



CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES

3120 Stonecrest Blvd., Stonecrest, GA 30038

Wednesday, January 28, 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 6:15pm.

II. ROLL CALL: Sonya Isom, City Clerk

All members were present.

III. INVOCATION: Terrance Moore, Anointed Word Evangelistic Tabernacle COGIC

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

V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion – made by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to approve agenda as stated. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

Motion – made by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to recall the motion to approve the agenda. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

Motion passed unanimously.

There was a request to move new business item a. Resolution for Matrix Fee Schedule to the next city council meeting.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the agenda with the stated deferral. Second by Councilmember Terry Fye.

Motion passed unanimously.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Approval of Meeting Minutes - City Council Meeting, December 18, 2025

There was a request to make corrections to page #4 changing January Work Session to December Work Session.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the meeting minutes with the stated correction. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.

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.

Dave Marcus- (email)- Concerns on the 2022 audit and who should be held accountable, as well as the cost for the Mayor's security.

Jennifer Wilson- Requesting update on the ongoing Metro Green matter, as well as a meeting with city leadership to ensure residents remain informed and engaged. Additional concerns on zoning changes sought by developers, and the long-term impact on the community.

Steven Blair- Inquiring about an update and the timeline on the Blue Star Memorial for Veterans.

Renee Cail- Would like an update on the ongoing issue with Metro Green and is requesting a meeting with the City Council to address concerns on zoning, and developers who come into the community. Additional concerns about trash around the city.

Charles Nation- Concerns on agenda items C, D, E, and F being on the agenda without the minutes being approved, and comments from residents.

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*

The applicant requested a full cycle deferral until the next city council meeting, scheduled for February 23, 2026.

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

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to accept the deferral to February 23rd City Council Meeting for Public Hearing. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.
Motion passed unanimously.

- c. **Public Hearing** - RZ 25-006 7511 Covington Highway - *Shawanna Qawiy, Division Director Community Development*

Presentation given by Director Qawiy stating that this is a rezoning and map amendment from R-75 (Residential medium Lot) to C-1 (Local Commercial) for a hair salon and boutique. There was review of the background, proposed development request, public participation, future land use map, zoning map, aerial map, location map, submitted rezoning plan, site photos and staff recommendations with conditions. Planning Commission recommended approval with staff conditions.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to open public hearing for RZ 25-006 7511 Covington Highway. Second by Councilmember Terry Fye.
Motion passed unanimously.

In Favor

Ramata Cisse

In Opposition

C. A. Nation

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to close public hearing for RZ 25-006 7511 Covington Highway. Second by Councilmember George Turner.
Motion withdrawn.

The applicant shared photos of the location and stated they have lived on the property for 26 years. This has been a running business since October of 1999. There was a discussion on the phased development plan, the economics and community benefits.

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to close public hearing for RZ 25-006 7511 Covington Highway. Second by Councilmember George Turner.
Motion passed unanimously.

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

Motion – made by Mayor Pro Tem Tara Graves to defer item to the February 23rd City Council Meeting for Decision Only. Second by Councilmember George Turner.
Motion passed unanimously.

- e. **Public Hearing** - RZ 25-007 6760 Chupp Road - *Shawanna Qawiy, Division Director Community Development*

Presentation by Director Qawiy stating this is a rezoning and map amendment from R-75 (Residential medium Lot) to C-1 (Local Commercial) for a hair salon and boutique. There was review of the background, proposed development request, public participation, future land use map, zoning map, aerial map, location map, submitted rezoning plan, site photos and staff recommendations with conditions. Planning Commission recommends approval with staff conditions as well as an added condition of no signage on Chupp Rd.

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to open public hearing for RZ 25-007 6760 Chupp Road. Second by Councilmember George Turner.

Motion passed unanimously.

The applicant stated it is her residence and family currently lives there. This is a continuation to the previous item. The properties are not separate, but next to each other.

In Favor

Ramata Cisse

In Opposition

C. A. Nation

Marie Colson - Email

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to close public hearing for RZ 25-007 6760 Chupp Road. Second by Councilmember Terry Fye.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Motion – made by Mayor Pro Tem Tara Graves to defer item to the February 23rd City Council Meeting for Decision Only. Second by Councilmember George Turner.

Motion passed 4-1 with Councilmember T. Fye voting Nay.

- g. **Public Hearing** - RZ 25-013 3309 Panola Road - *Shawanna Qawiy, Division Director Community Development*

Presentation by Director Qawiy stating this is a rezoning and map amendment from R-100 (Residential Medium Lot) to RSM (Small Lot Residential Mix) for residential development. There was review of the background, proposed development request, public participation, future land use map, zoning map, aerial map, location map, submitted rezoning plan, site photos and staff recommendations for a full cycle deferral. Planning Commission requesting full cycle deferral to review and revisit concerns. Applicant was present and agrees.

- h. **For Decision** - Ordinance for RZ 25-013 3309 Panola Road - *Shawanna Qawiy, Division Director Community Development*

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to accept the applicants request for full cycle deferment for RZ 25-013 3309 Panola Road starting at the CPIM on February 12th. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

Motion passed unanimously.

i. Public Hearing - RZ 25-014 3313 Panola Road - *Shawanna Qawiy, Division Director Community Development*

Presentation by Director Qawiy stating this is a rezoning and map amendment from R-100 (Residential Medium Lot) to RSM (Small Lot Residential Mix) for residential development. There was review of the background, proposed development request, public participation, future land use map, zoning map, aerial map, location map, submitted rezoning plan, site photos and staff recommendations for a full cycle deferment.

j. For Decision - Ordinance for RZ 25-014 3313 Panola Road - *Shawanna Qawiy, Division Director Community Development*

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to accept the applicant request for full cycle deferment for RZ 25-014 3313 Panola Road starting at the CPIM on February 12th. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

Motion passed unanimously.

k. Public Hearing - SLUP 25-005 3802 Button Gate Court - *Shawanna Qawiy, Division Director Community Development*

Presentation by Director Qawiy stating this is a Special Land Use Permit request to operate a childcare home. There was review of the background, proposed development request, public participation, future land use map, zoning map, aerial map, location map, submitted rezoning plan, site photos and staff recommendations for a full cycle deferment. Planning Commission recommends full cycle deferral.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to open public hearing for SLUP 25-005 3802 Button Gate Court. Second by Councilmember Terry Fye.

Motion passed unanimously.

Applicant gave review of childcare institution and letter of intent. Also stated there will be no traffic and neighbor concerns are not legitimate. Signs will not be out.

In Favor

Francine Williams

Antonina Florence

Tawanna Morgan - Email

In Opposition

Maldonia Griffin - Email

Nikia Fowler - Email

Christopher Harrison and Leandra Charles - Email

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to close public hearing for SLUP 25-005 3802 Button Gate Court. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to extend public hearing for SLUP 25-005 3802 Button Gate Court, for three minutes per side. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.

Motion passed 4-1 with Councilmember T. Fye voting Nay

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to close the extended public hearing for SLUP 25-005 3802 Button Gate Court. Second by Councilmember Terry Fye.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to defer SLUP 25-005 3802 Button Gate Court to the February 23rd City Council Meeting for Decision Only. Second by Mayor Pro Tem Tara Graves.

Motion passed 4-1 with Councilmember T. Fye voting Nay.

- m. Public Hearing** - SLUP 25-007 1695 Spring Hill Cove - Shawanna Qawiy, Division Director Community Development

Presentation by Director Qawiy stating that this is a request for a Special Land Use Permit to operate a personal care home. There was review of the background, proposed development request, public participation, future land use map, zoning map, aerial map, location map, submitted rezoning plan, site photos and staff recommendations for denial and full cycle deferment. Planning Commission also requesting full cycle deferment.

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to open public hearing for SLUP 25-007 1695 Spring Hill Cove. Second by Councilmember George Turner.

Motion passed unanimously.

Applicant shared background as to reason for request and stated he wants to help elderly that need love, care and monitoring.

In Favor

Micheal Stewart

Kareem Waseen

Denis Bouie

In Opposition

None

Motion – made by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to close public hearing for SLUP 25-007 1695 Spring Hill Cover. Second by Councilmember Terry Fye.

Motion passed unanimously.

- n. For Decision** - Ordinance for SLUP 25-007 1695 Spring Hill Cove - *Shawanna Qawiy, Division Director Community Development*

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to support the Planning Commission request for a full cycle deferment for SLUP 25-007 1695 Spring Hill Cove starting at the CPIM on February 12th. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

Motion passed 3-2 with Councilmember T. Fye and Mayor Pro Tem T. Graves voting Nay.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

X. APPOINTMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Appointment of Acting City Manager - *Mayor Jazzmin Cobble*

Nomination by Mayor Cobble to appoint Director Shawanna Qawiy as Acting City Manager for the City of Stonecrest.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to reject the nomination for Appointment of Acting City Manager. Second by Councilmember Terry Fye.

Motion passed unanimously.

b. Appointment of Municipal Chief Judge - *Mayor Jazzmin Cobble*

Nomination by Mayor Cobble to appoint Judge Michael Sheridan as Municipal Chief Judge for the City of Stonecrest.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the nomination of Judge Michael Sheridan for Municipal Chief Judge. Second by Councilmember Terry Fye.

Motion passed 4-1 with Mayor Pro Tem T. Graves voting Nay.

XI. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

a. Departmental Update - Human Resources

Presentation by Leona Durden, Director of Human Resources, giving an overview of FY25 accomplishments and FY26 goals.

b. Departmental Update - Parks and Recreation

Presentation by Tameika Porter, Assistant Director of Special Events/Cultural Affairs for Parks and Recreation sharing an overview of FY25 projects as well as FY26 priorities.

c. Departmental Update - Community Development

Presentation by Shawanna Qawiy, Division Director of Community Development giving a review of the department's visions, goals, 2025 accomplishments, 2026 goals/growth strategies, collaborations and innovations for the Buildings Department, Code Enforcement Department, Land Development Department, Planning Division and Zoning Division.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **For Decision** - Ordinance for SLUP 25-006 5940 Fairington Road - *Shawanna Qawiy, Division Director Community Development*

Presentation by Director Qawiy stating that this is a Special Land Use Permit to re-open a liquor store that closed in June 2025. There was a review of the background, public participation, future land use map, zoning map, location map, aerial map, site location, submitted site plans, site photo and staff recommendations with conditions as listed. Planning Commission recommends approval with staff recommendations.

Motion – made by Councilmember Alecia Washington to approve the Ordinance for SLUP 25-006 5940 Fairington Road. Second by Councilmember George Turner.

Motion failed 2-3 with Councilmembers T. Fye, K. Smith and Mayor Pro Tem T. Graves voting Nay.

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to deny the Ordinance for SLUP 25-006 5940 Fairington Road. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.

Motion passed 3-2 with Councilmembers A. Washington and G. Turner voting Nay.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **For Decision** - Resolution for Matrix Fee Schedule - *Shawanna Qawiy, Division Director Community Development*

This item was removed from the agenda.

- b. **For Decision** - Contract for Vendor Recommendation for Installation of Rectangular Rapid Beacons (RRFB) and Yellow Flashing Traffic Beacons - *Tanisha Boynton, Procurement Manager and Hari Karikaran, City Engineer.*

Overview by Procurement Manager Tanisha Boynton and City Engineer Hari Karikaran presenting a contract for vendor recommendation for the installation of the rectangular rapid beacons and yellow flashing traffic beacons. American Lighting and Signalization, LLC is the recommended vendor in the amount of \$117,490.00. The funding source for this project will be SPLOST and will be through GL# 300-1575-541-510 account.

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to approve the Contract for Vendor Recommendation for Installation of Rectangular Rapid Beacons and Yellow Flashing Traffic Beacons. Second by Councilmember George Turner.

Motion passed unanimously.

- c. **For Decision** - Resolution for FY 2026 Tire Products Grant - *Keira Drane, Grants Administrator*

Presentation by Administrator Drane, seeking approval to accept the award in the amount of \$134,940.00 to install a recycled tire product pour in surface at the Fairington Park Playground. The agreement is due by February 5th and she is seeking the approval of council to execute the grant agreement and accept the award amount.

The preamble was read by the City Clerk.

Motion – made by Councilmember Alecia Washington to approve the Resolution for FY 2026 Tire Products Grant. Second by Councilmember Terry Fye.

Motion passed unanimously.

d. For Decision - Committee Assignments - *George Turner, Councilmember District 4*

Presentation by Councilmember Turner stating it is time to reappoint members for the two standing committees, TIPS and Finance Committees. The TIPS Committee is seeking a Chair and Vice Chair. Mayor Pro Tem Tara Graves recommended Councilmember George Turner for Chair and Councilmember Alecia Washington for Vice Chair of the TIPS Committee. The mayor agreed to the recommendations.

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to appoint Councilmember George Turner as Chair of the TIPS Committee and Councilmember Alecia Washington as Vice Chair. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.

Motion passed unanimously.

Presentation by Councilmember Turner stating the Finance Committee is seeking a Chair and Vice Chair. Mayor Pro Tem Graves recommended Councilmember Terry Fye for Chair and Councilmember Karmesha Smith for Vice Chair of the Finance Committee by way of the council. The mayor agreed to the recommendations.

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to appoint Councilmember Terry Fye as Chair of the Finance Committee and Councilmember Karmesha Smith as Vice Chair. Second by Councilmember George Turner.

Motion passed unanimously.

Presentation by Councilmember Turner stating that this is an appointment for the renewal of URA District 5 Representative and Mayors position, which expired 12/31/2025 along with District 5. These positions are up for a 3-year appointment. The recommendation was to renew the mayor's position and replace former member Tammy Grimes with member Karmesha Smith. Councilmember George Turner recommends the renewal of Jazzmin Cobble for the Mayor's Office and Karmesha Smith for District 5 to the URA.

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to appoint Mayor Jazzmin Cobble as the Mayor Office Representative and Councilmember Karmesha Smith as District 5 Representative for the URA. Second by Councilmember George Turner.

Motion passed unanimously.

At the first meeting of the URA, the body must vote on the recommendation made by the Mayor, extending the current Chair Jazzmin Cobble as the Chair for the URA.

XIV. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS

No comments

XV. CITY MANAGER UPDATE

XVI. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Jazzmin Cobble – No Comments

District 1 – Tara Graves – Thank you to everyone who has walked beside the city during this 1st month of 2026. Council's main goals are to lead with transparency, operate with integrity and always do what is best for the City of Stonecrest. District 1, this month has been challenging. Special thanks to Councilmember Turner for working hard behind the scenes. Your efforts do not go unnoticed and are deeply appreciated. Thank you to the staff for their continued dedication and hard work. Correction from January 2nd from the swearing in. I stated that I was the 2nd Mayor Pro Tem, but the 3rd Mayor Pro Tem to serve in the City of Stonecrest, paying homage to Dr. Diane Adoma. I, Councilmember Washington & Councilmember Smith, will be hosting a combined Ceremony Celebration to move Stonecrest forward at Privi on February 7th from 6:00pm-9:00pm. Registration for this event is online. Please register and join us as seats are limited.

District 2 – Terry Fye – The 1st District 2 round table of the year will take place on Feb 5th, in the City Hall Annex, from 6:00pm-7:30pm.

District 3 – Alecia Washington – Looking forward to 2026 with the City of Stonecrest citizens.

District 4 – George Turner – He will be meeting with the Willow Brooks Subdivision at 6pm at the Wesley Chapel Library, please join us if you so incline. Stay warm.

District 5 – Karmesha Smith – Excited to be a part of the council and looking forward to working for all citizens and District 5. The 1st District 5 Townhall will be February 28th, details are forthcoming. Congratulations to District 5 resident and Stonecrest employee, Mr. Sheldon Fleming for being honored on February 7th as an Unsung Heroes of the 4th Congressional District. Thank you for all you do for the City of Stonecrest.

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

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to enter Executive Session for personnel, litigation, real estate and cyber security. 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 minutes from Executive Session. Second by Councilmember George Turner.
Motion passed unanimously.

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to accept the IGA dated 1/29/2026 between the City of Stonecrest and Dekalb County. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.
Motion passed unanimously.

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to accept the settlement and release agreement between the City of Stonecrest and Metro Green. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

Motion passed unanimously.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:48am.

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