



CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING – MINUTES

3120 Stonecrest Blvd., Stonecrest, GA 30038

Monday, November 07, 2022 at 5:00 PM

Mayor Jazzmin Cobble

Council Member Tara Graves - District 1 Council Member Rob Turner - District 2

District 3 - Vacant 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 started at 5:03 pm.

II. ROLL CALL: Sonya Isom, City Clerk

All members present. Legal representation Attorney Young Tae present via Zoom.

III. AGENDA ITEMS

a. For Decision - Resolution to Extend City Manager Vacancy - Mayor Pro Tem George Turner

George Turner, Mayor Pro Tem, confirmed there has been a vacancy in the City Manager's Office for the last 48 days and there are 42 days left to fill the vacancy. There is a request to extend the vacancy for an additional 90 days which would extend the vacancy thru March 16, 2023.

Councilmember Tara Graves asked for clarity on line 27 in the Resolution. Mayor Cobble stated the City's attorney would send an updated Resolution to clarify line 27 and references to the Acting City Manager appointment. Mayor Pro Tem requested that the needed corrections be stated. Mayor Cobble stated lines 22 - 24, 27 and 28 would be removed. Mayor Cobble also stated that all language referring to the Acting City Manager appointment would be removed.

Councilmember Tara Graves asked if the Resolution could be approved at a later Council Meeting so that Council would have time to review it with the updated changes.

Motion - made by Councilmember Rob Turner to defer the decision on the resolution to extend the City Manager vacancy until the November 14, 2022 Special Called Meeting.

Councilmember Tammy Grimes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

b. For Decision - Procurement Resolution for Executive Search Firm for City Manager - Mayor Pro Tem George Turner

Mayor Pro Tem George Turner gave an introduction. Mayor Cobble clarified this was not a Resolution but a resolve to a procurement process. Council will get together to authorize a Resolution for an Executive Search Firm to begin the process.

Mayor Pro Tem George Turner stated although it is not a requirement, Council and the community would like for a nationwide search to happen for the City Manager's position. Mayor Cobble confirmed this will come from the FY 22 Budget and Finance will determine which procurement method will be used to establish this service.

Councilmember Graves asked about a timeframe for this item. Mayor Pro Tem stated as quickly as possible and he would like to see the competitive 30 day bid process. Councilmember Tara Graves stated that she would like to see an emergency procurement. Councilmember Tammy Grimes stated that with the need being as soon as possible, she would also like to see an emergency procurement. Councilmember Rob Turner stated that because the City has been without a City Manager, he would also like to see an emergency procurement for this process. Mayor Pro Tem stated this is an urgency but not an emergency.

Mayor Jazzmin Cobble stated she wants to ensure this request constitutes an emergency based on the policy. Councilmember Tammy Grimes asked the City Attorney to clarify whether or not the city has an emergency in this situation. City Attorney Young Tae stated this does constitute this as an emergency.

Motion - made by Councilmember Tara Graves to instruct the Finance management team to execute an emergency procurement for the Executive Search Firm to hire a City Manager. Councilmember Tammy Grimes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

c. For Decision - Berry Dunn/Georgia Piedmont ARPA Grant consideration - Mayor Pro Tem George Turner

William Smith, Economic Development Director, gave a brief overview of what purpose this facility would serve. Georgia Piedmont has illustrated there is a need, as in actual trucks and training logistic drivers that will go into the workforce. This will allow them to move expeditiously in acquiring trucks and training drivers. Mr. Smith stated that every level of Administration, County, Federal and State has given a significant amount in supporting this facility.

Mayor Pro Tem George Turner recommended that Council donate \$500,000.00 to the Georgia Piedmont project thru the ARPA funds for vehicles and any other needs. Councilmember Rob Turner inquired as to the total costs of the entire project. William Smith stated the estimated costs, if project is approved, is approximately \$13,000,000.

Councilmember Tammy Grimes asked for clarification on the uses of the funds and the purchasing of trucks. William Smith clarified Georgia Piedmont's need for the funding to be available in order to secure trucks.

Councilmember Tara Graves stated that she spoke with Berry Dunn, who agreed this would be a great use of ARPA funding.

Councilmember Tammy Grimes asked William Smith to clarify the greatest need is large scale vehicles. William Smith confirmed that was correct. William Smith stated council has the latitude to keep the allocation broad with the understanding that staff will come back with a MOU. Mayor Cobble suggested whatever MOU or reporting mechanism created for Georgia Piedmont be applied to the 12 schools in the Educational Support Program, in regards to ARPA funding.

Motion – made by Councilmember Rob Turner to instruct Berry Dunn to qualify Georgia Piedmont Technical College to receive a \$500,000 grant from ARPA funds. Councilmember Tara Graves seconded.

Mayor Cobble asked for clarification on what council is asking of Berry Dunn and what Berry Dunn's process is for qualifying. Councilmember Rob Turner gave his definition of qualifying in regard to instructions given to Berry Dunn.

Berry Dunn gave an explanation and stated the eligible and ineligible uses under ARPA. There was more discussion about qualification and how to proceed.

The previous motion was withdrawn by Councilmember Rob Turner and a substitute motion stated.

Motion – made by Councilmember Rob Turner to instruct staff to bring back an MOU in reference to the \$500,000.00 that Council will allocate to Georgia Piedmont through ARPA funding. Councilmember Tara Graves seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

d. For Discussion/Decision - Renewal of GMA Benefits, Open Enrollment - *Steven McClure*

Human Resources Director Steve McClure gave a presentation in regard to seeking approval to add an HMO to the benefits package.

Mayor Cobble and Councilmember Grimes questioned when this would be applicable for staff. HR Director Steve McClure confirmed GMA is ready now, and the HMO would be available during this current open enrollment period and take effect January 2023.

Motion - made by Councilmember Tammy Grimes to give GMA authority to add HMO as a third option to the current benefits package and have Mayor Cobble execute the benefits declaration page. Councilmember Rob Tuner seconded.

Councilmember Tara Graves asked if we are required to have a third option and if that option was HMO. Steve McClure stated that employees have asked for a third option and HMO is the only other option available with GMA.

Motion passed unanimously.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(When an executive session is required, one will be called for the following issues: 1) Personnel, 2) Litigation, 3) Real Estate)

a. Personnel, Real Estate, Legal Matters and Cyber Security

Motion - made by Councilmember Tara Graves to go into Executive Session for personnel matters. Councilmember Tara Graves seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion - made by Councilmember Rob Turner to come out of Executive Session and return to the Special Called Meeting. Councilmember Tammy Grimes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion - made by Councilmember Tammy Grimes to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes. Councilmember Tara Graves seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem George Turner opened the meeting for Council comments.

Councilmember Tammy Grimes - V. O. T. E. Encouraged everyone to vote.

Councilmember Rob Turner – Encouraged everyone to vote.

Mayor Pro Tem – Veteran’s Day is tomorrow and thanked Councilmember Tara Graves for her service.

Motion - made by Councilmember Rob Turner to adjourn the Special Called meeting. Councilmember Tammy Grimes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.

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