proposal?  
NONE
13. What is the impact upon the appearance of the city?  
NONE
14. What is the anticipated impact upon the provision of water, sewage, transportation and other urban services?  
NONE
15. What is the anticipated impact upon population density and the potential for overcrowding and urban sprawl?  
NONE
16. What is the anticipated impact upon thoroughfare congestion and traffic safety  
NONE
17. What measures are being taken to protect the property against blight and depreciation?  
Maintenance and repairs





6804 JAMES B. RIVERS MEMORIAL  
DRIVE, STONE MNT, GA 30083







## 'EXTERNAL'RE: 6804 JBR - Special Use Permit Request

**From** Robbie Terry-Washington <info@RTWXXACT.COM>  
**Date** Thu 4/17/2025 1:45 PM  
**To** Elizabeth Mitchem <emitchem@stonemountaincity.org>  
**Cc** Tammy Moore <tmoore@RTWXXACT.COM>

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Perfect. Yes ma'am AirBNB to Professionals (like traveling nurses) and Corporate Executives. The house has been quiet and we want it to remain that way. My planned new office is 1012 Main Street which is right around the corner. However, I have to sign a lease agreement starting May and need my license transferred from this location to my new office on Main Street in order to operate legally. How do I get this accomplished?

Of course, the AirBnb will be effective was all approvals are executed.

[RTW Client Portal](#) *click here to upload files and domain is **rtwxxact***  
[RTW Contact](#) Click here for contact information

**Robbie Terry-Washington**  
 CEO, CPA, MBA - RTW XXACT ENTERPRISES, LLC

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**Office Locations:**

4600 Carnegie, Cleveland, OH 44103, 2nd FL  
6804 JBR Memorial Dr, Stone Mountain, GA 30083 (300 yards from historical Stone Mtn Park)

Mail all correspondence to: 1544 Wellborn Rd, PO Box 73, Redan, GA 30074

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**From:** Elizabeth Mitchem <emitchem@stonemountaincity.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 17, 2025 1:40 PM  
**To:** Robbie Terry-Washington <info@RTWXXACT.COM>  
**Cc:** Tammy Moore <tmoore@RTWXXACT.COM>  
**Subject:** Re: 6804 JBR - Special Use Permit Request

Hi Ms. Terry-Washington,

As I am finalizing the Planning Commission agenda, here is the request I am recording:

Request — Special Use Permit to allow for a short-term lodging, vacation home facility.

The property is zoned R-2, so there will be no need to rezone it for a residential use, but an "AirBnB" will require a special use permit (which is the permit application you submitted). Can you confirm that this is your request? Thank you in advance!

Elizabeth Mitchem



## Proposal to Implement Development Impact Fees in Stone Mountain, Georgia

*Submitted to the Planning Board, City Council, and City of Stone Mountain Administrators*

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### Introduction

Dear Members of the Planning Board and City Council,

As Stone Mountain continues to experience growth and revitalization, it is imperative to consider sustainable strategies that ensure our infrastructure and public services keep pace with development. Implementing development impact fees is a prudent approach to achieve this balance, ensuring that new developments contribute fairly to the costs of the infrastructure they necessitate. We have safeguards in place to protect the aesthetic of our historic area but there is a great need to protect and rebuild our infrastructure. Relying on SPLOST funds is simply not enough.

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### The Case for Impact Fees

#### 1. Equitable Funding for Infrastructure

Impact fees ensure that the financial burden of expanding infrastructure—such as roads, parks, and public safety facilities—is shared by those who directly contribute to the need for such expansions. This approach prevents existing residents from shouldering disproportionate costs associated with new developments.

#### 2. Supporting a Thriving Tourism Economy

Stone Mountain's appeal as a cultural and historical destination parallels cities like Savannah, which hosted 9.7 million overnight visitors and generated over \$4.4 billion in visitor spending in 2022. As tourism increases, so does the demand for enhanced infrastructure and services, which impact fees can help fund. For a more comparable example, consider **Blue Ridge, Georgia**, which has a population of around 1,300 and a strong tourism economy. Blue Ridge has implemented development impact fees to fund infrastructure improvements necessitated by tourism and growth.

- **Blue Ridge, Georgia:** Despite its small size, Blue Ridge has successfully utilized impact fees to support infrastructure projects, demonstrating that such fees can be effective in smaller municipalities with tourism-driven economies.

- **Tourism Impact:** Blue Ridge's experience shows that even small towns can experience infrastructure strain due to tourism, making impact fees a valuable tool for maintaining public services and facilities.

Implementing development impact fees in Stone Mountain could similarly provide a sustainable funding source for infrastructure improvements, ensuring that the town can accommodate both residents and visitors effectively.

### 3. Learning from Peer Municipalities

It's clear that cities both small and large have successfully implemented impact fees, presenting a valuable opportunity for Stone Mountain to take a proactive step forward and join this forward-thinking approach.

Several Georgia municipalities have successfully implemented impact fees:

- **Alpharetta:** This city imposes a single-family impact fee of \$6,689.53, generating over \$2 million in revenue in fiscal year 2021. The funds have been instrumental in supporting infrastructure projects in a rapidly growing suburban environment. [Georgia Public Policy Foundation](#).
- **Cherokee County:** With combined city and county impact fees reaching up to \$5,954.39 for single-family homes, Cherokee County has effectively utilized these funds to support infrastructure in rapidly growing areas like Canton and Woodstock.
- **Bryan County:** Implemented an impact fee of \$3,241 for single-family homes, generating significant revenue for transportation and park services.

### 4. Fiscal Responsibility and Transparency

Impact fees provide a transparent mechanism for funding infrastructure projects, allowing for better planning and allocation of resources. This approach aligns with responsible fiscal management and ensures that funds are directed toward areas of greatest need. It does not require waiting on grants.

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## Addressing Potential Concerns

While concerns about the potential impact on housing affordability are valid, it's important to note that:

- **Phased Implementation:** Savannah's approach of phasing in impact fees—starting at 50% and increasing to 75% in the second year—provides a model for gradual



implementation, allowing developers to adjust accordingly.

- **Affordable Housing Considerations:** Savannah also approved a 25% reduction in impact fees for affordable housing projects, demonstrating a commitment to balancing development needs with housing affordability.
- Impact fees are a standard practice that developers are familiar with. The cost of doing business should not be shouldered off onto current residents, but be the responsibility of those who aim to develop the City of Stone Mountain.

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## Conclusion

Implementing development impact fees in Stone Mountain is a strategic move to ensure that growth is managed responsibly, infrastructure is adequately funded, and the quality of life for residents is maintained. By learning from the experiences of similar municipalities, we can tailor an approach that meets our unique needs while promoting sustainable development.

I urge the Planning Board and City Council to vote in favor of adopting development impact fees, setting Stone Mountain on a path toward equitable and sustainable growth.

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## Pertinent information:

Georgia Public Policy Foundation. (2022). *Development impact fees: Trends and impact on the community*.

<https://www.georgiapolicy.org/publications/development-impact-fees-trends-and-impact-on-the-community/>

Georgia Public Policy Foundation. <https://www.georgiapolicy.org/publications/impact-fees/>

Savannah Agenda. (2024, February 2). *Exclusive: City's impact fees reach \$5.6 million with SCAD dorm project topping list*.

<https://savannahagenda.com/exclusive-citys-impact-fees-reach-5-6-million-with-scad-dorm-project-topping-list/>

Visit Savannah. (2023, May 9). *Savannah's visitor economy thrives, generating \$4.4 billion in 2022*.

<https://visitsavannah.com/press/press-release/savannahs-visitor-economy-thrives-generating-44-billion-2022>

Warm Regards,

Grace Kelly

Resident and Vice-Chair of the Planning Commission

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## Residential Development Impact Fees

| Housing Type                 | Proposed Impact Fee |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Single-Family Detached Home  | \$3,500             |
| Townhouse or Duplex          | \$3,000             |
| Multi-Family Unit (per unit) | \$2,500             |

## Commercial Development Impact Fees

| Commercial Type   | Proposed Impact Fee (per 1,000 sq ft) |
|---|---------------------------------------|
| Retail  | \$1,750                               |
| Office Space  | \$1,500                               |
| Industrial / Warehouse <small>*highest commercial fee due to lack of industrial zones in the city and excessive amount of wear n tear that comes with industrial activities</small> | \$2,500                               |

## Contextual Data

| Category               | Data   |
|------------------------|--------|
| Population (2023 est.) | ~6,553 |

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>Median Household Income</b>                                   | \$49,661  |
| <b>Median Home Value</b>   | ~\$190,700  |
| <b>Number of Housing Units</b>                                   | ~2,854  |
| <b>Unique Offerings of City of Stone Mountain that add value</b> | Walkability, public transit, frequent events, proximity to natural recreation areas and highways  |
| <b>Source</b>  | U.S. Census Bureau (QuickFacts, 2023)   |
| <b>Fee Schedule Reference</b>                                    | <a href="https://www.dca.ga.gov/local-government-assistance/planning/local-planning/development-impact-fees">https://www.dca.ga.gov/local-government-assistance/planning/local-planning/development-impact-fees</a> |



**Mayor and City Council Regular Session**  
**Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at 6:30 PM**  
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## Minutes

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### I. Call to Order

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 6:32 P.M.

### II. Determination of Quorum

**PRESENT:** Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 4 Gil Freeman, Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe, Mayor Beverly Jones

### III. Invocation and Pledge

Mayor Jones led the pledge, followed by the invocation.

### IV. Citizen Comments – Including comments from public/stakeholders

**Citizen Comment 1: Kay Nunez** – City is alive with energy – thanked all those involved; Used See Click Fix and it works great.

**Citizen Comment 2: Cherly Dudley** – Council needs to review what open record requests are about – requester is able to contact the Attorney General and copy him on open records requests; requests should be honored and at a reasonable cost.

**Citizen Comment 3: Joan Monroe** – The law is being ignored; contracts issued are against City code; someone was chosen to lead the charge to get rid of the black mayor; the state will shut you down; public oversight has been removed from funds and parks; Parks and Rec Chair asked for records repeatedly for over a year – records should be turned over; council refuses to look at millions in misappropriated tax dollars; stop being self-serving – most corrupt city in the county; the 15.827 millage should be 12.

### V. Review of the Journal

1. Consideration of an action on a request to approve June 17, 2025 City Council Meeting Minutes

**ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE JUNE 17, 2025, CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
 Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem 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 6 Teresa Crowe

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

**MOTION PASSED**

**VI. Reading of Communications**

City Clerk Shavala Ames read a communication from Dekalb Beautification, Super District 7 Commissioner LaDena Bolton, and Super District 6 Commissioner Ted Terry who recognized the City of Stone Mountain for valuable contribution and strong commitment to creating a cleaner, greener, and more vibrant Dekalb County.

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

**ACTION: MOTION TO ADD TO THE AGENDA A DISCUSSION OF A BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR COUNCILMEMBER BRYANT'S BACK TO SCHOOL BASH**

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 Gil Freeman, Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

**MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

**ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA OF THE DAY WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS: MOVE NEW BUSINESS ITEM #2, REQUEST TO OBTAIN FROM TRUIST BANK ANY AND ALL CHECKS FROM THE CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN AND DDA ACCOUNTS, TO UNFINISHED OLD BUSINESS; DESIGNATE ORDINANCE 2025-04, ESTABLISHMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE, TO A FIRST READ; ADD R&B BID TO NEW BUSINESS ITEM #2**

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 Gil Freeman, Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

**MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

**VIII. City Manager's Report**

City Manager Shawn Edmondson presented the City Manager's report as outlined. Highlights included updates on the upcoming Fourth of July festivities and recent improvements made to the public restrooms, including various facility upgrades.

Council Member Bryant inquired about the possibility of a budget amendment to allocate funds for a Back-to-School Bash. The City Manager noted that an action item will be presented at the next City Council meeting for consideration.

Council Member Freeman requested information regarding the restroom renovations, specifically related to construction contracts, invoices, and ADA compliance. The City Manager confirmed that these records are available and can be provided.

Mayor Jones requested a cost estimate for the restroom upgrades, and the City Manager will follow up with that information.



IX. Council Policy Discussion Topics

X. Unfinished Business

1. Consideration of an action on a request to obtain from Truist Bank any and all checks from City of Stone Mountain and DDA accounts that cleared with only one signature, list of any and all City of Stone Mountain and DDA accounts (open or closed) in existence for the last eighteen (18) months, statements for each of these City of Stone Mountain and DDA accounts (open or closed) for the past eighteen (18) months, list of any and all security risks and other concerns identified by the Truist Bank Security team in the past eighteen (18) months, any and all correspondence that you have with any and all persons from Truist Bank relating to the above requests, requested by Council Member Gil Freeman

Council Member Freeman Council Member Freeman led the discussion, emphasizing that the Mayor did not initiate contact with the bank; rather, the bank approached the Mayor. Freeman reminded Council that the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) previously stated that any questions should be directed to them and that is exactly what is being done. If an investigation is to proceed, Freeman stressed, it must be a full investigation. It is the Council's duty to provide proper oversight, and information should not be selectively requested to fit a specific narrative or policy.

City Manager Edmondson responded that the City is conducting a full investigation and confirmed that the investigator has already requested some of the relevant information.

Council Member Freeman then asked whether the DDA related items in question would be included in the investigator's final report as he does not want to have to submit an open records request to obtain the information. The City Manager confirmed that they would be.

**ACTION: MOTION TO REQUEST TO OBTAIN FROM TRUIST BANK ANY AND ALL CHECKS FROM CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN AND DDA ACCOUNTS THAT CLEARED WITH ONLY ONE SIGNATURE, LIST OF ANY AND ALL CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN AND DDA ACCOUNTS (OPEN OR CLOSED) IN EXISTENCE FOR THE LAST EIGHTEEN (18) MONTHS, STATEMENTS FOR EACH OF THESE CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN AND DDA ACCOUNTS (OPEN OR CLOSED) FOR THE PAST EIGHTEEN (18) MONTHS, LIST OF ANY AND ALL SECURITY RISKS AND OTHER CONCERNS IDENTIFIED BY THE TRUIST BANK SECURITY TEAM IN THE PAST EIGHTEEN (18) MONTHS, ANY AND ALL CORRESPONDENCE THAT YOU HAVE WITH ANY AND ALL PERSONS FROM TRUIST BANK RELATING TO THE ABOVE REQUESTS**

Motion made by Council Member: Post 4 Gil Freeman, Seconded by Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant

**Voting Yea:** Council Member: Post 4 Gil Freeman, Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant

**Voting Nay:** Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

**MOTION FAILED**

XII. New Business

1. Consideration of an action on a request to approve a long-term facility use agreement with the Pharaohs Youth Football Team

**ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE A LONG-TERM FACILITY USE AGREEMENT WITH THE PHAROAHS YOUTH FOOTBALL TEAM**

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 Gil Freeman, Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

**MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

**2. Consideration of an action on a request to approve R&B Developer for the parking lot paving**

City Manager Edmondson provided an overview of the bidding process, stating that four bids were received for the parking lot paving project. R&B Developers have been recommended as the preferred contractor. It was also noted that the project engineer will serve as a safeguard against potential change orders by ensuring that thorough preliminary assessments are completed. While change orders may be necessary in cases of unforeseen circumstances, they must be approved by City Council and should be minimal, if any. An agreement with R&B Developers will be presented at a later council meeting for formal approval.

**ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE R&B DEVELOPER AS THE RECOMMENDED CONTRACTOR FOR THE PARKING LOT PAVING PROJECT**

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

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

**MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

**XIII. New Ordinances and Resolutions**

**1. Resolution 2025-18 Adoption of the Millage Rate**

**ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-18 ADOPTION OF THE MILLAGE RATE**

Motion made by Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe, Seconded 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 Gil Freeman, Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

**MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

**2. Ordinance 2025-04 - Stone Mountain Parks and Recreation Committee (FIRST READ)**

Mayor Jones noted that the Parks and Recreation bylaws had been submitted for review. However, the City Clerk clarified that the bylaws were submitted after the agenda was published. As the matter is not time-sensitive, the item will be placed on the agenda for the July 15, 2025, City Council meeting. Rev. Orea Parker addressed the Council to provide an overview of the proposed changes to the bylaws. City Attorney Couch reminded the Council that the only item currently up for consideration is the first reading of Ordinance 2025-04.

Mayor Pro Tem Smith pointed out that the second paragraph of the document states that greenspace facilities such as the lawn, should not be considered part of parks. Rev. Parker returned to the podium and clarified that the statement originated from the previous version of the bylaws adopted in 2020.

Council Member Crowe sought clarification on whether the proposed ordinance would allow the committee to adopt bylaw updates without requiring City Council approval. The City Attorney confirmed

that this is indeed what the current language of the ordinance states. However, no clear consensus was reached on how to proceed with potential modifications to that provision.

### 3. Ordinance 2025-05: Procedures for Removal (SECOND READ)

City Attorney Couch reviewed the proposed ordinances noting that there were two versions, one that includes residents and one that does not include residents.

Concerns were raised regarding moving the will of the voters. It was stated to be clear that the proposed ordinance is for all elected officials.

#### **ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 2025-05 PROCEDURES FOR REMOVAL WITH PROOF OF PROPONDERANCE**

Motion made by Council Member: Post 6 Crowe, 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 6 Teresa Crowe

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

#### **MOTION PASSED**

### **XIV. Remarks of Privilege**

City Manager Edmondson provided an overview of the street paving project, detailing the scheduled timeline and specifying which roads are slated to begin paving on which days.

### **XV. Announcements by The Mayor**

Mayor Jones took a moment to wish everyone a safe and enjoyable Fourth of July. A question was raised regarding approximately \$5,000 worth of unused fireworks from a previous year. The City Manager indicated that he did not have any information on the matter at this time.

### **XVI. Adjournment**

#### **ACTION: MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING AT 8:22 P.M.**

Motion was made by Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Seconded by Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant

**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 Gil Freeman, Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

#### **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

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Dr. Beverly Jones, Mayor

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Shavala Ames, City Clerk



## Special Called Meeting

July 7, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.

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

## Minutes

**Mayor and Council: Dr. Beverly Jones – Mayor | Post 3: Mayor Pro Tem Ryan Smith  
Post 1: Council Member Anita Bass | Post 2: Council Member Mark Marianos  
Post 4: Council Member Gil Freeman | Post 5: Council Member Shawnette Bryant  
Post 6: Council Member Teresa Crowe**

**Staff: Shawn Edmondson - City Manager | Maggie Dimov - Assistant City Manager | Shavala Ames - City Clerk | Angela Couch - City Attorney**

### Call to Order

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

### Determination of Quorum

**PRESENT:** Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 4 Gil Freeman, Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe, Mayor Beverly Jones

### 1. Adoption of the Agenda of the Day

#### **ACTION: MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA OF THE DAY**

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 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 Gil Freeman, Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

#### **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

### 2. Executive Session – Personnel

#### **ACTION: MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL AT 6:35 P.M.**

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

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

#### **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

**ACTION: MOTION TO ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:01 P.M.**

Motion made by Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Seconded by Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant

**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 Gil Freeman, Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

**MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)****ACTION: MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF CITY MANAGER SHAWN EDMONDSON**

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Seconded by Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant

**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 Gil Freeman, Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

**MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)****ACTION: MOTION TO APPOINT MAGGIE DIMOV AS THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER**

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 Gil Freeman, Council Member: Post 6 Crowe

**Voting No:** Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant

**MOTION PASSED****ACTION: MOTION TO DESIGNATE SUMTER CONSULTING SERVICES FOR THE CITY MANAGER SEARCH**

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 2 Anita Bass, Seconded by Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant

**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 Gil Freeman, Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

**MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)****3. Adjournment**

City Manager Shawn Edmondson expressed his gratitude to the governing body and the community for the privilege and opportunity to serve as City Manager for the City of Stone Mountain.

**ACTION: MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:06 P.M.**

Motion made by Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Seconded by Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant



**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 Gil Freeman, Council Member:  
Post 5 Shawnette Bryant, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

**MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

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**Dr. Beverly Jones, Mayor**

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**City Clerk, Shavala Ames**

JULY 15, 2025, COMMITTEE REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

## STONE MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY GARDEN AT VFW PARK



### Committee Members:

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



## OVERVIEW

The Stone Mountain Community Garden at VFW Park (SMCG) was established in March 2011 as a partnership between the City of Stone Mountain and the Dekalb County/ University of Georgia Extension Service (Extension Service). Since that time, the SMCG has provided over 16,430 pounds of fresh produce to the Stone Mountain Ecumenical Food Pantry (Food Pantry) for distribution to local families with food insufficiencies. The SMCG is an all volunteer effort that has provided essential food for 4,112 families to date. Thus far in 2025, the SMCG has contributed over 600 pounds of fresh vegetables, fruits and herbs to the Food Pantry — benefiting 150 families experiencing food insufficiencies.

The SMCG provides 54 spaces for individuals in the community to grow their own vegetables, fruits and flowers throughout the year. There is also an active apiary with three honey bee hives, a butterfly/pollinator garden, four composting systems, herb garden, children's garden, grape arbor, two vertical gardens and a newly added greenhouse. Pesticides are not used at the SMCG.

Ten Master Gardeners support the Community Garden through the Extension Service. The Master Gardeners 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.

## RECENT SMCG EVENTS

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| June 20, 2025 | Meeting With City Manager, Public Works Director and Storm Water and Drainage Director Regarding Drainage Issues Affecting Community Garden and Handicap Accessibility |
| June 21, 2025 | Food Well Alliance Organizes Volunteers to Assist at Community Garden (See Photo on Front Cover Page)  |
| June 30, 2025 | Quarterly Community Garden Committee Meeting (ZOOM) - Minutes Posted on City Website   |
| July 12, 2025 | Monthly Workday and Mini Talk by MG Elizabeth Wallace on Planting Pollinators  |

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT SMCG

|                |                                     |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| August 9, 2025 | Monthly Workday                     |
| August 9, 2025 | Mini Talk (TBD)                     |
| TBD            | All Dekalb Master Gardeners Workday |

## RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Received Donated Native Plants from Food Well Alliance for Planting in Butterfly Garden
2. Received Donation of Melon Plants from Atlanta Botanical Gardens for Food Pantry and Children's Gardens
3. Replacement of Four Raised Beds in Community Garden and Food Pantry Garden (Built by Volunteer/Committee Member Tom Zimmerman)
4. Donation of Bench by the Women's Club of Stone Mountain
5. Participated in Summer Campaign for Food Well Alliance (see Media Events)
6. Public Works Painted Bathroom Doors and Floors

## IMMEDIATE NEEDS FROM CITY

1. Handicap Accessibility to Garden and Bathrooms—Problems Persist
2. Assistance With Acquiring Storage Shed and Items for Inside of Greenhouse
3. Resume Pruning and Cleanup of Limbs and Debris Along Fence Lines
4. Remedy Drainage Problem Along Gordon Street and Entrance to Community Garden

## MEDIA EVENTS

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](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>

Food Well Alliance Just Picked! Blog  
<https://www.foodwellalliance.org/blog/columbus-brown-stone-mountain-community-garden>

Georgia Grown 2022 Article, Page 32  
<https://editions.mydigitalpublication.com/publication/?i=759283>

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

Dekalb County Extension How to Build a Raised Bed  
<https://www.facebook.com/UGAExtensionDeKalbCounty/videos/build-a-raised-bed/1117166168664185/>

Georgia Bulletin Article 2016 re SMCG  
<https://georgiabulletin.org/news/2016/12/community-garden-grows-tons-good/>

Georgia Bulletin Article 2013 re SMCG parishes-find-vitality-in-caring-for-creation

**CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN POLICE**  
**ACTIVITY STATISTICS**

June 1-2025-June 30-2025

| ACTIVITY          | DAY A-SHIFT | DAY B-SHIFT | MORNING C-SHIFT | MORNING D-SHIFT | TOTALS     |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|
| Calls             | 36          | 69          | 23              | 20              | 148        |
| Arrests           | 1           | 4           | 4               | 7               | 16         |
| Citations         | 12          | 77          | 150             | 22              | 261        |
| Warning Citations | 18          | 68          | 22              | 15              | 123        |
| DUI               | 0           | 1           | 0               | 0               | 1          |
| VGCSA             | 0           | 0           | 1               | 0               | 1          |
| Parking Citations | 4           | 0           | 12              | 0               | 16         |
| <b>TOTALS</b>     | <b>114</b>  | <b>66</b>   | <b>212</b>      | <b>52</b>       | <b>444</b> |

Incident Reports

148

Domestic 17

Accidents 7



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

## 2025 CRIME STATISTICS

[illegible]

[illegible]

**Print Date:**





# ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS

Item # 2.

## Business License



5

4 Renewed, 1 New

## Planning & Historic Preservation



|                      |   |
|----------------------|---|
| Zoning Verifications | 3 |
| Special Use Permits  | 3 |
| Rezoning             | 0 |
| COA's                | 4 |
| HPC Case Files       | 4 |

## City Clerk

40

Open Record Requests

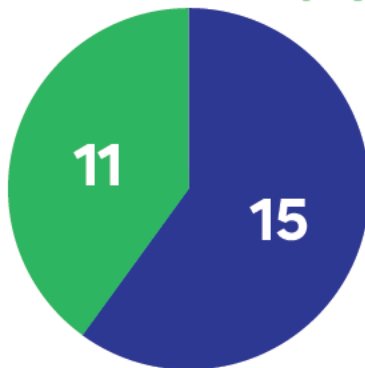
## *Laserfiche Project*



890

Files and Records Scanned

## Permits



■ Residential  
■ Commercial

## Police Records



Open Record Requests 38

Law Enforcement/Military/Security  
Clearance Pre-Employment  
Records Checks 23

Records and Media provided to  
prosecutors for criminal court  
cases 19

## Code Compliance



Warning Notices Issued 31

Compliance Met 17

Court Summons Issued 14

Court Cases Reset 2

**BYLAWS**  
**City of Stone Mountain**  
**Parks & Recreation Committee**  
**Updated July 1, 2024**

**Section 1. Purpose of the Committee (Mission Statement)**

The Parks and Recreation Committee serves as an advisory board to the Stone Mountain City Council on issues pertaining to parks and recreation. The Committee has no official authority to establish, create, pass or enforce any of the park rules or activities. The Parks and Recreation Committee assumes a major role in developing a sense of community and enhancing the resident's quality of life by advising the Council about, and by promoting, recreational and social programs for preschool age children, youth, teen, adult, family, and senior populations and by recommending special events and engaging in the organization of such events.

**Section 2. Functions of the Committee**

The functions of the committee are to:

- (1) Members will work to help coordinate/plan community events and voluntary community projects in the City.
- (2) Review current parks and recreation programs and facilities in the City to determine additional needs, and submit recommendations pertaining to parks and recreation guidelines, policies, and facilities of City Council
- (3) Provide and gather input and ideas on parks and recreation related short-term and long-range plans and goals.
- (4) Serve in an advisory capacity to the Council for the maintenance and funding of parks and recreation facilities, and for the sustainability of the City's parks and recreation facilities.
- (5) Review parks and recreation related matters submitted by the City Council.
- (6) Make recommendations to the City Council, through the City's Public Works Director, on operating and capital budget needs of the City owned parks and recreation facilities.
- (7) Promote maximum utilization of parks, recreation facilities and programs.
- (8) Offer advice to the Council on enhancing the quality of life to all City of Stone Mountain residents through the implementation of a wide variety of parks and recreation programs and services.

**Section 3. Eligibility for Appointment**

The structure for membership of the Parks and Recreation Committee shall be as follows:

Four City of Stone Mountain Resident Appointments  
 One Community Stakeholder Appointment  
 One Council Appointment

**One Administrative Appointment  
Seven Members Total**

Four (4) seats shall be occupied by residents living within the established incorporated boundaries of the City of Stone Mountain.

One (1) seat shall be occupied by a community stakeholder. The Community Stakeholder does not have to be a citizen of the City but, must be able to show a vested stakeholder interest (i.e., business or property owner; member of a civic, religious, or social organization located within the city limits of Stone Mountain; etc.)

The Council Appointment shall be named by the Mayor.

The Administrative Appointment shall be named by the City Manager or shall otherwise be the City's Public Work's Director.

**Section 4. Quorum**

A quorum shall consist of 50% or greater of the Committee members currently appointed to the Committee.

**Section 5. Expectation of All Committee Members:**

All Committee Members are expected to have an interest in developing and maintaining City parks and recreational facilities and working with the City Council, other members of the Committee and the general public to plan for future improvement in parks, recreational facilities, programs and a wide variety of related projects for the enjoyment of all of the residents of the City.

**Section 6. General Information Pertaining to the Committee:**

**(1) Mayoral Appointment:**

The Parks and Recreation Committee has seven members, all of whom are appointed by the Mayor and whose appointment is confirmed by the City Council. The Committee will operate under the general direction of the **Mayor or appointee**.

**(2) Committee Positions (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary):**

After the initial appointment, a meeting is to be held of the committee to select, from its members, a Chair, a Vice Chair, and a Secretary for the Committee (of which neither position shall be filled by the Administrative Appointment).

The Parks and Recreation Committee shall elect a chair, vice chair, and a Secretary for the Committee. Officers shall serve one-year terms and shall be eligible for reelection. After initial appointment, the Committee shall elect its officers annually in January every year thereafter. Such election is to be reported to the City Manager for record.

**(3) Meeting Minutes and Reports:**

Minutes for each meeting of the Committee are to be recorded by the Committee Secretary. The minutes are to be confirmed by the Committee Chair and submitted to the City Clerk. The Committee shall be subject to monthly reports to be made to the Council by the Committee Chair, or his/her designee.



## Section 7. Terms of Service

The term of office for members appointed to the parks and recreation committee shall be two (2) years except for the initial appointments. The term of office for initial appointments shall be set as follows:

- a. Two (2) appointments shall be for an initial term of two (2) years beginning on January 1, 2024, and ending January 1, 2026.
- b. Three (3) appointments shall be for an initial term of three (3) years beginning on January 1, 2024, and ending January 1, 2027.
- c. Council Appointment shall be for a term of two (2) years and shall be appointment by the Mayor at the expiration of each term. The initial term of the Council appointment shall begin on January 1, 2024, and end January 1, 2026.
- d. Administrative appointment will be confirmed annually.

At the end of each term of office, the Administration shall take action to inform city residents and stakeholders that an opening exists on the Committee. The Administration office shall accept applications from interested individuals and shall present such applications and/or letters of interest to the Committee for review. The Committee shall recommend a short list of potential candidates to the Mayor. The Mayor shall nominate individuals from the short list for confirmation by the Council no later than the work session next following receipt of the short list.

## Section 8. Meetings

The Parks and Recreation Committee will meet and will provide report of meetings as follows:

### (1) Meeting Dates/Times

**Second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm at City Hall.** (If that Monday falls on a holiday, it will be rescheduled.) If physical meetings are not available, the city will provide an appropriate electronic means of meeting, such as Zoom, so Committee members may participate electronically.

### (2) Quorum

Meetings are to be conducted with no less than a quorum of the Committee's members as defined in Section 4 herein.

### (3) Meeting Agendas, Notices, Minutes and Reports:

#### (a) Agendas and Notices

Meeting agendas are to be published under the open meeting guidelines as adhered to by the City. Agendas are to be posted within 48 hours of the Committee meeting date and time.

#### (b) Minutes

Minutes for each meeting of the Committee are to be recorded by the Committee Secretary. The minutes are to be confirmed by the Committee Chair and submitted to the City Clerk. The Committee shall be subject to monthly reports to be made to the Council by the Committee Chair, or his/her designee.

### (4) Special Meeting of the Committee

Any meeting of the Committee that is called outside of the regular meeting date/time is considered a special meeting of the Committee and can be called by the Chair or by three (3)

members of the Committee. Special meetings of the Committee shall adhere to the agenda and notice requirements as specified in section 8.2(a) of these Bylaws.

**(5) Order of Business**

The order of business for each regular or specially called meeting of the Committee shall be as follows:

- (a) Call to order
- (b) Determination of a quorum
- (c) Approval of Agenda
- (d) Approval of the past meeting's Minutes
- (e) Unfinished Business
- (f) New Business
- (g) Summary of Events/Items to be Reported to Council
- (h) Setting of agenda for the next meeting of the Committee
- (i) Adjournment

**(6) Rules of procedure**

The Chair shall serve in charge of the rules of procedure for each meeting. When there is a question regarding procedure that would serve to prohibit continuance of the meeting, the Chair may reference the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

**Section 9. Sub-committees.**

The Committee shall appoint sub-committees to special assignments that serve to assist in accomplishing the functions of the Committee as stated in Section 2 herein. Sub-committees may consist of less than a quorum of the Committee and City residents and stakeholders that are appointed by the Committee. The number of members on a sub-committee shall not be greater than the sum of members serving on the Parks and Recreation committee. A member of the Parks and Recreation Committee must chair any sub-committee established by the Committee.

The proposed establishment of any sub-committee is to be reported to the City Manager to determine that the sub-committee serves to assist in accomplishing the approved functions of the Committee. Sub-committee proposals will be reported to the Mayor by the City Manager.

**Section 10. Annual Review of Bylaws**

Bylaws of the City of Stone Mountain Parks & Recreation Committee are to be reviewed at least annually and an approved draft is to be presented to each member of the Committee.

**Section 11. Amendment to Bylaws**

The City of Stone Mountain Parks & Recreation Committee Bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new Bylaws may be adopted by a 2/3rd majority of Committee members at the annual review of the Bylaws or at any special meeting of the Committee called for such purposes. All amendments to the Bylaws must be approved by the City Council prior to implementation. In no event shall the Bylaws be amended to conflict with City ordinances. In the event of any conflict, the City Council's ordinances shall supersede and prevail.

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CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA  
MAYOR'S VETO

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

Pursuant to the City of Stone Mountain Charter Section 2.34, in the event the Mayor wishes to veto an ordinance, the Mayor must submit to the Council through the City Clerk a written statement of the reasons for the veto. The City Clerk shall record upon the ordinance the date of the ordinance's delivery to and receipt of the veto from the Mayor. Ordinances vetoed by the Mayor shall be presented by the City Clerk to the Council at its next meeting when a quorum is present, and should the Council then or at its next meeting adopt the ordinance by an affirmative vote of a majority of the quorum then present, it will become law.

I, Beverly Jones, Mayor of the City of Stone Mountain, hereby exercise my veto power as follows:

Ordinance:

2025-05 Procedures for removal

Reason(s):

This ordinance is inconsistent  
With the Georgia Home Rule Act.  
36-35.6 SEC 1. All these grounds consist  
With the Georgia City Charter.

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

Beverly Jones  
Beverly Jones, Mayor  
City of Stone Mountain, Georgia



CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN  
COUNTY OF DEKALB  
STATE OF GEORGIA

**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN HEREBY ORDAINS**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN; TO CREATE SECTION 2-32; TO PROVIDE FOR PROCEDURES FOR REMOVAL OF AN ELECTED OFFICER OF THE CITY; TO PROVIDE FOR A HEARING, APPOINTMENT OF A HEARING PANEL, RULES OF EVIDENCE, HEARING PROCEDURES; TO REQUIRE WRITTEN DECISION; TO PROVIDE FOR AN APPEAL; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

1. **Chapter 2 Article II. – MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL** of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Stone Mountain shall be amended by creating new section 2-135, to be entitled Procedures for Removal of Officer, and to provide as follows:

**2-135. Procedures for Removal of Officer:** The following procedures shall be followed for the removal of an officer as specified in Section 5.16 of the Charter:

- (a) **Impartial Hearing Panel**
  - (1) The Panel shall be made up of three (3) members.
  - (2) One member shall be the Chief Judge of the City's Municipal Court. If for some reason the Chief Judge is unable to serve, the Chief Judge shall appoint an individual who meets the qualifications as set forth in this Section. The Chief Judge or his/her appointee shall be paid the same rate as the current rate for the Chief Judge for Municipal Court appearances.
  - (3) The remaining two members shall be appointed by a majority vote of Council.
  - (4) In addition to the Chief Judge or his/her appointee, at least one member shall be a competent attorney at law in good standing with the Georgia Bar with at least seven (7) years' experience in the practice of law. Said member shall be paid the same hourly rate as that received by the City Attorney. This attorney shall not have represented the Mayor nor any individual Council Member in his/her personal business at any time. This attorney shall not be a current resident of the City of Stone Mountain. For purposes of this section, a resident of the City of Stone Mountain means either owning or renting real property in the City, where such property is

the primary place of abode of said person; said person currently lives at such property on a regular, continuous basis; and said person has no present intention of leaving said abode.

- (5) In addition to the Chief Judge or his/her appointee, the third member shall be a resident of DeKalb County, Georgia but not of the City of Stone Mountain. For purposes of this section, a resident of DeKalb County, Georgia means either owning or renting real property in DeKalb County, where such property is the primary place of abode of said person; said person currently lives at such property on a regular, continuous basis; and said person has no present intention of leaving said abode. A resident of the City of Stone Mountain means either owning or renting real property in the City, where such property is the primary place of abode of said person; said person currently lives at such property on a regular, continuous basis; and said person has no present intention of leaving said abode. Said member shall be paid the same rate as the current rate for a DeKalb County Grand Juror.
  - (6) The person who is subject of the removal proceedings shall not serve on the panel.
  - (7) Neither the Mayor nor a current member of City Council may be a member of the panel.
  - (8) No member of the panel may be related by blood or marriage to the Mayor, any current member of City Council, nor the Chief Judge.
  - (9) Except for the Chief Judge, no member of the panel may be a current employee, contractor, or appointee of the City, the Mayor, or the City Council.
  - (10) Each member shall be impartial and shall have no conflict of interest with respect to the person subject of the removal proceedings.
  - (11) Each member shall be at least 21 years of age.
  - (12) Upon nomination to serve as a member of the panel, the nominee member must agree to serve and shall swear or affirm that s/he meets the applicable qualifications as set forth herein.
- (b) Commencement of Proceedings
- (1) In order for removal proceedings to begin, there must be a majority vote of Council calling for the commencement of removal proceedings, identifying the person who is subject to removal, and stating at least one reason why such removal is being sought. Such reason(s) for the removal must be one or more of the causes provided in Title 45 of the Georgia

Code or such other applicable laws. Such person subject of the removal proceedings shall be provided written notice specifying the reason(s) removal is being sought, and the City Clerk shall provide same within five (5) days of the commencement vote. The reason(s) why such removal is being sought is/are the only ground(s) upon which such person may be removed upon majority vote of the impartial hearing panel after the public hearing as set forth herein.

- (2) Recognizing that the City Attorney has a conflict of interest in seeking removal of an elected or appointed official, City Council shall retain outside counsel to represent the City in the removal proceedings. Within ten (10) days of the commencement vote, the City Attorney shall submit in writing to the City Clerk the names of at least two possible candidates who have agreed that s/he would serve in the position of outside counsel representation in the removal proceedings. Said attorney shall be paid the same hourly rate as that received by the City Attorney. This attorney shall not have represented the Mayor nor any individual Council Member in his/her personal business at any time.
- (3) Within ten (10) days of the commencement vote, the Chief Judge shall affirm that s/he will serve on the impartial hearing panel or shall name his/her appointee.
- (4) Within ten (10) days of the commencement vote, the Mayor and each Council Member who desires to nominate a remaining member of the hearing panel shall submit in writing one name to the City Clerk. Therefore, there can be no more than seven (7) nominations for the two remaining panel members. This provision applies regardless of whether the Mayor or Council Member is subject of the removal proceedings.
- (5) The City Clerk shall place the names of the proposed outside counsel as the first agenda item to be voted on at the next regularly-scheduled meeting of City Council. The City Clerk shall place the names of the nominated panel members as the second agenda item to be voted on at the next regularly-scheduled meeting of City Council. The City Clerk shall provide each panel nominee's written agreement to serve and oath of qualifications in the agenda packet. Neither of these votes may be tabled or postponed to a future meeting.
- (6) In the event a majority of Council cannot agree on a proposed outside counsel to represent the City in the removal proceedings, the Chief Judge shall appoint said outside counsel.

(c) Hearing Procedures

- (1) The Chief Judge or his/her appointee shall serve as presiding officer of the hearing. The Chief Judge or his/her appointee may issue subpoenas as may be requested by either the City or the person subject of the removal proceedings. Each side shall request no more than three (3) subpoenas.
- (2) The hearing shall be open to the public. Notice of the hearing shall be the same as that required for a regularly-schedule City Council meeting.
- (3) A majority of the hearing panel shall set the date, time, and location of the hearing. Said hearing shall take place inside the City limits of the City of Stone Mountain.
- (4) The person subject of the removal proceedings may hire private counsel but is not required to be represented by counsel at the hearing.
- (5) At least three (3) business days prior to the hearing, the City and the person subject of the removal proceedings shall provide to the Chief Judge or his/her appointee, as well as to the opposing party, a list of any witnesses the party intends to call at the hearing. The parties are not required to call any identified witness on such list, but any additional, unlisted witnesses will not be heard at the hearing, unless in the discretion of the Chief Judge or his/her appointee mitigating factors exist as to why each additional witness was not timely identified prior to the hearing. Where practicable, a copy of each exhibit to be identified or tendered at the hearing shall be furnished to the Chief Judge or his/her appointee, as well as to the opposing party at least 3 days before the hearing unless otherwise directed by the hearing officer. The Chief Judge be responsible for transmitting the witness lists and exhibits to the other hearing panel members.
- (6) The burden of proving the ground(s) specified in the notice shall be on the City. The burden of proof shall be by the preponderance of the evidence.
- (7) Each party shall have the right to give a brief opening statement, and then the parties shall be allowed to present their side of the matter, including submission of any documentary evidence and examination of any witnesses.
- (8) The Chief Judge or his/her appointee may apply the rules of evidence as applied in civil nonjury matters but shall, when necessary to ascertain facts not reasonably susceptible of proof under such rules, allow evidence not otherwise admissible thereunder if it is of a type commonly relied upon by reasonably prudent persons in the conduct of their affairs or if it consists of documents relied upon by the City in the normal course of its business.
- (9) The Chief Judge or his/her appointee shall give effect to statutory presumptions and the rules of privilege recognized by law.



- (10) Whenever any oral testimony sought to be admitted is excluded by the Chief Judge or his/her appointee, the proponent of the testimony may make an offer of proof by means of a brief statement on the record describing the excluded testimony. Whenever any documentary or physical evidence or written testimony sought to be admitted is excluded, it shall remain a part of the record as an offer of proof.
  - (11) The parties shall be allowed full and thorough cross examination of any witnesses.
  - (12) As each witness is called, s/he will answer direct questions and then be subject to cross-examination from the other party. During the evidentiary presentation, the hearing panel members shall have the right to ask questions of the party currently presenting evidence, ask questions of the witnesses, and request clarification of certain points.
  - (13) After the City has presented any evidence in rebuttal or waived the right to do so, each party shall have the right to give a brief closing argument as directed by the Chief Judge or his/her appointee.
  - (14) The City shall provide for the transcription of the proceedings by a certified court reporter and shall bear costs of same.
- (d) Within 15 days after the completion of the hearing, the hearing panel shall make a written decision with findings and conclusions. The decision shall carry with a majority vote of the hearing panel members. The Chief Judge or his/her appointee shall deliver a copy of said written decision to the person subject of removal and to the counsel representing the City. Said counsel for the City shall then distribute said written decision to the Mayor and each Council Member.
- (e) Any appeal shall be as set forth in section 5.16 (b) of the City Charter and shall be pursued under the Superior and State Court Appellate Practice Act, § 5-3-1 *et seq.*
2. **Repealer.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances that conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.
3. **Severability.** If any paragraphs, subparagraphs, sentence, clause, phrase, or any portion of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, or if the provisions of any part of this Ordinance as applied to any particular situation or set of circumstances shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity shall not be construed to affect the portions of this Ordinance not so held to be invalid, or the application of this Ordinance to other circumstances not so held to be invalid. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the City Council to provide separable and divisible parts, and it does hereby adopt any and all parts hereof as may not be held invalid for any reason.
4. This Ordinance shall become effective as provided by the Charter.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Beverly Jones, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Shavala Ames, City Clerk

Approved as to form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Angela C. Couch, City Attorney



PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT  
for the City of Stone Mountain, GA

7/8/25

Executive Search (City Manager)

AGREEMENT #2025 – 13

## OVERVIEW

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

The City of Stone Mountain is hiring Sumter LGC to provide professional services for an executive search process to fill the position of City Manager.

The agreement will include a defined scope of work and a corresponding fee proposal.

## BACKGROUND

Sumter LGC was founded in 2021 by Warren Hutmacher to assist local governments in solving complex problems and to aid private-sector companies, non-profits, and educational institutions with projects and problem-solving related to local government.

Hutmacher has over 25 years of experience in local government, working for a diverse set of cities. He has developed an extensive professional network and has experience in executive search, management, real estate, and leadership problem-solving.

## SCOPE OF SERVICES

The scope of services for Executive Search includes the following elements.

1. Meet with the client to identify, articulate, and memorialize an ideal candidate profile.
2. Develop advertising and recruiting materials to promote the position to a diverse group of qualified candidates.
3. Advertise the position and engage Sumter LGC's extensive network to recruit individuals who are a good fit for the ideal candidate profile.
4. Review and cull resumes received, identify and pre-screen semi-finalist candidates, and recommend candidates for video-recorded interviews.
5. Coordinate the finalist interview process, assist the client with the final selection, conduct background investigations, negotiate an offer letter, and support any media relations efforts to promote the hiring of the new employee.

## PRICING AND CLIENT EXPECTATIONS

The following table outlines the pricing for the services detailed in this proposal. This pricing is valid for 90 days from the date of this proposal.

| <u>Fees for Professional Services</u>   | <u>Time Period</u> | <u>Price</u>    |
|---|--------------------|-----------------|
| Professional services related to the Executive Search   | Flat Fee           | \$18,000        |
| Expenses to include consultant travel and advertising expenses. All expenses as approved in advance by the client |                    |                 |
| <b>Total Fee:</b>   |                    | <b>\$18,000</b> |
|   |                    |                 |

**Sumter LGC offers a one-year guarantee on our work. If, for any reason, the candidate hired by the City does not remain employed with the City of Stone Mountain for one year, we will redo the entire search process at no cost to the client, except for expenses.**



## CONCLUSION

Sumter Local Government Consulting looks forward to supporting the City of Stone Mountain with its executive search needs.

Your signature signifies acceptance of the agreement and a notice to proceed. Either party may terminate this agreement at any time for any reason, with prorated fees owed to the consultant up to the date of termination.

*Warren Hutmacher*

Warren Hutmacher, President  
404.535.0525  
[warren@sumterconsulting.com](mailto:warren@sumterconsulting.com)

Approved by the City of Stone Mountain:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Title

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF DEKALB

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-\_\_

**AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE THE CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

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

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to create a committee of resident volunteers who are committed to receiving direction from the City Council and providing recommendations back to the City Council regarding the use, operation, management, recreational programming, and capital improvement of the City's park, and recreation ~~and greenspace~~ facilities.

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

**SECTION 1.** The Code of the City of Stone Mountain, Georgia, is hereby amended to include the provisions as set out in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference, related to the formation of the City's Parks and Recreation Committee.

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

**SECTION 3.** Any prior City parks and recreation committee, whether formally created or not, and any appointments thereto, are hereby abolished and terminated.

**SECTION 4.** This Ordinance shall become effective in accordance with City Charter Sec. 2.34.

**SECTION 5.** This Ordinance was proposed by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_ with a motion to adopt. Thereafter, the motion was seconded by Council Member \_\_\_\_\_. \_\_\_\_\_ Council Members voted in favor of the motion and \_\_\_\_\_ Council Members voted against the motion.

**SO ORDAINED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

Approved as to form:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Beverly Jones, Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jeff Strickland, City Attorney

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

[City Seal]

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**CITY CHARTER SEC. 2.21 REQUIREMENTS**

- Date of First Reading: \_\_\_\_\_
- Date of Second Reading: \_\_\_\_\_
- Date Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**CITY CHARTER SEC. 2.34 REQUIREMENTS**

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

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

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

- Date this ordinance becomes law: \_\_\_\_\_



## **EXHIBIT A**

[The following text of The Code of the City of Stone Mountain, Georgia, is to be amended by removing the ~~strike through~~ language and adding the **bold** language.]

### **PART II – CODE OF ORDINANCES**

#### **CHAPTER 2 – ADMINISTRATION**

#### **ARTICLE \_\_. PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**

#### **Sec. 2-\_\_\_\_. Purpose.**

The City of Stone Mountain, Georgia (referred to in this article as the “City”) owns and manages multiple park ~~and~~ recreational ~~and greenspace~~ facilities throughout the City. This article is created by the City Council of Stone Mountain (hereinafter in this article referred to as the “City Council”) to provide an organizational structure for a committee of appointed volunteers who are committed to receiving direction from the City Council and providing recommendations to the City Council regarding the public use, recreational programming, and capital improvement of the City’s park ~~and~~ recreation and ~~greenspace~~ facilities.

#### **Sec. 2-\_\_\_\_. Creation, appointment and compensation.**

A standing committee is hereby created called the “City of Stone Mountain Parks and Recreation Committee” (hereinafter in this article referred to as the “Committee”).

(1) *Membership, qualifications and terms of office.* The Committee shall consist of at least three (3) members but no more than five (5) members, each of whom shall be appointed by the City Council as provided below. To be eligible for appointment to the Committee, individuals must be residents of the City for at least one (1) year prior to taking office. Appointees shall serve a maximum of three (3) consecutive two-year terms, except as otherwise provided herein. A period of two (2) years shall elapse before any member serving the maximum three (3) consecutive terms shall be eligible to serve again on the Committee.

(2) *Nomination, appointment and vacancies.*

- a. Nominations for appointment to the Committee may be made by the Mayor and City Council members in their discretion. The Mayor or any member of the City Council may move for the appointment of a qualified individual to fill an open position on the Committee. Upon majority vote of the City Council, such nominated individual shall be appointed to fill the open position to serve in accordance herewith.
- b. If requested by the City Council, when appointing Committee members, the City Clerk shall take action as may reasonably be required to inform City residents that an opening exists on the Committee, including the publication of a notice on the City’s website and in the City’s legal organ for a period no less than three (3) days

or more than ten (10) days. The City Clerk shall accept applications from interested individuals. The City Council shall review the applications and may appoint one or more individuals to fill open positions on the Committee membership.

- c. If an appointed member is unable to complete a term of office, then an appointment to fill the unexpired term shall be made in the same manner as making an initial appointment. A member appointed to serve the remainder of an unexpired term shall be eligible for reappointment for a maximum of two (2) consecutive two-year terms.
  - d. The term of the initial appointments to the Committee shall expire on January 31, 2026.
- (3) Members shall serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses as approved, in advance, by the City Council.
- (4) Members shall serve at the will of the City Council and may be removed from the Committee at any time with or without cause.

**Sec. 2-\_\_\_\_. Duties of the Committee.**

The Committee shall:

- (1) Upon receipt of any specific direction from the City Council, provide recommendations and/or deliverables back to the City Council within a reasonable timeframe.
- (2) Periodically, but at a minimum, annually, review the City's Parks and Recreation Facility Rules and, if appropriate, propose amendments to the City Council for its consideration.
- (3) Propose recommended recreational programming opportunities to the City Council for its consideration.
- (4) Propose recommended capital improvements to the City's park and-recreation ~~and/or greenspace~~-facilities to the City Council for its consideration.
- (5) Report to the City Council at least quarterly throughout the calendar year, in person at an open City Council meeting or by written submission to the City Council, regarding the activities of and business conducted by the Committee over the previous quarter and what is anticipated for the next quarter following the date of such report.

**Sec. 2-\_\_\_\_. Assistance by the City.**

The City administration shall provide technical and clerical assistance as the Committee may require and shall maintain permanent and complete records of the activities of the Committee.

**Sec. 2-\_\_\_\_. Bylaws, Meetings, officers and quorum.**

- (a) ~~The Committee shall adopt rules and procedures, such as bylaws for the transaction of its business. The Committee shall have the prerogative to adopt reasonable rules and bylaws consistent with this article and without the necessity of a further vote of the City Council.~~  
The Committee shall provide for the time and place of regular meetings and a method for the calling of special meetings. The Committee shall meet in January and at least quarterly throughout the calendar year. Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the Georgia Open Meetings Act, O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq., as amended.
- (b) A quorum shall consist of a majority of the members.
- (c) The Committee shall elect a chair and such other officers as it deems appropriate from among its members. Officers shall serve one-year terms and shall be eligible for reelection. The Committee shall elect its officers at its January meeting.

STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF DEKALB  
CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-19

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA APPOINTING  
DEKALB COUNTY BOARD OF REGISTRATIONS AND ELECTIONS TO CONDUCT THE  
CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN 2025 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION HELD ON  
NOVEMBER 4, 2025.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Stone Mountain, Georgia (the "City") in accordance with O.C.G.A. §  
21-2-133 will hold a General Municipal Election on Tuesday, November 4, 2025 ("General Election");  
and

**WHEREAS**, the Stone Mountain City Council is hereby in agreement that it would  
be in the best interest of its citizens, pursuant to O.C.G.A. Section 21-2-45 (c), to allow the  
DeKalb County Board of Registrations and Elections staff equipment and expertise to conduct  
the City of Stone Mountain 2025 Elections; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and DeKalb County executed an Intergovernmental Agreement  
for the provision of Election Services between Dekalb County and the City of  
Stone Mountain ("IGA"); and

**WHEREAS**, the City wishes to execute an agreement in conjunction with the IGA to allow  
the DeKalb County Board of Registrations and Elections to conduct the Elections; and

**WHEREAS**, Individual duties and responsibilities of both the City and DeKalb County  
staff shall be set forth in more detail in the IGA; and

**WHEREAS**, the City agrees to pay all costs associated with such Elections in a manner  
provided in the IGA.



32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF  
33 STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA,  
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35 **SECTION 1** That in accordance with O.C.G.A. §21-2-45(c) the City is authorized to enter  
36 into an agreement appointing DeKalb County Board of Registrations and Elections to Conduct  
37 the City of Stone Mountain November 4, 2025 General Municipal Election.

38 **SECTION 2** That the City Attorney is hereby directed to prepare an agreement with  
39 DeKalb County Board of Registrations and Elections for execution by the City Clerk in  
40 a substantially similar form to the agreement set forth in **Exhibit A** attached hereto.

41 **SECTION 3** That the City shall pay DeKalb County all costs incurred in conducting the  
42 General Municipal Election specifically enumerated in the Intergovernmental Agreement for  
43 the provision of Election services between Dekalb County and the City of Stone Mountain  
44 attached hereto as **Exhibit B**.

45 **SECTION 4** That the agreement with DeKalb County Board of Registrations and  
46 Elections shall not become binding on the City and the City shall incur no liability upon same  
47 until such agreement has been executed by the Municipal Clerk and delivered to the contracting  
48 party.

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50 SO RESOLVED This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2025.  
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**CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA**

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**Dr. Beverly Jones, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Shavala Ames, City Clerk**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Angela Couch, City Attorney**

**EXHIBIT A**

**As per the Agreement previously approved, THE CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN, hereby requests that DeKalb County conduct its General Municipal Election on November 4, 2025. The last day to register to vote in this election is October 6, 2025. The Absentee/ Advance Voting Poll will be located at 4380 Memorial Drive, Decatur, GA 30032.**

**This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Municipal Clerk** (SEAL)

**The DeKalb County Board of Registrations and Elections agrees to conduct the CITY OF \_\_\_\_\_ Election on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.**

**This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.**

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**Election Supervisor** (SEAL)  
**DeKalb County Board of Registrations and Elections**

**STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF DEKALB**

**RESOLUTION 2025-15**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STONE  
MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA, REGARDING CITY BANK ACCOUNT  
MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES AND AUTHORITIES**

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

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

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

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the City's Charter, Sec. 2.16, and other laws of the State of Georgia (e.g., O.C.G.A. § 36-35-3), except as otherwise provided by law or in the Charter, the City Council is vested with all the powers of government of the City and has the power to adopt reasonable ordinances, resolutions and regulations for the protection and preservation of the public health, safety and welfare of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the City's Charter, Sec. 2.29, the City Manager is the chief executive and administrative officer of the City with the power and duty to, among other things, direct and supervise the administration of all departments, offices, and agencies of the City, except as otherwise provided by the Charter or by law; and

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

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the City's Charter, Sec. 2.14(b)(1) and (h)(1), no elected official, appointed officer, or employee of the City shall knowingly engage in any business or transaction or have a financial or other personal interest, direct or indirect, which is incompatible with the proper discharge of that person's official duties, and any city officer or employee who knowingly conceals such financial interest or knowingly violates any of the requirements of this section shall be guilty of malfeasance in office or position and shall be deemed to have forfeited that person's office or position; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the City's Charter, Sec. 2.32(6), the powers and duties of the Mayor include a requirement that the Mayor sign, along with an individual so designated by majority vote of the city council, all checks for the payment of money; and



**WHEREAS**, the City Council has historically appointed more than one other individual with authority to countersign checks for the payment of money; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the City's Charter, Sec. 2.33, during the absence or physical or mental disability of the mayor for any cause, the mayor pro tempore of the City Council shall be clothed with all the rights and privileges of the mayor and shall perform the duties of the office of the mayor so long as such absence or disability shall continue and any such absence or disability shall be declared by majority vote of all council members; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Stone Mountain maintains multiple bank accounts at Truist Bank (formerly SunTrust Bank) (the "City Bank Accounts"), generally described as follows:

| <u><b>Account Name</b></u> | <u><b>Account Number (last four digits)</b></u> |
|----------------------------|---|
| Payroll Account            | 0709  |
| General Fund               | 7973  |
| Storm Water Utility        | 7437  |
| Seized Funds for Holding   | 1407  |
| SPLOST Fund 09             | 2163  |
| Farmers Market Fund 02     | 6789  |
| ARPA Fund 12               | 5803  |
| Confiscated Fund           | 8309  |
| SPLOST II                  | 7122  |

**WHEREAS**, Truist Bank requires documentation of authorized representatives and approved signatories on the City Bank Accounts in the form of an executed "Resolution for Deposit Account" and "Signature Card"; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the City's Charter, Sec. 3.13, the City Clerk is the custodian of the official City seal and City records.

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

1. That Truist Bank is presently recognized and confirmed as the designated depository institution for the City regarding the City Bank Accounts.
2. An updated Resolution for Deposit Account shall be delivered to Truist Bank designating the Interim City Manager, Miglena Dimov, and Mayor Pro Tem, Ryan Smith, as the "Designated Representatives" on the City Bank Accounts but their authorities in that respect, including the authority to appoint, remove or replace others as an "Authorized Signer" on such accounts, may only be exercised consistent with this or any subsequent resolution of the City Council.
3. Neither the City Manager nor the Mayor Pro Tem shall not have unilateral control or authority over the City Bank Accounts despite being named as an "Designated Representative" under the Truist Resolution for Deposit Account; rather, such designation and corresponding authority shall be modified and/or terminated upon adoption of a subsequent resolution of the City Council.

4. That, in addition to the Mayor as required by the City's Charter, the signature of one additional individual from the following group of officials shall be required for all check disbursement transactions under the City Bank Accounts:

|                      |                             |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Interim City Manager | Miglena Dimov (Operational) |
| Council Member       | Ryan Smith (Mayor Pro Tem)  |
| Council Member       | Teresa Crowe                |

5. The City, administratively, shall ensure that any and all checks written out of the City Bank Accounts shall bear two proper signatures prior to such checks being issued from the City.
6. That the directives herein, including the changes in check signing authority, regarding the City Bank Accounts shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the City Council and any prior resolutions inconsistent with the directives stated herein are hereby repealed.
7. Checks properly issued by the City and signed in accordance with this Resolution prior to the effective date hereof are hereby ratified.

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Dr. Beverly Jones, Mayor

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Shavala Ames, City Clerk