



## **CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA**

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### **CITY COUNCIL PLANNING RETREAT**

**8000 Capps Ferry Road, Douglasville, Georgia 30134**

**Friday, July 7, 2023 and Saturday. July 8, 2023**

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### **MEETING MINUTES**

#### **Friday, July 7, 2023 @ 9:00am**

- Agenda Overview & Introductions

The meeting opened at 9:07am with an introduction by Pam Helton and Terrell Jacobs of GMA. There was a review of the agenda.

There was an icebreaker and an introduction of attendees.

Attendees were Mayor Jazzmon Cobble, Mayor Pro Tem George Turner, Councilmember Rob Turner, Councilmember Tammy Grimes, Councilmember Alecia Washington, City Manager Gia Scruggs, City Clerk Sonya Isom, and City Attorney Winston Denmark.

- Understanding the City's Charter

The City Charter governs the City's ability to govern. Discussion of the importance of staying in line with the charter, the keys of success and the importance of having policies in place.

- Roles & Responsibilities of City Officials & Staff

Discussion on the roles and responsibilities of elected officials, how critical it is to work together, and building trust. This also included a discussion on civility, collaboration, expectations, and contributions.

- Agenda, Meetings & Rules of Decorum

There was discussion on effective public engagement and the possible outcome.

Attendees discussed council meeting procedures, including rules of decorum, meeting agendas, the process for submitting agenda items and time frames for submission. There was also discussion regarding citizen input and public comments.

- Gaining Consensus on Challenging Issues

There was discussion on facing and handling challenging issues, as well as ways to resolve them.

- Adjournment

## Saturday, July 8, 2023 @ 9:00am

- Debrief & Re-energize

Overview of yesterday's discussions and takeaways.

- Mission, Vision and Values

There was discussion of the City's mission, vision and where do we go from here.

- Strategic Planning for the Future

There was a strategic planning overview and talk of the elements needed to create a plan and set a course for the future. There was also discussion of the city's vision and mission statement, and how it fits with the city.

- Setting Goals & Prioritization

There was discussion on the values of the city, including beauty, customer service, flourishing businesses and families and the city feeling like home. Community values were also discussed. The Council discussed being a city of action, providing quality service and the culture of excellent customer service. There was an exercise for all attendees, including suggestions and goals for the city.

- Developing a work plan

The council discussed action items for developing a work plan, including services and operations.

- Debrief

There was a review and discussion of the city and its future success.

- Adjournment