



CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING – MINUTES

3120 Stonecrest Blvd., Stonecrest, GA 30038

Wednesday, June 21, 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

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I. CALL TO ORDER: Councilmember Rob Turner

The meeting began at 6:01pm.

II. ROLL CALL: Sonya Isom, City Clerk

All members were present with the exception of Mayor Pro Tem George Turner.

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, 1st Read - Deputy Finance Director Mia Wilson, City Manager Gia Scruggs

City Manager Gia Scruggs introduced Deputy Finance Director Mia Wilson to present the proposal for the 2023 Millage Rate Adoption. This is the second of three public hearings for this item. Deputy Finance Director Wilson stated the 1.237 millage rate is below the cap and is the same rate as 2022.

Mayor Jazzmin Cobble asked for an explanation on where an increase might be seen. Ms. Wilson stated the city is requesting the millage rate stays the same.

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

Motion passed 4-0 with Mayor Pro Tem George Turner absent.

Public Comments

Opposed – Faye Cofield

Opposed - Dele Lowman Smith

Motion - made by Councilmember Tammy Grimes to close the public hearing for the 2023 millage rate. Seconded by Councilmember Tara Graves.

Motion passed 4-0 with Mayor Pro Tem George Turner absent.

Mayor Cobble asked City Manager Scruggs to speak on additional revenue. City Manager Scruggs stated the rate is the same and also mentioned that the millage rate is one of the lowest in DeKalb County. She also confirmed there are detailed reports published monthly in regard to ARPA and that general operations are moving in a great direction.

Mayor Cobble stated the city is not running its budget off property tax and that the city does not do property evaluations, but the county does.

Councilmember Grimes asked for the step-by-step process in terms of millage rate, rollback, etc. Mayor Cobble stated the process is set by state law and that the city does not dictate any changes to that process. The city's part is to submit the numbers that are applicable to the tax digest. The budget outlines where money goes and is being spent.

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 end the June 21, 2023 Special Called Meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Tara Graves.

Motion passed 4-0 with Mayor Pro Tem being absent.

The meeting adjourned at 6:36pm.

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