



## **CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA**

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### **CITY COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES**

**3120 Stonecrest Blvd., Stonecrest, GA 30038**

**Monday, July 25, 2022 at 7:00 PM**

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*Mayor Jazzmin Cobble*

*Council Member Tara Graves - District 1      Council Member Rob Turner - District 2*

*District 3 - Vacant      Mayor Pro Tem George Turner - District 4*

*Council Member Tammy Grimes - District 5*

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**Citizen Access:** [Stonecrest YouTube Live Channel](#)

**I. CALL TO ORDER:** George Turner, Mayor Pro-Tem

The meeting started at 7:04 pm

**II. ROLL CALL:** Sonya Isom, City Clerk

Mayor Jazzmin Cobble, Councilmembers Tara Graves, Rob Turner, and Tammy Grimes all present with Mayor Pro Tem George Turner attending via Zoom due to illness.

**III. INVOCATION**

Invocation given by Councilmember Rob Turner.

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Motion** - Made by Councilmember Robert Turner to approve the agenda for the City Council Meeting July 25, 2022. Councilmember Tara Graves seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**a. Approval** - of the June 29, 2022 Meeting Minutes

**Motion** - made by Councilmember Tammy Grimes to approve the June 29, 2022 meeting minutes with mentioned observations. Councilmember Tara Graves seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**b. Approval - of the July 6, 2022 Special Called Meeting Minutes**

**Motion-** made by Councilmember Tara Graves to approve July 6, 2022 meeting minutes. Councilmember Rob Turner seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**c. Approval - of the July 11, 2022 Special Called Meeting Minutes**

**Motion** - made by Councilmember Robert Turner to approve July 11, 2022 Special Called meeting minutes. Councilmember Tammy Grimes seconded.

**Motion approved unanimously.**

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*The meeting will be conducted in person. Citizens may also submit public comments via email to [cityclerk@stonecrestga.gov](mailto:cityclerk@stonecrestga.gov) by 2 pm on the day of the meeting to be read by the City Clerk.*

*There is a two (2) minute time limit for each speaker submitting or reading a public comment.*

City Clerk Sonya Isom read the one (1) public comment submitted online by Malaika Wells.

**In person comments:**

Terry Fye: Spoke in support of Decriminalization of Marijuana.

Dave Marcus: Spoke on a lack of transparency in the city with the failure to have the packet posted in a timely manner and lack of documentation included. He also spoke against the city doing a study on Public Works. He stated that the city was not ready to take on Public Works and should focus on other departments/areas where improvements can be made.

Robert McPherson: Stated that he intended to speak on an item on the agenda later in the meeting, Stonecrest Estates.

Faye Coffield: Asked that council approve Wineries and Chicken farms in District 5, asked that Council mandate that all townhomes landscaping look like the landscaping that is seen in the townhomes next door, 2975 Evans Mills and 6378 East Glen are single family homes; there has been an error resubmitted, and this will open doors for commercial properties on Evans Mill. Asked that Council keep an eye out for this. She also suggested that Council take a ride down 124 towards Snellville and they will see why citizens are upset; clear distinction of where Gwinnett County ends and Stonecrest begins. Tractor Trailer concerns.

Justin Parker: Stated that he intended to speak on an item on the agenda later in the meeting, Stonecrest Estates.

**VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

*Citizens wishing to participate and comment during the public hearing portion of the meeting may comment in person. You may also submit your request including your full name, address,*

*position on the agenda item you are commenting on (for or against) via email to [cityclerk@stonecrestga.gov](mailto:cityclerk@stonecrestga.gov) by 2 pm the day of the Hearing. A zoom link for the meeting will be sent to you.*

*When it is your turn to speak, please state your name, address and relationship to the case.*

*As an alternative, you can submit comments and questions to the same email address by the same deadline to be read into the record at the meeting.*

*There is a ten (10) minute time limit for each item per side during all public hearings. Only the applicant may reserve time for rebuttal.*

**a. Public Hearing - 3935 Cain Mill Drive- Short-term Rental - Ray White**

Planning and Zoning Director Ray White gave a presentation. Staff recommendation is to approve. The Planning Commission has also approved.

**Motion** - made by Councilmember Rob Turner to open Public Hearing. Councilmember Tara Graves seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Robert Peterson owner of the property spoke in favor of this item.

Faye Coffield spoke in opposition of this item. She expressed that she has concerns about stronger rules in regards to AirB&Bs. She suggests that they are monitored heavily and only a certain number of issues before the permit is revoked. No tolerance policy if allowed.

Angela Russell expressed concern about a lack of information.

**Motion** - made by Councilmember Rob Turner to close Public Hearing. Councilmember Tara Graves seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**b. For Decision - 3935 Cain Mill Drive - Short Term Rental - Ray White**

Ray White, Planning and Zoning Director, stated a new SLUP application is required every year and if there is an issue at this property, this can be revoked and the parking requirement falls on the owner. He clarified that owners should not have long term leases or longer than 30 days. The code does not want a continuation of this practice but no timeline provided. Conditions can be added to the code. This is not considered a home occupation and if there are no violations within the year, the SLUP can continue. If there is a violation, the SLUP is voided at one year and the owner has to come back before Council to reapply.

**Motion** - made by Councilmember George Turner to approve SLU-22-005. Councilmember Rob Turner seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**IX. CONSENT AGENDA**

## **X. APPOINTMENTS**

- a. Swearing In of District 5 Planning Commissioner Lemuel Hawkins - *Mayor Jazzmin Cobble*

## **XI. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS**

Presentation by Councilmember Tammy Grimes to acknowledge Levi and Joshua Morris.

## **XII. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. **For Decision** - Carl Vinson Institute of Government Study - *Hari Karikaran*

Hari Karikaran gave a brief presentation.

**Motion** - made by Councilmember Tammy Grimes to defer this item until the next Council Meeting. Councilmember Tara Graves seconded.

Mayor Cobble stated that this would exceed the one hundred and twenty (120) days. Councilmember Rob Turner offered an amendment to the motion that this item could be heard at a special called meeting if possible. Councilmember Tara Graves seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- b. **For Decision-** Preliminary Plat for Crestwind Township - *Ray White*

Ray White gave a presentation. He stated that staff recommends approval of this Preliminary Plat as all requirements have been met under the Overlay uses. He stated that there is a conflict underway looking at the Overlay district that would allow for residential development to take place in a C-1 and C-2 zone. He stated that it was up to the Council to revisit it's zoning classifications.

Attorney Michelle Battle, representative for the builder, provided some clarification on why this item was before council for a decision and stated this was a Staff oversight issue that was now being corrected. She stated that she was not there when the oversight took place but was called in after the issue arose. She stated that a decision about this community being a rental community or not has not yet been made and the approval of this plat is simply a technical review. She stated that all requirements have been met and the LDP is ready for issuance.

City Attorney Winston Denmark provided some clarity on what Ray White and staff recommended. He stated based on all satisfied requirements, the staff has recommended that Council approve this Preliminary Plat. He stated he acknowledges some un-readiness from Council about this matter and recommended taking additional time to have their questions answered before moving forward.

**Motion** - made by Councilmember Tara Graves to defer this item until the next Council Meeting. Councilmember Rob Turner seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

### **XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. For Decision - TMOD-22-001 Definitions and Uses - *Ray White***

Ray White gave an introduction and gave a recommendation of approval.

**Motion** - made by Councilmember Rob Turner to defer until the next Council Meeting. Councilmember Tammy Grimes seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**b. For Decision - Stonecrest Estates Preliminary Plat - *Ray White***

Ray White provided an introduction and stated that Staff would like to take another look at the proposal because of the lot configuration. Staff is recommending that the item be deferred.

Rob McPherson spoke and asked that a conditional approval be given by Council.

**Motion** - by Councilmember Tara Graves to defer to a special called meeting or the next Council meeting. Councilmember Tammy Grimes seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**c. For Decision - Resolution for Approving the Municipal Court Fee Schedule - *Mallory Minor***

Mallory Minor gave a presentation.

**Motion** - made by Councilmember Rob Turner to approve the Resolution for the Municipal Court Fee Schedule. Councilmember Tammy grimes seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**d. For Decision - Decriminalization of Marijuana - *Mallory Minor***

Mallory Minor provided a brief presentation. This item is a first read.

**e. For Decision - Participation in the Community Service Program - *Mallory Minor***

Mallory Minor gave a brief presentation.

**Motion** - made by Councilmember Tammy Grimes to approve the Participation in the Community Service Program. Councilmember Tara Graves seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**f. For Decision - Resolution for 2022 Resurfacing Contract - *Gia Scruggs***

Gia Scruggs gave a brief introduction.

**Motion** - to approve Stewart Brothers Inc Contract for 2022 resurfacing by Councilmember Tammy Grimes. Councilmember Tara Graves seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion** - Made by Councilmember Tammy Grimes to approve the ER Snell contract for 2022 resurfacing. Councilmember Tara Graves seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**g. For Decision** - Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Calendar - *Janice Allen Jackson*

Janice Allen Jackson provided a brief introduction.

**Motion** - made by Councilmember Rob Turner to approve the FY2023 Budget Calendar. Councilmember Tara Graves seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**h. For Decision** - Resolution for Service Delivery Strategy - *Janice Allen Jackson*

Janice Allen Jackson provided an brief introduction.

**Motion** - made by Councilmember Tara Graves to approve the Resolution of Service Delivery Strategy. Councilmember Tammy Grimes seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**XIV. CITY MANAGER UPDATE**

Janice Jackson gave an update on Covid-19 statistics and also told Council that all Senior Leadership positions have been filled.

**XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*(When an executive session is required, one will be called for the following issues: 1) Personnel, 2) Litigation, 3) Real Estate)*

**Motion** - made by Councilmember Rob Turner to go into Executive Session for personnel and legal matters. Councilmember Tara Graves seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion** - made by Councilmember Rob Turner to end Executive session. Councilmember Tara Grimes seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**XVI. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilmember Tara Graves spoke about an community engagement event to be held at Stonecrest Library in August. She stated the event would be a 6-month lookback, community

building, and sharing concerns and ideas. The date is to be determined and the information regarding the event will be posted on the City's website and to social media. She stated July is Parks and Rec month and acknowledged the Parks and Rec (Leisure Services) staff and the back to school pop up event. She stated they are doing an amazing job and that she met the new Director Benjamin Dillard. She mentioned that back to school would also be taking place August 8th and that traffic would be changing. She mentioned she attended a great event by The First Black Family Magazine presented Mayor Cobble with the Black Family Impact award, a certificate of acknowledgement, on their behalf.

Councilmember Rob Turner thanked Leisure Services Department for the popup event and Stonecrest citizens and staff.

Tammy Grimes mentioned the pop up event at Salem park happening on Friday and said she looked forward to everyone joining the event. She mentioned she visited Village Park in Henry County and was look forward to some changed in Salem's Park.

George Turner yielded to the Mayor.

Mayor Cobble mentioned the Park pop up event this Friday and that council is excited about all the other upcoming events in the City. Council was excited to join Traditions to celebrate their joint committee accreditation. A Job Well Done on their service to this community. Upcoming Proclamations this week and one last week. Look forward to supporting and encouraging them.

George Turner spoke about Covid - 19 and stated the numbers are going up. Council is gathering numbers about fatalities in the area and looking into a possible state of emergency. Code Enforcement is a major focus right now with the illegal dumping and citizens complaints about the same issue. Our brand and bridgescape designs will be apart of upcoming discussions and meetings.

## **XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** - made by Councilmember Tammy Grimes to adjourn. Councilmember Rob Turner seconded.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Meeting ended at 11:37pm

### *Americans with Disabilities Act*

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*If you need auxiliary aids and services for effective communication (such as a sign language interpreter, an assistive listening device or print material in digital format) or reasonable modification to programs, services or activities contact the ADA Coordinator, Sonya Isom, as soon as possible, preferably 2 days before the activity or event.*