Mayor and City Council Regular Session



Tuesday, January 06, 2026 at 6:30 PM City Hall, 875 Main Street, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30083

Agenda

Mayor and Council: Jelani Linder – Mayor | Post 3: Mayor Pro Tem Ryan Smith Post 1: Council Member Anita Bass | Post 2: Council Member Mark Marianos Post 4: Council Member Kay Nunez | Post 5: Council Member Hub Jordan

Post 6: Council Member Elaine Vaughn

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

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Organizational Meeting - Swearing In Ceremony Call to Order by the City Clerk per Section 2.17

Newly Elected Officials to be sworn in: Jelani Linder – Mayor, Kay Nunez - Council Member Post 4, Hub Jordan - Council Member Post 5, Elaine Vaughn - Council Member Post 6 and

Adjourn Organizational Meeting

- I. Public Hearing
 - 1. 1082 New Gibraltar, requested by Planning Manager 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)

Comments from the Public

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

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

VII. Review of the Journal (City Clerk)

1. Consideration of an action on a request to approve December 16, 2025 meeting minutes, requested by City Clerk Shavala Ames

VIII. Reading of Communications

- IX. Adoption of The Agenda of The Day
- X. Council Policy Discussion Topics
- XI. Unfinished Business

XII. New Business

- 1. Consideration of an action on a request to adopt Public Comment Guidelines Written procedures are to be provided for Zoning Public Hearings for Comprehensive Plan (Initial Public Hearings) and Zoning Public Hearings per Rule 110-12-1-.04 Procedures and GA Code § 36-66-5 (2024). This agenda item is to request approval from City Council to adopt procedures to be provided during the comprehensive plan public hearing scheduled January 20, 2026 and future Zoning Public Hearings, requested by Planning Manager Tamaya Huff
- **2.** HPC Appeal 6444 James B. Rivers Memorial Drive, requested by Planning Manager Tamaya Huff
- **3.** Consideration of an action on a request to approve the Stakeholder Committee, requested by Planning Manager Tamaya Huff

XIII. New Ordinances and Resolutions

 Ordinance 2025-09 - 798 Third Street - Second Read, requested by Planning Manager Tamaya Huff

XIV. Remarks of Privilege

- XV. Announcements by The Mayor
- XVI. Executive Session to Discuss Personnel, Legal, Cyber Security and/or Real Estate (if needed)
- XVII. Adjournment



Agenda Item

Meeting Date: January 6, 2026

SUBJECT: 1082 New Gibraltar Square (Parcel ID: 18 089 18 022) Variance for Lot Coverage, Rear and Side Yard

Item: Action Item

Department: Planning and Zoning Department **Presented By:** Tamaya Huff, Planning Manager

PROJECT SUMMARY

The applicant is submitting a request for a variance pertaining to the property located at 1082 New Gibraltar Square (Parcel ID 18-089-18-022). The request includes increasing the maximum lot coverage to 57%, a reduction of the side yard along the northern property line to 4.55 feet, a reduction of the side yard along the southern property line to 2.05 feet, and a reduction of the rear yard to 14.85 feet. The purpose of this variance is to enable the expansion of the existing rear deck and new addition in the backyard.

ZONING HISTORY

The property is zoned R-2 Traditional Residential and measures approximately 0.1 acres. Built in 1986, it was originally classified as R-100, allowing a rear yard setback of 15 feet and a side yard setback of 5 feet, as shown in the attached survey. On December 2, 2008, the City of Stone Mountain rezoned the property to R-2. Under Section 6-1.2(4), existing legal structures can continue to operate as long as they are not "enlarged, extended, or relocated," unless the use changes to one allowed in the new zoning district. Any modifications must comply with the current yard, buffer, height, and dimensional requirements of the R-2 Zoning District. Thus, the applicant must ensure the new addition and deck meet these current requirements or seek a variance for potential relief under the Stone Mountain Code of Ordinances.

GENERAL STANDARDS FOR APPLICATION APPROVAL

Applications for variances shall adhere to the provisions set forth in section 2-1.3 (procedure for amending the zoning ordinance). The mayor and city council shall authorize variances from the terms of this zoning ordinance only upon making all of the following findings:

- 1) There are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular property in question because of its size, shape or topography.
- 2) The application of this zoning ordinance to the particular piece of property would create unnecessary hardship.
- 3) Such conditions are not the result of any actions of the property owner; and
- 4) Relief if granted would not cause substantial detriment to the public good nor impair the purposes or intent of this zoning ordinance

STAFF RECCOMMENDATION

Item1: The parcel is rectangular and situated on a steep slope, resulting in a high rear yard

Item # 1.

and a narrow front yard, creating a broad but shallow rear backyard. Prior to the City-wide zoning change, the yard setbacks established under the R-100 Zoning increased the setbacks of an already shallow back yard from 15 feet to 30 feet. Consequently, staff deems the current lot configuration an exceptional condition that was exacerbated by the city-wide change from R-100 to R-2.

Item 2: The property has a unique hardship due to the narrow rear yard being imposed with a 30-foot setback requirement. The proposed addition would further reduce the rear yard to 15.20 feet, still falling short of this standard. Currently, the lot coverage is 57%, above the 40% limit for the R-2 Zoning District. The development plan aims to lower this to 54% by removing patios and replacing a deck. This minor reduction will not worsen the property's non-conformity and is deemed reasonable.

Item 3: The original lot configuration was approved under the R-100 Zoning District. The definition of a rear yard is the minimum horizontal distance between the rear lot line and the rear of the main building or any projections. Due to the addition, the rear yard attainable with the addition is 15. 15 feet, requiring 14.85-foot yard reduction from the 30-foot yard standard. As the lot is formerly zoned R-100, and the minimum rear yard is 15 feet, the proposed 15. 20-foot setbacks would not increase the nonconformity, and which was not created by the property owner, but a change in Zoning District regulations that resulted between 1986 and 2008.

Item 4: In accordance with Section 5-2.1, properties and structures are required to conform to the established characteristics of the neighborhood, thereby ensuring continuity and adherence to the intents of the zoning regulations. However, this concern is mitigated upon a review of the surrounding structures which indicates that each adjacent parcel contains buildings situated more than 15 feet from the property lines surrounding 1082 New Gibraltar Square. The applicant intends to establish adequate separation through the installation of an 8-foot-high fence for the side and rear yards, and the improvement will reduce the non-conformity of the lot coverage from 54 percent to 57%. Moreover, considering the unique attributes of the parcel, the evolution of zoning regulations over time, and the absence of any proposal to increase nonconformity, staff expresses support for the proposed reductions in yard for the replacement deck, addition, and proposed lot coverage. These requests are deemed reasonable in light of the exceptional conditions of the property, the minimal potential impacts to surrounding property, which are inherently limited in nature.

Staff recommend **APPROVAL** of the following variances in accordance with Sections 5-2.5 of the R-2 Traditional Zoning District.

- Side Yard Setback (North Lot Line): 4.55 feet
- Side Yard Setback (South Lot Line): 2.05 feet
- Rear Yard Setback: 14.85 feet
- Lot Coverage that does not exceed 54 %

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PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES Monday, November 17, 2025 @ 6:30 pm Regular Meeting City Hall, 875 Main Street, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30083

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:31pm.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Present: Alex Brennan, Rachel Isley, Grace Kelly, Raina Willson, and Chountelle Hudson Absent: Meron Tadesse, Matt McConnell

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Grace Kelly moved to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Rachel Isley. Vote: Approved Unanimously 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

1. October 20, 2025

Motion to Amend the Minutes. Grace Kelly moved to approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Rachel Isley. Vote: Approved Unanimously 5-0;.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Planning Commission Appointments.

Rachel Isley and Raina Wilson were appointed by City Council on November 5, 2025, and sworn in by Mayor Pro Tempore Ryan Smith on November 17, 2025, before the regularly scheduled Planning Commission Meeting.

2. Steering Committee Development

Planning Manager requested Planning Commission to appoint two (2) representatives for the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee by December 17, 2025.

3. City Council Agenda – November 18, 2025

- 798 Third Street Public Hearing for a Special Use Permit to allow a shed
- Chountelle Hudson Request for reappointment

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 1082 New Gibraltar Square (Parcel ID: 18 089 18 022)

Request – Application to request variances for reducing rear and side yards, as well as lot coverage, to allow for the construction of an expanded deck and new addition.

Grace Kelly moved to approve; seconded by Raina Wilson. Vote: Approved Unanimously 5-0;

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Theresa Thomas requested more transparent minutes and requested the planning commission disclose a list of candidates selected for consideration for the Planning Commission, the reasons candidates were not selected, and to be considered for the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee.

Grace Kelly moved to adjourn; seconded by Rachel Isley.	Vote: Approved Unanimously 5-0;
Alex Brennan, Chair	Tamaya Huff, Secretary



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

STAFF ANALYSIS AND REPORT

OWNER: Jean-Claude Mondesir

APPLICANT: William Perry

LOCATION: 1082 New Gibraltar Square

PARCEL: 18 089 18 022

CURRENT ZONING: Traditional Residential (R-2)

REQUEST: 4.55-foot Variance for Northern Side Yard

2.05-foot Variance for Southern Side Yard 14.85-foot Variance for Southern Rear Yard

ZONING/ADJACENT LAND USE:

North Traditional Residential (R-2)
South Traditional Residential (R-2)
West Traditional Residential (R-2)
East Traditional Residential (R-2)

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

Future Land Use Designation: Single Family Residential

MEETING INFORMATION:

Planning & Zoning Commission: 11/17/2025 – 6:30 P.M. 1st Read City Council: 12/16/2025 – 6:30 P.M. City Council Public Hearing: 01/06/2026 – 6:30 P.M.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION: APPROVAL

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I. SUMMARY

The applicant seeks a variance to increase the maximum lot coverage to 57%, reduce the side yard setback along the northern property line to 4.55 feet, reduce the side yard setback along the southern property line to 2.05 feet and the rear yard setback to 14.85 feet at the subject property located at 1082 New Gibraltar Square (Parcel ID 18-089-18-022). The applicant is requesting this variance to facilitate the expansion of the existing rear deck and the construction of a new addition in the backyard.

II. ZONING REQUIREMENTS

The subject property is zoned Traditional Residential (R-2). Per Section 5-2.1 the intent of the zoning district is to:

- Preserve the historic integrity of Stone Mountain's residential neighborhoods.
- Restrict uses to low-density single-family residences.
- Maintain consistent densities with existing neighborhoods.
- Protect established areas from incompatible development.

The district development regulations per Sec 5-2.5 include:

- Minimum Side Yard :10 feet
- Minimum Rear Yard :30 feet
- Maximum lot coverage:40 percent, including off-street parking.

III. ZONING HISTORY

The subject property is presently zoned R-2 and encompasses an area of approximately 0.1 acres. According to the DeKalb County Property Appraiser database in Georgia, the structure was constructed in 1986. At that time, it was classified under the DeKalb County Zoning District as R-100, which permitted a rear yard setback of 15 feet and a side yard setback of 5 feet, as illustrated by the accompanying survey and plat included in the appendix of this report. On December 2, 2008, the City of Stone Mountain officially adopted its zoning map, resulting in the rezoning of the property to the R-2 Zoning District. Consequently, in accordance with Section 6-1.2(4) regarding General Rules for Nonconforming Use Continuance, land and structure uses that were legal prior to the amendments to the zoning ordinance may only continue if they are not "enlarged, extended, or relocated," except when the use is changed to one that is permitted within the zoning district in which the property is located. In such instances, any expansion, enlargement, or relocation of buildings or structures must comply with the yard, buffer, height, and other dimensional requirements pertinent to the underlying zoning district. Therefore, the applicant intending to construct a new addition and deck must ensure that the proposed modifications conform to the current dimensional requirements of the R-2 Zoning District.

IV. EXISTING SITE CONDITIONS

The primary structure is a single-family detached residence with a total area of 4,356 square feet, of which 2,076 square feet is classified as heated living space. Furthermore, the property features an exterior rear deck measuring 112 square feet, excluding the 48-foot overhang. Per the DeKalb County Property Appraiser, the current rear deck measures approximately 14 feet by 8 feet. The staff measured the proposed rear deck dimensions at 11.56 feet by 19.63 feet, yielding an area of 226.92 square feet. The applicant provided that the proposed

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deck dimensions are 240 square feet, and the addition is 240 square feet. Staff completed calculations that indicate the new addition will expand the heated floor space by 4.82 feet into the rear yard if expanded to 226 square feet.

The property is characterized by a gentle slope originating from the principal structure, which is situated at an elevation of 982 feet and descends toward the eastern property line, where there is a nominal elevation decrease of 4 feet. At present, the northern boundary of the lot measures 79 feet and adjoins 1086 New Gibraltar Square. Conversely, the southern property line has a length of 65 feet, resulting in a 14-foot differential between the front and rear boundary lines, which yields an elongated rectangular configuration of the lot. The rear boundary to the west, which faces 1083 and 1073 Rankin Street, also measures 65 feet, while the eastern boundary is 57 feet, further enhancing the distinct rectangular shape of the parcel.

The lot is currently enclosed by a fence, which is positioned outside the property line, thus encroaching upon the northern boundary of the adjacent parcel at 1086 New Gibraltar Square, as well as the southern boundary at 1078 New Gibraltar Square. The applicant, acting as the representative of the property owner, has submitted an application that is currently under review by the Planning and Zoning Department. This application proposes the removal of the existing fence and aims to position a new fence within the property boundaries, with an elevation of 8 feet along the rear and side lot lines.

IV. VARIANCE REQUEST(s)

Plans presented by the applicant propose the following variances, as depicted in Table 1.

Location

Proposed Yard
Proposed Yard
Proposed Yard
Per Sec 5-2.5

Replacement Deck

Side Yard (North)

8 10 2

Addition

Rear Yard 16 30 14

Table 1. Applicant Proposed Variance Request

Staff reviewed the applicant's submittal and noted the scale did not depict a ratio of 20 feet per 1 inch but rather 2.10 inches per 20 feet. Calculations based on the appropriate scale are shown in Table 2, where applicable.

Table 2. Staff Analysis of Variance Request

Location	Measured in Feet		
Location	Proposed Yard	Required Yard	Variance Needed
	Replacement l	Deck	
Side Yard (North)	5.45	10.00	4.55
	Addition		
Side Yard (South)	7.95	10.00	2.05
Rear Yard	15.15	30 .00	14.85

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	Lot Covera	ge
Existing Lot	Proposed Lot	Requirement
Coverage	Coverage	
57%	54%	40% Maximum

V. GENERAL STANDARDS FOR APPLICATION APPROVAL

Applications for variances shall adhere to the provisions set forth in section 2-1.3 (procedure for amending the zoning ordinance). The mayor and city council shall authorize variances from the terms of this zoning ordinance only upon making all of the following findings:

A. There are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular property in question because of its size, shape or topography.

The current parcel is shaped like a rectangle and is located on a steep slope. This results in a significantly elevated rear yard and a narrower front yard, creating a broad but shallow rear yard. The rear yard on the south side of the lot is narrower than on the north side, which limits the available space for expanding the structure at the southwest corner of the parcel. Therefore, staff believe that the existing configuration of the lot presents an exceptional condition.

B. The application of this zoning ordinance to the particular piece of property would create unnecessary hardship.

The property is confronted with a unique and undue hardship due to the tapering of the rear yard, which decreases in width from the northern lot line to the southern lot line. This configuration presents significant challenges for the applicant seeking to construct an addition while complying with the required rear yard setbacks, specifically the 30-foot setback mandated from the northern half to the southern half of the rear yard. In accordance with the regulations established for the R-100 Zoning District, the parcel is authorized to maintain a rear yard of 15 feet. The proposed construction of the addition will result in a rear yard of 15.15 feet, which constitutes a reduction of 14.85 feet from the mandated standard of 30 feet R-2 Zoning Requirements. This request will not alter the existing non-conformity status of the property.

At present, the lot coverage area stands at 57%, surpassing the R-2 base zoning district requirement of 40%, as delineated in Section 5-2.5(13). This calculation incorporates the existing house, driveway, and patios. The proposed development plan entails the removal of the patios, the construction of an addition, and the replacement of the deck, which is projected to reduce the lot coverage to 54%. A strict interpretation of the zoning code would prohibit any expansion of the primary structure within its existing footprint, thereby maintaining the lot coverage at the current level of 57%. Consequently, the proposed reduction in lot coverage to 54% is unlikely to exacerbate non-conformity. Therefore, the staff is of the opinion that this proposed reduction in lot coverage is justifiable as it reduces the non-conformity and is reasonable.

C. Such conditions are not the result of any actions of the property owner; and

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The original lot configuration was approved under the R-100 Zoning District. The definition of a rear yard is the minimum horizontal distance between the rear lot line and the rear of the main building or any projections. Due to the addition, the rear yard attainable with the addition is 15.15 feet, requiring a 14.85-foot yard reduction from the 30-foot yard standard. As the lot is formerly zoned R-100, and the minimum rear yard is 15 feet, the proposed 15.20-foot setback would not increase the nonconformity and were not created by the property owner, but a change in Zoning District regulations that resulted between 1986 and 2008.

D. Relief, if granted, would not cause substantial detriment to the public good nor impair the purposes or intent of this zoning ordinance.

A variance provides the opportunity for adjustments to existing zoning regulations, specifically concerning yard requirements, provided that such modifications do not significantly diverge from the standards established for the underlying zoning district. For instance, a proposal to reduce the rear yard setback to 15 feet would fall short of meeting the requirements set forth for the In-Town Neighborhood (R-3) District and would considerably contradict the stipulations applicable to the R-2 Zoning District. Such a deviation from the rear yard specifications articulated for the R-2 Traditional Zoning District would not fulfill the intent of the zoning ordinance. This situation raises concerns regarding compatibility with adjoining land uses and may adversely impact neighboring properties, particularly given the property's location within a subdivision. The proposed reduction of the rear yard along the southern lot line would position the structure in closer proximity to Parcel 1078, New Gibraltar Square. In accordance with Section 5-2.1, properties and structures are required to conform to the established characteristics of the neighborhood, thereby ensuring continuity and adherence to the intents of the zoning regulations. However, this concern is mitigated upon a review of the surrounding structures which indicates that each adjacent parcel contains buildings situated more than 15 feet from the property lines surrounding 1082 New Gibraltar Square. The applicant intends to establish adequate separation through the installation of an 8-foot-high fence for the side and rear yards, and the improvement will reduce the non-conformity of the lot coverage. Moreover, considering the unique attributes of the parcel, the evolution of zoning regulations over time, and the absence of any proposal to increase nonconformity, staff expresses support for the proposed reductions in yard for the replacement deck, addition, and proposed lot coverage. These requests are deemed reasonable in light of the exceptional conditions of the property, the minimal potential impacts to surrounding property, which are inherently limited in nature.

VI. STAFF RECCOMENDATION

Staff recommend APPROVAL of the following variances in accordance with Sections 5-2.5 of the R-2 Traditional Zoning District.

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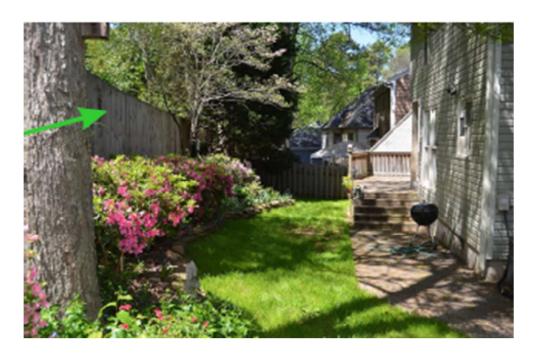
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VII. SITE PHOTOS

FRONT OF PROPERTY



REAR OF PROPERTY FACING SOUTHERN LOT LINE



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REAR OF PROPERY FACING NORTH LOT LINE



VIII. FIGURE 1. DEKALB COUNTY PROPERTY APPRAISER MAP



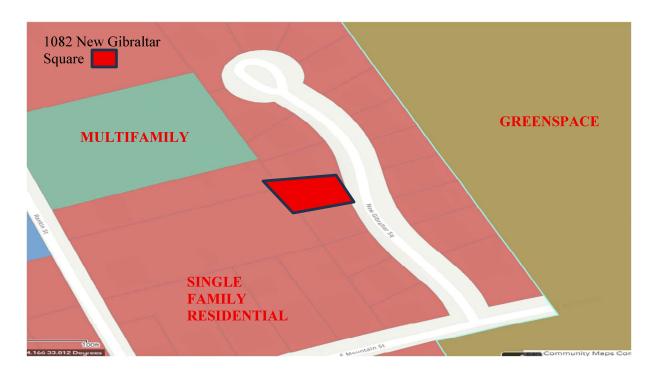
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IX. FIGURE 2. CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN ZONING MAP



X. FIGURE 3. FUTURE LAND USE MAP



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XI. SPECIAL USE APPLICATION

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VARIANCE APPLICATION

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APPLICANT'S CHECKLIST

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

ALL PERTINENT ITEMS ARE DUE AT THE TIME OF FILING. NO INCOMPLETE APPLICATION WILL BE ACCEPTED.

ITEM #	REQUIRED ITEM	CHECK √
1.	Pre-Application Meeting Form	V
2.	Application Form	V
3.	Site Plan Checklist	~
4.	Site Plan/Survey	V
5.	Legal Description	
6.	Letter of Intent	
7.	Impact Analysis	
8.	Disclosure Form(s)	
9.	Application Fee (\$400)	

<u>PREAPPLICATION REVIEW MEETING</u>: Prior to submitting an application, all are required to meet with the City Planner who will review the applicant's proposal and site plan. No pre-application review meeting will be held on the day of the filing deadline. Applicants are required to bring the site plan and tax parcel identification number(s) to the meeting.

REQUIRED ITEMS FOR USE PERMIT APPLICATIONS:

- ITEM 1. **PRE-APPLICATION MEETING FORM:** A signed pre-application form must be submitted that applicants will receive from the planner following their pre-application meeting.
- ITEM 2. **APPLICATION FORM:** Original and notarized signatures of the property owner(s) and applicant(s) or a notarized statement by the applicant as to ownership are required. If a contract is used in lieu of the owner's signature, the signature on the contract must be an original and the contract must be valid for the duration of the rezoning process. See the application form for additional details.
- ITEM 3. SITE PLAN CHECKLIST: The site plan checklist details the minimum requirements for site plans.
- ITEM 4. <u>SITE PLAN/SURVEY:</u> Site plans/surveys must meet the minimum requirements specified within the Site Plan Checklist.
- ITEM 5. <u>LEGAL DESCRIPTION</u>: The legal description must be a *metes and bounds* description of the property that establishes a point of beginning and gives directions (bounds) and distances (metes) of property lines. If the property consists of more than one parcel, all parcels must be combined into one legal description.
- ITEM 6. **LETTER OF INTENT:** The Letter of Intent should state the requested use permit(s) and should include factual details about the proposed use(s), such as number and square footages of buildings, number of residential units, minimum heated floor area of residential units, number of fixed seats in places of worship, number of employees and beds in assisted living facilities, personal care homes and nursing homes, number of employees and students in day care facilities, number of classrooms and number of students in schools,

hours of operation, and number and use of playing fields.

- ITEM 7. IMPACT Analysis: A written analysis of the impact of the proposal with respect to the criteria listed in Appendix A Zoning; Article II Administration; Section 2-1.11 Variance Standards and Procedures.
- ITEM 8. **DISCLOSURE FORM:** If the owner, applicant and/or applicant's representative has made a campaign contribution to any member of City Council for \$250.00 or more within the past 2 years, Sections 1 through 4 of the Disclosure Form must be completed. If no contributions have been made, *No* should be checked and Section 4 of the form completed.
- ITEM 3. **APPLICATION FEE:** A \$400 application fee shall be paid and can be processed via a check made out to the City of Stone Mountain or a credit card. Credit card payments can be processed at City Hall or via the Credit Card Authorization Form that is attached to this application.

MEETINGS AND PUBLIC HEARINGS:

- **A)** The Planning Commission (PC) holds a meeting on the third Monday of each month at 6:30 PM at Stone Mountain City Hall, 875 Main Street, Stone Mountain, GA 30083. The Planning Commission makes recommendations that are forwarded to the Mayor and City Council.
- **B)** City Council holds a public meeting on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Stone Mountain City Hall located at 875 Main Street, Stone Mountain, GA 30083.
- C) City Council holds a public hearing on the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Stone Mountain City Hall located at 875 Main Street, Stone Mountain, GA 30083.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

A) Mayor and City Council (MCC) Public Hearing Notice: Signs posted along the frontages of properties subject to rezonings and/or use permits notify area residents of the City Council public hearing. Applicants are required to post signs in conspicuous places along the property's public street frontage(s) no later than 30 days before the City Council public hearing. Failure to post the signs properly, in accordance with instructions given to applicants at the time of filing, will result in delaying action on the petition until the next available appropriate hearing date. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO PROPERLY POSTING THESE SIGNS.

If an applicant, prior to advertising, defers a petition, it is the responsibility of the applicant to contact the City at 770-498-8984 to pick up new signs and re-post the property.

When a petition is continued by City Council, posting an updated sign is not required. However, the date on the sign must be changed to reflect the continued hearing date.

Within 7 days of City Council final action the applicant shall remove and return the public notice sign to City Hall, 875 Main Street, Stone Mountain, GA 30083. If the sign is not returned, the applicant may be subject to a fee to cover the cost of replacing the public notice sign.



APPLICATION FOR VARIANCE

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

Date Received:
PERMIT#:
(Office Use Only)
APPLICANT INFORMATION
Applicant Name: VVIIIIam Perry
Address: 3379 Peachtree Road NE (Buckhead), Suite 655 Atlanta, GA 30326
Phone: (770) 213-5792 Cell: (770) 369-7337 Fax:
Email Address: admin@buildpermits.com
OWNER INFORMATION (If different from Applicant)
Owner Name: Jean-Claude Mondesir
Address: 1082 New Gibraltar Square Stone Mountain, GA 30058
Phone: (470) 265-8472
Email Address: jeanclaudemondesir2119@gmail.com
PROPERTY INFORMATION
Address: 1082 New Gibraltar Square Stone Mountain, GA 30058
Parcel ID#: 1808918022Land Lot:District:
Office use only: CASE #
Applicant signature: William Perry Date: 10/29/2025



VARIANCE REQUEST CONSIDERATIONS

Appli	icant:
<u>Anal</u> y	yze the impact of the variance request with the following questions:
1.	There are extraordinary and exceptional conditions pertaining to the particular property in questions because of size, shape, and/or topography. The property has unique conditions related to its size, shape, or topography that make it different from surrounding lots.
2.	The application of the zoning ordinance would create an unnecessary hardshipApplying the zoning ordinance strictly would create a hardship by limiting reasonable use or
	improvements on the property
3.	Such conditions are peculiar to the particular piece of property involved.
	These conditions are specific to this property and not common to others in the same zoning district.
4.	Such conditions are not the result of any actions of the property owner.
	The hardship results from pre-existing site conditions, not any actions by the property owner.
5.	Relief, if granted, would not cause substantial detriment to the public good nor impair the purposes or intent of this zoning ordinance?
	Granting the variance will not harm the public good or conflict with the intent of the zoning ordinance

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:

- a) If you are the sole owner of the property and not the petitioner complete Part 1.
- b) If you are the petitioner and not the sole owner of the property complete Part 2.
- c) If you are the sole owner and petitioner complete Part 1.
- d) 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 legal description, which is made	e/she is the owner of the property described in the attached e part of this application.
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	r Perry	770-369-7337
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3379 Peacht	ree Road NE (Buckhead), Suite 655	William Perry
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Atlanta, GA	ZIP CODE	

SITE PLAN CHECKLIST

Site plans for use permit petitions must be drawn to scale and shall, at a minimum, include the following information:

ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	CHECK √
1	A correct scale and north arrow.	V
2	The proposed land use classification.	V
3	The present zoning classification of the tract(s) and all adjacent parcels.	
4	The proposed location of any existing and proposed buildings and improvements with dimensions, to scale and the square footage of all existing and proposed buildings.	
5	The location of all driveways and entry/exit points for vehicular traffic, using arrows to depict direction of movement.	
6	The location of required off-street parking and loading spaces to include number of spaces and dimensions - must also include handicapped parking.	
7	Setbacks for all existing and proposed buildings to include driveways, walkways, fences, etc.	V
8	The location and extent of required buffer areas, depicting extent of natural vegetation and type and location of additional vegetation if required.	V

Office use only:	
Application reviewed by:	
Staff signature:	Date:
Staff printed name:	

	FEE SCHEDULE
VARIANCE	\$400 each

Methods of payment: Cash, Money Order and Credit Cards can be taken at City Hall or via a credit card authorization form.

(MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO THE CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN)

Item # 1.

2025051080 DEED BOOK 31956 PG 691 Filed and Recorded: 4/29/2025 7:43:00 AM Recording Fee: \$25.00 Real Estate Transer Tax: \$325.00 Debra DeBerry Clerk of Superior Court DeKalb County, Georgia

18-089-18-022

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AFTER RECORDING RETURN TO: O'KELLEY & SOROHAN, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, LLC 1979 LAKESIDE PKWY, SUITE 340 TUCKER, GA 30084 ATTN: CARLTON JOHNSON, ESQ.

LIMITED WARRANTY DEED

STATE OF GEORGIA

COUNTY OF DEKALB

THIS INDENTURE, made this 23rd day of April 2025, by and between SGA 1-4 RESIDENTIAL JHL, LLC, a Georgia limited liability company (herein called "Grantor") and JEAN CLAUDE MONDESIR, JR. ("Grantee").

WITNESSETH: That Grantor, for and in consideration of the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, in hand paid at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold, aliened, conveyed and confirmed and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell, alien, convey and confirm unto Grantee all that tract or parcel of land described on Exhibit A, attached hereto and made a part hereof.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said bargained premises, together with all and singular the

2025051080 DEED BOOK 31956 PG 692

rights, members and appurtenances thereof, to the same being, belonging or in any wise appertaining, to the only proper use, benefit and behoof of Grantee, forever, IN FEE SIMPLE.

This Deed and the warranty of title contained herein are made subject to all matters of record and those matters set forth on Exhibit B, attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Grantor will warrant and forever defend the right and title to the above-described property unto Grantee against the lawful claims of all persons owning, holding or claiming by, through or under Grantor, but not otherwise.

(The words "Grantor" and "Grantee" include all genders, plural and singular, and their respective heirs, successors and assigns where the context requires or permits.)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor has signed and sealed this deed, the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of:

SGA 1-4 RESIDENTIAL JHL, LLC

Unofficial Witness

By:

JOHN H. LANTZ, Manager

[COMPANY SEAL]

My Commission Expires:

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My Commission Expires:

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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

2025051080 DEED BOOK 31956 PG 694 Debra DeBerry Clerk of Superior Court DeKalb County, Georgia

EXHIBIT B – Limited Warranty Deed Permitted Exceptions

- 1. Taxes and assessments for the year 2025 which are liens not yet due and payable and subsequent years not yet due and payable.
- Any violations (and any related citations/fines/penalties) regarding any ordinances, laws, rules, regulations or restrictions of the City of Stone Mountain, DeKalb County, or any other applicable governmental entity or authority.
- 3. Rights of electric, gas, telephone, cable, water and any other utility companies or authorities to lay, maintain, install and repair pipes, lines, poles, conduits, cables, boxes and related equipment upon, under and above the Premises, if any.
- 4. The environmental condition of the Property (including without limitation, the presence of any asbestos or lead on the Property) and riparian rights incident to the Property.
- 5. Physical defects, latent defects, and all matters relating to the condition of the Property.
- All matters shown in the real property records or other public records of DeKalb County, Georgia.
- Any matters shown or described on Scller's survey of the Property, or which could be shown by a current or updated ALTA survey of the Premises.

2025051081 DEED BOOK 31956 PG 695 Filed and Recorded: 4/29/2025 7:43:00 AM Recording Fee: \$25.00 Intangible Tax: \$675.00 Debra DeBerry Clerk of Superior Court DeKalb County, Georgia

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After Recording Return To: Silverton Mortgage 516 ALCOA TRAIL MARYVILLE, TN 37804

This instrument was prepared by: VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC. DBA SILVERTON MORTGAGE 1201 PEACHTREE ST NE, 2050 ATLANTA, GA 38361 855-815-0291

Document Date: April 23, 2025 Signatories: Jean Claude Mondesir, Jr

Grantee Address: VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE,

INC. DBA SILVERTON MORTGAGE 1201 PEACHTREE ST NE, 2050 ATLANTA, GA 30361

Map/Parcel ID Number: 18-089-18-022 Loan Amount: \$225,000.00 Maturity Date: May 1, 2055

An Intangible Recording Tax, imposed by the state of Georgia, is required on the long-term note.

The Intangible Recording Tax Amount \$ 675.00 is based upon the maximum amount of your loan.

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(All or part of the purchase price of the Property is paid for with the money loaned.)

PURCHASE MONEY SECURITY DEED

MIN: 100643800043236664 SIS Telephone #: (888) 679-MERS

DEFINITIONS

Words used in multiple sections of this document are defined below and other words are defined under the caption TRANSFER OF RIGHTS IN THE PROPERTY and in Sections 3, 4, 10, 11, 12, 16, 19, 24, and 25. Certain rules regarding the usage of words used in this document are also provided in Section 17.

Parties

(A) "Borrower" is Jean Claude Mondesir, Jr., currently residing at 222 Newberry Street NW, Alken, SC 29801. Borrower is the grantor under this Security Instrument.

(B) "Londer" is VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC. DBA SILVERTON MORTGAGE. Lender is A TENNESSEE CORPORATION organized and existing under the laws of TENNESSEE. Lender's address is 1201 PEACHTREE ST NE, 2050, ATLANTA, GA 30361. The term "Lender" includes any successors and assigns of Lender.

GEORGIA—Single Family—Fannie Mae/Freddle Mac UN/FORM INSTRUMENT
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Staff Printed Name:

PRE-APPLICATION INFORMATION FORM

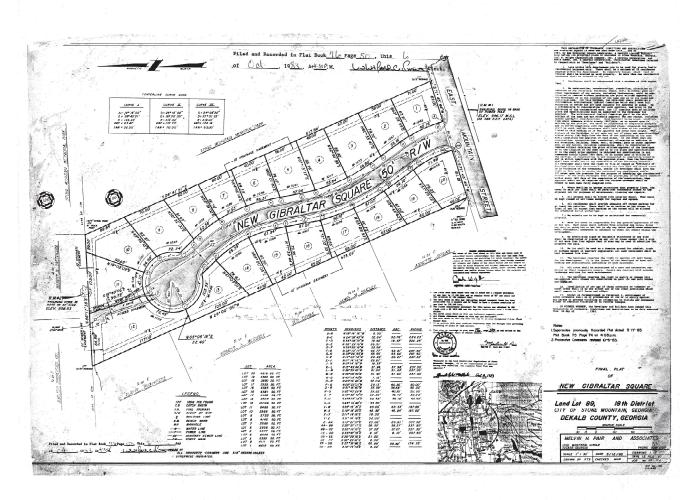
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Name Build Permits, LLC Company 3379 Peachtree Road NE (Buckhead), Suite 655 Atlants Malling Address (770) 369-7337 Primary Phone # (770) 213-5792 Alternate Phone # PROJECT SUMMARY 1082 New Gibraltar Square, Stone Mountain, GA Address of Project 1082 New Gibraltar Square	a, GA 30326 Sulte/Apt.# City, State admin@buildpermits.com E-mall	Zip Code
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SURVEYORS NOTES

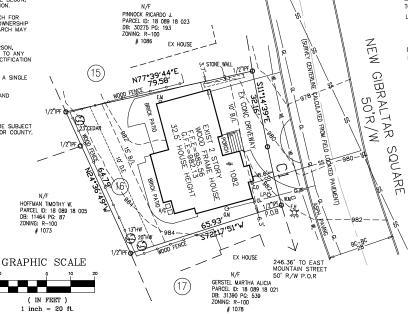
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- 2. SURVEYOR HAS MADE NO INVESTIGATION OR INDEPENDENT SEARCH FOR EASEMENT OF RECORD, ENCUMBRANCES, RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS, OWNERSHIFTITLE EVIDENCE, OR ANY OTHER FACTS THAT A CURRENT TITLE SEARCH MAY DISCLOSE.
- 3. THIS PLAT WAS PREPARED FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF THE PERSON, PERSONS OR ENTITY NAMED HEREON. THIS PLAT DOES NOT EXTEND TO ANY UNNAMED PERSON, PERSONS, OR ENTITY WITHOUT THE EXPRESS RECTIFICATION OF THE SURVEYOR NAMING SUCH PERSON, PERSONS OR ENTITY.
- 4. BEARINGS SHOWN WERE COMPUTED FROM ANGLES TURNED FROM A SINGLE MAGNETIC OBSERVATION.
- 5. THIS PROPERTY IS SUBJECT TO CURRENT ZONING REGULATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS.
- 6. ALL REBARS SET ARA 1/2" REBARS UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
- 7. THE EXISTENCE, SIZE AND LOCATION OF IMPERVIOUS BUFFERS ARE SUBJECT TO FINAL DETERMINATION BY THE LOCAL ISSUNG AUTHORITY, CITY, OR COUNTY.
- 8. CONTOUR INTERVAL= 2 FEET
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 AND VERIFIED BY PLANNING AND ZONING PRIOR TO
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FLOOD STATEMENT:

NO PORTION OF THIS PROPERTY IS LOCATED IN A FEDERAL FLOOD AREA AS INDICATED BY "F.I.A. OFFICIAL FLOOD HAZARD MAP PANEL # 13089C0091K DATE: 12/8/2016



LOT COVERAGE AREA OF IMPERVIOUS SURFACE: EX. HOUSE/ PORCH -----1,504 SQ.FT.
EX. CONC (BRICK) DRIVEWAY ---- 497 SQ.FT. EX. BRICK WALK / PATIO ----- 507 SQ.FT.

TOTAL INPERVIOUS AREA ----- 2,508 SQ.FT. LOT COVERAGE 2,508 SQ.FT. / 4,375 SQ.FT. = 57%

INSTRUMENT USED:

GEOMAX ZOOM 90 ROBOTIC TOTAL STATION. REFERENCE USE: DEED BOOK: 31956 PAGE: 691 REFERENCE USE: PLAT BOOK: 77 PAGE: 39

LEGEND

W.M WATER METER CTF CRIMP TOP FOUND
G.M GAS METER
W WATER LINE
GL GAS LINE

SS SEWER LINE ELECTRIC METER A/C AIR CONDITION

LOT AREA 4,375. sq.ft. 0.100 acres

ZONING: R-100

BOUNDARY SURVEY OF TOPOGRAPHIC AND EXISTING CONDITION FOR: BUILD PERMITS. LLC

1082 NEW GIBRALTAR SQ. STONE MOUNTAIN GA 30083 PARCEL ID: 18 089 18 022 LAND LOT: 89 18TH DISTRICT DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA
DATE OF FIELD SURVEY: 7-7-2025 (R&D)
SCALE 1"=20' DATE OF PLAT 7-10-2025
REVISION 10-22-2025 SHEET SIZE 11" X 17" JOB # 28851

SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE

This plot is a retracement of an existing parcel or parcels of land and does not subdivide or create a new parcel or make any changes to any real property boundaries. The recording information of the documents, maps, plots, or other instruments which created the parcel or parcels or stated hereon. RECORDATION OF THIS PLAT DOES NOT IMPLY APPROVAL OF ANY LOCAL JURISDICTION, AVAILABILITY OF PERMITS, COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL REGULATIONS OR REQUIREMENTS, OR SUITABILITY FOR ANY LUSC OR PURPOSE OF THE LABU, Furthermore, the undersigned land surveyor certifies that the high plot complete with the minimum technical standards for property surveys in Georgia os set forth in the rules and regulations of the Georgia Board of Regulation for Professional Engineers and Land Surveys India and the property of the Georgia Board of Regulation for Professional Engineers and Land

WALTER F. PRINCE Georgia RLS No. 2808





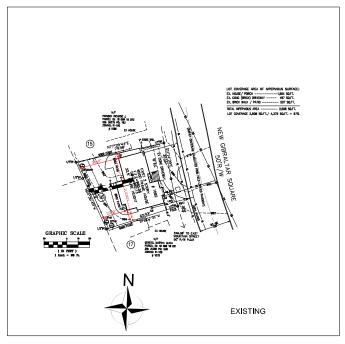
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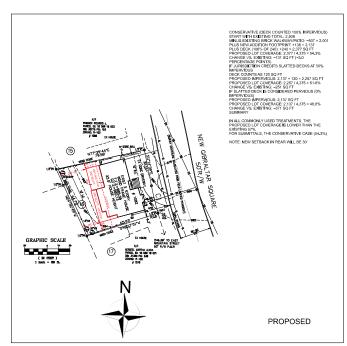
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HURD PRINCE & ASSOCIATES, INC.

*Consulting Planners & Surveyors' 110 MLK SR HERITAGE TRAIL STOCKBRIDGE, GEORGIA 30281-3424

Phone (678)-593-5450 Cell (404) 372-7304





NOTE: EXISTING BUILDING WILL NEED TO BE EXTENDED RELOCATED TO ACCOMMODATE FOR NEW ADDITION THIS RELOCATION WILL BE NOTED ON THE FINAL SURVEY.

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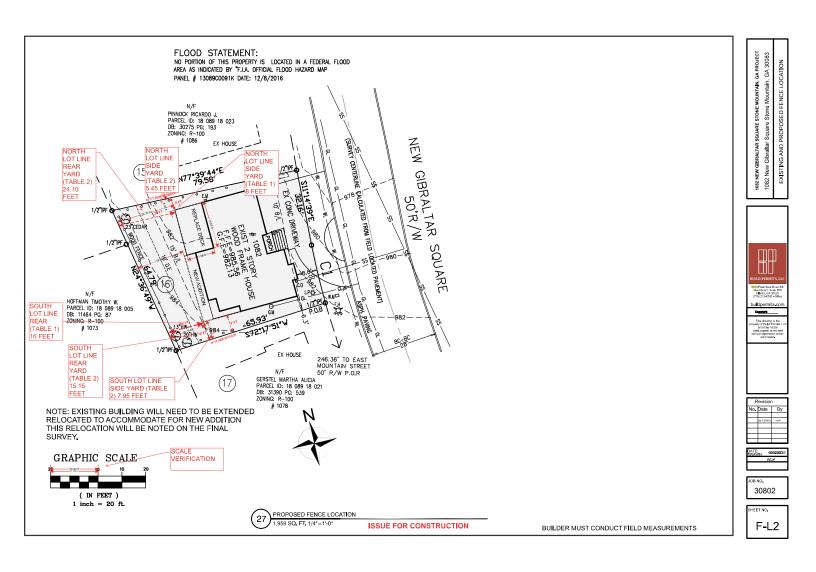
1082 New GibraLtar Square Stone Mountain, GA 90083 EXISTING AND PROPOSED FENCE LOCATION





30802

HEET NO. F-L3





3379 Peachtree Road NE (Buckhead), Suite 655 Atlanta, GA 30326 (770) 213-5792 - Direct Office Email: admin@buildpermits.com

November 3, 2025

To:

City of Stone Mountain Planning and Zoning Department 875 Main Street Stone Mountain, GA 30083

Re: Letter of Intent for Variance Request – 1082 New Gibraltar Square, Stone Mountain, GA

Dear Members of the Planning and Zoning Board,

On behalf of the property owner, **Mr. Jean-Claude Mondesir**, this letter serves as the **Letter of Intent** in support of a **Variance Request** to allow the relocation of the existing rear property fence further back into the backyard at **1082 New Gibraltar Square**, **Stone Mountain**, **GA**. The property is located within the Historic District and is subject to review and approval by the City of Stone Mountain and the Historic Preservation Commission.

Purpose of Request

The purpose of this variance is to move the existing fence line back toward the rear of the property to allow adequate space for a proposed two-story addition and related site improvements while maintaining compliance with safety and design standards. The requested adjustment will not adversely impact adjacent properties and will preserve the visual and historic character of the neighborhood.

Property and Project Overview

- Property Address: 1082 New Gibraltar Square, Stone Mountain, GA 30087
- **Parcel Size:** Approximately 4,356 sq. ft.
- **Zoning:** [Insert zoning designation, if known]
- Existing Structure: Single-family residence
- **Proposed Construction:** New addition and renovation

Scope of Work

The proposed scope of work includes:

- Adjustments and replacement demolition of existing interior wood stud framing
- Addition to the rear of the existing structure
- Installation of plumbing fixtures, tile, trim, doors, and windows
- Correction of door and window headers
- Installation of Simpson ties, anchors, joist hangers, and lag bolts
- All construction to meet IRC deck and roof construction requirements (Dekalb County GA)
- Addition of HVAC unit, lighting, and electrical systems

New Addition Construction Details

• **Type:** New Addition – Type V (Wood-Framed Construction)

Number of Stories: 4 stories
Ceiling Heights: 9'-0" and 8'-0"
Heated Space: 2,080 sq. ft.

Breakdown of Heated Space:

First Floor: 1,190 sq. ft.
Second Floor: 396 sq. ft.
Third Floor: 119 sq. ft.
Fourth Floor: 254 sq. ft.
Total: 1,959 sq. ft.

Proposed New Addition: 1,540 sq. ft.

Justification for Variance

Due to the lot's limited depth (4,356 sq. ft.), the existing rear yard setback restricts the ability to construct the necessary addition while maintaining proper spacing and access. Moving the fence back slightly into the rear of the property will allow for safer construction, adequate drainage, and improved structural integration with the new addition.

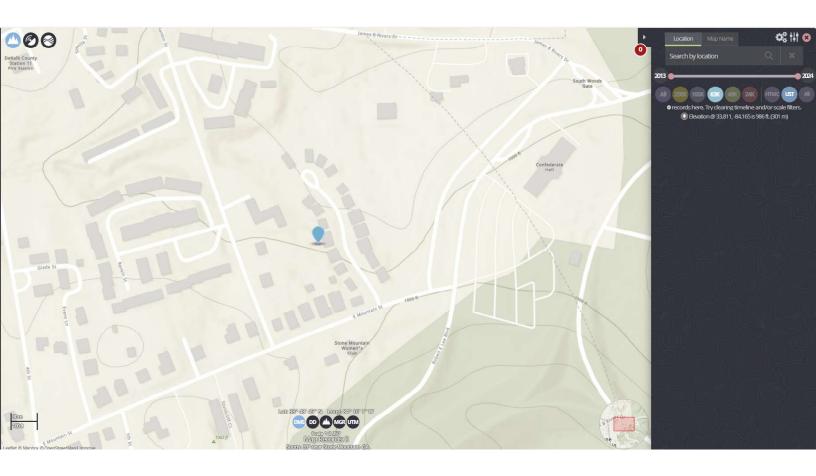
This request does not intend to alter the existing neighborhood pattern or encroach upon neighboring properties. The relocation of the fence will remain consistent with surrounding property lines and will not cause visual or structural detriment to adjacent lots.

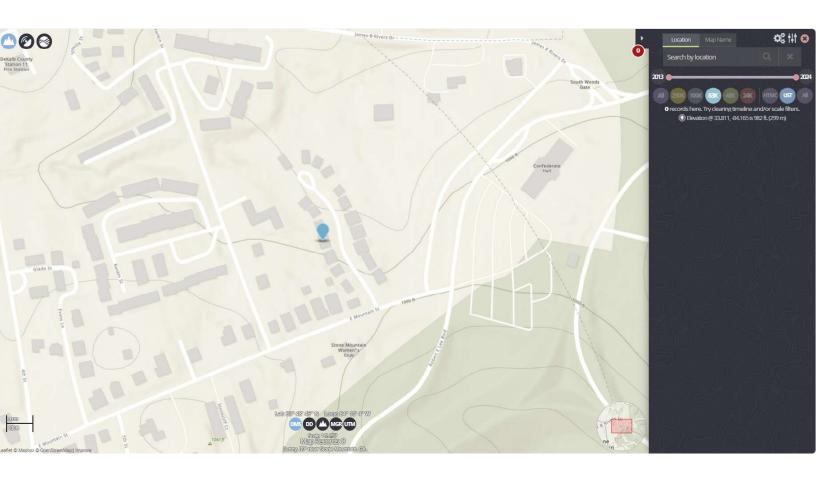
Conclusion

Granting this variance will allow the property owner to enhance the existing home's functionality and value while preserving the architectural integrity of the Historic District. The improvements will bring the structure up to current code standards and improve overall safety, livability, and aesthetics.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and are available to provide any additional documentation or clarification required by the Planning Department or Historic Preservation Commission.

Respectfully submitted,





330-503639 12/11,12/18 City of Chamblee ++2026 Meeting Calendar for

the Mayor and City Council++ Regular meetings are held on the third Tuesday at 6:00 pm with the Work Session held the preceding Thursday at 6:00 pm of each month. Meetings are held at the City of Chamblee City Hall, 3518 Broad Street, Chamblee, GA 30341 in the City Council Chambers

January 15 (Work Session) and 20 (Council Meeting)

February 12 (Work Session) and 17 (Council Meeting)

March 12 (Work Session) and 17 (Council Meeting)

April 16 (Work Session) and 21 (Council Meeting)

May 14 (Work Session) and 19 (Council Meeting)

June 11 (Work Session) and 16 (Council Meeting)

July 16 (Work Session) and 21 (Council Meeting)

August 13 (Work Session) and 18 (Council Meeting)

September 10 (Work Session) and 15 (Council Meeting)

October 15 (Work Session) and 20 (Council Meeting)

November 12 (Work Session) and 17 (Council Meeting)

December 10 (Work Session) and 15 (Council Meeting)

330-503640 12/11 12/18 ABANDONED MOTOR VEHICLE ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE

You are hereby notified, in accordance with OCGA § 40-11-19.1(b)(2), that each of the below-referenced vehicles are subject to a lien and a petition may be filed in court to fore close a lien for all amounts owed. If the lien is foreclosed, a court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt.

The vehicles are currently located at 2481 Old Covington Hwy SW Conyers, GA 30012 The vehicles subject to liens as stated above are identified as

++Nissan 2011 Altima 1N4AL2AP2BN439781++ TAG# SFK9636 GA

Chevrolet 2016 CRUZE LIM-ITED 1G1PE5SB5G7171073 TAG# <unknown>

Chevrolet 2014 CRUZE 1G1PC5SB1E7441581 TAG# X4647 FL

Nissan 2011 Sentra 3N1AB6APXBL622949 TAG# LAD1955 NC

Kia 2011 SOUL KNDJT2A15B7736165 TAG# DI 01F82 GA

Tovota 2002 Avalon 4T1BF28B52U224302 TAG# SGH2485 GA

Ford 2012 FUSION 3FAHP0HA7CR267531 TAG# SAN6825 GA

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Mercedes Benz 2009 GL 4JGBF71E59A510809 TAG# P7024732 GA

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Nissan 2018 Sentra 3N1AB7AP0JY272965 TAG# SIX6546 GA

Nissan 2004 Maxima 1N4BA41E54C859621 TAG# CUL7094 GA

BMW 2012 3-Series WBA3A5C54CF349966 TAG# <unknown>

Nissan 2014 Altima 1N4AL3APXEC123972 TAG#

Anyone with an ownership interest in any of these vehicles should contact the following business immediately: Quick Drop Impounding, Towing, and Recovery 2481 Old Covington Hwy SW Conyers GA 30012

678-210-0245

330-503641 12/11,12/18 Public Notice

VEHICLE(S): ++2013 BMW VIN:WBAXG5C55DDY33089; 2014 CHRYSLER 300 VIN:2C3CCAAG4EH378089

2016 MERCEDES GLA 250

VIN:WDCTG4GB8GJ212604++

You are hereby notified, in accordance with OCGA 40-11-19(b)(2), that the above-referenced vehicles are subject to a lien and a petition may be filed in court to foreclose a lien for all amounts owed. If the lien is foreclosed, a court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satis fy the debt. The vehicle is currently located at 2455 ELLEN-WOÓD, GA. Anyone with an ownership interest in this vehicle should contact the following business immediately MAINSOURCE TITLE SER-VICES LLC 8735 Dunwoody PI Ste 11043 Atlanta, GA 30350

330-503648 12/11.12/18 PUBLIC NOTICE OF ABAN-

(229) 290-4900

doned vehicle:

DONED MOTOR VEHICLE State of Georgia County of

DeKalb Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, pursuant to the Georgia Abandoned Motor Vehicle Act (O.C.G.A. § 40-11-1 et seq.), has taken possession of the following aban-

Year: 2012 Make/Model: MERCEDES C 300

Vehicle Identification Number (VIN): WDDGF8BB3CF910033 License Plate: SFF2332 Color: SILVER

Year: 2021 Make/Model: RAM 1500 Vehicle Identification Number (VIN): 1C6SRFJT8MN773521 License Plate: CZN1320 Color: BLUE

Year: 2023 Make/Model: HONDA CIVIC Vehicle Identification Number (VIN): 2HGFE2F5XPH533362 License Plate: N/A Color: BLUF

Vear: 2010 Make/Model: MERCEDES C CLASS

Vehicle Identification Number (VIN): WDDGF5EB5AF477998 License Plate: CSF7319 Color: GRAY

Year: 2020 Make/Model: DODGE CHAR-GFR Vehicle Identification Number (VIN): 2C3CDXGJ7LH160468 License Plate: N/A

Color: WHITE

Year: 2024 Make/Model: KIA K5 Vehicle Identification Number (VIN): 5XXG64J22RG260514 License Plate: CZU2322 Color: GRAY

Year: 2008 Make/Model: MERCEDES R350

Vehicle Identification Number (VIN): 4JGCB65EX8A068404 License Plate: CWQ3395 Color: LIGHT BLUE

Year: 2022 Make/Model: TOYOTA CO-ROLLA Vehicle Identification Number (VIN): JTDS4MCEXNJO96524

License Plate: SHL6152 Color: SII VFR Year: 2013 Make/Model: DODGE CHAR-

Vehicle Identification Number (VIN): 2C3CDXBG7DH502241 License Plate: DBI1447 Color: WHITE

Current storage location: 7043 Rogers Lake Rd, Lithonia, United States Owner/lienholder or interested parties must pay all towing, storage, and related fees by January 2, 2026 Vehicle holder contact informa-

Address: 7043 Rogers Lake Rd, Lithonia, GA 30058 Phone: (404) 508-0246 Email: liahw@southdekalbtow

ing.com If the vehicle is not claimed by the above deadline, it will be sold or disposed of in accordance with Georgia law.

Date of Publication:12-11-2025 Name of Business/Individual Filing Notice:South DeKalb Towing, Inc. ++2012 MERCEDES C 300

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330-503650 12/18.1/8 City of Stone Mountain NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The City of Stone Mountain Mayor and Council will hold an initial public hearing regarding the City's 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update at Stone Mountain City Hall, 875 Main Street, Stone Mountain, GA 30083, on ++January 20, 2026, at 6:30 P.M.++

The purpose of this hearing is to brief the community on the process to be used to develop the plan update and opportunities for public participation in plan development as well as to obtain input on the proposed planning process.

All interested parties should at tend. Questions should be directed to Tamava Huff, Planning Manager, at thuff@stonemountaincity.org or (770) 498330-503694 12/18,12/25 **ABANDONED MOTOR** VEHICLE ADVERTISEMENT

NOTICE You are hereby notified, in accordance with OCGA § 40-11-19.1(b)(2), that each of the below-referenced vehicles are subject to a lien and a petition may be filed in court to foreclose a lien for all amounts owed. If the lien is foreclosed, a court shall order the sale of the vehicle to satisfy the debt. The vehicles are currently located at 2481 Old Covington

++Chevrolet 2013 CRUZE 1G1PA5SH3D7153196 TAG# E5033446 GA++

Hwy SW Convers. GA 30012

The vehicles subject to liens as

stated above are identified as:

Kia 2018 Optima 5XXGT4L3XJG211726 TAG# SHE0633 GA

Hyundai 2018 Sonata 5NPE24AF8JH641279 TAG# <unknown>

Ford 2010 FUSION 3FADP0L32AR427836 TAG# SLK9579 GA

Chevrolet 2004 Aveo KL1TJ62624B251084 TAG# <unknown>

Chevrolet 2014 Malibu 1G11B5SL4EF121792 TAG# <unknown>

GMC 2022 Yukon 1GKS1AKD1NR344424 TAG# CUV1290 GA

Ford 1998 E250 Vans 1FTPE24L5WHB94583 TAG# <unknown>

Mazda 2010 MAZDA3 JM1BL1H59A1131106 TAG# VK3J0B MO

Anyone with an ownership interest in any of these vehicles should contact the following business immediately: Quick Drop Impounding, Towing, and Recovery 2481 Old Covington Hwy SW Conyers GA 30012

330-503699 12 **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Stone Mountain Mayor and City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. in order to discuss and to hear public in put on a variance to accomtion (parcel ID: 18-089-18-022) located at ++1082 New Gibraltar Square++ The location of the hearing will be City Hall -875 Main Street, Stone Mountain, GA, 30083. This hearing is

330-503844 12/18 PUBLIC NOTICE

open to the public.

This is what homeowners face when fighting for their homes The owner will not receive a trial by jury. In a case the was tried on 12-3-2025; case num ber 25CV8596-8; Donna Lindsey v. Brenda Hines; Judge Nora I Polk violated Brenda Hines civil rights; the true and legal owner of 2212 Cloverdale Drive, Atlanta, Ga. 30316; in DeKalb County. The United States Supreme Court held ."every action recognized in 1791 for the recovery of possession of property carried with it the right to jury trial." Pernell v. Southall Realty, 416 U.S. 363, 94 S. Ct. 1723, 40 L.Ed.2d 198 (1974), Judge Polk failed to follow the rule of law that

states in the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and article one, paragraph one of the Ga. State Constitution..."No one shall be denied the right to life, liberty or property without due process of law"(a trial by jury). Under federal law this is a violation of 18USC3571. The penalty for this is \$250,000 per charge; under federal law. This is the second time that the defendant, Brenda Hines has had her rights violated. In 2016 DeKalb Co. Superior Court held a secret trial against her and never informed her of the trial and made the decision to steal her home that she did not even have a mortgage on.

This is a pattern of judicial misconduct in the courts of not just DeKalb but all over the State of Ga. and in other states. Judge Polk continued her abuse of the defendant by not letting her expert witness: John Fisher to testify in her behalf about the fraud applied against her Ms. Hines has legal documents with Governor Brian Kemp's name on them and the clerk of the superior Court of DeKalb with a sworn affidavit by the county from their Superior court records stating that she is the true and legal owner of said real property. She has a land grant dated 1-28-2018 stating that she is the true owner of the land. All of these documents are on file in the court house records and on display in the court house of DeKalb County for ALL to see. Mr. Fisher is a top expert in the State of Ga. on land grants, proof of ownership and acknowledgement of deeds. Mr. Fisher was told by Judge Polk to leave the court

room Judge Polk held the trial without a jury or was suppose to have a grand jury convene in order to see if there is enough evidence to go to trial. The right to jury trial on appeal is expressly given in O.C.G.A. 5-3-30 which states, "[a]II appeals to superior or state court shall be tried by a jury..."therefore the appellants are not being denied a jury trial, but instead only endure a procedural delay in the magistrate court before receiving a jury trial on appeal to the state or superior court. Hill v. Levenson, 259 Ga, 395 396, 383 S.E. 2d 110-111-12 (1989). Only Superior Court has exclusive jurisdiction in

matters of equity.
If you are a victim of Mortgage Identity Theft; know that all of the foreclosure documents and claims of foreclosure were forged! Now comes the time that these victims/Plaintiffs are suing and filing for the return of their homes and monies in federal courts as due each of them and every federal agency as it applies to each of them. We are victims of mortgage identity theft and numerous cases of fraud and deception, including judicial misconduct, misprision of felony and violations of oaths of offices by judges and enforcement officials. All of these victims have been subject to denial of a trial by jury. As per the U.S. Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Georgia (Ga. Constitution, Article One Paragraph One: "No one shall be denied life, liberty or property without due process of law [trial by jury]"). Not a single one of these victims have received due process of law as the courts and judges in this state and other states will not allow

the case to get in to a court of record Also known as Superior Court. And if they do allow this to happen, a grand jury must convene to determine if there is enough evidence to have a trial. We have had secret court decisions and trials where the defendant; herein the homeowner/victim is NEV-ER notified of a trial. Fraud on the courts of DeKalb

County was filed, by John Fish-

er on 12-6-2018, under Superi-

or Court case number 14CV1230. The D.A. of DeKalb Co. has vet addressed this case. This group also met with the Honorable Sherry Boston D. A. of DeKalb County on 1-24-2017; 4 days after she was sworn in. Our group filed a court subpoena for D.A. Boston to appear in a magistrate court case on 4-30-2024; of which she failed to appear. We even contacted her 2 weeks before the trial to let her know that all we needed for her to do was to state that she was aware of foreclosure auction fraud and bid rigging in DeKalb Co. per newsletters from the U.S. Department of Justice and that we had had a meeting with her to the effect. (Our group gets the same reports from the DOJ because we are a part of the federal task force on fraud) We gave her a list and docu ments showing fraud of 30 persons in this group. Police reports have been filed ever since 5-22-2013: case number 13-055122. This includes other cases in Valdosta, Ga. 20151003777, in Henry County; case number 09021537 and FBI case number 329FAT2175733. This group is the Ga. Coalition for Fair Housing Justice and Eviction Support Group. We were formed after we were failed by The National Action Network the NAACP, the SCLC, Operation Push and other civil rights groups to help us. We have the documents to prove this. Victims of mortgage fraud

cases are statutorily entitled to restitution, 18USC3663 (A) (2009) The actions of these fraudsters and criminal actors have caused unrepairable emotional harm and these victims are due to be made whole as much as humanly possible These criminal actions constitute SLAVERY: (forced compliance to contracts not held); 18USC3571; as mortgage identity theft is a federal crime. On February 9, 2012; then Attorney General Sam Olens of Georgia, joins the \$25 Billion Federal-State Settlement with the Nation's Five Largest Mortgage Servicers. Ga. received right at \$1 Billion to address its foreclosure issues. As of this date, they have not paid out one penny. This settlement was for IMMEDIATE RELIEF to distressed and wrongfully foreclosed homeowners. Our group on April 12, 2018; 13 years ago: had a meeting with Assistant State Attorney General, the Honorable Gregory Lohmeier about this issue and provided to the AG Office a list of over 80 homeowners that were victims. This list was published on 10-22-2020 in the legal pages of the Champion Newspaper Attorney General Chris Carr was asked to be at this meeting and other meetings that we have requested but has failed to respond. These homeowners have been denied due process of law and all of the provisions of the United States Constitution (violation of 18USC3571). Said acts are also in violation of Title 18USC241. These rights are based on Natural Law, hence invariant and not subject to human opinion or prosecution. Where is our money for being victims of mortgage identity theft; a federal crime?

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We have over 18 attempts to meet with Governor Brian Kemp, D.A. Fani Willis of Fulton Co. and other officials. I have been in front of the Fulton Co. commission and the city council of Atlanta. I have been interviewed by the DOJ six times, the IRS twice, the U.S. Attorneys Office in Washington DC (interviewed by Attys Daniel Mostetler and Ian DeWaal), the Security and Exchange Commission. In 2023 we asked the Governor under OCGA 45-15-18 to have the State Attorney General to investigate these is-

Homeowners are issued dispossessory warrants and improper warrants (in violation of 18USC3571) that they are NEVER shown or are NEVER signed by a judge and forced into magistrate court that DOES NOT HAVE JURISDIC-TION while they are still the owners of their homes and listed as tenants in their own houses that they still own at the time of court Most of the people in this group houses NEVER ARE LISTED ON A FORECLOSURE LIST; and are sold in secret on the side at the auctions on the side or the internet. The buyer then purchases a deed under power or a so called foreclosure deed; in which the language never said a foreclosure has happened from an agent or attorney. The homeowner's name is listed under an attorney in fact for the purpose of using that person's name to steal the usage rights

of that stolen house. The Supreme Court of Georgia never signs the order to move cases back to the Magistrate Court that has no jurisdiction and lets the Clerk, Thersa Barnes sign orders to evict home owners without due process of law. In 2020 I pointed this out to then Chief Supreme Court Justice Harold Melton who stepped down on 6-30-

This allows them to steal your equity, use it to even pay off judges, law enforcement officials and clerks as the finances of the house is used to continue the fraud. The market value of the house is then raised again to allow them to steal more money as they use your equity and profits to pay for your own foreclosure; which by the way NEVER HAPPENED. "Where one person without lawful authority sells and conveys as his own the land of another person and receives the consideration paid therefore such PRENTENTED SALE AND CONVEYANCE WILL NOT OPERATE TO DI-VERT THE TITLE OF THE OWNER, NOR WILL THE PURCHASER DERIVE ANY TITLE...Crews v. Heard, 7 Ga. 60,21 R.C.L., 923."

These homeowners have Federal Patents and Land Grants, Acknowledgements of their Warranty Deeds with Governor Brian Kemp's name on them, the Secretary of State, the clerk of the court county where the home is located with signed at fidavits by the clerk and s of the State of Ga. certify

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Mayor and City Council Work Session

Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at 6:30 PM City Hall, 875 Main Street, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30083

Minutes

Mayor and Council: Dr. Beverly Jones - Mayor | Post 3: Mayor Pro Tem Ryan Smith

Post 1: Council Member Anita Bass | Post 2: Council Member Mark Marianos

Post 4: Council Member Gil Freeman | Post 5: Council Member Shawnette Bryant

Post 6: Council Member Teresa Crowe

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

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 6:35 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 6 Teresa Crowe, Mayor Beverly Jones

Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant Arrived at 7:24 P.M.

III. **Invocation and Pledge**

Mayor Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the Invocation

IV. Citizen Comments/Including comments from public/stakeholders

Citizen Comment 1: Joan Monroe – Expressed that she recently reviewed a report presented to the City Commission reflecting population decline and reduced revenue for the City. She expressed concern that, despite limited financial resources, additional staff are being hired to prepare reports she believes may be inaccurate and encouraged the City to conduct independent audits and exercise fiscal restraint. She also raised concerns regarding relevant information not being included on Planning Committee meeting agendas.

Citizen Comment 2: Kay Nunez - She expressed support for the agenda item regarding the installation of "No parking" signs, emphasizing that their placement is important for the safety of emergency vehicles and neighbors exiting their homes.

Citizen Comment 3: Ms. Thomas – Raised concerns regarding A&S Paving, stating that property damage had occurred. She also noted that the court on Rockborough Terrace was paved but is already cracked. She requested that the City Manager visit the site; the City Manager indicated that an engineer would be brought out, but this has not yet occurred. Further stated that there is conflicting information between the Comprehensive Advisory Committee and the Planning Commission regarding the ability to add three additional seats. She referenced the LCI study, indicating that Rockborough was excluded and that residents' voices should be

heard, stated that planning is out of compliance, and inquired about when the 2024 audit will presented.

Citizen Comment 4: Hawa Aden – A resident reported property damage caused by A&S Paving and requested a meeting with the City Manager after being informed the damage would be repaired, but receiving no further updates.

V. Review of the Journal (City Clerk)

1. Consideration of an action on a request to approve December 2, 2025 Meeting Minutes

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE December 2, 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

VI. Reading of Communications

- 1. Interim City Manager Maggie Dimov took a moment to thank the Mayor and Council members whose terms of service conclude at the end of 2025, noting that they exemplified leadership by serving with integrity and care on behalf of the City. Expressed appreciation for the countless hours of hard work and personal sacrifice dedicated to the public good and extended best wishes for continued success in their future endeavors.
- VII. 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 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)

VIII. Committee Discussion items

- 1. Stone Mountain Community Garden
- Mr. Brown could not be present to give reports/updates
- 2. Planning Commission

Ms. Tamayah Huff provided an update from the Planning Commission, announcing that the initial public hearing for the Comprehensive Plan will be held on January 20, 2026, to introduce the original 2021 plan and review procedures and processes. She also noted that a draft Comprehensive Plan calendar, including the stakeholder meeting schedule, will be released and posted on the City's website.

Additionally, the Planning Commission is updating its bylaws to ensure compliance with zoning procedures and laws.

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The Mayor requested clarification regarding the addition of members to the Planning Commission, stating she had been advised that some individuals were unable to participate due to not being residents of the City of Stone Mountain. Ms. Huff clarified that twenty-one positions were presented to Council in October and that none of the proposed members were disqualified based on residency. She explained that, in accordance with DCA requirements, the commissions followed a structured process to identify and recommend potential stakeholders.

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3. Historic Preservation Commission

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Ms. Tamayah Huff provided an update on the grant Memorandum of Agreement, stating that it has been executed and the RFP process is underway to solicit consultants to document approximately 438 buildings. She noted that while some buildings may not qualify, many are near the 40-year threshold and are expected to be included in the historic preservation review in accordance with the State's analysis.

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IX. Staff Reports

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Public Safety – Reports/Updates given by Police Chief James Westerfield

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Chief James Westerfield presented an overview of recent activity and crime statistics as outlined in the agenda packet. He also addressed Council questions regarding seasonal increases in certain crimes, including domestic incidents and package theft. He advised residents to coordinate with neighbors and to schedule package deliveries when they are home.

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Χ. **City Managers Report**

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1. Operations Report - Interim City Manager Maggie Dimov

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The Interim City Manager invited Police Chief James Westerfield to the podium to present the

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Employee of the Month and Officer of the Quarter awards to Officer Vov.

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Interim City Manager Maggie Dimov then reviewed the Operations Report, highlighting key staff 130 accomplishments and providing updates on several capital projects, including the successful 131 completion of the Kaboom Project by Public Works. She also reported that a pipe leak near the VFW

132 has been repaired, City Hall's parking lot and HVAC system are being addressed, and the stormwater

133 project is underway with permits currently being prepared.

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Council Member Marianos requested an update on the potholes along James B. River Memorial. It was confirmed that a temporary repair has been completed, with full paving scheduled for next year, and that further consultation with contractors will take place regarding the project.

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XI. Council Policy Discussion Topics – None

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XII. **Unfinished Business**

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 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

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201 202 203 the Truist subpoena Consideration of an action on a request to approve contracts for Judge Services

Council Member Gil Freeman expanded on this action item and asked the City Attorney why there had been no follow-up regarding the subpoena sent to Truist.

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE 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

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, and Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

MOTION FAILED

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

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE 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

Motion made by Council Member: Post 4 Gil Freeman, 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, and Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

MOTION PASSED FAILED

XIII. **New Business**

 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

Ms. Tamayah requested that the City Council set a hearing date or appoint a hearing officer to determine the time and place for the hearing. The Council decided that the hearing will take place at the next Council meeting on January 6th.

ACTION: 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

Motion made by Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Seconded by Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

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

Voting Nay: Council Member Post 5: Shawnette Bryant

MOTION PASSED

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

Chief James Westerfield explained the requirements for installing "No Parking" signs, including compliance with engineering and traffic standards, liability concerns, emergency vehicle access, and public safety. He also suggested temporarily painting the curbs with "No Parking" markings as an alternative to signs, which could distract drivers, until an engineer can conduct a proper study.

<u>ACTION:</u> 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

Motion made by Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Seconded by Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

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

Voting Nay: Council Member Post 5: Shawnette Bryant

MOTION PASSED

XIV. New Ordinances and Resolutions

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

NO ACTION TAKEN

XV. Remarks of Privilege

- 1. Council Member Freeman thanked all who voted, as well as those who did not, and stated that he looks forward to serving the City again in another capacity. He expressed appreciation to City Manager Maggie Dimov, noting that many projects were completed during her tenure, and thanked City staff for their hard work and dedication. He also wished the incoming Council Members success in their upcoming terms.
- 2. Council Member Bryant stated that she enjoyed serving on the City Council, noting that while the position is challenging, it is rewarding. She highlighted completed projects, including the Senior Gift Basket Giveaway, and acknowledged her work with Officer Roseberry regarding 5444 Rockbridge Road. She recognized Chief Westerfield and Interim City Manager Maggie Dimov for their

- contributions and encouraged future Council Members to serve with integrity and in the best interest of the citizens.
- Council Member Crowe thanked everyone who voted for her and shared that the experience provided a valuable opportunity to get to know members of the community. She noted that she was advised during her initial campaign that she would learn a great deal and acknowledged that she has. She congratulated all who ran and were elected and expressed her optimism for the City's continued progress.

XVI. Announcements by the Mayor

- 1. The Mayor announced that it had been an honor to serve the City of Stone Mountain and stated that she felt led and directed by God to serve the community. She assured residents that they were always her first priority, regardless of the challenges faced. She noted that she set aside personal pride despite frivolous lawsuits and continued to exemplify leadership throughout her tenure. The Mayor acknowledged the incoming Mayor and wished him success in the role.
- XVII. Executive Session to discuss Personnel, Legal, Cyber Security, and/or Real Estate (if needed)

ACTION: MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 8:49 P.M.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Seconded by 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 and Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

<u>ACTION:</u> MOTION TO ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION AND RECONVENE THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT 9:17PM

Motion made by Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, 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)

XVIII. Adjournment

ACTION: MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING 9:18 P.M.

Motion made by Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, 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, and Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)
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Dr. Beverly Jones, Mayor	Shavala Ames, City Clerk



Agenda Item

Meeting Date: January 6, 2025

SUBJECT: Public Meeting and Comment Procedures

Item: Action Item

Department: Planning and Zoning Department

Presented By: Tamaya Huff

City Council's Role in Zoning Decisions

Per 2-1.4 Public Hearing and Decision of the City of Stone Mountain Code of Ordinances, the mayor and city council shall make all final zoning decisions. The mayor and city council shall hold public hearings in accordance with the public notice requirements outlined in the Zoning Procedures Law and the City Code of Ordinances. The City of Stone Mountain Planning Commission is an advisory body and does not render final quasi-judicial decisions; the Stone Mountain City Council determines all final hearing decisions concerning planning and zoning.

Legal Requirements for Public Hearing Procedures.

There are legal requirements for public hearing procedures in the state of Georgia and the Code of Ordinances for the City of Stone Mountain, which must be developed, prepared, and provided in writing to attendees for all zoning and comprehensive plan public hearings.

These legal requirements include:

- Georgia Rules and Regulations 110-12-1.04 Preparation, Transmittal and Review of the Comprehensive Plan. All required hearings should be handled in a manner that is consistent with any locally adopted ordinances or other customary processes regarding the conduct of public hearings. The Department recommends that any community which must include a Land Use Element in its plan pursuant to section 110-12-1-.03(7) should comply with the Zoning Procedures Law (O.C.G.A. § 36-66-1, et seq.). Failure to handle public hearings appropriately may undermine the legal validity of the local comprehensive plan. Documentation of the required public hearings (e.g., a copy of the "tear sheet" advertising the hearing in the local newspaper, a signin sheet from the hearing, etc.) must be included in the appendix of community involvement activities discussed in section 110-12-1-.02(2)(d).
- Zoning Procedures Law GA Code § 36-66-5, local governments shall adopt policies and procedures that govern calling and conducting hearings required

by Code Section 36-66-4, and printed copies of such policies and procedures shall be available for distribution to the general public. Such policies and procedures shall specify a minimum time period at hearings on proposed zoning decisions or quasi-judicial decisions for presentation of data, evidence, and opinion by proponents of each zoning decision and an equal minimum time period for presentation by opponents of each proposed zoning decision, such minimum time period to be no less than ten minutes per side. This request is being presented to the Planning Commission for consideration, to be incorporated into its corresponding bylaws, and, upon approval, printed for the general public during scheduled commission meetings.

 Section 1-1.1 Enactment of the Stone Mountain Code of Ordinances adopted the Enactment of HB51 or the Zoning Procedures law

To ensure compliance with the above-referenced regulations, state laws, and ordinances, staff is proposing approval of the Public Comment Guidelines to be used during the City Council's Zoning and Comprehensive Plan Public Hearings.

Resource Impact:

None

Attachments/Exhibits: Draft Public Comment Procedures

Requested Action: City Council to approve draft public comment procedures to meet the requirements of Georgia Rules and Regulations 110-12-1.04, Zoning Procedures Law GA Code § 36-66-5, and Section 1-1.1 of the Stone Mountain Code of Ordinances



PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES FOR ZONING PUBLIC HEARINGS CITY COUNCIL

Pursuant to GA Code § 36-66-5, Local governments shall adopt policies and procedures that govern calling and conducting hearings required by Code Section 36-66-4, and printed copies of such policies and procedures shall be available for distribution to the general public. Such policies and procedures shall specify a minimum time period at hearings on proposed zoning decisions or quasi-judicial decisions for presentation of data, evidence, and opinion by proponents of each zoning decision and an equal minimum time period for presentation by opponents of each proposed zoning decision, such minimum time period to be no less than ten minutes per side.

The City of Stone Mountain City Council is a quasi-judicial body. It does render final quasi-judicial decisions, determines all final hearing decisions concerning planning and zoning decisions as listed below per 2-1.4 Public hearing and decision, *which states*:

This section outlines the proper process for zoning hearings and decisions. Authority. The mayor and city council shall make all final zoning decisions. The mayor and city council shall hold the public hearing required by this article before making said zoning decisions, following the public notice requirements herein. The term "zoning ordinance" shall mean this zoning ordinance (known as Appendix A to the City Code of Ordinances) as well as the official zoning map adopted herewith and made a part thereof, as amended.

The term "zoning decision" shall mean final legislative action by the Mayor and City Council which results in:

- 1. The adoption or repeal of a zoning ordinance.
- 2. The adoption of an amendment to the zoning ordinance, which changes the text of the zoning ordinance.
- 3. The adoption or denial of an amendment to the zoning ordinance to rezone property from one zoning classification to another.
- 4. The adoption or denial of an amendment to the zoning ordinance to zone property to be annexed to the city;
- 5. The grant or denial of a permit relating to a special use of property; or
- 6. The grant or denial of a variance or conditions concurrent and in conjunction with a decision pursuant to subparagraphs C or E of this paragraph.

PURPOSE OF GUIDELINES

City Council Zoning Public Hearings are an opportunity for the public to share their views with elected officials. However, the meeting itself is the responsibility of the City Council. The public does not participate in the decision-making process. Instead, it provides input to elected officials, who consider public comments while making their decisions. These guidelines are intended to ensure that members of the public have a designated period during the meetings to share concerns, thoughts, and ideas regarding matters related to the Zoning and Comprehensive Plan Public Hearings heard by the City Council. Public concerns presented during meetings that exceed the mandate, role, duties, and responsibilities of the City Council during zoning public hearings are not excluded from public comments. However, it must be affirmed that the City Council is not able to exceed its authority as established in the City of Stone Mountain Charter, the Stone Mountain Code of Ordinances, as well as state laws and regulations. Where such comments are posed for consideration during the comment period of the Zoning Public Hearing or Comprehensive Plan public hearings, citizens may be directed by the Mayor to present their concerns to the appropriate department, agency, council member, or other source. This permits the contents of the zoning public hearing to focus on the facts, circumstances, and requirements necessary for the City Council to make a final decision and allows those desiring to be heard for or against the subject case an opportunity to place their concerns on public record.



REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS CONDUCTED FOR ZONING CASES

- A sign-up sheet for public comments will be provided at the central desk in the City Hall foyer, just before the entrance to the City Council Chambers, 30 minutes before the start time of the Comprehensive Plan or Zoning Public meeting. Each public speaker will be required to complete a public comment form, which must be provided to the City Clerk before any speaker is permitted to present their comments.
- The Mayor and City Council will hear public comments at the time indicated on each meeting agenda, to allow public comment in response to a scheduled case or during a general comment period, as disclosed on the adopted meeting agenda.
- Each public speaker will have a maximum of 2 minutes to speak at the podium. The total time allocated for public comments is 10 minutes per scheduled case, as well as for general public comments, which are conducted at the time specified in the adopted planning commission agenda.
- All individuals wishing to make public comments are expected to conduct themselves with appropriate decorum. Courtesy and respect are required during all meetings, applying to all attendees, including Councilmembers, staff, members of other City of Stone Mountain Commissions (Historic Preservation, Planning Commission, Downtown Development Authority, etc.), and members of the public. It is important to note that the Mayor and City Council reserve the right to signal removal of any individual who recklessly or knowingly engages in behaviors that may **reasonably disrupt a lawful meeting, gathering, or procession, in accordance with** GA Code § 16-11-34. Furthermore, members of the Commission may prohibit any audible demonstrations, such as booing, hissing, clapping, insults, or other disruptions that interfere with the proper conduct of official zoning public hearings.
- Speakers must address their remarks only to the Mayor. The Mayor will usually allow each speaker to present their concerns, but may decide which issues to discuss based on time constraints and scheduled business. Responses to comments may not be provided; when the Mayor permits discussion, they will be brief and factual, without back-and-forth. Other Councilmembers will not speak during this part of the meeting. Staff will summarize public comments, and responses will be provided at a later date, after the meeting, to address public concerns, as directed by the Mayor after the public hearing closes.
- No decision to exclude a person from the hearing or to disallow a person from making or continuing to make a statement will be based on the person's viewpoint.
- If there are no public Speakers at the start time of the hearing, the Mayor and City Council will wait 1 minute. If there are still no public Speakers at 1 minute past the time when public comment is recognized, the Mayor and City Council will immediately continue the meeting. If a public speaker arrives after the hearing has begun, the Mayor will hear from the public speaker only at the Mayor's discretion.
- If the public comments conclude before the completion of the first scheduled hour of the meeting, the Mayor and City Council will wait 1 minute to ensure no additional public Speakers arrive, and if no one comes after that 1 minute, the City Council will **immediately** proceed with the meeting.
- For each zoning case, the Mayor will open the floor for public comment after staff and the applicant have presented evidence, facts, and documentation related to the zoning case under review. The Mayor will invite public speakers who have completed a public comment card to come to the podium and speak on a specific zoning case. The public speaker will be required to state their name and address and provide comments for the public record. If the public speaker refuses to state this information, the comment may not be adequately captured in the meeting record.
- Before each public meeting is opened, the Mayor will read the following information to inform the public of expectations and conduct for public speakers:

We will now open the public meeting to gather comments regarding (the Mayor must state the property address and parcel ID for the public record). Each speaker is required to state their name and address for the public record before presenting their comments. Speakers who choose not to provide their name and address may not have their comments appropriately documented in the public record. Each speaker will have two minutes to present their comments, with a maximum of ten minutes allocated for all public comments for each zoning case.

Please ensure that comments are relevant to the zoning case being discussed before the Mayor and City Council. Failure to adhere to the public comment guidelines may result in the speaker being directed to the general



public comment period held at the general public comment portion of the meeting, where the remaining time may be utilized. If the general public comment period exceeds the number of speakers that would fit within the ten-minute limit, the Mayor may direct the speakers to submit their comments in writing to the City Clerk for inclusion in the record. Alternatively, the Mayor may request a vote by the Mayor and City Council to temporarily extend the public meeting time. If any comment cards have been submitted for the zoning case under consideration, the City Clerk will now announce the names of the speakers who will take the podium in the order called to speak.

- Public comments during zoning public comment meetings are limited to the specific zoning case presented for discussion when the public hearing is opened. All other topics, which may be unrelated to the zoning case at hand, offered for public comment, will be directed by the Mayor to use the balance of their time during the general public comment, typically scheduled at the close of the public meeting. Refusal to comply with the Mayor's request may constitute a disruption of a lawful meeting under GA Code § 16-11-34, prompting the removal of the public speaker from the meeting. If the speaker, once redirected to the general public comment portion of the meeting, causes the general public meeting comment period to exceed the allotted ten (10) minutes for all speakers, then the Chair may either require the speaker to write down their comments for the meeting record or request a vote from the Planning Commission to temporarily extend the general public comment period to permit the speaker to hold their comments during the general comment meeting.
- As a reminder, all Public Comments can be submitted in writing on a comment card supplied during the meeting or by email to info@stonemountaincity.org.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC HEARING PROCEDURES

- Georgia Rules and Regulations 110-12-1.04 Preparation, Transmittal, and Review of the Comprehensive Plan
- Zoning Procedures Law GA Code § 36-66-5
- Section 1-1.1 Enactment of the Stone Mountain Code of Ordinances



Agenda Item

Meeting Date: January 6,2026

SUBJECT: APPEAL CERTFICATION OF APPROPRIATENESS DENIAL – HPC2025-1809005009 (PARCEL ID 18 090 05 009)

Item: Action Item

Department: Planning and Zoning

Presented By: Tamaya Huff, Planning Manager

BACKGROUND:

The applicant requested approval for an exterior deck, front deck, and to replace siding and windows at 6444 James B Rivers Memorial Drive (Parcel ID: 18 090 05 009). The property, a single-family home built in 1950, was last remodeled in 2003 and sits on 0.16 acres. A code enforcement review on October 29, 2025, revealed that the exterior deck was already built, the front deck was finished, and the siding and windows had been replaced. There are no records of building permits or reviews to ensure compliance with zoning regulations for this work.

The Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) heard the case on November 18, 2025, and denied the Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) for Case HPC2025-1809005009 on November 19, 2025. The denial was due to non-compliance with the Design Guidelines in Chapter 5 (Residential Rehabilitation Guidelines), particularly sections 5.1 (Exterior Materials), 5.2 (Architectural Details), and 5.4 (Windows). The proposed changes were found inadequate to maintain the historic character of the property. Since this property is a contributing property to the district, the Commission noted that it no longer meets the necessary standards after the completed work. They acknowledged that the construction is finished and do not expect the homeowner to undo any of the changes made.

Attachments/Exhibits:

- Appeal Case Report
- Application for Appeal Applicant Michelle Crawford
- Denial Letter Historic Preservation Commission
- Minutes from Historic Preservation Commission November 19, 2025

Requested Action: On December 9, 2025, the applicant appealed the final decision made by the Historic Preservation Commission, on November 19, 2025, in accordance with Section 5-38(10) and is requesting a review of this decision by the City Council. According to Section 5-38(10), the City Council can take the following actions if it determines that the Historic Preservation Commission abused its discretion in making its decision:

- 1) Approve the determination made by the Historic Preservation Commission
- 2) Modify the determination made by the Historic Preservation Commission
- 3) Reject the determination made by the Historic Preservation Commission



Agenda Item

Meeting Date: January 6, 2026

SUBJECT: Stakeholder Committee Adoption

Item: Action

Department: Planning and Development

Presented By: Tamaya Huff

BACKGROUND:

On November 5, 2025, the Planning and Development Department presented before the Stone Mountain City Council for consideration the plan for Appointment of Stakeholders for the Comprehensive Plan. The City of Stone Mountain (City) is required to form a stakeholder committee to guide the development of the comprehensive plan per DCA per Rule 110-12-1.02(2)(a). The City's committee was presented to include interested parties as recommended in the Department of Community Affairs (DCA), Rule 110-12-1.02(2)(a) and its Supplemental Planning Guidance. Committee members would be charged to review the 2021 Plan, provide feedback, and share lessons learned, and inform the plan's development. Committee Members would be requested to participate in all Stakeholder Committee meetings from January 2026 until the committee is dissolved in May 2026. Each stakeholder in the plan will have an active role as recommended in the prior 2021 Comprehensive Plan..

The Stakeholder Committee Development Process encompassed five phases, which established appointments from five different categories which included:

- Phase I. City Council Representatives
- Phase II. Agency Consultation & Stakeholder Participation
- Phase III. Commission Appointments
 - Planning Commission
 - Historic Preservation
 - Downtown Development Authority
- Phase IV. City Staff Appointments
- Phase V. Citizen Volunteers

A total of twenty-one (21) stakeholders were expected to participate in accordance with the established selection criteria, as outlined below in Table 1-1 Categories and Requirements for Stakeholder Members **Table 1-1 Categories and Requirements for Stakeholder Members**

Category	Requirements	Member Total
Elected Official	Local Elected Official	2
Agency Stakeholder	Officials of public agencies in City jurisdiction or Dekalb County (Federal, State, or Local)	2
Planning Commission	Active Planning Commissioner	2
Downtown Development Board Member	Active Downtown Board Member	2
Historic Preservation Commission Member	Active Historic Preservation Commission Member	2
O'the Others	City Manager	1
City Staff	City Manager Appointees	6
Citizen Volunteers	A residential property owner in City who appeared before the PC as an applicant in the last six (6) months.	1
	A business owner of City who appeared before the PC as an applicant in the last six (6) months.	1
	A residential property owner in City who appeared before HPC as an applicant in the last six (6) months.	1
	A business owner in City who appeared before the HPC as an applicant in the last six (6) months.	1
Members may only re	21 Maximum Members present one category as presented in Tab	le 1-2.

The final list of Stakeholder members have been assembled, and is listed below for City Council adoption:

Category	Requirements	Appointee Name
Elected Official	Local Elected Official	 Mark Marianos, City Council, Post 2, Ryan Smith, Mayor Pro Tempore Appointment by City Council on November 5, 2025
Agency Stakeholder	Officials of public agencies in City jurisdiction or Dekalb County (Federal, State, or Local)	Josh Griffin, Stone Mountain Memorial Association Appointment by Bill Stephens CEO of Stone Mountain Memorial Association

Planning Commission Downtown Development Board Member	Active Planning Commissioner Active Downtown Development Board Member	 Rachel Isley, Planning Commissioner Grace Kelly, Planning Commissioner <i>Appointment by Planning</i> Commission December 15, 2025, meeting. Robert Witherspoon, Downtown Development Board Sarah Hage, Downtown Development Board <i>Appointment by Downtown</i> Development Board on November 20, 2025
Historic Preservation Commission Member	Active Historic Preservation Commission Member	 Elisabeth Richmond, Historic Preservation Commissioner Katherine Meers, Historic Preservation Commissioner Appointment by Historic Preservation Commission on November 19, 2025
City Staff	City Manager City Manager Appointees	 Miglena Dimov, City Manager/Economic Development Mike Vasquez, Stormwater Tamaya Huff, Planning and Zoning T.D. Johnson, Code Enforcement Chief Westerfield, Police Angela Adeiran, Financial Manager
Citizen Volunteers	A business owner who appeared before the PC as an applicant in the last six (6) months. A business owner in City	Robbie-Terry-Washington A Appeared before Planning Commission on April 21, 2025. Joshue Narvaez
	who appeared before the HPC as an applicant in the last six (6) months.	Appeared before Historic Preservation Commission July 16, 2025.
	21 Maximum M Total Actual Proposed	

Resource Impact:

No funding is required for this agenda item

Attachments/Exhibits:

- November 5, 2025, Stakeholder Development Process presented before City Council
- City Council Minutes November 5 City Council
- Downtown Development Authority Appointment Email
- Historic Preservation Commission Appointment Minutes
- Planning Commission Appointment Minutes
- Stone Mountain Memorial Association Appointment Email
- Citizen Letters of Interest
- Stakeholder Roles on Plan

Requested Action: City Council to appoint citizen stakeholder members for Comprehensive Plan Stakeholder Committee, and accept appointments made by Planning Commission, Historic Preservation Commission, Downtown Development Authority, City Council, and Stone Mountain Memorial Association.



Agenda Item

Meeting Date: November 5, 2025

SUBJECT: Appointment of Stakeholders for Comprehensive Plan Update

Item: Action Item

Department: Planning and Zoning Department **Presented By**: Tamaya Huff, Planning Manager

Background:

The City of Stone Mountain (City) is required to form a stakeholder committee to guide the development of the comprehensive plan per DCA per Rule 110-12-1.02(2)(a). The City's committee will include interested parties as recommended in the Department of Community Affairs (DCA), Rule 110-12-1.02(2)(a) and Supplemental Planning Guidance. Committee members will review the 2021 Plan, provide feedback, and share lessons learned, and inform the plan's development. Committee Members are requested to participate in all Steering Committee meetings from January 2026 until the committee is dissolved in May 2026.

Phase I Selection. City Council Representatives

Phase I of the Stakeholder Selection process involves appointments of Elected Officials. Staff request that the Council hold a vote on the appointment of council members to serve as stakeholders on the Comprehensive Plan Stakeholder Committee. A maximum of two elected officials is requested for appointments.

Phase II Agency Consultation & Stakeholder Participation

Phase II will focus on selecting agencies and government representatives who have experience in providing technical assistance for comprehensive plan development. Each participant will bring their unique professional perspective to the stakeholder committee. The City will reach out to the following agencies, inviting them to contribute technical input or participate as stakeholders on the committee. This is not an exhaustive list.

Table 1-1. Recommended Stakeholder Agencies

Agency		
Dekalb County UGA Extension		
Dekalb County Historic Preservation Commission		
City of Stone Mountain Memorial Association		
Dekalb County Stormwater		
Georgia Department of Transportation		
Dekalb County Department of Commerce		
Dekalb County Fire Rescue		
Dekalb County Board of Education		

Up to (2) two agencies will be selected as stakeholder members to actively contribute to the planning process. It's encouraged that all other agencies review the comprehensive plan, and/ or attend public meetings to share feedback on the final draft of the plan. Invitations to participate will be sent out by **November 6, 2025**, and the invitation period will be concluded on **December 17, 2025**. In our previous comprehensive plan update, the City highlighted the importance of including the Stone Mountain Memorial Association in our planning efforts. Thus, prioritizing this agency for participation is encouraged, unless it chooses to opt out.

Phase III. Commission Appointments

Commission appointments from the Planning Commission (PC), Downtown Development Authority (DDA), and Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) will be requested during the following meetings:

PC: December 15, 2025HPC: December 17, 2025DDA: November 20,2025

Each commission will be requested to appoint at least two members to the stakeholder commission.

Phase IV. City Staff Appointments

The City Manager will appoint **seven (7) staff members** from the City to join the Stakeholder Committee. This committee will include the City Manager and representatives from Code Enforcement, Planning, Stormwater, Police, and other relevant positions as determined by the City Manager.

Phase V. Citizen Volunteers

Residents of the City will be invited to apply for a unique opportunity to contribute to the comprehensive plan development. Volunteers must meet **one** of the following criteria:

- 1. A residential property owner that appeared before PC as an applicant in the past six (6) months.
- 2. A business owner that appeared before the PC as an applicant in the past six (6) months.
- 3. A residential property owner who appeared before HPC as an applicant in the last six (6) months.
- 4. A business owner that appeared before HPC as an applicant in the past six (6) months.

Selected volunteers will provide valuable insights into the planning and historic preservation procedural processes to help shape current initiatives and future planning efforts.

Applications will be accepted from **November 6**, **2025**, and will close on **December 17**, **2025**. A minimum of two (2) volunteers, with the possibility of choosing up to four (4) volunteers are planned.

Summary

As indicated in Table 1-2, a total of **twenty-one (21) stakeholders** will be selected to participate in the Stakeholder Committee. The requirements for stakeholders planned to participate are listed in Table 1-2.

Table 1-2 Categories and Requirements for Stakeholder Members

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	A residential property owner in City who appeared before the HPC as an applicant in the last six (6) months.	1
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Members may only re	21 Maximum Members epresent one category as presented in Table	1-2.

The final committee is anticipated to be established by **December 17**th. The schedule of Stakeholder Meetings is enclosed for reference.

Resource Impact: No funding is required for this agenda item.

Attachments/Exhibits: Comprehensive Plan Stakeholder Development Schedule

Requested Action: For the mayor to appoint two Council Members to participate in the Stakeholder Committee.

Tamaya Huff

From: Bill Stephens <b.stephens@stonemountainpark.org>

Sent: Thursday, December 11, 2025 10:31 AM

To: Tamaya Huff **Cc:** Josh Griffith

Subject: 'EXTERNAL'City Stakeholders Committee

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Good morning, Ms. Huff-

It was good to speak with you again this morning.

We would like to appoint Josh Griffith to your Stakeholders Committee.

Josh Griffith Land Management Supervisor Education Division j.griffith@stonemountainpark.org 770-498-5629

Thank you 2or the opportunity.

Bill

Bill Stephens
CEO
Stone Mountain Memorial Association
2027 Old Hugh Howell Road
Stone Mountain, GA 30083
770.498.5611 o?ce



Tamaya Huff

From: Miglena Dimov

Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 7:57 PM

To: Tamaya Huff

Cc: DDA Stone Mountain

Subject: Fwd: Stakeholder Committee Development Process

Dear Ms. Huff. The DDA Board Members appointed Ms. Sarah Hage and Mr. Robert Witherspoon to serve on the advisory board for the comprehensive plan.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Miglena Dimov <mdimov@stonemountaincity.org>

Date: November 20, 2025 at 6:47:42 PM EST

To: DDA Stone Mountain < DDAStone Mountain@stone mountaincity.org >

Cc: Kyle Williams < kwilliams@williamsteusink.com>

Subject: Fwd: Stakeholder Committee Development Process

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Tamaya Huff <thuff@stonemountaincity.org>

Date: November 20, 2025 at 4:21:40 PM EST

To: Miglena Dimov <mdimov@stonemountaincity.org> **Subject: Stakeholder Committee Development Process**

Maggie,

The City of Stone Mountain (City) is required to form a stakeholder committee to guide the development of the comprehensive plan per DCA per Rule 110-12-1.02(2)(a). The City's committee will include interested parties as recommended in the Department of Community Affairs (DCA), Rule 110-12-1.02(2)(a) and Supplemental Planning Guidance. Committee members will review the 2021 Plan, provide feedback, and share lessons learned, and inform the plan's development. Committee Members are requested to participate in all Steering Committee meetings from January 2026 until the committee is dissolved in May 2026.

Item # 3.

Commission appointments from the Planning Commission (PC), Downtown Development Authority (DDA), and Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) will be requested during the following meetings:

PC: December 15, 2025
 HPC: December 17, 2025
 DDA: November 20,2025

Each commission will be requested to appoint at least two members to the stakeholder commission.



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To schedule a pre-application meeting, please do so via the link below: https://calendly.com/thuff-stonemountaincity/30min



City of Stone Mountain Historic Preservation Commission Regular Meeting Minutes November 19, 2025 – 6:30 PM City Hall, 875 Main Street, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30083

CALL TO ORDER – Elaine Vaughn called the meeting to order at 6:31pm

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Present: Andrea Redmond, Elaine Vaughn, Elisabeth Richmond, Kat Meers, Rebecca Spring, Theresa

Hamby Absent: None

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Elaine Vaughn moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Rebecca Spring.

Vote: Passed Unanimously 5-0

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

1. October 15, 2025

Elaine Vaughn moved to approve the minutes with amendments, seconded by Elisabeth Richmond.

Vote: Approved unanimously 5-0

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. **Historic Preservation Appointments.** On November 5, 2025, Mary Galloway was appointed by City Council to replace Elaine Vaughn on the Historic Preservation Commission.
- 2. Historic Preservation Commission Appointments to Comprehensive Plan Stakeholder Committee.
 Andrea Redmond moved to approve Katherine Meers and Elisabeth Richmond to represent the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) on the Comprehensive Plan Stakeholder Committee.
 Vote: Approved unanimously 5-0
- 3. **Historic Preservation Fund (HPF)Grant Update**. Planning Manager reported the HPF Grant RFP would be advertised in December 2025.

CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

- Case# HPC2025-1808919013 5470 E Mountain Street Robert Burroughs
 - Request to install wooden fence
 - Andrea Redmond moved to approve the request; seconded by Elisabeth Richmond
 - Vote: Approved unanimously 5-0.
 - Public Comment: None.
- 2. Case# HPC2025-1809014014 5232 W Mountain Street Shelley Blue
 - Request to install wooden fence
 - Andrea Redmond moved to approve the request; seconded by Elisabeth Richmond
 - Vote: Approved unanimously 5-0.
 - Public Comment: None.

3. Case# HPC2025-1809005009 6444 James B Rivers Memorial Drive - Michelle Crawford

- Request to replace windows, siding, add front and rear deck
- Rebecca Spring moved to approve the request; seconded by Katherine Meers
- Vote:
 - o Deny (3) Rebecca Spring, Katherine Meers, Elisabeth Richmond
 - Abstained (2) Elaine Vaughn and Andrea Redmond
 - o Motion Carries Application Denied.
- Public Comment: None.

4. Case# HPC2025-1812508008 6122 E Ponce De Leon Avenue - Ali Lababidi

- Request to construct two car garages and addition
- Rebecca Spring moved to defer the request; seconded by Elisabeth Richmond
- Vote: Defer unanimous 5-0.
- Public Comment: None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Maintenance Cases No HPC Review Required
 - 5306 Mimosa Drive Exterior Maintenance
 - 938 VFW Drive- Exterior Maintenance
 - 925 Ridge Avenue Exterior Maintenance
 - 5435 Eva Mamie Tree Hazard

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. None

ADJOURNMENT

Elaine Vaughn moved to adjourn at 7:05 p.m.; seconded by Elisabeth Richmond.

Vote: Approved unanimously 5-0.

Theresa Hamby, Chair

Tamaya Huff, Secretary



PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES Monday, November 17, 2025 @ 6:30 pm Regular Meeting City Hall, 875 Main Street, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30083

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:31pm.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Present: Alex Brennan, Rachel Isley, Grace Kelly, Raina Willson, and Chountelle Hudson Absent: Meron Tadesse, Matt McConnell

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Grace Kelly moved to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by Rachel Isley. Vote: Approved Unanimously 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

1. October 20, 2025

Motion to Amend the Minutes. Grace Kelly moved to approve the agenda as amended; seconded by Rachel Isley. Vote: Approved Unanimously 5-0;.

COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Planning Commission Appointments.

Rachel Isley and Raina Wilson were appointed by City Council on November 5, 2025, and sworn in by Mayor Pro Tempore Ryan Smith on November 17, 2025, before the regularly scheduled Planning Commission Meeting.

2. Steering Committee Development

Planning Manager requested Planning Commission to appoint two (2) representatives for the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee by December 17, 2025.

3. City Council Agenda – November 18, 2025

- 798 Third Street Public Hearing for a Special Use Permit to allow a shed
- Chountelle Hudson Request for reappointment

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 1082 New Gibraltar Square (Parcel ID: 18 089 18 022)

Request – Application to request variances for reducing rear and side yards, as well as lot coverage, to allow for the construction of an expanded deck and new addition.

Grace Kelly moved to approve; seconded by Raina Wilson. Vote: Approved Unanimously 5-0;

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Theresa Thomas requested more transparent minutes and requested the planning commission disclose a list of candidates selected for consideration for the Planning Commission, the reasons candidates were not selected, and to be considered for the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Grace Kelly moved to adjourn; seconded by Rachel Isley. Vote: Approved Unanimously 5-0;

alex Brennan	Tamaya Huff
Alex Brennan, Chair	Tamaya Huff, Secretary

December 12, 2025

Re: City of Stone Mountain Comprehensive Plan Stakeholder Committee

City of Stone Mountain

875 Main Street Stone Mountain, GA 30083

Dear Mrs. Tamaya Huff,

It is with great enthusiasm that I write this letter of interest to become a Citizen Volunteer on the City of Stone Mountain Comprehensive Plan Stakeholder Committee. Over the last decade, I have been fortunate to call Stone Mountain home, and more recently, I have chosen to further invest in the community by expanding my entrepreneurial efforts through the launch of the Mayan Grill. This business pays homage to my cultural roots while also allowing me to give back to the community that has supported me.

Through the process of opening the Mayan Grill, I participated as an applicant before the Historic Planning Commission. I have gained firsthand insight into how land use, zoning, and preservation decisions impact individual applicants and the broader community. I believe this experience positions me well to provide constructive feedback, identify opportunities for improvement, and support transparent and effective planning practices. Being part of the Stakeholder Committee would give me an opportunity to contribute beyond my own business. I see this role as a meaningful way to give back while also helping to improve systems, policies, and feedback mechanisms that better support residents, business owners, and the community.

I bring extensive leadership experience across business ownership, nonprofit service, and community-focused initiatives. Since 2013, I have served as CEO, insurance broker, and bookkeeper for Narvaez Insurance Co. In this role, I focus on cost-saving measures, improving operational effectiveness, and developing programs to strengthen accounting procedures and end-of-year reporting. I also serve as a business consultant, assisting small businesses with expansion efforts, strategic planning, and long-term sustainability. My leadership experience also extends to nonprofit work. Since 2017, I have served as Vice President of Fundación Adelante Guatemala, a nonprofit organization dedicated to combating water-borne illnesses through cross-sector collaboration, research, and education. These experiences have strengthened my ability to listen thoughtfully, collaborate with diverse stakeholders, communicate clearly, and work toward consensus. All these skills I believe are essential for effective participation on the Stakeholder Committee.

I am able and willing to commit to the requirements of the Stakeholder Committee from January 2026 through May 2026. Specifically, I can attend all scheduled comprehensive plan hearings and open houses and will come prepared to actively participate in discussions and meetings. In addition, I am prepared to present my experiences as an applicant before the PC. I am willing to share my impressions of the HPC processes, including what worked well and where clarity or efficiency could be improved. I also bring a practical understanding of these processes from an applicant's perspective. While my knowledge continues to grow, I am eager to learn, ask informed questions, and contribute meaningfully to the committee's work.

I care deeply about the future of the City of Stone Mountain and believe thoughtful, inclusive planning is essential to preserving the character of our community while supporting its diversity, growth, and long-term sustainability. Thank you for considering my application, and I look forward to our continued partnership.

Sincerely,

Josue Narvaez
404-216-9127 | hnarvaezmena@oglethorpe.edu

rtwxxact

1012 Main Street Stone Mountain, GA 30083

Robbie Terry-Washington Email: buz@rtwxxact.com Phone: 216-533-6586 December 12, 2025

To: thuff@stonemountaincity.org

Subject: Letter of Interest - City of Stone Mountain Comprehensive Plan Stakeholder Committee

Dear Selection Committee,

My name is **Robbie Terry-Washington**, and I am writing to express my interest in serving on the **City of Stone Mountain Comprehensive Plan Stakeholder Committee** for the January 2026-May 2026 term. Thank you for extending the opportunity to apply as a Citizen Volunteer. I am honored to be considered among those who have previously engaged with the Historic Planning Commission and Planning Commission processes.

Why I Would Like to Participate

I am deeply committed to the growth and long-term success of Stone Mountain. As a resident and business owner working in the heart of the Village and an AIRBNB in the historic area, I would value the opportunity to contribute meaningfully to the City's strategic initiatives, especially those that foster sustainable economic development, strengthen community infrastructure, and align with the broader vision for Stone Mountain's future. Participating on this Stakeholder Committee would allow me to support a process that directly influences the direction of the City for years to come.

Leadership Experience

I currently serve as the CEO of **RTW Xxact Enterprises**, a consulting firm providing financial, operational, and strategic services to public and private organizations. I am also the Founder of **RTW Academy Inc**, a nonprofit dedicated to education and workforce advancement.

My background includes **over 25 years of leadership experience in corporate America**, spanning roles up to the CFO level. I've served in financial and executive leadership capacities at organizations such as **Ernst & Young, the IRS, KeyBank (13 years)**, and several public and private companies. My expertise includes financial management, budgeting, taxation, risk, compliance, operations, and organizational transformation.

In addition, my consulting firm has worked with multiple municipalities, helping resolve operational issues, rebuild internal controls, improve financial reporting, and support overall government effectiveness. These experiences have provided me with a comprehensive understanding of how local governments function and the complexities involved in municipal planning and development.

Ability to Commit to Committee Requirements

I am fully able to commit to participating from January 2026 through May 2026. Being centrally located in Stone Mountain Village provides me the flexibility to attend all required meetings in person, and if I am traveling for business, I can still participate remotely without interruption.

Regarding specific requirements:

- Attendance at all comprehensive plan hearings and open houses:
 I am fully committed to attending all three scheduled dates, provided the dates are communicated in advance.
- Sharing experience with PC or HPC processes:

I am prepared to share my impressions and insights as an applicant and participant in the PC/HPC process.

While my familiarity with the formal PC/HPC procedural structure is developing, I have extensive experience working with local government operations, and I understand governance, planning, and regulatory functions. Through RTW's consulting engagements, I have helped municipalities address systemic issues, improve operational outcomes, and align internal processes with statutory and community expectations.

Understanding of the Stakeholder Committee Role

I fully appreciate that the Committee is responsible for reviewing the **2021 Comprehensive Plan**, assessing progress, identifying gaps, and contributing perspectives that shape the **2026 update**. I value the City's commitment to proactive planning, community engagement, and ensuring that future development aligns with Stone Mountain's vision, goals, and identity.

My professional expertise—combined with my investment in the well-being and prosperity of Stone Mountain—positions me to contribute balanced, thoughtful, and practical insight throughout this process.

Thank you for your consideration. I would welcome the opportunity to serve the City in this important capacity and support the continued advancement of our community.

Sincerely,

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Mayor and City Council Work Session

Tuesday, November 5, 2025 at 6:30 PM City Hall, 875 Main Street, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30083

Minutes



Mayor and Council: Dr. Beverly Jones – Mayor | Post 3: Mayor Pro Tem Ryan Smith

Post 1: Council Member Anita Bass | Post 2: Council Member Mark Marianos

Post 4: Council Member Gil Freeman | Post 5: Council Member Shawnette Bryant

Post 6: Council Member Teresa Crowe

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

Public Hearing was called to order at 6:37 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 5 Shawnette Bryant, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe, Mayor Beverly Jones

ABSENT: Council Member: Post 4 Gil Freeman

Public Hearing

1. Public Hearing on Overview of the Proposed Budget

Interim City Manager Maggie Dimov provided a general overview of the Proposed Budget as outlined in the provided city council packet.

Council Member Freeman arrived at 6:39 p.m.

Public Hearing comments

Public Comment 1: Theresa Thomas – Indicated the need for a forensic audit of the budget, expressing concern that funds from FY 2026 were being used to cover FY 2025 expenses. Noted that the current budget raises concerns about a potential millage rate increase and cited a lack of transparency in spending for parties/events, SPLOST, and the DDA due to missing line items. Also raised concerns about significant road issues on James B. Rivers Memorial Drive, including potholes and sinkholes.

Public Comment 2: Eileen Smith - Questioned the fluctuation of salaries and benefits in the budget compared to the number of employees across several departments, including Administration, the Police Department, the Visitors Center, and Public Works.

Public Comment 3: Denise Phillips - Stated that the City has not lost money since 2018 and raised concerns about the Administration budget and what she described as unnecessary hiring. Questioned why no capital funding was allocated for sidewalks, road repairs, or updated computer systems. Urged the Mayor and Council to vote no on the proposed budget.

Public Comment 4: Clint Monroe - Stated that the duties of the Mayor and Council include maintaining a transparent government and expressed concern about a lack of accountability in how taxpayer money

is being spent. Emphasized the need for an audit to identify potential issues in the City's finances so that proactive steps can be taken.

Public Comment 5: Theresa Thomas – Stated that the 2023 audit flagged funds spent from SPLOST that was not reimbursed. Noted concerns about the Crabapple expense being paid from SPLOST and later reportedly shifted to Public Works without documentation. Also cited Municode requirements to raise funds for the cemetery and expressed concern that the City has not closed out the 2024 or 2025 finance reports, which she believes violates Municode.

II. Adjournment – 7:11 P.M.

ACTION: MOTION TO ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:11 P.M

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)

III. Call to Order

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 7:11 P.M

IV. Determination of Quorum

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

V. Invocation and Pledge

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

VI. Citizen Comments – Including comments from public/stakeholders

Citizen Comment 1: Dave Thomas – Thanked all candidates who ran for Mayor and Council, noting the significant responsibility of committing to four years of public service. Expressed support for the incoming elected officials as well as the remaining Council members.

Citizen Comment 2: Kay Nunez – Expressed excitement about the parking lot being paved behind City Hall but raised concerns about street parking. Asked Council to consider prohibiting parking on one side of the road from City Hall to Mackin Street, noting that traffic entering and exiting the new lot could impede emergency vehicle access.

Citizen Comment 3: Carl Wright – Thanked all Council members for their service and expressed hope that those departing will continue contributing to the City and building on the efforts made during their tenure including Clint Monroe.

Citizen Comment 4: Clint Monroe – Thanked Carl Wright for his kind words and congratulated Elaine Vaughn on her win, stating that he stands by the commitments he made during his campaign and intends to support her. Expressed gratitude for citizen participation, noting that voter turnout exceeded 27% for an off-year election. Added that he would like to see residents' water, gas, and electric bills reduced and suggested that the City consider lowering the millage rate to 15 mills.

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Citizen Comment 5: Theresa Thomas - Encouraged residents to remove campaign signs and noted a request from a San Pablo resident to clear some wooded areas. She thanked Council Member Bryant for the parking lot and asked about adding a sidewalk and security. Also urged the Mayor and Council to consider the impact of the government shutdown and private layoffs on residents and noted strong communal unity at the end of the election.

VII. Review of the Journal (City Clerk)

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

<u>ACTION:</u> MOTION TO APPROVE OCTOBER 18, 2025 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

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 6 Teresa Crowe

Voting Nay: Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant

MOTION PASSED

2. Consideration of an action on a request to approve October 21, 2025 Meeting Minutes

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE OCTOBER 21, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

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 6 Teresa Crowe

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

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 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)

X. City Manager's Report

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- 1. The City Manager briefly highlighted two special events, including the Kaboom event and the Trunk or Treat, and thanked Council Member Freeman for leading the Kaboom initiative.
- 2. Council Member Freeman thanked the Atlanta Falcons, Georgia Power, the Mayor and Council, along with all other participating candidates and volunteers, for coming out and donating their time toward the project. Council Member Bryant congratulated Council Member Freeman for the 3 playgrounds he has taken the initiative to put up around the City and the hard work he's done in the community.
- XI. Council Policy Discussion Topics None
- XII. Unfinished Business None
- XIII. New Business
- Consideration of an action on a request to appoint a Personnel Hearing Officer

Mayor Jones asked City Attorney Angela Couch to provide additional details regarding the employee grievance process, including the role of the personnel hearing officer. Attorney Couch explained that an informal process must occur before a formal grievance, following the chain of command, with a final appeal to a personnel hearing officer if the criteria are met. She also clarified that the terms for appointments or reappointments are two years.

Following extensive discussion, the item was tabled to allow the Mayor additional time to nominate an attorney to serve as the Personnel Hearing Officer.

ACTION: MOTION TO TABLE THE REQUEST TO APPOINT A PERSONNEL HEARING

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 appoint Planning Commission members

Members of the Council questioned Ms. Isley regarding any familial relationships with current commission members and what motivated her to join the City's Planning Commission. She explained that community members informed her of the position and that, as a local resident, she is familiar with the area and scope of the work.

Members of the Council questioned Ms. Wilson regarding any familial relationships with current commission members and what motivated her to join the City's Planning Commission. She stated that she has lived in Stone Mountain Village for three years and wanted to make a difference. She noted that she had attended several Council meetings and wanted an opportunity to become more involved.

ACTION: MOTION TO APPOINT RAINA WILSON AS A PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER 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 5 Shawnette Bryant, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

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Voting Nay: Council Member: Post 4 Gil Freeman

MOTION PASSED

ACTION: MOTION TO APPOINT RACHEL M. ISLEY AS A PLANNING COMMISSION MEMBER

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

Voting Nay: Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant

MOTION PASSED

3. Consideration of an action on a request to appoint Historic Preservation Committee members

Mayor Pro Tem Ryan Smith inquired about term limits. Council Member Teresa Crowe and Tamaya Huff confirmed that no term limits are currently outlined in the City's code.

Members of the Council asked Mary Galloway what motivated her to join the Historic Preservation Committee and what her top priorities would be. She stated that she looks forward to working collaboratively with the board, emphasized the importance of consistency, and noted that reviewing the codes to ensure alignment would be a key focus.

ACTION: MOTION TO APPOINT MARY GALLOWAY AS A HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEMBER

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 APPOINT ANDREA REDMOND AS A HISTORIC PRESERVATION **COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Motion made by Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Seconded by Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

Voting Yea: Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

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

MOTION PASSED

4. Consideration of an action on a request of appointments to the Comprehensive Plan Stakeholder Committee, requested by Planning Manager Tamaya Huff

Council Member Marianos will temporarily serve on the Comprehensive Plan Stakeholder Committee until the newly elected Council members begin their terms, at which time the Council may reappoint a member.

<u>ACTION:</u> MOTION TO APPOINT MAYOR PRO TEM SMITH AND COUNCIL MEMBER MARK MARIANOS AS MEMBERS OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE.

Motion made by Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Seconded by Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

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)

5. Consideration of an action on a request by the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) to Exempt DDA-Sponsored Signs from City Sign Permit Fees

Council raised questions regarding exemptions and specifications for campaign signs, including the number and size allowed. The City Attorney recommended adding specific language so that a resolution could be drafted to include these requirements.

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE A REQUEST BY THE DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (DDA) TO EXEMPT DDA-SPONSORED SIGNS FROM CITY PERMIT FEES Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Seconded by Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass

Motion not voted on, later amended

ACTION: MOTION TO AMEND PREVIOUS MOTION MADE BY MAYOR PRO TEM RYAN SMITH AND INCLUDE ALL SIGNAGE CONDITIONS/ SPECIFICATIONS AS WILL BE PROPOSED

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 6 Teresa Crowe

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

MOTION PASSED

XIV. New Ordinances and Resolutions

Resolution No. 2025-29 – Amend Special Event Fee Schedule to include street closures

The Interim City Manager discussed the need for street closures during special events to ensure public safety and suggested creating a fee schedule to cover the costs of police presence, barricades, and other necessary City support.

Council members questioned whether it would be fair to charge citizens permit fees.

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-29 – AMEND SPECIAL EVENTS FEE SCHEDULE TO INCLUDE STREET CLOSURES

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Seconded by Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

Motion not voted on, later tabled

ACTION: MOTION TO TABLE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-29 AMEND SPECIAL EVENTS FEE SCHEDULE TO INCLUDE STREET CLOSURES

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

Voting Yea: Council Member: Post 1 Anita Bass, Council Member: Post 4 Gil Freeman, Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

Voting Nay: Council Member: Post 2 Mark Marianos, Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith

Motion Passed

2. Ordinance 2025-10 – 2026 City Budget

Council members inquired about the budget increase for the Visitors Center. It was explained that the increase reflects two new positions, a Recreation Manager and an Events Manager, the latter originally budgeted under Administration. Council also raised concerns about SPLOST funding. Finance Manager Angelia Adediran clarified that under an agreement, DeKalb County has allocated \$2 million for specific projects, which are now at the halfway mark. The remaining funds are reflected under SPLOST II in the budget.

Council Member Anita Bass clarified that even if the budget were passed today, there would still be an opportunity to make a budget amendment. City Attorney Angela Couch added that the budget ordinance could not be approved at this meeting because it was only on its first read and advised that Council instead make a motion to adopt the budget as presented instead.

Additional questions were raised about additional staff members being requested in the proposed budget. Planning Manager Tamayah Huff gave a brief overview of the Planning and Zoning Review process and outlined her day-to-day responsibilities to offer clarity on the need for a new position within the Planning Department.

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2025-10 - 2026 CITY BUDGET

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, Council Member: Post 6 Teresa Crowe

Voting Nay: Mayor Pro Tem: Post 3 Ryan Smith, Council Member: Post 4 Gil Freeman, Council Member: Post 5 Shawnette Bryant

Mayor Jones voted in favor – motion later amended by Council Member Mark Marianos due to the Ordinance being on its first read

ACTION: MOTION TO ADOPT 2026 CITY BUDGET WITH ADJUSTMENTS

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 6 Teresa Crowe

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

MOTION PASSED

3. Ordinance 2025-07 - 1008 B Main Street - Special Use Permit

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2025-07 - 1008 B MAIN STREET - SPECIAL USE PERMIT

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 6 Teresa Crowe

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

MOTION PASSED

4. Ordinance 2025-08 – 6804 James B. Rivers Memorial Drive - Special Use Permit

ACTION: MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2025-08 - 6804 JAMES B. RIVERS MEMORIAL DRIVE - SPECIAL USE PERMIT

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 6 Teresa Crowe

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

MOTION PASSED

XV. Remarks of Privilege

- 1. Council Member Bass announced that Stone Mountain Elementary School received a renovation package for their library, classrooms, and breakrooms, with the work scheduled to begin on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, at 2:30 p.m.
- 2. Council Member Bryant congratulated the newly elected Council Members and Mayor and encouraged them to thoroughly review City materials and to read their packets carefully.
- XV. Announcements by the Mayor None

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

XVIII. Adjournment

ACTION: MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING 9:44 P.M.

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

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

MOTION PASSED (UNANIMOUSLY)

Dr. Beverly Jones, Mayor

Shavala Ames, City Clerk

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Current Role as Stakeholder: Review the priorities identified for their stakeholder group in the 2021 Comprehensive Plan and identify needs and opportunities for consideration in the 2026 Comprehensive Plan update.

Stakeholder	Role on Stakeholder Committee	Appointment Reason
City Council	Required per DCA Rule 110-12-1.02	DCA Regulation
Agency Stakeholder	In the 2021 Comprehensive Plan for the City of Stone Mountain, the Stone Mountain Memorial Association was recognized as a stakeholder and potential contributor to the City's development of green spaces, trail systems, and new park opportunities.	2021 Comprehensive Plan
Planning Commission	 According to Section 2-310 of the City of Stone Mountain Code of Ordinances, the planning commission is required to participate in areas of land use, planning, and redevelopment. This includes consulting with planning and zoning experts or other individuals as deemed necessary or appropriate by the governing authority, the city manager, or the planning commission itself. These investigations may be conducted from time to time to aid in decision-making regarding land use, planning, redevelopment, and zoning matters, which also encompass comprehensive planning and comprehensive plan development. 2021 Comprehensive Plan Review the 2013 LCI Update, Enhance conservation regulations and improve access to park facilities. The Zoning Procedures Law mandates that zoning decisions consider comprehensive plan goals. 	2021 Comprehensive Plan Suggested Stakeholder (DCA)
Downtown Development Board Member	 In 2021, the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) collaborated with the Georgia Department of Community Affairs' Design Studio to enhance Stone Mountain's entrances and gateways as part of the Comprehensive Plan. In 2020, the DDA hired the consulting firm POND to create the Village Forward Downtown Master Plan, a goal established during their 2019 strategic planning retreat. The plan was adopted on October 6, 2020, and complements the City's Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) Plan and other downtown planning efforts. 	2021 Comprehensive Plan Suggested Stakeholder (DCA)
Historic Preservation Commission Member	This stakeholder group will focus on: Historic District Design Guidelines & Role in Comprehensive Plan Residential development reinforcing the traditional town center through a combination of historic home rehabilitation. Preserve Historic Character The goals from the previous plan included Preserving Historic Character Revisiting Design Guidelines Commercial Development (Ground Retail) Reinforcing Historic Home Rehabilitation	2021 Comprehensive Plan Suggested Stakeholder (DCA)

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	City Manager (Economic Development)	
	City Manager Appointees	2021 Comprehensive Plan
City Staff	 Stormwater – Mike Vasquez Planning and Development – Tamaya Huff (Land Use & Housing/Transportation) Code Enforcement – T.D. Johnson (Aged/ Vacant Housing Stock) Police – Chief Westerfield (Traffic Safety) Finance – Angelia Adieran (Financial Resources/Financial Planning) 	Suggested Stakeholder (DCA)
	A business owner of the City who appeared before the PC as an applicant in the last six (6) months.	2021 Comprehensive Plan
	The prior comprehensive plan identified underperforming business retention, a better business environment, better alignment with business interests, and improved interactions with business owners as underlying issues for the City of Stone Mountain.	Suggested Stakeholder (DCA)
	 (1) Recently participated in the Planning and Historic Commission process as an applicant. (2) The representative will share their experiences in obtaining Planning Commission approval. (3) They will provide insights as business owners. 	
Citizen	(4) Potential process improvements will be presented for stakeholder consideration.	
Volunteers	A business owner in the City who appeared before the HPC as an applicant in the last six (6) months.	2021 Comprehensive Plan
	The prior comprehensive plan identified underperforming business retention, a better business environment, better alignment with business interests, and improved interactions with business owners as underlying issues for the City of Stone Mountain. (1) Recently participated in the Historic Preservation Commission	Suggested Stakeholder (DCA)
	process as an applicant. (2) The representatives will share their experiences in obtaining Historic Preservation approval.	
	 (3) They will provide insights as business owners. (4) (4) Potential process improvements will be presented for stakeholder consideration. 	

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF <u>STONE</u> <u>MOUNTAIN</u>, GEORGIA, CONCERNING 798 THIRD STREET SPECIAL USE PERMIT (SUP) TO ALLOW A SHED (PARCEL ID: 18 074 12 012) WITH CONDITIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPENDIX A OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE

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

WHEREAS the Planning Commission ("Commission") considered and recommended approval with conditions a petition for a special use permit ("SUP") on August 18, 2025, to allow a shed at 798 Third Street (Parcel ID 18 074 12 012) filed with Commission requesting an amendment to the Code and to the Zoning Map about the subject property more particularly described in **Exhibit A**; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council ("Council") considered a petition for a SUP on **November 18, 2025**, voting to approve the petition on December 2, 2025, to allow a shed at 798 Third Street (Parcel ID 18 074 12 012) filed with Council requesting an amendment to the Code and to the Zoning Map about the subject property more particularly described in **Exhibit A**; and,

WHEREAS, a public meeting was held on **August 18, 2025**, before the Planning Commission, where a recommendation of approval with conditions for the SUP was provided to the Mayor and City Council for consideration; and,

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on **November 18, 2025**, in accordance with Georgia Zoning Procedures Law **O.C.G.A. Title 36, Chapter 66**; and Section 2-4.4 of the Code; and,

WHEREAS Council is subject to the provisions of the Code Section 2-1 concerning any action on this request; and;

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

Section 1. Applicability of Ordinance

- 1. 798 Third Street (Parcel ID 18 074 12 012) will be governed by the provisions of this ordinance except as modified, revised, or amended in accordance with Sec 2-1.3 of the Code, where an amendment is presented before the mayor and city council in the form of a public hearing and approved will prevail.
- 2. The Mayor and City Council ("Council") considered and approved the SUP in accordance with the following conditions:
 - A) The accessory building (shed) is set back at least (20) feet from each lot line.
 - **B)** A vegetative buffer strip at least feet wide but no more than 75 feet wide. The vegetative buffer should extend along the existing yard to screen views of the accessory structure from 796 3rd Street. This buffer strip should include a

variety of shrubs approved for use, per Section 8.2-2(2) of the Stone Mountain Code of Ordinances.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption, this $\underline{6^{th} day of January}$ 2026.

CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA	
Approved:	
	, Mayor
Attest:	
	Shavala Ames, City Clerk