



CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE/WORK SESSION AGENDA
This meeting will be IN Person
Tuesday, February 21, 2023 @ 6:30 pm
City Hall, 875 Main Street, Stone Mountain, Georgia 30083

CALL TO ORDER

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

CITIZEN COMMENTS – (Including comments from Public/Stakeholders; 12 minutes total/3 minutes per comment)

REVIEW OF THE JOURNAL (City Clerk)

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Request minutes from 02/07/23 Mayor and Council Public Hearing/Regular Meeting be approved.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE DAY

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. Planning Commission
- B. Economic Development/Downtown Development Authority
- C. Historic Preservation Commission
- D. Parks and Recreation Committee

STAFF REPORTS

- A. Public Safety- Chief Westerfield

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – City Manager Darnetta Tyus

COUNCIL POLICY DISCUSSION TOPICS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Mark Marianos introduction to the Council to be considered for appointment to the HPC

NEW ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

REMARKS OF PRIVILEGE

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL, LEGAL, AND/OR REAL ESTATE (if needed)

ADJOURNMENT

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

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MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING/REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

This meeting will be IN Person

Tuesday, February 07, 2023, @ 6:30 pm

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

PUBLIC HEARING

- A. Special Use Permit for a Personal Care Home- 717 Main Street (Richard Edwards)
- a. Parcel ID #1807410011
 - b. Zoning- general/commercial
 - c. 2 conditions for business: provide passive outburst space for residence and provide/maintain a minimum 6-foot fence around the rear property line

Carneisha Waters: business owner- She has been in healthcare for about 20 years; she has worked in one-on-one care, nursing homes, personal care homes, and assisted living. She has had an existing personal care home at 1200 Silver Hill Road for 3 years; she has an assistant that will help her run the facilities since she will be going back and forth between the two. Both homes have/will have 24-hour care for consistent care of patients. The 717 Main Street location is going to be for lower-income families so couples don't have to be separated while also giving them quality care. The permit was approved with a unanimous vote.

- B. Special Use Permit for an Art Studio- 6825 James B. Rivers Memorial Drive (Richard Edwards)
- a. Parcel ID #1812606004
 - b. Zoning- traditional/residential; this was the old, vacant fire station that was used for Stone Mountain Park so former commercial use on a residentially owned lot
 - i. Richard Edwards mentioned the planning commission recommended approval and recommended the City Council to look into rezoning the site to OPI, which would better fit the current use since rezoning for VCM was denied.
 - ii. Mayor Jones asked if the establishment wanted to serve alcohol for certain events would this business be able to with special permission? Richard Edwards explained he doesn't think eating/drinking establishments would occur under OPI but they could get a special events permit that would have to be approved by the city.

Alisha Parker: She is with Widespread Commercial Group and spoke on behalf of the property owner. She expressed the building and area were conducive to a creative environment, especially with the high door frames to transfer materials in and out. She also mentioned there is no full kitchen or bathroom so it's not set up for residential use but emphasized how it will be great for an art studio. This will be a private art studio and won't be open to the public; this will be for construction and building of art. They work with public customers and private companies (i.e., a restaurant wanting a new table, partnering with Marta). They also do sculptures and different exhibits in Atlanta and around the country. The permit was approved by a unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The Mayor called the meeting to adjourn, Mayor Pro Tem Freeman motioned to adjourn and Councilmember Johnson seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Major Jones called the meeting (Regular Meeting) to order at 7:05 PM

DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

The determination of a quorum was established. All Councilmembers were present including Mayor Pro Tem Freeman, Councilmembers Cox, Monroe, Bryant, Crowe, and Johnson.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

The pledge was led by Mayor Pro Tem Freeman and the invocation was given by a resident.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – (Including comments from Public/Stakeholders; 12 minutes total/3 minutes per comment)

- A. Public Comment #1 (Thomas)** She explained wanting better safety and for there to be work on infrastructure. She explained further that there have been shootings in broad daylight and there seems to be evidence of drug trafficking. She went on to explain there appears to be drag racing on Rockbridge Road and Stone Mountain Lithonia. She asked if they would let the community know as promised street calming for the street and put it on the website. In terms of police patrol, she asked for more police patrol. In terms of infrastructure, she mentioned the road repair needed on Rockborough Court and sent videos showing such damages and DeKalb County showed up. There was a full blockage of the main sewer system and was dug up with cameras as well.
- B. Public Comment #2 (Sanford Scott)** He mentioned he is happy to see the improvements that are being made to the city. He had an issue with the sign that leads into the city that had mold and mildew on it and has spent time trying to communicate with the Public Service Director to get it washed. He discussed a dispute he had with the Public Service Director and did not receive the results he hoped for from the conversation. In the end, he washed the sign himself and wanted a better response time regarding issues in the future.
- C. Public Comment #3 (Nolan Woods)** He was informed about the many requests of getting speed bumps on the road of Rockborough and wanted to know if the city was going to do it and if so, when. He was directed to the city manager for further questions.
- D. Public Comment #4 (Rebecca)** She explained she agreed with Nolan Woods about adding speed bumps on the road on Rockborough because her family has lived on Rockborough Road for many years and with the location of her house, she has had to be overly cautious when doing things around her home.
- E. Public Comment #5 (Mike Schaapook)** He was upset about not having time to comment and had to be escorted out.

Councilmember Crowe questioned if the City Council alone can add/shorten minutes or does it have to be the City Council and the Mayor. The City Attorney explained that all council members have the right to speak but the only way to make a discussion about changing anything on the agenda would be by motion and vote.

Councilmember Crowe motioned to extend citizen comments by 2 minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bryant. The Mayor conducted a roll call for the motion. Council members Bryant, Crowe, and Johnson voted "Aye" to extend public comment by 2 minutes. Council members Freeman and Monroe voted "Nay". Council member Cox abstained; thus the motion was not approved.

State House Representative Billy Mitchell spoke on his experience as a past city council member and how it has helped him do his job today. He also mentioned that he was available to the City Council and citizens for any support, guidance, or assistance. He left the floor open for any questions/comments from council members and/or citizens.

- A. Councilmember Monroe mentioned House Bill 189 that is coming in the legislature, which raises the weight limit of trucks passing through Stone Mountain. Considering the passing of this bill would allow trucks up to 100,000 lbs. to pass through Stone Mountain, he is worried that this will cause more damage to the roads. These trucks cannot be ticketed either, so he was wondering how this would be stopped. Rep. Billy Mitchell stated the passing of this bill will essentially bring more merchandise and business into the city of Stone Mountain, as well as prices going down on things. He added that it does become more dangerous and difficult the heavier the truck is.
- B. **Public Comment #1 (Ginger Chriswell)** * She asked Rep. Billy Monroe if he helped in the process of annexing the trees in Stone Mountain to connect with Memorial Drive. Rep. Billy Monroe explained that annexations don't happen in areas that don't get permission so once permission is granted then the next step can be taken.
- C. **Public Comment #2 (No name)** * She mentioned next Thursday being Senior Week and how seniors could tour the Capitol. She asked if she would be able to visit Rep. Billy Mitchell during this time and he said yes.

*****These particular public comments were made regarding the presentation of State House Representative Billy Mitchell*****

REVIEW OF THE JOURNAL (City Clerk)

No comments on Review of the Journal from the City Clerk

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE DAY

- A. A motion was granted to move Remarks of Privilege Items B and C to Council Policy Discussion Topics, which citizens can participate in.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT – City Manager Darnetta Tyus

- A. She mentioned a great turnout from the public of the Four Table Tops last week.
- B. The contract was signed for the council retreat on February 24th and 25th, 2023 at the Georgia Municipal Association facilities. Times that need to be blocked out on both days are 9 AM-5 PM and those times will be solidified by GMA. Citizens are welcome on both days. City Manager stated at the last council meeting that a consensus was made with the council to keep the date since it worked best for all.

COUNCIL POLICY DISCUSSION TOPICS

**** City Attorney mentioned these topics have been brought up to past Mayors and City Council members****

- A. Discussion to Review City Charter: Have an open and public session with Mayor and City Council to review and discuss charter divisions

- i. This can be discussed at the retreat since GMA will be reaching out to the Mayor and Council Members.

Councilmember Monroe emphasized how this could make the retreat longer.

- B. Discussion to Review the Procurement Policy and Procedures: Have a session to talk about purchasing policy; what they mean and how they apply

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Zoom Webinar/Live Stream- (SGT Hillis) He gave a status update. A vendor assessed that it would be more cost-effective to fix the equipment that we have already. They will have access to cabling and will fix the jacks. They will also reprogram the stream deck to do the Zoom Webinar and clean up the extra equipment. The city manager has approved the first phase and will let the date be known as soon as possible. Three wireless microphones plan to be purchased in phase two. This would allow more capabilities and everyone's voice can be heard. The final cost of phase one is \$4,990.40. Phase two will cost \$7,034.42; over \$5, 100 is hardware, \$1,700 in labor, and about \$180 in labor. This is being pushed to be done by February 21st, 2023.

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REMARKS OF PRIVILEGE

- A. City Newsletter (Councilmember Crowe) Councilmember Crowe suggested having a newsletter since it has been over a year since such has been created. City Manager Tyus said this will be done in the next 30-60 days and will be done internally. If volunteers want to make their own, they can do such, but they will be kept separate.

City Manager Tyus announced the hiring of the new Assistant City Clerk, Bolarin Kushanu.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

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CITY OF STONE MOUNTAIN
POLICE ACTIVITY STATISTICS
January 1-2023 - January 31-2023

ACTIVITY	DAY	EVENING	MORNING	TOTALS
Calls	64	71	26	161
Arrests	5	5	5	4
Citations	23	30	16	69
Warning Citations	24	18	4	46
DUI	0	0	0	0
VGCSA	0	0	1	1
Parking Citations	0	1	1	2
TOTALS	116	125	53	283
Incident Reports	159		Domestic 8	Accident 8
Overtime Hours	136.25			
ALL SHIFTS ARE RUNNING A 3 MAN SHIFTS (2 officers per shift)				
Lt. Parks is covering day watch				

The City of Stone Mountain Thanks You!



COMMUNITY TABLETOP LISTENING SESSIONS

February 15, 2023

Greetings Stone Mountain Community!

On behalf of the Mayor, City Council, and staff, thank you for participating in the first series of the Community Tabletop Listening sessions. We are excited that you had the opportunity at each session to openly share your love, visions, concerns, and how you can help the City of Stone Mountain via open dialogue with your neighbors, City Council, and city staff. The listening sessions also provided a conduit for sharing information from the City to the residents, including upcoming projects, events, and other pertinent information to build on this partnership. With your continued support and openness, Stone Mountain will continue to grow. The City will maintain these tabletop listening sessions to keep you involved in the direction of the City. The next tabletop listening session will be scheduled after the Stone Mountain City Council retreat.

Sincerely,

Darnetta K. Tyus

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City Manager

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SUMMARY

A versatile, skilled and design practitioner with over 5 years of experience in a variety of design fields. Proficient in various advanced visualization software, graphic presentations, 3D rendering software, product development concepts and visual design. Lead and supported a team of digital renderers resulting in sales exceeding \$4 million.

EDUCATION

University of Texas Arlington, Arlington, TX

2017 - 2020

Masters of Architecture

Relevant Courses: Comprehensive Advanced Design, Structures I-III, Construction I-II, Advanced Design Studio, Architectural Theory, Architectural Graphics and Energy and Conservation, GPA 3.67

Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX

2006 - 2012

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Jewelry and Metalsmithing emphasis

Relevant Courses: Design I-II and Jewelry and Metalsmithing Intro to Advanced Studio

WORK EXPERIENCE

Restoration Hardware | Atlanta, Ga

2020 - Present

Rendering Specialist

- Intermediate level animation and motion design skills used to create renderings for client homes. Expert SketchUp user with mastery of software extensions such as ClothWorks
- Exhibits advanced level project management skills achieved by leading teams through project planning sessions, managing project timelines and mentoring and developing junior level staff
- Expert level client experience facilitator achieved by effectively translating complex requirements into customer solutions that meet the goals of both servicer and client
- Promoted to Field Renderer 3 months after hire
 - Developed advanced level skills in using SketchUp and V-Ray while supporting and managing rendering requests from Gallery Designers in the southeast region
 - Selected to participate in a task force for rendering animated walk throughs (06/02/21)
 - RH Award winner for May 2021
 - Lead and facilitated demonstrations to introduce new software extensions to the national rendering team
 - Selected to expand Restoration Hardware's 3D model library
- Promoted to national rendering team from the Southeast field
- Leads team in developing organic 3D geometrical figures in software such as Nomad and Blender
- Efficiently leads team in 2+ program tutorials and acts a mentor to junior level staff

Design Assistant

- Expert Visual Designer; supports Gallery Designers and Design Consultants in procuring accurate CAD shells of client homes for space planning and interior design
- High-level interpersonal skills used to support gallery employees in client de-escalation, team building, professional staff development and mentoring junior level renderers
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University of Texas at Arlington | Arlington, TX

Fall 2017 - Spring 2020

University Graduate Research Assistant

- Aided in research of potential variations and applications for the use of concrete infused canvas as shelter
- Collaborated with the school of architecture director to develop and complete masters design project
- Mastered Rhino and Illustrator in development of renderings
- Practiced design methodology to create decorative tile used for ornamentation
- Mastered skillful use of 3D printing to maximize accuracy in models

University Teaching Assistant

- Effectively communicated introductory principles of architecture, drawing and design processes to bachelors level students
- Mentored students and supported development of project concepts
- Provided objective criticism for improvement to students
- Collaborated with teaching staff to assign and document grades for 30+ students per semester

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Advanced user for AutoCAD, Adobe Suite, Blender, Canva, Nomad, Procreate, SketchUp, Rhino, Revit, and Unreal Engine. Proven skills in client satisfaction, project management, critical thinking, problem solving, independent work and development of effective research methodologies