



## CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

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### CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING – MINUTES

3120 Stonecrest Blvd., Stonecrest, GA 30038

Wednesday, September 06, 2023 at 5:00 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 began at 5:10pm

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

All members are present with the exception of Mayor Cobble.

**III. AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. For Decision** - Resolution for Adoption of SPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement and Resolution - *Hari Karikaran, City Engineer*

City Engineer Hari Karikaran stated that the City Attorney has worked with DeKalb County to establish several resolutions. There is an IGA between DeKalb County and the City of Stonecrest to collect and distribute SPLOST II proceeds as well as another resolution put in place for the city to sell general obligation bonds.

City Attorney Alicia Thompson was present via zoom and confirmed there are currently three resolutions before council. She is asking that the first resolution, for project funding allocations, get reviewed and approved first due to the resolution coming before council previously and the numbers being finalized recently by DeKalb County for SPLOST. Attorney Thompson is asking that the numbers that were previously approved are amended to reflect the newly presented numbers, and also to approve the project allocation funding. The project funding amount is \$70,863,281.00. The preamble was read by the City Clerk.

**Motion 1** – made by Councilmember Rob Turner to approve the project funding allocation for SPLOST. Seconded by Councilmember Tara Graves.

Councilmember Tammy Grimes asked if stating SPLOST II was needed for the motion.

**Amended Motion 1** – made by Councilmember Rob Turner to approve the project funding allocation for SPLOST II for the City of Stonecrest. Seconded by Councilmember Tara Graves.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

City Engineer Karikaran stated this resolution is a referendum resolution to authorize the issuance of a bond not to exceed 40,690,000.00. The distribution of this bond is between years 2025 and 2030. Mayor Pro Tem George Turner stated the city is estimating they would like to collect approximately \$70,000,000.00. He stated that although the city cannot get this in advance, they can pass a bond resolution to obtain a portion of it in advance, if successful in selling the bonds.

City Attorney Thompson asked that the resolution for the IGA goes second and the bond referendum resolution goes third.

City Engineer Karikaran gave an overview of the resolution and language, authorizing the execution of the IGA. City Attorney Thompson stated that pursuant to Georgia law, the SPLOST can be for a five or six-year period and if the city and county issuing the SPLOST would like to extend the time frame, the city would have to enter into an IGA with the county. This is due to it being a six-year SPLOST and not a five-year SPLOST. The preamble was read by the City Clerk.

**Motion 2** – made by Councilmember Rob Turner to approve the resolution for adoption of the SPLOST II Intergovernmental Agreement and Resolution. Seconded by Councilmember Tara Graves.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

City Attorney Thompson stated the amount is different from the amount that the city will be receiving for SPLOST because the proposal from the city's bond attorney is to only approve 80% of the SPLOST revenue. This is a way for the city to receive the money up front which is the purpose of the bond. City Attorney Thompson also stated that for a city or municipality to issue a bond using SPLOST funds, the question asking citizens if they would like to use the funds to issue a bond must be on the November election ballot. The preamble was read by the City Clerk.

**Motion 3** – made by Councilmember Tammy Grimes to approve the Referendum Resolution 2023 SPLOST II for bonding. Seconded by Councilmember Rob Turner.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- b. For Decision** - Resolution for Right-of-Way Dedication and Acceptance at 6030 Hillandale Drive - *Hari Karikaran, City Engineer*

City Engineer Hari Karikaran stated there was a land development project at 6030 Hillandale Drive and the application was submitted in November, 2020, receiving land disturbance and other permits. During construction and while checking on sign permits, it

was noticed there was an opportunity to obtain the required right-of-way for Hillandale Road. The applicant obliged and dedicated that section of the right of way to make it uniform. The total right-of-way at this location is 120 feet and staff would like to make it uniform throughout that section of Hillandale. The applicant dedicated that section, and this will be free of charge for Stonecrest citizens.

Mayor Pro Tem Turner asked about the uniqueness of this dedication. City Engineer Karikaran stated Chapter 14 section 191 of the land development code requires that all new developments dedicate a right-of-way free of charge with a deed. After being accepted by council, the applicant will register the record with the recorders court and the GIS department will adjust the right-of-way and it will become a part of the City of Stonecrest.

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Rob Turner to approve the Resolution for Right-of-Way Dedication and Acceptance at 6030 Hillandale Drive. Seconded by Councilmember Tara Graves.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

The preamble was read by the City Clerk.

#### **COMMENTS**

City Manager Gia Scruggs introduced Sedrick Swan as the new Director of Parks and Recreation.

Councilmember Tammy Grimes mentioned that she would like to remind everyone who has been in the loop with the c word (cancer) to please come out to Family Fun Day for children as September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. The event will take place at Browns Mill Park on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> from 11am-3pm.

#### **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 Rob Turner to adjourn the Special Called meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Tammy Grimes.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:38pm.

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