



CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES

3120 Stonecrest Blvd., Stonecrest, GA 30038

Monday, February 23, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Mayor Jazzmin Cobble

Mayor Pro Tem Tara Graves - District 1 Council Member Terry Fye - District 2

Council Member Alecia Washington - District 3 Council Member George Turner - District 4

Council Member Karmesha Smith- District 5

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I. CALL TO ORDER: Tara Graves, Mayor Pro-Tem

The meeting began at 6:10pm.

II. ROLL CALL: Sonya Isom, City Clerk

All members present with Mayor Jazzmin Cobble present via zoom.

III. INVOCATION: Pastor Quincy Barnwell, Impact Community Church

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Alecia Washington, District 3 Councilmember

V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

There was a request:

1. To add 2 presentations to the Reports & Presentations section of agenda for Michael Armstrong and Pearl Hollis.
2. To move Reports & Presentations after the Public Comments section of the agenda.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the agenda with the stated adjustments. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.

Motion passed unanimously.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a.** Approval of Meeting Minutes - Special Called Meeting, January 2, 2026

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the meeting minutes for Special Called Meeting, January 2, 2026. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.

Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Approval of Meeting Minutes - Work Session, January 12, 2026

Motion – made by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to approve the meeting minutes for Work Session, January 12, 2026. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

Motion passed unanimously.

- c. Approval of Meeting Minutes - Special Called Meeting, January 21, 2026

Motion – made by Councilmember Alecia Washington to approve the meeting minutes for Special Called Meeting, January 21, 2026. Second by Councilmember George Turner.

Motion passed unanimously.

- d. Approval of Meeting Minutes - City Council Meeting, January 28, 2026

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the meeting minutes for City Council Meeting, January 28, 2026. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

Motion passed 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 three (3) minute time limit for each speaker submitting or reading a public comment. Individuals will be held to those established time limits.

Faye Coffield – comments on lighting problem on Bishop Long Parkway, additional roads with no lighting, questions on IGA with Lithonia Police Department.

Beatrice Williams – concerned about garbage in neighborhood and Lithonia Police

Sean Pittman – thanks for investing in homes. Opposes the intent of 3802 Button Gate and requests denial of approval of SLUP 25-005.

Hil Smith – in opposition of SLUP 25-005.

Charles Nation – asked that council table the motion for SLUP 25-005 and questioned a moratorium on businesses. Questions about the hiring of Lithonia Police Department.

Marie Colson – comments in opposition of RZ 25-007, appreciates Mr. nation for fighting for citizens.

Leander Charles – stated he is with the residents of the Burlington Subdivision and opposed to item.

Jacqueline Bryant – resident of DeKalb County and have concerns about Metro Green permits. Would like status on where we stand.

Renee Cail – concerns about Metro Green and would like them out of City of Stonecrest.

Brenda Whitaker – do not let Metro Green stay.

Tawanna Morgan – representing Mrs. Francine Williams and has comments in favor of SLUP 25-005, sharing defined risks of crime, details on commercial usage and housing stability.

Additional Comments read by City Clerk/received via email:

Nicole Fyffe
Mercedes Fyffe
Jo Hicks
Kelsey Driver
Concerned Homeowner
Lennox & Hyacinth Douglas

Received but overall time limit reached:

Nakia Fowler
Concerned Citizen
Tomeka Ford

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 upon your request.

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. Public Hearing - RZ 25-004 2374 Cove Lake Road - Shawanna Qawiy, Division Director Community Development

Presentation given by Director Qawiy stating this is a rezoning application and the applicant is requesting a deferral to the March 23rd City Council Meeting.

No public hearing was held.

b. For Decision - Ordinance for RZ 25-004 2374 Cove Lake Road - Shawanna Qawiy, Division Director Community Development

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to defer this item to the next city council meeting on March 23, 2026, for public hearing. Second by Councilmember George Turner.
Motion passed unanimously.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

X. APPOINTMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

XI. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

a. Proclamation - Roman Reid - Tara Graves, Mayor Pro Tem

Proclamation given to seven-year-old Roman Reid, a 2025 NASKA National Champion who has earned national titles for his accomplishments in the US and internationally.

- b. Recognition - Chad Brooks - *Tara Graves, Mayor Pro Tem*

Letter of recognition given to Chad Brooks for exceptional customer service.

- c. Recognition – Michael Armstrong – *George Turner, District 4 Councilmember*

Recognition of Mr. Michael Armstrong for being an advocate voice on the City of Stonecrest Zoning Board of Appeals. This was an update to a previously presented proclamation.

- d. Recognition – Pearl Hollis – *George Turner, District 4 Councilmember*

Recognizing the outstanding service from Mrs. Pearl Hollis, who served on the Stonecrest Planning Commission.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **For Decision** - Ordinance for SLUP 25-005 3802 Button Gate Court - *Shawanna Qawiy, Division Director Community Development*

Presentation given by Director Qawiy stating this is request for a SLUP to operate a childcare facility. There was a review of the background, future land use map, zoning map, aerial map, submitted site location, and interior photos. Staff recommended full cycle deferment. Final decision by council was to present at this meeting for decision.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to deny the Ordinance for SLUP 25-005 3802 Button Gate Court. Second by Councilmember Terry Fye.

Motion passed unanimously.

- b. **For Decision** - Ordinance for RZ 25-006 7511 Covington Highway - *Shawanna Qawiy, Division Director Community Development*

Presentation was given by Director Qawiy stating this is a request for rezoning and map amendment for the parcel from R-100 (Residential Medium Lot) to C-1 (Local Commercial). There was a review of the background, future land use map, zoning map, aerial map, submitted rezoning plan, and site photos. Staff recommendations approval with conditions.

There was confirmation that the buildings will not be physically connected and all three will be accessible from Covington Highway.

The preamble was read by the City Clerk.

Motion – made by Mayor Pro Tem Tara Graves to approve the Ordinance for RZ 25-006 7511 Covington Highway with stated conditions. Second by Councilmember Terry Fye.

Motion passed unanimously.

- c. **For Decision** - Ordinance for RZ 25-007 6760 Chupp Road - *Shawanna Qawiy, Division Director Community Development*

Presentation given by Director Qawiy stating this is a request for rezoning and map amendment for the parcel from R-75 (Residential Medium Lot) to C-1 (Local Commercial). There was a review of the background, future land use, zoning map, aerial map, submitted rezoning plan, site photos, and staff recommendations, including conditions.

Motion – made by Mayor Pro Tem Tara Graves to deny Ordinance for RZ 25-007 6760 Chupp Road. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.

Motion passed 4-1 with Councilmember George Turner voting Nay.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. For Decision** - IGA for Execution City of Lithonia Law Enforcement Services - *Tanisha Boynton, Procurement Manager*

Presentation by Mrs. Boynton stating this request is to enter into a new contract with the City of Lithonia for police officers at City Hall, Browns Mill Recreation Center and city facilities. This agreement will be for 1 year with the option to renew it four times. Automatic renewals set up as an effort to not have a break in service. The existing contract expired on December 31, 2025. The city is requesting that the City of Lithonia continue to render services. Terms will remain the same as listed in the previous contract, with an additional vehicle. This IGA does not replace services given by DeKalb County. The Deputy Police Chief with the City of Lithonia stated the officers are insured and have never been in jeopardy of losing their certifications.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to defer this item to the March 9, 2026, Work Session for Decision Only. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.

Motion passed 4-1 with Terry Fye voting Nay.

- b. For Decision** - Resolution for Personnel Budget Amendment - *Tara Graves, Mayor Pro Tem*

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to go into Executive Session for Personnel Matters. Second by Councilmember George Turner.

Motion withdrawn.

The preamble was read by the City Attorney.

Motion – made by Mayor Pro Tem Tara Graves to approve the Resolution for Personnel Budget Amendment for the Finance Director position. Second by Councilmember George Turner.

Motion passed unanimously.

XIV. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Thanked council for approving the Jacobs settlement and for work over the years in getting to a favorable outcome.

Also commented that council members can participate in meeting virtually if there is a physical quorum in the chambers.

XV. CITY MANAGER UPDATE

No comments on behalf of the Deputy City Manager.

XVI. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Jazzmin Cobble – No comments.

District 1 – Tara Graves – Look ahead for the next work session as we will hear from the auditor and new Finance Director. The goal for this council is to show transparency and listen. We are the gatekeepers to ensure citizens voices are heard.

District 2 – Terry Fye – Thanked Code Enforcement department and Officer Terrance Stewart for amazing work. Apologies to the Hillvale Community for not being able to attend the walk through. This was due to the weather. We will reschedule for another day.

District 3 – Alecia Washington – Thanked DeKalb CEO, elected officials, and citizens for supporting the councilwomen at the Inaugural event. Asked everyone to remember Rev. Jesse Jackson and his family during this time.

District 4 -George Turner – Recognized Mrs. Pearl Hollis of the City of Stonecrest Planning Commission and stated services will be held in the middle of March for those who are interested in attending. An update will be given once details are shared.

District 5 – Karmesha Smith – Thanks to everyone for your support and for attending the Inaugural event. Thanks to council and staff for assistance and making it easy to come on board. There will be a District 5 Live Townhall held on Thursday, March 5th @ 6:00pm – 7:30pm in the City Hall Annex. Please join us and ask any questions you may have. We are here to move Stonecrest forward.

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(When an executive session is required, one will be called for the following issues: 1) Personnel, 2) Litigation, 3) Real Estate, 4) Cyber Security

a. Real Estate, Cyber Security, Personnel, and/or Litigation

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to enter into Executive Session for Real Estate, Cyber Security, Personnel and/or Litigation. Second by Councilmember George Turner.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to exit Executive Session and return to the regular scheduled meeting. Second by Councilmember George Turner.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to approve the meeting minutes from Executive Session. Second by Councilmember George Turner.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to accept the Jacobs settlement as discussed in Executive Session. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

Motion passed unanimously.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to adjourn the city council meeting. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10pm.

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