



CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES

3120 Stonecrest Blvd., Stonecrest, GA 30038

Thursday, May 29, 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 was called to order at 6:09pm.

This meeting is normally scheduled for the 4th Monday of the month; however, this meeting date was adjusted due to the Memorial Day Holiday.

II. ROLL CALL: Sonya Isom, City Clerk

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

III. INVOCATION: Senior Pastor Dr. Kerwin B. Lee, Berean Christian Church

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

V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

There was a request to add the following items under New Business:

Ordinance for TMOD 25-001 Abandoned Shopping Carts, 1st Read as item a.

Ordinance for TMOD 25-002 Multifamily Rental Dwellings, 1st Read as item b.

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to approve the agenda with the stated adjustments. Second by Councilmember Tammy Grimes.

Motion passed unanimously.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of Meeting Minutes - City Council Meeting, April 28, 2025

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to approve the minutes from the City Council Meeting, April 28, 2025. 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.

Dave Marcus – Concerns about the hiring of an internal auditor, audit results and reports, meeting with staff regarding the Botanical Garden, and council being proactive.

Jeremy Scott- Concerned about the homeless problem within the city, trash issues around the city economic development in the city and uniform requirements for all schools within the city limits.

Nicole Fyffe- Opposed to the Stonecrest Industrial Council, stated the city is in need of life saving services and believes residents should decide how their tax dollars are allocated.

Marie Colson- Opposed to the Stonecrest Industrial Council, stated residents should decide where their tax dollars should be used and concerned about there being no emergency services within the city limits.

Ann Marie Fyffe- Stated Stonecrest needs a properly funded police department and is also opposed to the Stonecrest Industrial Council.

Mercedes Fyffe- Opposed to the Stonecrest Industrial Council.

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.

- a. **Public Hearing** - Ordinance for RZ 24-005 1810 Coffee Road & 6821 Stonecrest Industrial Way - *Shawanna Qawiy, Division Director Community Development*

Presentation by Director Qawiy stating the applicant is seeking a rezoning and map amendment of parcels from M-2 (Heavy Industrial) to M (Light Industrial) to develop a light-industrial/manufacturing use. There was a review of the background, public participation, future land use designation/map, zoning map, aerial/location map, submitted survey, rezoning plan, aerial photo, staff recommendations and stated conditions.

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to open public hearing for Ordinance for RZ 24-005 1810 Coffee Road & 6821 Stonecrest Industrial Way. Second by Councilmember Tara Graves.

Motion passed unanimously.

Comments were made by the applicant, Mr. Mahoney, stating the request is for a small-scale distribution center similar to the Pepsi building. They agree to all staff conditions, stating condition seven is not necessary.

In Favor

None

In Opposition

None

Motion – made by Councilmember Tammy Grimes to close public hearing for Ordinance for RZ 24-005 1810 Coffee Road & 6821 Stonecrest Industrial Way. Second by Councilmember Tara Graves.

Motion passed unanimously.

- b. **For Decision** - Ordinance for RZ 24-005 1810 Coffee Road & 6821 Stonecrest Industrial Way - *Shawanna Qawiy, Division Director Community Development*

The applicant offered adding an eighth condition stating the site will be developed in accordance to the site shown. Mayor Cobble asked the council to approve with the eighth condition restricting the usage to distribution. The client was not willing to agree with the eighth condition as requested and suggested wording the condition different, stating the site plan would be developed as needed.

The preamble was read by the City Clerk.

Motion – made by Councilmember Tara Graves to table this item to allow time for the applicant to contact the client and come back to council after Reports and Presentations. Second by Councilmember Tammy Grimes.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion – made by Councilmember Tara Graves to defer this item to the next city council meeting. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

Motion failed 3-2 with Councilmembers Terry Fye, Mayor Pro Tem George Turner & Tammy Grimes voting Nay.

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to approve Ordinance for RZ 24-005 1810 Coffee Road & 6821 Stonecrest Industrial Way with the seven conditions. Second by Mayor Pro Tem George Turner.

Motion failed 3-2 with Councilmembers Tara Graves, Alecia Washington & Tammy Grimes voting Nay.

Motion – made by Councilmember Tara Graves to approve Ordinance for RZ 24-005 1810 Coffee Road & 6821 Stonecrest Industrial Way with an 8th condition for distribution only. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

Motion passed 4-1 with Councilmember Terry Fye voting Nay.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

X. APPOINTMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

XI. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

a. Stonecrest Industrial Council - *Mayor Pro Tem George Turner*

Presentation by Mayor Pro Tem George Turner stating the intent to activate the Lithonia Industrial Boulevard CID as the Charter allows. It was noted that to move as such, some regulations must take place before activation. There was recognition of Mr. Bernard Knight, Mr. Gregory Wright, and the other members, noting this year the Stonecrest Industrial Council is celebrating 4 years and he would like to recognize their efforts. A proclamation was given by the city for their 4th anniversary and extraordinary leadership.

b. Municipal Court Clerk's Week - *Mayor Jazzmin Cobble*

Presentation by Mayor Cobble, presenting a proclamation to Court Administrator Mallory Q. Minor and Court Clerk Victoria Harris-Ferguson in recognition of the Municipal Court Clerks Week, June 9-13, 2025. The Municipal Court was acknowledged for the vital services they perform and their exemplary dedication to the communities.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

a. For Discussion – Ordinance for Abandoned Shopping Carts, 1st Read – *Terry Fye, District 2 Councilmember*

Presentation by Councilmember Terry Fye stating this is a procedural request to have the ordinance put into record as the 1st Read and to officially move the item through the process to be added to the city code. He stated the public has two opportunities to talk to the council. Mayor Pro Tem Turner confirmed all is in order.

Attorney Denmark stated the open meetings act does allow for items to be walked on the agenda, but we must articulate the reason it is necessary and proper. It was stated the council and public were properly notified and that there is urgency with matters relating to public safety.

The City Clerk gave the 1st read of the preamble.

b. For Discussion – Ordinance for TMOD 25-002 Multifamily Rental Dwellings – *Tammy Grimes, District 5 Councilmember*

There was a presentation by Councilmember Tammy Grimes stating this item was initially heard at the Work Session on May 12th and that there are a significant number of violations taking place in single and multi-family rental dwellings, stating it is time to take action to bring a level of pride and consistency. Some citizens are living in unsafe conditions. If citizens need to speak with Councilwoman Grimes, please reach out to her.

The City Clerk gave the 1st read of the preamble.

XIV. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS

None

XV. CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Gave a recap of accomplishments for the month, mentioning the Momentum Financial program that was offered to City of Stonecrest employees and held in conjunction the Georgia Municipal Association and the Benefits and Wellness Committee. She acknowledged the 16 employees that took part in the Momentum Program. Thank you to employees for staying engaged. There was a recap of new hires, comp plan initiatives, and the Stonecrest app. The City of Stonecrest is looking for the citizen who suggested the name for the city app: Hey Stonecrest. Please reach out to the City of Stonecrest to receive your token of appreciation. Thanks to the Parks staff for a successful pool party.

XVI. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

District 1 – Tara Graves – Congrats to the Class of 2025. On June 28th, she will host a town hall at City Hall along with a hazardous waste event to be held at both City Hall and Fairington Park between the hours of 1:30pm-3:30pm.

District 2 – Terry Fye – None

District 3 – Alecia Washington – Thanks to everyone who donated and supported the Spring Clean-Up event. Congratulations to the Class of 2025 graduates. Believe in yourself and your abilities to pursue your dreams. Don't forget to take God along the way.

District 4 – Mayor Pro Tem George Turner – Assembled at Salem Park to celebrate the life of Mr. Curtis Nelson, who passed away two years ago in this day, and was an advocate for cleaning up Stonecrest, who along with Mr. Darryl Andrews spent many days patrolling Salem, Panola, and Evans Mill areas. Members of the community celebrated him by having a trash pickup. Shout out all graduates. Congratulations Stonecrest as things are improving.

District 5 – Tammy Grimes – Today was the last day of school and she is standing behind graduates. On May 30th, from 5pm-9pm at City Hall, please join her for a CPR course. On June 5th from 6pm- 7:30pm she will host Talk with Tammy in the Council Chambers. On June 7th, at 8:30am, District 5 Clean-Up will take place. Open to going to any areas that are in need of a clean-up.

Mayor Jazzmin Cobble – Had the pleasure of being the keynote speaker for the Chapel Hill Middle School Graduation. On Saturday, June 7th before Councilwoman Grimes’ clean up event, Mayor will participate in the I am Father 5K Walk in Stonecrest. If you would like to register for a team, please visit: www.iamafather5k.org

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

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to enter executive session for personnel, litigation, real estate and cyber security. Second by Councilmember Tara Graves.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to exit executive session and return to regular scheduled city council meeting. Second by Tammy Grimes.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion – made by Councilmember Tammy Grimes to approve the executive session minutes. Second by Mayor Pro Tem George Turner.

Motion passed unanimously.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to adjourn the meeting. Second by Councilmember Tammy Grimes.

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

Americans with Disabilities Act

The City of Stonecrest does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its programs, services, activities and employment practices.

If you need auxiliary aids and services for effective communication (such as a sign language interpreter, an assistive listening device or print material in digital format) or reasonable modification to programs, services or activities contact the ADA Coordinator, Sonya Isom, as soon as possible, preferably 2 days before the activity or event.