



## **CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA**

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### **SPECIAL CALLED MEETING WITH SPLOST, PARKS AND REC, FINANCE OVERSIGHT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES-MINUTES**

**3120 Stonecrest Blvd., Stonecrest, GA 30038**

**Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 6:00 PM**

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*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:** George Turner, Mayor Pro-Tem

The meeting was called to order at 6:08pm.

#### **II. ROLL CALL:** Sonya Isom, City Clerk

All members were present with Councilmember Rob Turner present via zoom and Councilmember Alecia Washington arriving after rollcall.

The following committee members were present:

SPLOST Oversight Advisory Committee – CM Tammy Grimes, CM Rob Turner, Donna Priest-Brown

Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee – CM Tara Graves, Karyl Clayton, Ieisha Fuller

Finance Oversight Committee – MPT George Turner, LaKeisha Swanson, Dave Marcus

Transportation Advisory Committee – MPT George Turner, CM Tammy Grimes, Alan Burnette  
Mayor Cobble was present and is an ex-officio member of each Committee.

#### **III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Pro Tem Turner opened the floor for any Public Comments. There were none.

City Manager Gia Scruggs gave an introduction to new Directors, Sedric Swan, Parks and Recreation Director, and James Upchurch, Communications Director, who were both present. There was also mention of additional new staff, Keisha Franklin, Finance Director, Christian Green, Economic Development Director and Patrick Moran, Chief Building Official. The Planning and Zoning Director position is currently vacant, with hopes to fill as soon as possible.

## **IV. AGENDA ITEMS**

### **a. Review of FY24 Departmental Requests**

Introduction by City Manager Gia Scruggs, stating the city is anticipating and looking forward to the FY 24 budget as there are several new Directors, which hit the ground running. City Manager Scruggs gave a review of the remainder of the 2024 Budget Calendar. This has been a year of plans, including master plans and at the end of this year/beginning of next year, the public will begin to see the effects.

There was a review of FY24 departmental requests, including the Mayor-Council, City Clerk, City Manager and Legal budgets. There was also an explanation of the process taken to get to the requests being presented today. City Manager Scruggs is encouraging participation from the public, as well as recommendations and suggestions.

There was information shared on ARPA expenditures, and audit information, including infractions of the past causing the audits to be delayed. It was stated the city's Internal Auditor has given a work plan to the City Council and once it is completed, the city's Internal Auditor will come and give a presentation to the City Council.

There was ask of a possible tree ordinance, council responsiveness to citizens, support of the Charter Review Committee and notifications for citizens in regard to zoning requests.

There was also a review of professional services for the city. In addition, there was a detailed discussion of the Parks and Recreation budget request, including additional staff requests, park improvements, and a nature program. There was also discussion pertaining to funding an IT Manager position as well as other positions for that department.

Communications Director James Upchurch discussed increasing communication with the public via postcards, etc. The city is looking forward to resetting Stonecrest.

The city has contracted Tyer Technologies for financial management and court software. There was a request for a business incubator, which would assist new businesses with getting started.

### **b. Proposed FY24 Capital Improvement Projects**

Presentation by City Engineer, Hari Karikaran on 2024 SPLOST projects and projected revenue. There was a review of 2024 expenditures, including road paving, freight cluster study projects, quick response projects, SPLOST management, traffic signal maintenance, and the Covington Highway sidewalk. City Engineer Karikaran also discussed building upgrades, light upgrades, park and gateway monument, bridge scape & streetscape and way finding and other signs. There was also an overview of the SPLOST II funding category, as adopted by the council.

### **c. For Discussion – Recommendations from committee members or the public**

There was a request for the project list to be posted on the city's website.

Mayor Pro Tem George Turner stated if there are any additional comments or questions, citizens are asked to contact the Committee Chair or Committee Members, Council Member, or email the City Manager.

Mayor Cobble made a plea for citizens to join the city's committees and be engaged throughout the year. She spoke of the importance of committee work, engagement, and participation. Volunteers are welcome. Don't be spectators, be participants.

City Manager Scruggs stated the next milestone is the presentation at the October Work Session. The City Manager will discuss feedback from this meeting with the department heads.

## **V. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.

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