



CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES

3120 Stonecrest Blvd., Stonecrest, GA 30038

Monday, September 22, 2025, at 6:00 PM

Mayor Jazzmin Cobble

Council Member Tara Graves - District 1 Council Member Terry Fye - 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 6:15pm.

II. ROLL CALL: Sonya Isom, City Clerk

All members were present.

III. INVOCATION: Rev. Dr. Marvin Crawford, First St. Paul African Methodist Episcopal Church

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Alecia Washington, District 3 Councilmember

V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

There was a request to remove the proclamation for National Service Dog Month from this agenda and add it to the October City Council meeting agenda.

Motion – made by Councilmember Tammy Grimes to approve the September 22, 2025, City Council Meeting agenda with the stated changes. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

Motion passed unanimously.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Approval of Meeting Minutes - City Council Meeting, August 25, 2025

Motion – made by Councilmember Tara Graves to approve the meeting minutes from the August 25, 2025, City Council Meeting. Second by Councilmember Tammy Grimes.

Motion passed unanimously.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Citizens wishing to make a public comment may do so in person. Citizens may also submit public comments via email to cityclerk@stonecrestga.gov by 2 pm on the day of the meeting to be read by the City Clerk.

All members of the public wishing to address the City Council shall submit their name and the topic of their comments to the city clerk prior to the start of any meeting held by the City Council. There is a three (3) minute time limit for each speaker submitting or reading a public comment. Individuals will be held to established time limits.

Faye Coffield – Spoke on presentation given by New Birth regarding new development. Expressed concerns about the new housing development being built off Rocksprings Rd. Spoke on homelessness issue that is happening on Panola Rd. She hopes those who are up for re-election are ready to answer the 3 following questions: What have you done? What are you doing? What will you do to keep your campaign promises?

Renee Cail - Requesting that when land developers want to change anything pertaining to zoning laws that the City of Stonecrest takes a closer look at what they are doing before allowing them to do so. Suggests that the city be more mindful of the ways that the community will be affected by those changes.

Rosa Bell - Belmont Hills resident where there was a shooting that took place early September. She wanted to thank the police officers that came out to service the community in a timely fashion, commending them on their promptness, respect, and professionalism.

Donna Priest Brown-(email) - Would like thorough research on the data centers and how they will impact the community before allowing them into DeKalb County. Stated there are some unique challenges and opportunities that should be understood and suggest a community engagement session to review findings and proposed conditions. Also requested adopting clear performance standards in any ordinance or text amendment, including enforceable limits for noise, stormwater, buffers, and generator operations.

Councilman Terry Fye gave a response to Mrs. Bell's public comment.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

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.

When it is your turn to speak, please state your name, address and relationship to the case..

There is a ten (10) minute time limit for each item per side during all public hearings. Only the applicant may reserve time for rebuttal.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

X. APPOINTMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

XI. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

- a.** Proclamation - National Service Dog Month - *Tammy Grimes, District 5 Councilmember*

This item was removed from the agenda.

- b.** Proclamation – Collard Green Festival – *Mayor Pro Tem George Turner*

Mayor Pro Tem Turner invited all to attend the upcoming Collard Green Festival, scheduled to take place on Saturday, September 27th from 12pm-7pm, at the First Afrikan Church, 5197 Salem Road, Stonecrest, Ga 30038. A summary of the proclamation was also read by Mayor Pro Tem Turner.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. For Decision** - Ordinance for Amendment to the Charter of the City of Stonecrest, 2nd Read - *Terry Fye, District 2 Councilmember*

Presentation was given by Councilmember Terry Fye giving an overview and stating that this amendment will change the charter requirement under Section 3.12. The city would be able to hire a contractor or FTE to serve as Internal Auditor and it would also amend the requirements to hear the auditor's requirements not less than biannually.

2nd read of the preamble was given by the City Clerk.

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to approve the Ordinance for Amendment to the Charter of the City of Stonecrest, 2nd Read. Second by Councilmember Tara Graves.

Motion passed unanimously.

- b. For Decision** - Ordinance for Personnel Adjustment, 2nd Read - *City Manager Gia Scruggs*

The presentation was given by City Manager Gia Scruggs, stating that the purpose of this ordinance is to reclassify, create and fund positions to further the operations of the city. This request is for the newly requested or created positions of: Assistant Human Resources Director, Facilities Operations Coordinator and Clerk of Court. There is also a request for reclassification & creation of the following positions: Purchasing Specialist 1, Purchasing Specialist 2, Purchasing Specialist 3, Revenue Specialist 1, Revenue Specialist 2 & Revenue Specialist 3. In addition, there is a request to convert two Part-Time Park Ambassador positions to one Full-Time Park Ambassador position. The funding for these positions is shown in the budget adjustment.

2nd read of the preamble was given by the City Clerk.

Motion – made by Councilmember Tara Graves to approve the Ordinance for Personnel Adjustment, 2nd Read. Second by Councilmember Tammy Grimes.

Motion passed unanimously.

- c. **For Decision** - Approval of EV Charging Stations - GA Power Make Ready Program Acceptance Letter and EnviroSpark Agreement - *Michael McCoy, Deputy City Manager*

The presentation was given by Deputy City Manager Michael McCoy, recognizing the staff that helped move this project through the approval process. The city has applied for the Georgia Powers Make Ready Program, which will invest, own and maintain the make ready charging infrastructures. They will also develop the electrification infrastructure that will provide energy for the stations. To receive a \$0 out of pocket cost, the city has partnered with EnviroSpark and is recommending approval of the agreement. There will be no direct cost to the city as EnviroSpark will install chargers and maintain ongoing maintenance and support for the chargers.

Motion – made by Councilmember Tammy Grimes to approve the EV Charging Stations – GA Power Make Read Program Acceptance Letter and EnviroSpark Agreement with the amended liquidated provisions from \$150 to \$100. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

Motion passed unanimously.

- d. **For Decision** - Contract Amendment for the 2025 Street Resurfacing - *Lakeisha Gaines, Finance Director*

The presentation was led by Finance Director, Lakeisha Gaines, City Engineer, Hari Karikaran and Procurement Manager, Tanisha Boynton. The Procurement and Legal Departments have reviewed the contract amendment. The original contract had 20.37 lane miles, and this amendment will add 6.28 additional lane miles. If approved, the contractor is planning to wrap up milling for all lanes miles including additional miles by end of September, or 1st week in October. There is a budget adjustment included in this amendment that will cover the additional cost, for a total of \$324,482.04. Staff evaluated and decided it was best to take funds from sidewalk construction.

The preamble of the resolution was read by Mayor Cobble.

Motion – made by Mayor Pro Tem George Turner to approve the Contract Amendment for the 2025 Street Resurfacing. Second by Councilmember Tammy Grimes.

Motion passed 4-1 with Councilmember Alecia Washington voting Nay.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **For Decision** - Request to Apply for the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Grant - *Keira Drane, Grants Administrator*

The presentation was given by Administrator Keira Drane, stating the city is seeking approval to apply for the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Grant, which will provide funding for the walking trails program for both Fairington Park and Salem Park. The total grant award maximum amount is \$200,000 and is requiring a 20% minimum match. The resolution will be presented to council once the grant is approved and accepted.

Motion – made by Councilmember Alecia Washington to approve the Request to Apply for the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) Grant. Second by Councilmember Tara Graves.

Motion passed unanimously.

XIV. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Introduction of Attorney Earle Turner, of Denmark Ashby Matricardi, who also serves as the Solicitor for the Municipal Court of Stonecrest.

XV. CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Thanked all staff who played a part in a great event over the weekend. Special thanks to the Parks & Recreation staff, as well as Facilities staff for hosting and putting together this wonderful event for our community. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. We are having several events to recognize and honor survivors and those who are battling this disease.

XVI. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

District 1 – Tara Graves – This Saturday she will be hosting a quarterly Townhall and Hazardous Waste event at City Hall from 1:30pm-3:30pm. There will be light refreshments. Please stop by after the Collard Green Festival.

District 2 – Terry Fye – Thanked all staff, Mayors Office and everyone who participated in Screen on the Green. It was a fantastic event. The residents of Belmont Hills, we hear you and are continuing to monitor the situation and will keep you updated. Ms. Coffield, we are addressing the code enforcement issues and monitoring Panola Road, working towards resolutions.

District 3 – Alecia Washington – District 1 & District 3 are having a spring household hazardous waste event on September 27, 2025, at the City Hall from 8am-3pm. She will also be hosting a town hall with District 1. Please come out for a Q&A.

District 4 – Mayor Pro Tem George Turner – Recognized the Police Officer who fell in the line of duty at the CDC, as well as the 20-year fireman lost in DeKalb County, who were both heroes. Thank you for your service. All are invited to the Collard Green Festival starting at 12:00 noon on Saturday, at First African Church on Salem Road. The Screen on the Green was a wonderful event.

District 5 – Tammy Grimes – Will host a “Talk with Tammy” on September 25th from 6:00pm-7:30pm. On October 11th there will be Part 2 of the CPR Event, from 12:00pm-3:00pm with Heart for Life. Sign up via QR Code. Pleased to acknowledge Lakeitha Grey from the Parks Department. The Childhood Cancer Event was mind blowing, along with her help with Screen on the Green. September is Suicide Prevention Month. Recognized a 14-year-old from Lithonia Middle School that lost his life. Please keep his family, teachers, administration and students in your prayers.

Mayor Cobble – Looking forward to the 7th Annual Screen on the Green. To see it transform from a council district event to a large city-wide event is amazing. October 11th at 9am is our “Walk with the Mayors” event, including Mayor Shameka Reynolds, City of Lithonia Mayor. We will meet at the Arabia Mountain trails. The City of Stonecrest is happy to be the host city for the HBCU Classic, hosting the bands, coaches, training staff and cheerleaders as we partner with the 100 Black Men.

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(When an executive session is required, one will be called for the following issues: 1) Personnel, 2) Litigation, 3) Real Estate, 4) Cyber Security

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion – made by Councilmember Tammy Grimes to adjourn the meeting. Second by Mayor Pro Tem George Turner.

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.

Americans with Disabilities Act

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