

**STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DEKALB
CITY OF STONECREST**

RESOLUTION NO. ____ - _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RECONSTITUTION OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA AND APPOINTING MEMBERS.

WHEREAS, the City of Stonecrest (“City”) was created by Senate Bill 208, passed in the Georgia General Assembly during the 2016 Session and subsequently confirmed by referendum; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 208 provided a charter for the City of Stonecrest (the “City Charter”); and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 21, passed in the Georgia General Assembly during the 2021 Session and subsequently signed into law on April 2, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Section 1.03(b)(42) of the City Charter grants the City the power to exercise and enjoy all other powers, functions and rights necessary or desirable to promote the general welfare of the City and its inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, Section 7 of Senate Bill 21 amended Section 2.11 to read as follows:
*(c)(1) The city council shall have the power by ordinance or resolution to establish oversight, policy, and standing committees of the council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Stonecrest determined that it was in the best interest of the City and its citizens to establish the Economic Development Plan Steering Committee of the City of Stonecrest, Georgia, for the purpose of providing input and insights to City staff to ensure the views of the business community are represented; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to reconstitute the Economic Development Plan Steering Committee for 2023.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA, as follows:

SECTION I: ESTABLISHMENT

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE AND AUTHORIZATION: The City Council of the City of Stonecrest affirms that creating this committee is an opportunity for the City to affect substantive improvements to the City's business community through workforce development, employment opportunities for City residents, increased diversity of businesses, professional offices and services, and a higher quality of life for all residents. To further help accomplish this vision, there is hereby established the Economic Development Plan Steering Committee of the City of Stonecrest, Georgia (hereinafter referred to as the "Economic Development Plan Steering Committee").

SECTION II: MISSION AND DUTIES

The mission of the Economic Development Plan Steering Committee is to support efforts towards diverse and sustainable economic vitality within the community. The purpose of the EDPSC is:

1. To provide a forum for exchanging ideas and information to address the needs of the business community to better serve the City of Stonecrest residents and visitors;
2. To promote business development and provide input and ideas for increasing diversity of businesses and services, and a higher quality of life for all residents;
3. To ensure that each district of the City is represented and has the opportunity to advocate for the views of the business community.

SECTION III: MEMBERSHIP

The Economic Development Plan Steering Committee shall be composed of twelve (12) members, two (2) of which shall be Councilmembers appointed by the City Council to serve as ~~ex-officio,~~ ~~non-voting~~ members of the Committee. The City Council shall establish qualifications for members of the Economic Development Plan Steering Committee except that each Economic Development Plan Steering Committee member must be either a resident of the City or a non-resident who are regional partners of the City of Stonecrest. Each committee person shall be nominated and approved by the City Council. Members must attend two-thirds (2/3) of the Economic Development Plan Steering Committee meetings in a calendar year. Failure to do so warrants removal from the Committee. This committee is a ad hoc committee and will schedule meetings on an ad hoc basis based on the availability of the Committee members.

SECTION IV: TERMS

Each member shall serve from January to December of each year or until the purpose of the committee is complete which date comes first. Members filling vacancies shall serve the remainder of the term to which they were appointed. A consecutive appointment is permissible. Members whose terms expire shall continue to serve until a replacement is appointed or a consecutive appointment is made. Any member may be removed with or without cause by the City Council.

SECTION V: COMPENSATION

Economic Development Plan Steering Committee members will serve without compensation. Reasonable expenses for travel may be reimbursed

SECTION VI: QUORUM

A majority of the actual number of Economic Development Plan Steering Committee members establishes a quorum. Any action taken requires a majority of affirmative votes of the quorum present.

SECTION VII: GOVERNANCE

The Economic Development Plan Steering Committee shall adopt its rules of procedure, which shall be substantially similar to the rules of procedure of the City Council. The Economic Development Plan Steering Committee shall set its own meeting schedule and establish the meeting agendas. The date and time of each meeting as well as agenda items to be considered shall be publicized in the same manner as meetings of the City Council. All meetings shall be open to the public and all records maintained by the Economic Development Plan Steering Committee shall be public records unless expressly exempted by a provision of the Georgia Open Records Act. The Economic Development Plan Steering Committee shall keep minutes of its proceedings, showing the vote of each member upon each question, and shall maintain records of its examinations and other official actions all of which shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk. Copies of the minutes shall be sent to the Mayor and each member of the City Council. At each meeting, the public shall be granted time for public comment. The Economic Development Plan Steering Committee shall elect a chairman to conduct meetings and a vice chairman to conduct meetings in the absence of the chairman. Elections shall be held at the first regular meeting of the calendar year. The chairman shall serve for one (1) year or until re-elected or a successor is elected. The vice chairman shall serve for one (1) year or until re-elected or a successor is elected. The Committee shall select one of its members to serve as the secretary. The Economic Development Plan Steering Committee will report either in person or in writing to the Mayor and City Council

at a time to be established by the City Council and the Economic Development Plan Steering Committee.

SECTION VIII: MEMBERS

The current members of the Economic Development Plan Steering Committee are as follows:

1. Joe Coleman
2. Revonda Cosby
3. Andrew Wells
4. Thad Mayfield
5. Dave Marcus
6. Dorian DeBarr
7. Christopher Seabrook
8. Jetha Wagner
9. Mindal Patel
10. Sid Barron
11. Shelbia Jackson

The 2023 members of the Economic Development Plan Steering Committee are as follows:

1. Bernard Knight
2. Revonda Cosby
3. Andrew Wells
4. Thad Mayfield
5. Dave Marcus
6. Dorian Debarr
7. Chris Seabrook

8. Jetha Wagner
9. Minal Patel
10. Sid Barron
11. Shelbia Jackson
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SECTION IX: ENFORCEMENT AND SEVERABILITY

(a) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that all sections, paragraphs, sentences, clauses and phrases of this Resolution are or were, upon their enactment, believed by the Mayor and Council to be fully valid, enforceable and constitutional.

(b) It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, each and every section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is severable from every other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution. It is hereby further declared to be the intention of the Mayor and Council that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, no section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution is mutually dependent upon any other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this Resolution.

(c) In the event that any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this Resolution shall, for any reason whatsoever, be declared invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, it is the express intent of the Mayor and Council that such invalidity, unconstitutionality or unenforceability shall, to the greatest extent allowed by law, not render invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise unenforceable any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or

sections of the Resolution and that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, all remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of the Resolution shall remain valid, constitutional, enforceable, and of full force and effect.

SECTION X REPEAL OF CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS

All resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION XI EFFECTIVE DATE OF RESOLUTION

This Resolution shall become effective upon the date of approval and execution by the Mayor and Council of the City of Stonecrest, Georgia.

SO RESOLVED, this _____ day of _____, _____.

CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

Jazzmin Cobble, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney