CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wheeler called the meeting to order at 6:53pm.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Wheeler determined that there was a quorum. Councilmembers Little, Cox, Hollis, Johnson, Monroe and Bryant were present.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS

NONE.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE DAY

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved to adopt the Agenda of the Day; seconded by Councilmember Hollis

Approved 6-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS – NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Rev. Parker
821 3rd Street, Stone Mountain, GA
Thanked Mayor, City Manager, Micah, Council, and Citizens for the Grand Wave of the MLK Celebration, Eva Mamie Lane Revealing, and Bell Ringing.

Joan Monroe
5499 Woodsong Trace, Stone Mountain, GA
Expressed complaint of crime and graffiti on building located at 2nd Manor and Mountain Street.

Michael Cooper
663 Ridge Ave., Stone Mountain, GA
Tremendous to see MLK Celebration and Michael Thurman. This event brought a great and positive day to Stone Mountain. Read Email of Interest to continue to serve as a member of the Planning and Zoning Committee.

Karen Patton
5377 Manor, Stone Mountain, GA
Expressed gratitude of ‘Think Tank’ Event and wished more business would have attended.

Homeowner
5388 Ridge Forrest Drive
Complained of Traffic in this area of the National Historic District. Foundation of home is being damaged by heavy speeding traffic.
Stewart Wallace  
644 JBR, Stone Mountain, GA 
Has been a resident for ten (10) years. Vouched to traffic problem on JBR, stating that Village is being used as a cut through and Police Officers are not at the top end of the rod. He would like to see a stop sign or and traffic study in this area.

Victor Wright  
978 Main Street, Stone Mountain, GA  
976 Main Street, Stone Mountain, GA  
Has been a business owner for three (3) years. Notices that businesses are closing. He would like to see paint on buildings, with the addition of flowers and vases. Believes Mayor and Council to make owners take accountability for their business. Offers to assist with the painting of buildings.

ChaQuias Thornton  
875 Main Street, Stone Mountain, GA  
Recognized Vanessa with a vase of flowers and commented on how she touched her heart in showing grace and humility of the Name Change of Venable Street.

Resident Vanessa  
892 Cove Street, Stone Mountain, GA  
Has been a resident for over twenty (20) years. Thank City Manager Miller-Thornton for the recognition. Thanked Mayor and Council. Would like to see printed newsletter/flyers for all residents and business owners.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION ITEMS
A. Planning and Zoning  
B. Economic Development/Downtown Development Authority  
C. Historic Preservation Commission  
D. Parks and Recreation Committee

STAFF REPORTS –
A. Code Compliance Officer – Sgt. Roseberry   
   Sgt. Roseberry not present. Report included with Agenda Packet.

B. Public Works Director – Jim Tavenner   
   Report read and provided by Public Works Director Jim Tavenner.

C. Chief of Police – Chief Troutman  
   Report read and provided by Chief of Police Chancey Troutman.

D. City Clerk – Mallory Q. Minor  
   Report read and provided by City Clerk Mallory Q. Minor.

E. Tourism Manager – Kim Cumbie  
   Report read and provided by Tourism Manager Kim Cumbie.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT – City Manager ChaQuias Thornton

Fiscal 2019 Audit prepared and will present financial report during Work Session. Received email from Hearthstone. Hearthstone has two (2) additional homes under contract. Court Services’ Report will be brought to City Council for consideration of different court dates. Untied City Summit this week and City Retreat scheduled on February 7, 2020 thru February 8, 2020.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS
None.

NEW BUSINESS
A. Contract for Services agreement between the City of Stone Mountain and Project Transformation North Georgia, Inc.

City Clerk Mallory Minor presented and highlighted the Contract for Services Agreement between the City of Stone Mountain and Project Transformation North Georgia, Inc.

Councilmembers and Public had questions regarding the funds to be disbursed by the City to Project Transformation North Georgia, Inc. and if the funds will only aid citizens of the City of Stone Mountain or other communities.

PTNG Organizer Diane Ward was available to answer questions posed by the Councilmember and Public. Ward elaborated on the Agreement.

Councilmember Monroe would like to see tracking results of success, to include testing at the beginning and end of the session.

B. Appointment by the Mayor – Board of Ethics – Two Members Appointed by the Mayor for Two Year Terms – to end December 31, 2021.

City Clerk Mallory Minor explained the appointments for the Board of Ethics, to include two (2) appointments by the Mayor.

Mayor Wheeler advised that she’ll provide her appointments on the February 4, 2020 Regular Session.

C. Appointments by the City Council – Board of Ethics – One Member Appointed by Each Council Member for Two Year Terms – to end December 31, 2021.

City Clerk Mallory Minor explained that City Councilmembers would each appoint one (1) member to the Board of Ethics. These appointments will be provided on the February 4, 2020 Regular Session.

D. Continuation of Administration of Rome Class Hotel Incremental Tax Fund – Brinson, Askew, Berry, Seigler, Richardson & Davis, LLP

City Clerk Mallory Minor explained the Continuation of the Administration of the Rome Class Hotel Incremental Tax Fund. These Class Funds were awarded from a 2005 lawsuit, in which funds are being collected and distributed to governments by Grinson, Askew, Berry, Sigler, Richardson & Davis, LLP. Mayor and Council are tasked with the decision to affirm their desires for J. Anderson Davis of the Firm to continue or not to continue administration of the Class Funds.

NEW ORDINANCE AND RESOLUTIONS

City Clerk Mallory Minor explained the need for Resolution 2020-02 Exemption from Open Container Regulations for the Mardi Gras Parade for consumption. The hours of consumption are 2:00pm – 7:00pm. The City will issue a Temporary Alcohol License.
ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE MAYOR

Mayor and Councilmembers allowed time to address the citizens and announce their City Involvements.

Mayor Wheeler advised she will be reviewing the resumes for Planning & Zoning Committee and Historical Preservation Commission. These submissions will be considered on the February 4, 2020 Regular Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Johnson moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Councilmember Hollis.

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Patricia Wheeler, Mayor/s/ Mallory Minor, City Clerk/s/