



CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL PLANNING RETREAT

8000 Capps Ferry Road, Douglasville, Georgia 30135

Friday, February 7, 2025, Saturday, February 8, 2025, and Sunday, February 9, 2025

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

MINUTES

The attendees were as follows:

Jazzmin Cobble, Mayor (day 1), Tara Graves, District 1, Terry Fye, District 2, Alecia Washington, District 3, George Turner, Mayor Pro Tem, District 4, Tammy Grimes, District 5 (zoom on day 2), Gia Scruggs, City Manager (day 1), Sonya Isom, City Clerk (day 1), Winston Denmark, City Attorney, Alicia Thompson, Attorney (day 1).

GMA Staff - Pam Helton, Director of Member Services, Freddie Broome, Director of Community and Workforce Culture, Terrell Jacobs, City Manager, Albany

Friday, February 7, 2025 @ 6:00pm

The meeting began at 6:40pm with an introduction by Pam Helton, Freddie Broome and Terrell Jacobs of GMA. Attendees participated in a vision board team building exercise, working together and showing their vision of the city.

Saturday, February 8, 2025 @ 9:00am

The meeting began at 9:00am with an ice breaker and a review of the agenda. Council was also invited to submit pre-meeting questions.

- **Proposed Departmental Restructuring Recommendation**
There was a review of departmental restructuring recommendations including details, description, changes, proposed name changes, and why. It was confirmed that each department has its own budget, aligning the code with the budget. It was stated that Council members can make informed decisions, align policies with operational realities, and set realistic goals for the city. This structure fosters transparency, improves communication between staff and elected officials, and helps identify opportunities for interdepartmental collaboration.

- **FY25 City Services Goals by Department**
Members spoke of aligning goals with the FY25 budget. There was a review of additional services per department. Citizens will be able to see all plans online, along with progress. Goals were set for the City Manager, City Departments, and citywide initiatives to ensure alignment, accountability, and strategic progress.

There was a review of the job description for the Public Safety Director. It has been reviewed and is ready to go out. There was a discussion on the Finance Department and expected dates for completion of the audits. Clarity was given on the Finance Director position, which should be approved via the city charter.

- **Identify FY25 Tasks from Approved City Plans**
Action items from the approved work plans of Stonecrest were submitted, indicating the status of each of the action items in each plan. It was noted that there have been significant improvements made in each section of the various plans, showing the determination of Stonecrest officials to create a vibrant and sustainable community.

Sunday, February 9, 2025 @ 9:00am

- **Identify FY25 District Specific Goals**
There was a detailed review of district goals by each council member, for their individual district.
- **Discuss FY25 Legislative Goals (City and State)**
Current legislative bills that are being considered were reviewed and everyone was reminded to participate in the Friday Legislative Calls for updates on legislative action GMA monitors.
- **Finalize FY25 Comprehensive City Goals List**
The council reviewed the city's comprehensive list, which included a detailed review of projects, including plan recommendations.
- **Roles and Responsibilities (Legal)**
There was a detailed discussion on the roles and responsibilities of all council members.
- **Adjournment**
The meeting adjourned at 12:30pm.