



CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES

3120 Stonecrest Blvd., Stonecrest, GA 30038

Monday, September 26, 2022 at 7:00 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

Citizen Access: [Stonecrest YouTube Live Channel](#)

I. CALL TO ORDER: George Turner, Mayor Pro-Tem

Meeting began at 7:06 pm

II. ROLL CALL: Sonya Isom, City Clerk

All members present.

III. INVOCATION

Invocation lead by Councilmember Rob Turner.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Councilmember Tara Graves requested to add a presentation from Georgia Piedmont Technical College, presented by Dr. Williams.

Mayor Pro Tem George Turner requested to add the Bank Signer's Resolution to New Business item F.

Mayor Jazzmin Cobble requested item A under New Business, Chief Building Official, be moved after Executive Session, item G.

Mayor Pro Tem George Turner stated Reports and Presentations would be moved up, immediately following Approval of Minutes. He also requested that the URA Authorizing the IGA be moved to item G before Executive Session, making Chief Building Official item H.

Motion - made by Councilmember Tammy Grimes to approve the agenda with stated modifications. Councilmember Tara Graves seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Approval - of the August 22, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion - made by Councilmember Rob Turner to approve the August 22, 2022 Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Tara Graves seconded.

Motion approved unanimously.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Citizens wishing to make a public comment may do so in person. Citizens may also submit public comments via email to cityclerk@stonecrestga.gov by 2 pm on the day of the meeting to be read by the City Clerk.

All members of the public wishing to address the City Council shall submit their name and the topic of their comments to the city clerk prior to the start of any meeting held by the City Council.

There is a two (2) minute time limit for each speaker submitting or reading a public comment. Individuals will be held to established time limits.

Faye Cofield - Spoke about a Winery/Vineyard coming to Stonecrest. She also spoke about the use of 9.5 million dollars and the money potentially going to the school board. She asked that Council consider businesses and individuals in the city for the money instead.

Dave Marcus - Agrees with the requests of the Stonecrest Citizens Coalition and spoke of three requested changes to Planning and Zoning. One, require that developers show where they are going to develop and ask staff to confirm if it is lawful. Two, adopt a Tree Ordinance. Three, require City Staff to evaluate if any plans will interfere with projects in the City's Transportation Master plan.

Malaika Wells - Spoke about several issues within the City and with the City's Council. She mentioned issues with the lack of transparency, failed housing and development authority, failed CARES act distribution, lack of a Charter review, no Ethics ordinance and a lack of transparency from the Council. She stated that there should be a higher standard of service.

Donna Priest- Brown - Spoke about Janice A. Jackson's resignation and the terms in which she left.

Dele Lowman-Smith - Spoke about the resignation of Janice A. Jackson and the future search for a new City Manager. She mentioned citizen's working in the community to stop things they did not want and the need of a vision the citizens can get behind.

Vivian Hudson - Asked that Council take a trip and visit the development sites. She asked that Council monitor developers and protect constituents.

Andrew Wells - thanked Council and Staff for several recent events and updates. He spoke about the resignation of Janice A. Jackson and his concerns about community involvement in the process of replacing her. He asked for honest intention and communication with the public.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Citizens wishing to participate and comment during the public hearing portion of the meeting may comment in person. You may also submit your request including your full name, address, position on the agenda item you are commenting on (for or against) via email to cityclerk@stonecrestga.gov by 2 pm the day of the Public Hearing to be read into the record at the meeting. A zoom link for the meeting will be sent to you.

When it is your turn to speak, please state your name, address and relationship to the case..

There is a ten (10) minute time limit for each item per side during all public hearings. Only the applicant may reserve time for rebuttal.

a. For Decision- RZ-22-002 IDI Rezoning - Ray White

Ray White, Planning and Zoning Director, gave an introduction and explanation.

Motion - made by Councilmember Rob Turner to go into Public Hearing for RZ 22-002 IDI Rezoning. Councilmember Tammy Grimes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Developer Zicker provided explanation of application and request to downgrade zoning. He stated the only reason they are before council is to increase ceiling height.

There was no one present in favor of this item.

One written public comment in favor submitted by James Richardson read by the City Clerk.

Public Comments made in person:

Rene Cail - increase of trucks and traffic not a benefit to the city. Requesting an environmental impact study. Mrs. Cail stated we are already in the red zone for pollution. She spoke on the correlation of emissions and health issues in black communities.

Brenda Whit - stated she was opposed to this item and questioned how this and other warehouses would affect the younger generations.

Howard Dennis - stated he was opposed to this item and stated that the pollution affects our health. Roads are over-crowded and there are noise complaints. He stated that it seems like no one cares what's going on with the citizens. He asked that council consider more upscale restaurants and businesses instead of all the industrial businesses.

Gentle Culpepper - stated that he is concerned about Council and asked that Council listen to the citizens. He stated the community has no faith in the Mayor or Council and is leery of them.

Faye Coffield - stated that she can hear traffic and trains because developers have been allowed to remove trees and buffers. Citizens were promised better and council has not delivered on those promises. She stated that council has refused to fight against developers.

Dave Marcus - concerned about traffic on Lithonia Industrial. City needs to ensure that developments are aligned with the City's Master plan.

Motion - made by Councilmember Tara Graves to close the public hearing. Councilmember Tammy Grimes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Developer representative Zicker stated that higher loading docks require higher ceiling heights which is why they are before council. She stated that they will have to disturb wetlands, but they have to reforest and replant anything disturbed. She also stated that there is a 6ft Cyclone fence required. Citizens stated that they would prefer a vegetative screen rather than a fence and that is why they are requesting it be removed. They are also estimating a 12-month time period.

Ordinance for rezoning read aloud by the City Clerk, Sonya Isom.

Motion - made by Councilmember Tara Graves to approve RZ 22-002 IDI Rezoning with conditions stated. Councilmember Rob Turner seconded.

Motion passed 3-1. Councilmember Tammy Grimes voted Nay.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

X. APPOINTMENTS

- a. Economic Development Plan Committee - *William Smith*

Motion - made by Councilmember Rob Turner to defer this item to a future Council Meeting. Councilmember Tammy Grimes seconded.

Motion approved unanimously.

XI. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

- a. Special Acknowledgements - *Mayor Jazzmin Cobble*
- b. Special Recognition - *Councilwoman Tammy Grimes*

XII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **For Decision** - SDP22-000010 Preliminary Plat for Crestwind Township - *Ray White*

Ray White, Planning and Zoning Director, gave a presentation. He explained that this a two story townhome development.

Motion - made by Councilmember Rob Tuner to approve SDP22-000010. Councilmember Tara Graves seconded.

Motion approved unanimously.

b. For Decision- SDP22-000011 Preliminary Plat for Stonecrest Estates - *Ray White*

Ray White, Planning and Zoning Director, gave an overview.

Motion – made by Councilmember Rob Turner to approve SDP22-000011 Stonecrest Estates Councilmember Tammy Grimes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

c. For Decision - Purchasing Card Policy Amendment 1st Read - *Gia Scruggs*

Gia Scruggs, Finance Director, gave an overview and first read of the amendment of the Purchasing Card Policy. Gia clarified that if there is a director with a P-Card then there is no designee with a card. If there is a designee, there is no director with a P-Card.

City Clerk, Sonya Isom, provided the first read of the Ordinance.

d. For Decision - Purchasing Policy Amendment Ordinance 1st Read - *Gia Scruggs*

Gia Scruggs, Finance Director, gave an overview of the amendment.

City Clerk, Sonya Isom, provided the first read.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

a. For Decision - MP21-000001 Final Plat for 3443 Panola Rd - *Ray White*

Ray White, Planning and Zoning Director, gave an explanation.

Motion - made by Mayor Pro Tem George Turner to approve MP21-000001 Final Plat for 3443 Panola Rd. Councilmember Rob Turner seconded.

Motion approved unanimously.

b. For Decision - SDP22-000008 Final Plat for Flat Rock Hills Phase 4B - *Keedra Jackson*

Keedra Jackson, Deputy Planning and Zoning Director, gave an introduction. Recommended approval with conditions.

Applicant Representative provided some insight as to where and how you access the property.

Attorney Michelle Battle provided some clarification on right of way and entrances.

Motion - made by Councilmember Tara Graves to approve SPD22-000008 Flat Rock Hills Phase 4B Final Plat. Councilmember Rob Turner seconded.

Councilmember Tammy Grimes stated un-readiness and asked for clarification about exits and entrances.

Motion passed unanimously.

c. For Decision - SPD22-000009 Preliminary Plat for Crestview Pointe - *Ray White*

Ray White, Planning and Zoning director, gave an introduction. He stated Staff's recommendation was approval. He clarified that they would be ownership units and not rentals.

Motion - made by Councilmember Tara Graves to approve SPD22-000009 Crestview Pointe. Councilmember Rob Turner seconded.

Motion approved Unanimously.

d. For Decision - SPD22-000012 Final Plat for Flat Rock Hills Phase 3 - *Keedra Jackson*

Keedra Jackson, Deputy Planning and Zoning Director, gave an overview.

Motion - made by Mayor Pro Tem George Turner to approve SPD22-00012 Final Plat for Flat Rock Hills Phase 3. Councilmember Rob Turner seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Bank Signers Resolution

The preamble was read by City Clerk, Sonya Isom.

Motion - made by Councilmember Rob Turner to approve the Bank Signers Resolution to remove Janice Allen Jackson, former City Manager, from all city bank accounts. Mayor Pro Tem George Turner seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

XIV. CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Gerald Sanders-

XV. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

No comments from Mayor or Council.

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Motion - made by Councilmember Rob Turner to go into Executive Session for real estate, personnel and litigation matters. Councilmember Tammy Grimes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion - made by Councilmember Tammy Grimes to come out of Executive Session and return to the regular Council meeting. Councilmember Rob Turner seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

a. For Decision - Chief Building Official Services Recommendation - *Gia Scruggs*

Gia Scruggs, Finance Director, gave a presentation.

Motion - made by Mayor Pro Tem George Turner to approve the Chief Building Official Services recommendation. Councilmember Rob Turner seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

b. First Read of Ordinance Authorizing Intergovernmental Availability Contract with Urban Redevelopment Agency of the City of Stonecrest.

City Attorney Alicia Thompson stated that this was a first read and a second read will take place at a later council meeting.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion - made by Councilmember Rob Turner to adjourn the meeting at 12:17 am. Councilmember Tammy Grimes seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

Americans with Disabilities Act

The City of Stonecrest does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its programs, services, activities and employment practices.

If you need auxiliary aids and services for effective communication (such as a sign language interpreter, an assistive listening device or print material in digital format) or reasonable modification to programs, services or activities contact the ADA Coordinator, Sonya Isom, as soon as possible, preferably 2 days before the activity or event.