



CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING – MINUTES

3120 Stonecrest Blvd., Stonecrest, GA 30038

Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at 6:00 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

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

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

The meeting began at 6:11PM.

II. ROLL CALL: Sonya Isom, City Clerk

All members were present with Mayor Cobble arriving after roll call.

III. PUBLIC HEARING

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 request.

When it is your turn to speak, please state your name and position on the matter. There is a ten (10) minute time limit for each item per side during all public hearings.

a. For Discussion/Public Hearing - 2023 Millage Rate, 2nd Read - Deputy Finance Director Mia Wilson, City Manager Gia Scruggs

Presentation by Deputy Finance Director Mia Wilson. The Finance Department is recommending adoption of the proposed 2023 millage rate, which is the same millage rate that was adopted in 2022. This is the third public hearing. Every year there must be a millage rate rollback computation and five-year history of levy.

Motion – made by Councilmember Rob Turner to open the public hearing for the 2023 millage rate. Seconded by Councilmember Tammy Grimes.

Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments

Opposed

Faye Coffield

Dele Lowman

Lequvia Ousley

Malaika Wells

Donna Priest-Brown

Clara Delay

Cheryl Moore-Mathis

Gwen Black

Renee Cail

Motion – made by Councilmember Tammy Grimes to close the public hearing for the 2023 millage rate. Seconded by Councilmember Rob Turner.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Jazzmin Cobble addressed the public comments and stated the advertisement in the AJC was placed seven days before the public hearing. The second ad was placed June 19, 2023, seven days prior to adoption. The city did advertise in time according to the law. Attorney Denmark confirmed that was correct. Mayor Cobble also stated property value increase affects property taxes. The millage rate is staying the same.

Mayor Pro Tem George Turner stated if the millage was rolled back and the dollar amount kept the same, there would be a tremendous increase in taxes. Deputy Finance Director Wilson stated that could be correct. It was also stated that the biggest tax increases come from school systems. Councilmember Grimes asked what could the average citizen receiving a tax increase look for. It was stated if the property value did not increase, the percentage would not increase. The city is looking at the total number given by the county.

There were additional responses to some of the public comments that were heard. It was confirmed that the City Attorney's were in attendance virtually during the last two public hearings. It was also stated that the city uses SPLOST funds for capital improvement projects.

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 Tammy Grimes to adjourn the Special Called meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Tara Graves.

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting ended at 7:06pm.

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