



Mayor and City Council Work Session
Tuesday, December 16, 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: Maggie Dimov - Interim City Manager/Economic Development Director/DDA | Shavala Ames - City Clerk | Angela Couch - City Attorney

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

Comments from the Public

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

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- V. Review of the Journal (City Clerk)**
 - 1. Consideration of an action on a request to approve the December 2, 2025 meeting minutes**
- VI. Reading of Communications**

VII. Adoption of The Agenda of The Day

VIII. Committee Discussion Items

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

IX. Staff Reports

1. Public Safety- Police Chief- James Westerfield Jr

X. City Manager's Report

1. Operations Report - Interim City Manager, Maggie Dimov

XI. Council Policy Discussion Topics

XII. Unfinished Business

1. Consideration of an action on a request to obtain a sworn statement from the custodian of records at Truist Bank attesting to the unmanipulated authenticity of the logon audit logs provided, including the full native logs, a description of the system that generated them, and documentation of the bank's standard audit-log retention procedures. The request also includes obtaining all versions of the logs, whether native or converted, all emails to and from Truist regarding the request, any internal communications concerning the extraction, handling, or transmission of the logs, and any system metadata associated with the creation or export of these records related to the Truist subpoena, requested by Council Member Gil Freeman
2. Consideration of an action on a request to increase the count from 21 to 24, adding (2) seats for citizens not in an existing committee and citizens who have lived in Stone Mountain for decades, who have already expressed interest in being on the City of Stone Mountain 2026 Comprehensive Planning Advisory Leadership Committee, requested by Council Member Gil Freeman

XIII. New Business

1. Consideration of an action on a request of Historic Preservation Commission Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) Determination Case Number HPC2025-1809005009 (Parcel ID: 18 090 05 009) 6444 James B Rivers Memorial Drive – NOTICE OF APPEAL, requested by Planning Manager Tamaya Huff
2. Consideration of action on a request to approve the installation of "No Parking" signs (one side only) along 2nd Street between City Hall and Mackin Street, requested by Council Member Teresa Crowe

XIV. New Ordinances and Resolutions

1. Ordinance 2025-11 – 1082 New Gibraltar Square Variance – FIRST READ, requested by Planning Manager Tamaya Huff

XV. Remarks of Privilege

XVI. Announcements by The Mayor

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

1. Personnel

XVIII. Adjournment



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Minutes

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

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

Public Hearing was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

PRESENT: Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe, Mayor Beverly Jones

ABSENT: Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant

I. Public Hearing

1. Public Hearing on the renaming of Mackin Street to William Woodson Morris Street

Planning Manager Tamaya Huff provided a general overview of the proposed renaming of Mackin Street to William Woodson Morris Street as outlined in the provided city council packet.

Public Hearing comments – None

II. Adjournment – 6:37 P.M.

ACTION: MOTION TO ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:37 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 6 Teresa Crowe

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

III. Call to Order

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 6:37 P.M

IV. Determination of Quorum

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

V. **Invocation and Pledge**

Mayor Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the Invocation sent by Reverend Andrew Potter

VI. **Citizen Comments/Including comments from public/stakeholders – None**

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

1. Consideration of an action on a request to approve November 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE NOVEMBER 18, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

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 6 Teresa Crowe

Voting Nay: Council Member: Post 4 Gil Freeman

MOTION PASSED

VIII. **Reading of Communications – None**

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

ACTION: MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA OF THE DAY

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 6 Teresa Crowe

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

X. **City Manager's Report**

1. Interim City Manager Maggie Dimov presented operational updates for Court Services, City Clerk, Public Works, Special Events, and Finance, and provided progress reports on capital projects including the City Hall parking lot renovation, Historic Caboose completion, the McCurdy Park Stormwater project, and the 4th Street pond cleanup.
2. She also announced a cemetery moratorium, pausing new burial plot applications due to incomplete records and the possible need for a new survey, effective through June 1, 2026.
3. Additionally, she expressed appreciation to the University of Georgia committee for assisting with updates to the City's Financial and Procurement Policy and related ordinance.

XI. **Council Policy Discussion Topics – None**

XII. **Unfinished Business – None**

XIII. **New Business**

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- 103 1. Consideration of an action on a request to approve contracts for Judge Services
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105 **ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE CONTRACTS FOR JUDGE SERVICES**

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

107 Mark Marianos

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109 **Voting Yea:** Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos,

110 Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 4 Gil Freeman, Council Member:

111 Post 6 Teresa Crowe

112 **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

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- 114
- 115 2. Consideration of an action on a request to approve Probation Services agreement with Professional
- 116 Probation Services, Inc.

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118 **ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE PROBATION SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH**

119 **PROFESSIONAL PROBATION SERVICES, INC.**

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

121 Mark Marianos

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123 **Voting Yea:** Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos,

124 Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 4 Gil Freeman, Council Member:

125 Post 6 Teresa Crowe

126 **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

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- 129 3. Consideration of an action on a request to approve an updated agreement between the City of Stone
- 130 Mountain and GEFA for the HVAC project

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132 Discussion was held regarding the updated agreement between the City of Stone Mountain and

133 GEFA for the HVAC project. The original grant estimate was \$75,000; however, contractor quotes

134 came in at just over \$85,000. The City re-engaged GEFA to request an increase in funding, and it

135 was announced that GEFA approved the increase to fully cover the revised cost, resulting in no out-

136 of-pocket expense to the City.

137 **NO ACTION WAS TAKEN**

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- 140 4. Consideration of an action on a request to approve a Special Use Permit with the conditions set forth
- 141 for 798 Third Street

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143 **ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE A SPECIAL USE PERMIT WITH THE CONDITIONS SET**

144 **FORTH FOR 798 THIRD STREET**

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

146 Marianos

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148 **Voting Yea:** Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos,

149 Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 4 Gil Freeman, Council Member:

150 Post 6 Teresa Crowe

151 **MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)**

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- 153
- 154 5. Consideration of an action on a request to approve the renaming of Mackin Street to William
- 155 Woodson Morris Street
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Council raised questions regarding the belief that the street renaming had been approved in August. Planning Manager Tamaya Huff clarified that the item was proposed and reviewed by the Planning Commission, but final approval requires verification with DeKalb County to ensure there are no duplicate street names.

She further explained that, per City Code, a public hearing and a formal motion to approve are required before a resolution can be signed and the City can move forward.

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE THE RENAMING OF MACKIN STREET TO WILLIAM WOODSON MORRIS STREET

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 6 Teresa Crowe

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

6. Consideration of an action on a request to obtain a sworn statement from the custodian of records at Truist Bank attesting to the unmanipulated authenticity of the logon audit logs provided, including the full native logs, a description of the system that generated them, and documentation of the bank's standard audit-log retention procedures. The request also includes obtaining all versions of the logs, whether native or converted, all emails to and from Truist regarding the request, any internal communications concerning the extraction, handling, or transmission of the logs, and any system metadata associated with the creation or export of these records related to the Truist subpoena.

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE A REQUEST TO OBTAIN A SWORN STATEMENT FROM THE CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS AT TRUIST BANK ATTESTING TO THE UNMANIPULATED AUTHENTICITY OF THE LOGON AUDIT LOGS PROVIDED, INCLUDING THE FULL NATIVE LOGS, A DESCRIPTION OF THE SYSTEM THAT GENERATED THEM, AND DOCUMENTATION OF THE BANK'S STANDARD AUDIT-LOG RETENTION PROCEDURES. THE REQUEST ALSO INCLUDES OBTAINING ALL VERSIONS OF THE LOGS, WHETHER NATIVE OR CONVERTED, ALL EMAILS TO AND FROM TRUIST REGARDING THE REQUEST, ANY INTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS CONCERNING THE EXTRACTION, HANDLING, OR TRANSMISSION OF THE LOGS, AND ANY SYSTEM METADATA ASSOCIATED WITH THE CREATION OR EXPORT OF THESE RECORDS RELATED TO THE TRUIST SUBPOENA.

Motion made by Council Member: Post 4 Gil Freeman

MOTION DIED FOR A LACK OF A SECOND

7. Consideration of an action on a request to increase the count from 21 to 24, adding (2) seats for citizens not in an existing committee and citizens who have lived in Stone Mountain for decades, who have already expressed interest in being on the City of Stone Mountain 2026 Comprehensive Planning Advisory Leadership Committee

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE A REQUEST TO INCREASE THE COUNT FROM 21 TO 24, ADDING (2) SEATS FOR CITIZENS NOT IN AN EXISTING COMMITTEE AND CITIZENS WHO HAVE LIVED IN STONE MOUNTAIN FOR DECADES, WHO HAVE ALREADY EXPRESSED INTEREST IN BEING ON THE CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN 2026 COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING ADVISORY LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

Motion made by Council Member: Post 4 Gil Freeman

MOTION DIED FOR A LACK OF A SECOND

XIV. New Ordinances and Resolutions

1. Resolution 2025-34 – Cemetery Moratorium

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 2025-34 – CEMETERY MORATORIUM

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 Teresa Crowe

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

XV. Remarks of Privilege – None

XV. Announcements by the Mayor

1. The Mayor thanked everyone for attending and noted the brief nature of the evening's City Council meeting.

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

XVIII. Adjournment

ACTION: MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING 7:21 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 6 Teresa Crowe

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

Dr. Beverly Jones, Mayor

Shavala Ames, City Clerk

CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN
POLICE ACTIVITY STATISTICS
NOVEMBER 1, 2025-NOVEMBER 30, 2025

ACTIVITY	A-SHIFT (DAY)	B-SHIFT (DAY)	C-SHIFT (NIGHT)	D-SHIFT (NIGHT)	TOTALS
Calls	55	43	98	19	215
Arrest	5	0	3	5	13
Citations	34	9	30	35	108
Warning Citations	12	14	5	21	52
DUI	0	0	0	1	1
VSCSA	0	0	1	0	0
Parking Citations	5	0	20	0	25
TOTALS	111	66	157	81	414
Incident Reports	215			Domestic 13	Accident 13

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

CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN 2025 CRIME STATISTICS

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The Office of The Chief of Police

CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN
POLICE DEPARTMENT
875 Main Street
Stone Mountain, GA 30083
(770) 879-4980

Employee of the Month/ Officer of the Quater Recognition Letter

Officer Voyd,

It is with great pride and appreciation that the City of Stone Mountain Police Department recognizes you as **Employee of the Month/ Officer of the Quater**.

Throughout the year, you have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to professional growth and service. Your dedication to expanding your training, including successfully becoming a Field Training Officer (FTO), reflects your desire not only to improve yourself but to invest in the future of this department. You are a dependable and consistently professional employee who arrives on time, prepared, and ready to serve. You step in whenever needed, never hesitate to assist others, and do so without complaint. Your reliability and sound judgment have earned the complete trust of this command staff, and we are confident in your ability to effectively manage a shift in the absence of a supervisor.

Beyond your daily duties, you have distinguished yourself as a leader in the community and a positive representative of the Stone Mountain Police Department. Each weekday morning you work, you take the initiative to visit Stone Mountain Elementary School, where you encourage students, help them start their day on the right foot, and support teachers as they prepare for the school day. Your presence has made a meaningful impact on both students and staff.

Your creativity and generosity are further exemplified through your creation of the "Free Little Library" at the school, where you personally donated more than 50 books for students to take home at no cost, promoting literacy, learning, and a love for reading within our community.

Your service extends well beyond the classroom. You have taken it upon yourself to support members of the homeless community behind the BP on Memorial Drive near Willow Lakes Apartments by distributing approximately 30 blankets to help individuals stay warm during cold weather. Additionally, your efforts to organize a community kickball game at Leila Mason Park reflect your commitment to building positive relationships and fostering trust between the police department and the citizens we serve.

Officer Voyd, you exemplify the mission, values, and spirit of the Stone Mountain Police Department. Your professionalism, compassion, and selfless service truly make a difference, and you are well deserving of this recognition. Thank you for your continued dedication to this department and to the community we proudly serve.

Congratulations on being named **Employee of the Month**.

Respectfully,



CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief of Police, City of Stone Mountain Police Department



CITY OF
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MOUNTAIN

Item # 1.

Operations Report

Presented by: Interim City
Manager, Maggie Dimov

Time Period:
December 2nd- December 15th, 2025

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

Court Department

Employee of the Month / Officer Voyd

Officer Voyd is recognized as the Police Department's Employee of the Month/Officer of the Quarter for his outstanding professionalism, reliability, and leadership. Throughout the year, he has demonstrated exceptional commitment to training - earning certification as a Field Training Officer - while consistently supporting departmental operations and stepping in whenever needed. His strong community engagement, including daily visits to Stone Mountain Elementary School and the creation of a "Free Little Library" with more than 50 donated books, reflects a level of dedication that positively impacts both the department and the community.

City Clerk

Item # 1.

Department Head: Shavala Ames, City Clerk

JustFOIA:

- 17 various requests completed for the City of Stone Mountain.

Governing Body Updates:

- 18 Proclamations - requested by Mayor Jones
- 100+ Senior Baskets - requested by Council Member Bryant



Additional Updates:

Staff is preparing for the annual employee Holiday Appreciation Luncheon on December 17, 2025

This is an event dedicated to celebrating and thanking our employees for their hard work and commitment throughout the year.

Public Works

Item # 1.

- **Daily Duties:** The Public Works Department continued with daily duties, including trash collection, citywide cleanup, and bathroom maintenance.

- **Public Works Projects**

Public Works is continuing progress on the KaBOOM! project and is currently completing the installation of the shade structure, constructing the ADA-accessible path and finalizing site cleanup. The team anticipates completing the entire project before the end of the year.

Code Enforcement

Department Head: T.D. Johnson

Code Issues addressed: 12

Junk Vehicles: 2

Open Storage/Debris :4

Prohibited Signage: 1

HPC Issues: 1

Permit Matters: 3,

Prohibited Tree Removal: 1

*** Court Date: Dec 11, 2025: New Court Cases Scheduled: 23

Cases continued from previous calendar: 12

Current Total of Stop Work Orders: 6

Capital Projects:

- **New City Hall Parking Lot**

The City Hall parking lot project continues to move forward as planned. The site preparation phase has been completed, and the contractor has successfully paved the parking lot. Coordination with the City's engineering team regarding the asphalt job mix design was completed prior to paving, and all plans and supporting reports were reviewed and approved. With paving now complete, the contractor will transition to any remaining tasks associated with this project.

- **Street Paving**

A & S Paving, the contractor engaged for the pavement work at Zachary Court, arranged for an independent testing firm to perform subsurface and material testing at the project location. This testing was conducted at no cost to the City, as part of the contractor's due diligence to ensure the roadway meets required performance and safety standards.

- **HVAC at City Hall**

The contractor has completed an on-site visit at City Hall to assess existing conditions and confirm installation requirements. This marks the initial phase of the project and indicates that work is currently midway through the preparation and mobilization stage.

Storm Water

Department Head: Mike Vasquez, Stormwater Administrator

- **MS4 Inspection and Maintenance**

Stormwater structure inspections were completed in Zones 4 and 5, covering roadside ditches, ponds, pipes, culverts, and catch basins. The inspections evaluated overall condition, sediment buildup, blockages, erosion, and identified any necessary maintenance.

- **Parking Lot Expansion**

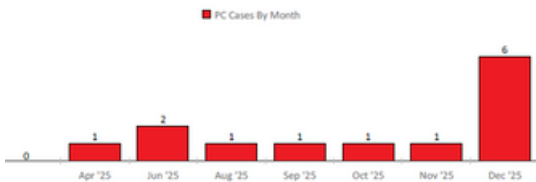
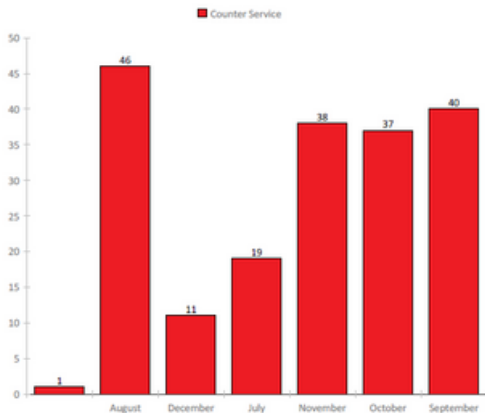
Phase 1 of the bio-retention pond installation has been completed. This includes the installation of the PVC underdrain system with filter stone, as well as the placement of geo-textile fabric along the pond slopes. Remaining items to complete the project include parking lot striping and installation of the fence, both of which will follow the finalization of the bio retention pond.

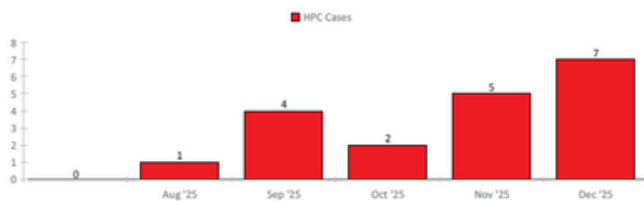
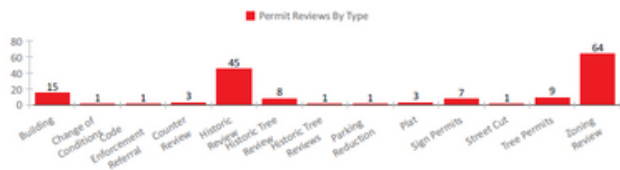
Planning Manager

Item # 1.

Department Head: Tamaya Huff, Planning Manager

Report for the Month of November 2025





Special Events

- **Holiday Festival**
 - Assisted by Chief with a detailed parade path and setup location
 - Parking Lot on Main Street is sponsored by Preferred Parking Service. Vendors will set up in the parking lot on the day of the event
 - DeKalb County Fire Rescue and Santa Claus have both been secured for the parade.



Special Events

- Holiday Festival (continued)



Special Events

- **Senior Holiday Baskets**

Council Member Shawnette Bryant Senior Basket giveaway event was held on December 6, 2025. Thank you to the staff who put in tireless time to ensure the event was a success.





Agenda Item

Meeting Date: December 2, 2025

SUBJECT: Consideration of an action on a request to obtain a sworn statement from the custodian of records at Truist Bank attesting to the unmanipulated authenticity of the logon audit logs provided, including the full native logs, a description of the system that generated them, and documentation of the bank's standard audit-log retention procedures. The request also includes obtaining all versions of the logs, whether native or converted, all emails to and from Truist regarding the request, any internal communications concerning the extraction, handling, or transmission of the logs, and any system metadata associated with the creation or export of these records related to the Truist subpoena

Item: Action Item

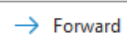
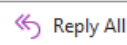
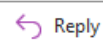
Department: City Council

Presented By: Council Member Gil Freeman

Summary:



Gil Freeman



To Shavala Ames; Angela Couch; Mayor Beverly Jones; Anita Bass;
 Mark Marianos; Ryan Smith; Shawnette Bryant; Teresa Crowe
Cc Miglena Dimov; Beth Bedingfield

Wed 11/26/2025 12:33 AM

You forwarded this message on 11/26/2025 7:40 AM.

Greetings Ms. Ames

From the email thread, I am requesting a consideration of action for the requests below:

In light of the **irregularities identified** in the records provided by Truist Bank, which include among other things- **completely missing the month of March (2025), missing IP data, absence of failed logon events, and potential alteration or conversion of native files**, this request also serves as a formal instruction to ensure preservation of all related records, including but not limited to:

- All versions of the logs, whether native or converted,
- All emails to/from Truist regarding the request,
- Any internal communications concerning the extraction, handling, or transmission of these logs, and
- Any system metadata associated with the creation or export of these records.

In addition to an appearance before council by the custodian of records, please request the following:

- 1) A sworn statement by the custodian of records for the unmanipulated authenticity of the logon audit-logs provided
- 2) Full native logs
- 3) description of the system that generated them
- 4) Documentation showing normal audit-log retention procedures

If the custodian of records is not available to appear before council, the City Attorney is directed to request that the custodian of these records for Truist be available for a sworn deposition.



Agenda Item

Meeting Date: December 16, 2025

SUBJECT: Historic Preservation Commission Certificate of Appropriateness (COA)
Determination Case Number HPC2025-1809005009 (Parcel ID: 18 090 05 009) 6444 James B
Rivers Memorial Drive – NOTICE OF APPEAL

Item: ACTION ITEM

Department: Planning and Zoning Department

Presented By: Tamaya Huff, Planning Manager

Summary:

On December 5, 2025, the applicant, Michele Crawford, filed a notice of appeal for the above-referenced case in response to the Historic Preservation Commission's denial of a COA issued on November 19, 2025. The decision was issued to the applicant by certified mail and email on December 4, 2025.

During the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) meeting on November 19, 2025, the Commission denied the COA for Case HPC2025-1809005009 due to the application not adhering to the Design Guidelines, see Chapter 5: Residential Rehabilitation Guidelines, including sections 5.1 Exterior Materials, 5.2 Architectural Details, and 5.4 Windows. The applicant filed an appeal on December 5, 2025, attached to be filed by the City Clerk.

The appeal was filed by the applicant in accordance with Section 5-38(10) within fifteen (15) days after the issuance of the determination, which the HPC Chair issued on December 4, 2025. Section 5-38 permits the governing authority to approve, modify, or reject the Commission's determination if the governing body finds that the Commission abused its discretion in reaching its decision.

Per Sec. 12-320(c), the appeal procedure for cases brought before City Council requires the Clerk to place on the agenda of the next regular council meeting, occurring not less than five (5) nor more than thirty (30) days after receipt of the application, for council action.

Per Sec 12-322, when an appeal is placed on the council agenda, the Council may take either of the following actions:

- (1) Set a hearing date and instruct the city clerk to give such notice of hearing as may be required by law.
- (2) Appoint a hearing officer and fix the time and place for the hearing. The hearing officer may or may not be a city employee and may be appointed for an extended term. The Clerk shall assume responsibility for such publication of notice of the hearing as may be required by law. If a hearing officer is appointed, the hearing shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures set out in Section 12 of the City of Stone Mountain Code of Ordinances.

Resource Impact:

Cost for Hearing Officer – To be determined pending Council's decision to hold the hearing or appoint a hearing officer (Average Cost 33/h).

Attachments/Exhibits:

Notice of Appeal - Application

Requested Action: City Council to set a hearing date or appoint a hearing officer to fix the time and place for the hearing

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ZONING

Application to Appeal City of Stone Mountain Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) Decision(s)

Per Section 5-38(10) individuals affected by a decision from the preservation commission regarding a certificate of appropriateness can appeal to the governing authority. Appeals must be submitted within fifteen (15) days of the determination or, if the commission does not act, within fifteen (15) days after the forty-five-day period for their action ends.

To be completed by **City of Stone Mountain**:

Date Received:

To be completed by appellant:

Name: Michele Crawford

Address of appellant: 6439 James B. Rivers Memorial Drive

Address of property: 6444 James B. Rivers Memorial Drive

Case Number:

HPC2025-1809005009_____

_____ Phone Number of appellant:

Email Address of appellant: _____

This appeal reviews the proceedings of the City of Stone Mountain Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) as conducted by the governing authority of Stone Mountain, Georgia. Per Section 5-38(10) the governing authority can approve, modify, or reject the commission's decision if it finds that the commission abused its discretion. Appeals from the governing authority's decisions can be made to the county's superior court. The governing authority is also authorized to prevent any material change in the appearance of properties that is designated under provisions of 5-37, except for changes that comply with the article's provisions.

Date(s) of hearing, if any:

Date of Historic Preservation Commission decision:

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Historic Preservation Commission Appeal Form

The Appellant must explain how the preservation commission's decision represents an abuse of discretion in the space provided below. Specifically, the Appellant should refer to the written decision of the preservation commission and demonstrate at least one of the following: that the preservation commission exceeded its authority, that the decision was not based on the factors specified in Section 5-38 of the City of Stone Mountain Code of Ordinances or the guidelines adopted by the preservation commission which include, secretary of the interior's "Standards for Historic Preservation Projects," the secretary of the interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation," and the "City of Stone Mountain Historic District Design Guidelines or that the commission's decision was an abuse of discretion.

Grounds for appeal:

"The denial failed to take into account that the property is not, nor has it ever been, eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The home does not meet the standards for rehabilitation, as its historic integrity had already been significantly compromised through two prior additions and the installation of aluminum siding. Additionally, there are no known previous owners of historical significance, nor are there any historically relevant events associated with the property. The structure itself possesses no notable architectural or archaeological value. Given these factors, the application of the Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines should have been interpreted with appropriate flexibility, and the decision to deny the proposed improvements was not supported by the conditions or historical context of the property."

The appellant may include a supplementary explanation with their appeal. Please see supplementary below

Date: Signature: 12/5/2025 3:15 pm Michele Crawford

Instructions: The appellant must send copies of the appeal and explanations to the Planning and Zoning Department, directed to the Planning Manager.

“There are many homes within the city’s HPC District that feature the same exterior materials, architectural details, and window styles included in my proposal, all of which have been previously approved by the HPC. In fact, one such property received approval **after the work had already been completed**, demonstrating that these design elements are considered acceptable within the district.

Significant care has been taken in planning these improvements to enhance the structural quality of the home and substantially improve its appearance compared to its former condition. These updates will not only add value to the property but will also contribute positively to the character and aesthetic of the surrounding neighborhood.

It is my position that the HPC did not fully or accurately interpret the requirements of the Secretary of the Interior’s Guidelines in this case and did not uphold the precedents established through prior approvals of similar materials and design features. Consistent application of these standards is essential to maintaining fairness and clarity in the preservation process.”

**FIRST READ AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA, CONCERNING 1082 NEW GIBRALTER SQUARE
VARIANCE TO CONSTRUCT AN ADDITION AND REAR DECK (PARCEL ID: 18 089
18 022) APPENDIX A ZONING ORDINANCE**

EXHIBIT A – Limited Warranty Deed

Legal Description

All that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Land Lot 89, 18th District, DeKalb County, Georgia, being Lot 16, New Gibraltar Square Subdivision, according to plat recorded in Plat Book 77, Page 39, DeKalb County, Georgia records, reference to said plat is hereby made for a complete description of the property herein described.

For informational purposes only: 1082 New Gibraltar Square, Stone Mountain, GA 30083, Parcel ID – 18 089 18 022