



## **CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA**

### **CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING – MINUTES**

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

**Monday, July 10, 2023 at 5:00 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

Breakout sessions were held from 5:00pm – 5:30pm. The meeting began at 5:32pm

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

All members were present.

**III. AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. For Discussion** - HB 916 Superior and State Court Appellate Practice Act, 1st Read  
- *Chief Judge Curtis W. Miller & Court Administrator Mallory Minor*

Court Administrator Mallory Minor presented the HB 916 Superior and State Court Appellate Practice Act, scheduled to take effect July 1, 2023. She stated the effectiveness of HB 916 and that it will improve access to justice. She also stated it will repeal and replace the Georgia notice of appeal and certiorari review statutes with a unified “petition for review” procedure for appealing cases. The new “petition for review” is a modernized and relatively simplified process for superior or state court review of decisions from municipal courts, magistrate courts, non-Article 6 probate courts, and other lower judiciaries. A lower judiciary is broadly defined to include any government official or body “exercising judicial or quasi-judicial powers authorized by law”.

1<sup>st</sup> read of the ordinance preamble was read by the City Clerk. Court Administrator Minor is asking to amend the ordinance. Mayor Cobble asked if the amended ordinance will be prepared for a 2<sup>nd</sup> read on July 24th. Ms. Minor answered yes. Mayor Pro Tem George Turner questioned the rationale for this change by legislature. Page four of the presentation stated the General Assembly decided it was too complex. Attorney Denmark added this increases access for the public and is a great thing for the state of Georgia.

**b. For Decision - SPLOST II Referenced Language - City Engineer Hari Karikaran**

City Engineer Hari Karikaran presented this item as a continuation from the last city council meeting. There was review of a table referencing revenue numbers, that was presented by DeKalb County at GMA. The annual collection for the City of Stonecrest is \$9,787,837 at a 6-year SPLOST. The 2024 SPLOST Allocation (preliminary plan) breakdown is \$34,257,430 for street paving and resurfacing. \$9,787,820 for parks improvement and \$14,681,750 for property acquisition and infrastructure.

Mayor Cobble mentioned the City Engineer is working with a financial advisory group as they are not only evaluating the project list but also looking at bond language for the referendum. This will allow the city to get projects moving in pavement sections as well as repairs. Mayor Pro Tem Turner inquired about the technology that the city will be using to complete evaluations. City Engineer Karikaran mentioned that Dekalb County provides state of the art technology to evaluate the sub surface conditions and the surface conditions and this is better technology than what was used previously. Mayor Pro Tem Turner mentioned this in one step in a sequence of steps to prepare for SPLOST II. City Manager Gia Scruggs will share a copy of the timeline with the council members.

**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**

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Rob Turner to adjourn the June 10, 2023 Special Called Meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Tammy Grimes.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:56pm.

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