



CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES

3120 Stonecrest Blvd., Stonecrest, GA 30038

Monday, March 13, 2023 at 7:30 PM

Mayor Jazzmin Cobble

Council Member Tara Graves - District 1 Council Member Rob Turner - 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 began at 8:40pm.

II. ROLL CALL: Sonya Isom, City Clerk

All members present.

III. AGENDA ITEMS

a. For Discussion - Appointments to the Development Authority - *Mayor Jazzmin Cobble*

Mayor Jazzmin Cobble made an official request for the Council to evaluate who they would like to appoint as members to the Development Authority and submit appointments by next Monday, March 20, 2023. The council would then vote on these appointments at the next City Council meeting, scheduled for March 27, 2023.

Mayor Pro Tem George Turner is requesting someone with experience in running a business, preferably in Stonecrest, but that is not a requirement. Appointees must be a City of Stonecrest citizen to qualify. Mayor Cobble noted if anyone has experience in another Development Authority, that would be beneficial, and you are welcome to send an email to the Mayor and copy all council members. According to the bylaws, the Mayor appoints members with City Council approval.

This item was for discussion only.

b. For Decision - Stonecrest Development Authority Code Amendment 2nd Read - *Mayor Pro Tem George Turner*

There was a 2nd read of this amendment by the City Clerk.

Mayor Pro Tem George Turner noted the main amendment is that no member of Council can be appointed to the Development Authority. Mayor Jazzmin Cobble noted the change is to align with state law, allowing Mayor and Council to make appointments.

Motion – made by Councilmember Rob Turner to approve the Stonecrest Development Authority Code Amendment. Seconded by Councilmember Tara Graves.

Motion passed unanimously.

c. For Decision - Stonecrest Development Authority Intergovernmental Agreement - *Mayor Jazzmin Cobble*

Mayor Jazzmin Cobble led the discussion of this item and stated she will send a draft version of an IGA between the city and the development to Council for their review. She is requesting any feedback be sent by March 20, 2023, in order to prepare the document for the March 27, 2023 City Council meeting.

This item was for discussion and not decision.

d. For Decision - Ethics Ordinance Amendment 2nd Read - *Mayor Jazzmin Cobble and Alicia Thompson*

There was a 2nd read of the ordinance preamble by the City Clerk.

Mayor Pro Tem George Turner stated two adjustments should be made to include the removal of committees from being bound by the code of ethics and the other is anyone being able to file a complaint whether they live in the city or not. Attorney Thompson stated this language was removed from the definition section, and the word committee is no longer listed, and the ordinance does not apply to them. Attorney Thompson was asked to make the other adjustment, stating any city resident or city employee can make a complaint. She was also asked to assist with preparing the application to GMA for the City of Ethics, by the April 30, 2023 deadline.

Motion – made by Mayor Pro Tem George Turner for approval of the Ethics Ordinance amendment with the one stated adjustment. Councilmember Rob Turner seconded.

Motion passed 4-1 with Councilmember Tammy Grimes voting nay.

e. For Decision - City Manager Vacancy Extension - *Mayor Jazzmin Cobble*

Mayor Jazzmin Cobble gave an overview of this item. The public previously requested a search for a new City Manager. A national search is taking place but has not been completed. This request for an extension is to allow the consultant to complete the interview process. The first round has been completed and will move forward to the second round. This extension will allow the permanent seat to remain vacant in order to complete the search.

Councilmember Grimes asked for confirmation on the extension time. The extension would be for an additional thirty days, changing the date to April 17, 2023. Mayor Cobble recommended Council review the list of applicants.

Motion – made by Councilmember Tara Graves to extend the vacancy for City Manager for thirty days, which would extend the date to April 17, 2023. Councilmember Rob Turner seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

f. For Decision - IT Network Refresh Vendor Recommendation - *Gia Scruggs*

Acting City Manager Gia Scruggs gave an overview of this item. She stated the vendor, Interdev, was tasked with looking at the vendor plan. The plan includes an upgrade to our existing network for City Hall and our other municipal buildings, as well as additional hardware. Staff will redesign the network for security design. The technology team will come up with a schedule in the next couple of weeks. The total for this particular project is \$67,086.58. Funding would come from General Funds, IT, Other Equipment.

Motion – made by Councilmember Tammy Grimes to approve the IT Network Refresh vendor recommendation. Councilmember Tara Graves seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

g. For Decision - Parks Bleacher Vendor Recommendation - *Gia Scruggs*

Acting City Manager Gia Scruggs gave an overview of this item. She stated Council has approved park upgrades thru ARPA funding. The preferred vendor for this item is Go for Sports. Approval is requested for an amount of \$39,775.58. Funding would come from ARPA, Parks, Parks Equipment.

Mayor Pro Tem George Turner asked for clarification on the location of this item. Acting City Manager Gia Scruggs stated that the bleachers would be located at Browns Mill Recreation center.

Motion – made by Councilmember Rob Turner to approve the Parks Bleacher vendor recommendation. Councilmember Tammy Grimes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

h. For Decision - Bureau Veritas Contract Amendment - *Gia Scruggs*

Acting City Manager Gia Scruggs gave an overview and stated that occasionally the city needs assistance with Community Development Services. These services typically involve anywhere from planning and zoning, building, engineering, and code enforcement. Bureau Veritas is currently serving in the capacity over building officials, they are being asked to provide ongoing support, specifically Planning and Zoning and Building departments. The following is requested: Planning and Zoning – an amount not to exceed \$100,000.00 for the fiscal year and Building – an amount not to exceed \$35,000, which would also be for the remainder of the year, to include staff absences in Building and Planning Departments.

Councilmember Grimes asked for clarity on if the amount was through the remainder of this year or one complete year. Acting City Manager Scruggs stated that it would be for the remainder of this year. Councilmember Graves asked if the stated fee was the going rate. ACM Scruggs stated in some cases the building fee may be a little less, and that the rate for

Planning and Zoning is very similar.

Motion – made by Councilmember Rob Turner to approve the Bureau Veritas contract amendment. Councilmember Tammy Grimes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:18pm.

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