



CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES

3120 Stonecrest Blvd., Stonecrest, GA 30038

Monday, April 28, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Mayor Jazzmin Cobble

Council Member Tara Graves - District 1 Council Member Terry Fye - District 2

Council Member Alecia Washington - District 3 Mayor Pro Tem George Turner - District 4

Council Member Tammy Grimes - District 5

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm.

II. ROLL CALL: Sonya Isom, City Clerk

All members were present.

III. INVOCATION

Pastor Jasper Williams, Salem Bible Church

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Alecia Washington, District 3 Councilmember

V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

There was a request to move both items under Reports and Presentations up on the agenda and ahead of Public Hearing.

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to approve the agenda with the stated amendments. Second by Councilmember Tara Graves.

Motion passed unanimously.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a.** Approval of Meeting Minutes - City Council Meeting, March 24, 2025

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to approve the meeting minutes from the City Council Meeting, March 24, 2025. Second by Councilmember Tara Graves.
Motion passed unanimously.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Citizens wishing to make a public comment may do so in person. Citizens may also submit public comments via email to cityclerk@stonecrestga.gov by 2 pm on the day of the meeting to be read by the City Clerk.

All members of the public wishing to address the City Council shall submit their name and the topic of their comments to the city clerk prior to the start of any meeting held by the City Council. There is a three (3) minute time limit for each speaker submitting or reading a public comment. Individuals will be held to established time limits.

Dave Marcus – Comments on city charter, response to an ORR he submitted regarding audit reports, staff turnover, ARPA funding, and the city center. He would like promises made by officials fulfilled.

Faye Coffield - Concerned about the lack of information residents receive, she wasn't aware Panola Road would be shut down, sound barrier tree ordinance, ARPA funds, support for nonprofits, and she is waiting on a response to accounting questions.

There was a response to public comments by Mayor Cobble. There was an additional response from City Manager Scruggs.

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 by 2 pm the day of the Public Hearing to be read into the record at the meeting. 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. 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 - Ordinance for TMOD 24-001 Truck Parking Revisions - Ralph Butts, Code Enforcement Director

Presentation by Director Shawanna Qawiy on behalf of Director Butts, stating the City of Stonecrest is seeking approval to amend and revise Section 6.1.3 Parking Regulations Off Street Parking Spaces to add language for commercial parking regulations for truck parking. There was a review of proposed revisions to amend #8, including commercial vehicles, definition and proper uses. There was an additional revision, removing the exceptions from #13.

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to open Public Hearing for the Ordinance for TMOD 24-001 Truck Parking Revisions. Second by Councilmember Tara Graves.
Motion passed unanimously.

In Favor

None

In Opposition

Faye Coffield

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to close Public Hearing for the Ordinance for TMOD 24-001 Truck Parking Revisions. Second by Councilmember Tammy Grimes.
Motion passed unanimously.

b. For Decision - Ordinance for TMOD 24-001 Truck Parking Revisions - *Ralph Butts, Code Enforcement Director*

Director Qawiy addressed questions from the opposition and gave response referencing the exception in the text.

Motion – made by Councilmember Tammy Grimes to approve the Ordinance for TMOD 24-001 Truck Parking Revisions. Second by Councilmember Terry Fye.
Motion passed unanimously.

c. Public Hearing - Ordinance for RZ 25-001 1455 Rogers Lake Road - *Shawanna Qawiy, Division Director Community Development*

Presentation by Director Qawiy stating this is a rezoning and map amendment request from R100 to RSM to construct townhomes. There was a review of the background, public participation, zoning map, future land use map, aerial map, submitted site plan, proposed front elevations, proposed rear elevation examples, site photos, and staff recommendations for denial. There was additional review of photos and staff recommendation for denial.

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to open Public Hearing for Ordinance for RZ 25-001 1455 Rogers Lake Road. Second by Councilmember Tammy Grimes.
Motion passed unanimously.

There were comments by the owner stating he has worked on this project for several months, and has met with council members, staff and the Planning Commission, with a good response. There was an additional review of the site and surrounding area. Ms. Coffield withdrew her opposition as questions were answered.

In Favor

Bobby Bullard

In Opposition

Faye Coffield

Motion – made by Councilmember Tara Graves to close Public Hearing for Ordinance for RZ 25-001 1455 Rogers Lake Road. Second by Councilmember Terry Fye.
Motion passed unanimously.

- d. **For Decision** - Ordinance for RZ 25-001 1455 Rogers Lake Road - *Shawanna Qawiy, Division Director Community Development*

Questions were answered in regard to the number of garages, accessible amenities, entry ways, HOA status. Mayor Pro Tem stated he cannot support it at this time. The applicant would like to defer.

Motion – made by Councilmember Tara Graves to defer the Ordinance for RZ 25-001 1455 Rogers Lake Road full cycle. Second by Councilmember Tammy Grimes.
Motion passed unanimously.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

X. APPOINTMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

XI. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

- a. East Metro CID Status Report Update - *Cornell McBride, East Metro CID*

Presentation by Mr. McBride stating the East Metro CID has been a part of the City of Stonecrest for 35 years. The CID's focus is beautification, security & infrastructure. The CID has installed flock cameras at Turner Hill Road to help with security for the city. There has also been beautification on Wesley Chapel & South Hairston. There was a viewing of the East Metro CID map, as well as beautification on Wesley Chapel, South Hairston and Turner Hill. Visit East Metro CID website for more information. www.eastmetrocid.com. Mayor Pro Tem is looking forward to taking advantage of what we have and activating the Stonecrest CID.

- b. Stonecrest Citizens Academy Graduation - *Gia Scruggs, City Manager*

Presentation led by City Manager Scruggs giving an overview of the academy and mentioning there were also three city employees that are graduating and will now be Stonecrest ambassadors. Each graduate of the Citizens Academy was recognized.

- c. Presentation led by Mayor Pro Tem George Turner, acknowledging Attorney Bernard Knight and the Lithonia Industrial Council by recognizing the council for four years of commitment.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **For Decision** - Ordinance for Financial Management Code Amendment, 2nd Read - *Lakeisha Gaines, Finance Director*

Presentation by Director Gaines stating this item has been discussed previously and this is the 2nd read to make it a part of the code. The Financial Management Policy will stand alone.
2nd read of the preamble by the City Clerk.

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to approve the Ordinance for Financial Management Code Amendment, 2nd Read. Second by Councilmember Tara Graves.
Motion passed unanimously.

- b. For Decision** - Ordinance for Personnel Code Amendment, 2nd Read - *Leona Durden, Director of Human Resources*

Presentation by Director Durden, stating that staff recommends removing chapter 20 – Personnel from the code and adopting the Personnel Policy as the official personnel document of the city. This will ensure that all employees have clear and consistent guidelines to follow in one place.
2nd read of the preamble by the City Clerk.

Motion – made by Councilmember Tara Graves to approve the Ordinance for Personnel Code Amendment, 2nd Read. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.
Motion passed unanimously.

- c. For Decision** - Resolution for the Personnel Policy Manual - *Leona Durden, Director of Human Resources*

Presentation by Director Durden, reviewing completed revisions that were made after the last Work Session. Staff recommending approval with said edits. Councilman Fye asked about removing the definition he/his due to inconsistencies. Director Durden will update the definitions to satisfy the text to apply to both male and female employees.
The preamble was read by the City Clerk.
There was clarification that the correct name is Personnel Policy Manual.

Motion – made by Councilmember Tammy Grimes to approve the Resolution for the Personnel Policy Manual with the stated changes. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.
Motion passed unanimously.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. For Decision** - Resolution for SDP 24-009 6251 Rock Springs Road (Preliminary Plat Highland Park Phase II) - *Shawanna Qawiy, Division Director Community Development*

Presentation by Director Qawiy stating this is a request for preliminary approval for phase II of the Highland Park Subdivision. There was a review of the current location that started with 165 lots. After the 75 lots are approved there will be a 3rd phase with 15 lots that will need a separate entrance. It was confirmed that every 75 units require one access point. Director Qawiy will relay a message of concern about the curve in front of the subdivision as Councilwoman Grimes would like the developers to have more concern for citizen safety.
Preamble read by the City Clerk.

Motion – made by Mayor Pro Tem George Turner to approve the Resolution for SDP 24-009 6251 Rock Springs Road (Preliminary Plat Highland Park Phase II). Second by Councilmember Terry Fye.
Motion passed unanimously.

XIV. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS

No comments

XV. CITY MANAGER UPDATE

The city has wrapped up the 3rd Citizens Academy and the City Manager is searching for ways to connect all cohorts to continue fostering community leadership. There were exciting and impactful events for Georgia Cities Week, “Imagine the Possible”. The city has partnered with LA Fitness and they are offering free workout sessions for Stonecrest residents to promote health and wellness. The city has launched a City of Stonecrest clean up challenge through social media. Students from Lithonia High School and Arabia Mountain High School were welcomed as a part of Future Leaders Day. Happy to announce the Mammoth Sunflower Community Challenge. The new “Hey, Stonecrest” City App will launch on June 1st.

XVI. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

District 1 – Tara Graves – There was an amazing turn out for the Autism Awareness Walk. Special thanks to Tameika Porter and park staff, Walmart and colleagues for support. Thanks to Ms. Qawiy and Mr. Fleming for the D1 trees on Stone Mountain Lithonia Road and Lithonia Industrial Boulevard. Thanks to the City Manager for the beautification initiative on Stonecrest Boulevard. April is National Volunteers month, and she is looking for volunteers for a cleanup event to be held this Saturday, from 11am–3pm. Be safe, have fun and create memories for all the prom goers.

District 2 – Terry Fye – Would like to give a special thank you to the Wellington Chase Community for allowing him to join the community clean up on Saturday.

District 3 – Alecia Washington – No comments.

District 4 – Mayor Pro Tem George Turner – District 4 had 2 warriors, Mr. Curtis Nelson & Mr. Darryl Andrews that picked up trash throughout our community. Mr. Nelson passed over a year ago and Mr. Andrews passed away nearly a year ago. The community will honor them on May 17th at Salem Park. Please come out to support our 2 fallen heroes.

District 5 – Tammy Grimes –Take an opportunity to see what’s in Everette Park, the best kept secret in Stonecrest. It is Georgia Milestone season, and testing is about to begin. Teacher Appreciation week is May 5th -9th. Love on your Educators.

Mayor Cobble – Will be in District 5 on Saturday for the Quarterly Walk with the Mayors, with the Mayor Reynolds of Lithonia, at Everette Park, The date May 3rd and the time is 9am-11am. We have successfully completed Walks with the City Manager, Mayor and City Council, along with the Wellness and Benefits Committee. Next week is Public Service Recognition Week, which is the 1st week in May. Thank you to all who serve.

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(When an executive session is required, one will be called for the following issues: 1) Personnel, 2) Litigation, 3) Real Estate, 4) Cyber Security

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to enter Executive Session for personnel, litigation, real estate and cyber security. Second by Councilmember Tara Graves.
Motion passed unanimously.

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to exit Executive Session and return to the scheduled meeting. Second by Councilmember Tara Graves.
Motion passed unanimously.

Motion -made by Councilmember Terry Fye to approve the minutes from Executive Session. Second by Councilmember Tammy Grimes.
Motion passed unanimously.

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye, moving that the city accept the limited warranty deed of 8320 Mall Parkway. Second by Councilmember Tammy Grimes.
Motion passed unanimously.

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye, moving to approve the MOU for the plans to exchange real estate property and relocate a portion of Hillvale Road to facilitate the construction of a fire station and a parking lot. Second by Councilmember Tara Graves.
Motion passed unanimously.

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye, moving to accept the access agreement for parcel ID 16-072-03-006 with DeKalb County. Second by Councilmember Tammy Grimes.
Motion passed unanimously.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to adjourn the meeting. Second by Councilmember Tammy Grimes.
Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55pm.

Americans with Disabilities Act

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