



CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES

3120 Stonecrest Blvd., Stonecrest, GA 30038

Monday, April 27, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Mayor Jazzmin Cobble

Mayor Pro Tem Tara Graves - District 1 Council Member Terry Fye - District 2

Council Member Alecia Washington - District 3 Council Member George Turner - District 4

Council Member Karmesha W. Smith - District 5

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

I. CALL TO ORDER: Tara Graves, Mayor Pro-Tem

The meeting began at 6:14pm.

II. ROLL CALL: Sonya Isom, City Clerk

All members were present with Mayor Cobble away from the dais during roll call.

III. INVOCATION: Bishop Johnathan Alvarado, Grace Church International

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

V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the agenda as written. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.

Motion passed 4-0 with Councilmember Alecia Washington away from the dais during the motion.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Approval of Meeting Minutes - Work Session, March 9, 2026

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the meeting minutes from the March 9, 2026, Work Session. Second by Councilmember Terry Fye.

Motion passed unanimously.

b. Approval of Meeting Minutes - City Council Meeting, March 23, 2026

1. There was a request to change where it states Councilmember K. Smith being absent to Councilmember was unable to participate due to city related technical issues.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the meeting minutes from the March 23, 2026, City Council Meeting with the stated adjustments. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

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 those established time limits.

Richard Jordan, Managing Director of Medura Entertainment – Comments on the Art Avenue in New Black Wall Street, gave updates on the Pink Lemonade for Seniors, which will be held at Privi and stated he can be reached at jcommlc@gmail.com.

Faye Coffield- Comments on her attendance at meetings, and stated she has presented opportunities with African American developers interested in upscale residential and retail projects, but they were not contacted.

Anita Dawkins - Would like to have sidewalks, mentioning it is currently unsafe. One of her main concerns is the lack of sidewalks on Panola Road.

Jacqueline Echols, Board President of South River Watershed Alliance – This is a small organization that is dedicated and committed to improving the South River. The organization has donated \$35,000 to the restoration of Panola Shoals, which turned out to be a waste. In 2021, they donated \$190k to the construction of a Kayak Launch at Everett Park. Asking that the city return the funds if the plan is to build a floating dock on the South River. They have been good stewards but cannot afford to lose any more money on projects at the South River.

CA Nation- He feels that Stonecrest only recognizes the 30038-zip code and not 30058. He stated that anytime a commercial enterprise wants to come into a residential area, they petition the city and citizens are not made aware at that time, and would like council to communicate the details to residents as soon as the commercial enterprise applies. He is concerned about safety and asks that the city keep the neighborhood in their prayers.

Anethia Cody - Concerned about the new development being built in her neighborhood. She would like her district council member to assist with getting a fence built to separate the development being built.

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 upon your request.

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.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

X. APPOINTMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

XI. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

a. Moving Stonecrest Forward, *Mayor Pro Tem Tara Graves*

Presentation by Mayor Pro Tem Tara Graves stating in efforts to moving Stonecrest forward, the council is committed to providing positive direction, transparency and working together as a team, collaborating to find the best solutions for the city. Mr. Vaughn Irons, the founder of Privi, also commented and gave inspirational remarks to the staff and citizens of Stonecrest.

b. Citizens Academy Graduation, *City Manager's Office*

Congratulations to the Graduating 2026 Cohorts Class of Stonecrest Citizens Academy:

1. Corneal Bailey
2. Dorothy Bailey
3. Gwendolyn Beavers
4. Taraneika Brady
5. Lucretia Brown-Ramsey
6. Vikki Conwell
7. Melody Curry
8. Tanya Green
9. Latashia Hughes
10. Jah'Nya Landers
11. Sylvia Raye
12. Serena Thornton
13. Catherine Turner

XII. OLD BUSINESS

a. **For Decision** - Resolution for the 2026 Street Resurfacing Contract - *Hari Karikaran, City Engineer*

The presentation was given by Mr. Karikaran stating that the 2026 Street Resurfacing Contract was previously approved by council at the April 3rd meeting, and mentioning the

resolution was not ready. This is to read the preamble to the resolution into the records, as it is now available.

The City Clerk read the preamble.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the Resolution for the 2026 Streer Resurfacing Contract. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.

Motion passed unanimously.

b. For Decision - Resolution for the Sidewalk Design Services Contract - *Hari Karikaran, City Engineer*

The presentation was given by Mr. Karikaran stating that the Sidewalk Design Services Contract was previously approved by council at the April 3rd meeting, and mentioning the resolution was not ready. This is to read the preamble to the resolution into the records, as it is now available.

The City Clerk read the preamble.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the Resolution for the Sidewalk Design Services Contract. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.

Motion passed unanimously.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

XIV. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS

No comments

XV. CITY MANAGER UPDATE

No comments

XVI. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Cobble – Would like to extend a big thank you to the city staff for kicking off Cities Week with the Stonecrest Proud Campaign. Thank you to the community and all those who showed up throughout the week.

District 1 – Tara Graves – No comments

District 2 – Terry Fye – Thank you to the Hillvale Commons community for a wonderful meet up with the residents along with the Wellington Chase community and for allowing him to participate in their community clean up. There was a wonderful turnout in the Cove Lake community during their Garage Sale where funds were collected to support their HOA. Today is the 1st day of early voting. Please make sure your voices are heard.

District 3 – Alecia Washington – Congratulations to the graduating Cohorts of the 2026 Citizens Academy. District 3 residents are encouraged to participate in our next academy where we will introduce the Stonecrest Youth Council, allowing middle to high school students to participate.

District 4 – George Turner – There are effects to remove the feral pigs in the district, as we are working alongside DeKalb County to build a coalition to trap the animals for removal. On June 2nd there will be a meeting at City Hall to create a strategy for removing these hogs. Mables Barbecue provided meals for the graduates of the Citizens Academy tonight. Thank you for your support in the City of Stonecrest.

District 5 – Karmesha Smith – Had a great time during Cities Week and she is excited to see our neighbors out and about within the community. Thank you to the staff for putting on a great event. D4 and D5 are partnering to create a resolution to get rid of the feral hogs in our areas along with help from the Georgia Association of Conservation District. The details will be posted for the June 2nd Informational Meeting for any residents who would like to join us for the workshop.

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 George Turner to enter executive session for personnel, litigation, real estate and cyber security. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to exit executive session and return to the regular scheduled meeting. Second by Councilmember George Turner.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to approve the meeting minutes from the Executive Session. Second by Councilmember George Turner.

Motion passed unanimously.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to adjourn the meeting. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

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