

1 STATE OF GEORGIA  
2 COUNTY OF DEKALB  
3 CITY OF STONECREST

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5 **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-01-04**

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7 **A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE TRANSPORTATION, INFRASTRUCTURE,**  
8 **PARKS, SPLOST COMMITTEE (“T.I.P.S. COMMITTEE”) OF THE CITY OF**  
9 **STONECREST, GEORGIA; APPOINTING THE INITIAL MEMBERS; TO**  
10 **REPEAL CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR**  
11 **SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND FOR OTHER LAWFUL**  
12 **PURPOSES.**

13 **WHEREAS**, the governing authority of the City of Stonecrest (“City”) is the Mayor and  
14 Council (“City Council”); and

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

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

20 **WHEREAS**, the City Charter grants the City the power to exercise and enjoy all other  
21 powers, functions and rights necessary or desirable to promote the general welfare of the City and  
22 its inhabitants; and

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

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

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

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

34 **SECTION I**

35 **ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE PARKS**  
36 **AND SPLOST (“T.I.P.S. Committee”) AND AUTHORIZATION**

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

44 **SECTION II**

45 **MISSION AND DUTIES**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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70        2.      Ensure the lists of projects are equitable, appropriately prioritized, and

71                equally distributed throughout the City.

72        3.      Advocate for improved facilities and resources.

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**SECTION III**

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**MEMBERSHIP**

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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.

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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.

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**SECTION IV**

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**TERMS**

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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.

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**SECTION V**

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**COMPENSATION**

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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.

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  
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**SECTION VIII**

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**INITIAL MEMBERS**

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

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

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

**SECTION IX****ENFORCEMENT AND SEVERABILITY**

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

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

146 (c) In the event that any phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph or section of this  
147 Resolution shall, for any reason whatsoever, be declared invalid, unconstitutional or otherwise  
148 unenforceable by the valid judgment or decree of any court of competent jurisdiction, it is the  
149 express intent of the Mayor and Council that such invalidity, unconstitutionality or  
150 unenforceability shall, to the greatest extent allowed by law, not render invalid, unconstitutional  
151 or otherwise unenforceable any of the remaining phrases, clauses, sentences, paragraphs or  
152 sections of the Resolution and that, to the greatest extent allowed by law, all remaining phrases,  
153 clauses, sentences, paragraphs and sections of the Resolution shall remain valid, constitutional,  
154 enforceable, and of full force and effect.

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## SECTION X

## REPEAL OF CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS

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

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[SIGNATURES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE]

174 SO RESOLVED, this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2024.

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194 Sonya Isom, City Clerk

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*Alicia Thompson*

203 City Attorney

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CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

*Jazzmin Cobble*  
Jazzmin Cobble, Mayor

