

STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF DEKALB
CITY OF STONECREST

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-01-04

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE TRANSPORTATION, INFRASTRUCTURE,
PARKS, SPLOST COMMITTEE ("T.I.P.S. COMMITTEE") OF THE CITY OF
STONECREST, GEORGIA; APPOINTING THE INITIAL MEMBERS; TO
REPEAL CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR
SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR OTHER LAWFUL
PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the governing authority of the City of Stonecrest ("City") is the Mayor and
Council ("City Council"); and

WHEREAS, the City Council is authorized by O.C.G.A. § 36-35-3 to adopt ordinances
and resolutions relating to its property, affairs, and local government; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have been authorized by the Charter of the City
of Stonecrest ("City Charter"), as amended by Senate Bill 21, adopted April 1, 2021, by ordinance
or resolution, to establish oversight, policy, and standing committees of the council; and

WHEREAS, 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, the governing authority of the City has determined that it is in the best interest
of the City and its citizens to establish a standing committee known as the Transportation,
Infrastructure, Parks, SPLOST Committee ("T.I.P.S. Committee") of the City of Stonecrest,
Georgia; and

WHEREAS, it is the governing authority's desire that the T.I.P.S. Committee provide a
forum dedicated to overseeing and managing various aspects related to the key areas of

Transportation, Infrastructure, Parks, SPLOST for the City and discussing best practices and strategies in these areas for the Stonecrest and community.

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 OF THE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE PARKS AND SPLOST ("T.I.P.S. Committee") AND AUTHORIZATION

In response to the City of Stonecrest's overall values and changing needs related to the City's population, the Mayor and Council hereby establish the Transportation, Infrastructure, Parks, SPLOST Committee ("T.I.P.S. Committee") to advise and engage with the City Council for such duration as Mayor and Council may desire. Creating this Committee is an opportunity for the City to shape substantive policy in the areas of Transportation, Infrastructure, Parks and SPLOST in order to move projects forward, understand comprehensive readiness and to transform our City into one defined by the collective pursuit of a high quality of life for all residents.

SECTION II

MISSION AND DUTIES

The mission of the T.I.P.S. Committee is to address policy and proposals in the areas of transportation, infrastructure, parks and SPLOST through recommendations of legislative actions to the City Council. This can also be accomplished through the review of public comments from the citizens of the City of Stonecrest. The T.I.P.S. Committee shall address:

1. To provide as necessary and appropriate advice, reviews, reports and recommendations to the City Manager, Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore and

City Council on comprehensive activity and areas of immediate concern in key areas as provided below.

(a) Transportation: The planning, development, and maintenance of the local transportation system by assessing and addressing traffic congestion, road maintenance and the overall improvement of transportation infrastructure.

(b) Infrastructure: The planning, construction, and maintenance of public infrastructure. This includes essential facilities, public buildings, and other critical components that contribute to the community's functionality and well-being.

(c) Parks: The management and maintenance of public parks and recreational areas which includes but not limited to planning and implementing park improvement projects, ensuring accessibility, organizing events, and promoting recreational activities for residents.

(d) SPLOST (Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax): Discuss and review the implementation of projects funded by the local sales tax allocated for specific purposes related to transportation, parks improvement, property acquisition and other project allowed under the law. Play a crucial role in identifying and prioritizing projects funded through SPLOST, as well as overseeing their successful implementation.

2. Ensure the lists of projects are equitable, appropriately prioritized, and equably distributed throughout the City.

3. Advocate for improved facilities and resources.

SECTION III

MEMBERSHIP

The T.I.P.S. Committee shall be composed of seven (7) members, at least two (2) of which shall be Councilmembers. The Mayor and City Manager shall be ex-officio members.

The City Council shall establish qualifications for members of the T.I.P.S. Committee. Each Committee person shall be nominated and approved by the City Council. The Chair and vice chair shall be councilmembers appointed by the mayor and approved by council. Members must attend two thirds (2/3) of the T.I.P.S. Committee meetings in a calendar year. Failure to do so warrants removal from the Committee.

SECTION IV

TERMS

Each member shall serve for a term of one (1) year. 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

T.I.P.S. Committee members will serve without compensation. Reasonable expenses for travel and Committee related expenses may be reimbursed pursuant to a policy to be established by the City Manager and approved by the City Council.

95 **SECTION VI**

96 **QUORUM**

97 A majority of the actual number of T.I.P.S. Committee members establishes a quorum.
98 Any action taken requires a majority of affirmative votes of the quorum present.

99 **SECTION VII**

100 **GOVERNANCE**

101 The T.I.P.S. Committee may adopt bylaws for the governance of the Committee. The
102 T.I.P.S. Committee shall set its own meeting schedule and establish the meeting agendas.
103 Meetings shall be governed in accordance with the Open Meetings Act found within the Official
104 Code of Georgia Annotated. The T.I.P.S. Committee shall meet at least eight days before each
105 regularly scheduled work session of the city council, having one meeting in each month of a
106 calendar year.

107 All meetings shall be open to the public and all records maintained by the T.I.P.S.
108 Committee shall be public records unless expressly exempted by a provision of the Georgia
109 Open Records Act. The T.I.P.S. Committee shall keep minutes of its proceedings, showing the
110 vote of each member upon each question, and shall maintain records of its examinations and
111 other official actions, all of which shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk. Copies of the
112 minutes shall be sent to the Mayor and each member of the City Council. At each meeting, the
113 public shall be granted time for public comment.

114 The chairperson shall serve for one (1) year or until re-appointed or a successor is
115 appointed. The vice chair shall serve for one (1) year or until re-appointed or a successor is
116 appointed. The Committee shall select one of its members to be the secretary if one is not
117 appointed by staff.

SECTION VIII

INITIAL MEMBERS

The initial members of the T.I.P.S. Committee shall be as follows:

1. Councilmember George Turner - Chair
2. Councilmember Tammy Grimes - Co-Chair
3. Councilmember Alecia Washington - Co-Chair
4. Councilmember Tara Graves
5. Councilmember Terry Fye
6. Mayor - Ex-Officio
7. City Manager or her designee - Ex-Officio

The Director of Engineering and the Director of Parks shall serve in support roles for the committee.

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.


[SIGNATURES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE]

SO RESOLVED, this 22nd day of January, 2024.

CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA


Jazzmin Cobble, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sonya Isom, City Clerk



APPROVED AS TO FORM:


City Attorney