



CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES

3120 Stonecrest Blvd. Stonecrest, GA 30038

Monday, December 20, 2021 at 6:00 PM

Honorable Mayor Jason Lary, Sr.

Council Member Jimmy Clanton, Jr. – District 1 Council Member Rob Turner – District 2

Council Member Jazzmin Cobble – District 3 Council Member George Turner – District 4

Council Member Tammy Grimes – District 5

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

II. ROLL CALL: Sonya Isom, Deputy City Clerk

All Councilmembers present. Mayor Jason Lary absent.

III. INVOCATION

Councilmember Rob Turner

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion - Made by Councilmember Rob Turner to approve the agenda with stated correction.
Seconded by Councilmember Jazzmin Cobble.

Motion passed unanimously.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Approval - of the November 10, 2021 Special Called Meeting Minutes

Motion - Made by Councilmember Rob Turner to approve the November 10, 2021 Special Called Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Councilmember Jazzmin Cobble.

Motion passed unanimously.

b. Approval - of the December 13, 2021 Special Called City Council Meeting Minutes

Motion - Made by Councilmember Jazzmin Cobble to approve the December 13, 2021 Special Called Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Councilmember Rob Turner.

Motion passed unanimously.

c. Approval - of the December 14, 2021 Special Called City Council Meeting Minutes

Motion - Made by Councilmember Jazzmin Cobble to approve the December 14, 2021 Special Called Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Councilmember Rob Turner.

Motion passed unanimously.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

(This Meeting will be conducted virtually, the public comments received via email by 4 pm on the day of the meeting will be read or played via voice memo or video into the minutes by the City Clerk)

There is a three (3) minute time limit for each speaker during public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS Read in by Deputy City Clerk Ms. Sonya Isom.

Terry Fye - Decriminalize Marijuana

Alexis B. Morris - CID and Metro Green

Renee Cail - CID and Metro Green

Sabrena Farmer - CID and Metro Green

Jacqueline Bryant - CID and Metro Green

Jennifer Wilson - CID and Metro Green

Angela J. Russell - CID and Metro Green

Pyper Bunch - CID and Metro Green

Mayor Pro Tem George Turner addressed comments regarding the CID and Metro Green.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

(This meeting will be conducted virtually, the public comments received via email in advance of the meeting will be read or played via voice memo or video into the minutes by the City Clerk)

There is a ten (10) minute time limit for each item during all public hearings.

No Public Hearings

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Salem Middle School Rams Championship Football Team - *Mayor Pro Tem George Turner*

On December 5th, Salem Middle School football team was honored for their championship. The football team went undefeated the entire season without another team scoring on them, making for a 6-0 record. Mayor Pro Tem George Turner wanted to acknowledge their exceptional talent.

*The Salem Middle School are the lions, not the rams.

- b. Construction Board of Appeals - *Mayor Pro Tem George Turner*

Mayor Pro Tem George Turner extended an invitation for anyone interested in joining the Construction Board of Appeals, provided they can meet minimum qualifications. Currently, the Board is short one member and is open for an appointment.

XI. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

- a. Committee Reports - *Mayor Pro Tem George Turner*

- CID Advisory Committee
- SPLOST Advisory Committee
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee
- Stonecrest Financial Oversight Committee

THE CID ADVISORY COMMITTEE END OF YEAR REPORT 2021

Cornell McBride Jr. is appointed as the representative of the City to the East Metro Dekalb CID Board. He is beginning to participate in the CID's budgeting process. The CID Advisory Committee developed agreements that are to be presented separately to Council this evening relative to the City's acknowledgement of the East Metro CID and their desire to ensure cooperation between the City of Stonecrest and the East Metro CID. The committee has begun to hear from representatives of the Stonecrest Lithonia Industrial Park (SLIP) about their objectives in forming a CID. Recommendation, subject to direction from Council, would be to reconstitute the Committee for 2022.

THE SPLOST ADVISORY COMMITTEE END OF YEAR REPORT 2021

The Stonecrest SPLOST Advisory Committee had 4 meetings this year discussing the status, direction and projects for the SPLOST funds in conjunction with the Transportation Master Plan. The meeting dates were August 11, 2021, September 22, 2021, which was a joint meeting with the Finance Oversight Committee, October 19, 2021, and December 1, 2021. They look forward to this Committee being reconstituted for 2022.

THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE END OF YEAR REPORT 2021

During the first 4 months, the committee reviewed several phases of the master plan. The Committee is requesting that the Council identify funding for the requested implementations for improvements. The Parks Advisory Committee would like to request reconstitution for the 2022 year.

THE STONECREST FINANCE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee has completed the following tasks: 1. FY22 Budget Input & Review, 2. Combined meeting with the SPLOST Committee to review budget requests from city administration, 3. Provided feedback/recommendations on the Travel Policy, 4. Provided feedback/recommendations on the Purchasing and Purchasing Card Policy, 5. Provided feedback/recommendations on the Financial Management Policy, 6. Provided feedback/recommendations on the Fleet Policy. Recommend reconstitution for 2022.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

a. For Decision - Approval of FY22 Special Event City Calendar - *Tameika Porter*

Parks and Recreation Director, Tameika Porter, provided an overview. Suggested events for 2022 include Juneteenth, Stonecrest Day, and Stonecrest Day of Service.

Motion - Made by Councilmember Jazzmin Cobble to approve the FY22 Special Event City Calendar. Seconded by Councilmember Tammy Grimes.

Motion passed 4-0, with Councilmember Rob Turner absent.

b. For Decision – Cooperation Agreement with the East Metro Dekalb CID - *Alicia Thompson*

Attorney Winston Denmark provided an overview of the CID. The CID completes beautification projects, road improvement, exterior lighting, bus shelters, etc. The CID is already operating in a portion of the City. This agreement with the CID is not related to Metro Green or any industrial facilities.

Motion 1- Made by Councilmember Jimmy Clanton to approve Resolution. Seconded by Councilmember Jazzmin Cobble.

Motion passed 4-0, with Councilmember Rob Turner absent.

Motion 2- Made by Councilmember Jimmy Clanton to approve East Metro Dekalb Cooperation Agreement Resolution. Seconded by Councilmember Jazzmin Cobble.

Motion passed 4-0, with Councilmember Rob Turner absent.

Motion 3- Made by Councilmember Jimmy Clanton to approve Draft Cooperation Agreement between East Metro Dekalb and City of Stonecrest. Seconded by Councilmember Jazzmin Cobble.

Motion passed 4-0, with Councilmember Rob Turner absent.

c. For Decision - Payroll, Meeting and Holiday Calendar - *Janice Allen Jackson*

The holiday calendar that was presented on the December 13, 2021 Work Session has been revised to include Juneteenth, which will be observed on Monday, June 20, 2022.

Motion - Made by Councilmember Jazzmin Cobble to approve Payroll, Meeting, and Holiday Calendar. Seconded by Councilmember Jimmy Clanton.

Motion passed 4-0, with Councilmember Rob Turner absent.

d. For Decision – of Personnel Policies Manual – *Steven McClure*

Human Resources Director, Steven McClure, provided an overview. He reviewed the purpose of manual, timeline of draft preparation, sections of the manual in detail, including definitions, conditions of employment, compensation, benefits, leave policies, conduct, discipline, and severability. All employees will be given the manual and required to sign consent.

Motion - Made by Councilmember Jazzmin Cobble to approve the Personnel Policies Manual. Seconded by Councilmember Tammy Grimes.

Motion passed 4-0, with Councilmember Rob Turner absent.

e. For Decision - American Rescue Plan Act Consultant Services - *Gia Scruggs*

Finance Director Gia Scruggs provided an overview. Berry Dunn will provide guidance and advisory services regarding all legislation, regulations, policies, and rules, as it relates to funding. The funds themselves must be incurred or obligated between December 20, 2021 and December 31, 2024. All projects must be completed by December 30, 2026. The initial cost is \$128,520.

Motion - Made by Councilmember Jazzmin Cobble to approve American Rescue Plan Act Consultant Services. Seconded by Councilmember Jimmy Clanton.

Motion passed 4-0, with Councilmember Rob Turner absent.

f. For Decision - Fleet Policy - *Gia Scruggs*

Finance Director Gia Scruggs provided an overview. Minor edits were made to the Fleet Policy for consistency. A separate acknowledgment form was provided for taking vehicles home. Non-City of Stonecrest employees will not be transported in vehicles. Until clarification is provided, Council Members should refrain from riding in City vehicles until the worker's compensation policy is heard on the January 4, 2022 meeting.

Motion - Made by Councilmember Jazzmin Cobble to approve Fleet Policy. Seconded by Councilmember Tammy Grimes.

Motion passed unanimously. Councilmember Rob Turner returned.

g. For Decision - Legal Services Contract - *Gia Scruggs*

Finance Director Gia Scruggs provided an overview. Fincher Denmark will prepare and review all contracts, leases, policies, agreements, and other instruments, attend work sessions and council meetings regularly, and provide telephone consultation to the Council and City Manager and provide legal opinions. Fincher Denmark will perform non-litigation legal tasks as directed and review agenda items to ensure accuracy. Their flat rate fee of \$37,000.00 per month for general legal services. Other legal fees will be billed separately at a rate of \$185.00. Funding for legal services is included in the FY22 budget.

Motion - Made by Councilmember Jazzmin Cobble to approve the Legal Services Contract. Seconded by Councilmember Rob Turner.

Motion passed unanimously.

h. For Decision - Public Hearing Participation - *Mayor Pro Tem George Turner*

Mayor Pro Tem George Turner expressed his concern with the public having to write their questions. He decided to give the public zoom access for public hearings with clear rules and deadlines regarding comment length and access to the zoom call. The public will need to submit a written request to the City Clerk to receive the zoom link for the hearing.

XIV. CITY MANAGER UPDATE

a. COVID Update

The City Manager provided numerical values of the COVID cases in Dekalb County.

b. Holiday Closures

The City Manager gave information on the consecutive holiday closures of December 24, December 27, December 30, and January 3, 2022.

XV. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

1. District 2 – Councilmember Rob Turner wanted to acknowledge the HOA of Cove Lake. They received a certificate of appreciation and are doing great things in the community. He also extended his gratitude to the City of Stonecrest staff and Council for their outstanding work. Wishes everyone a safe and Merry Christmas.
2. District 3 – Councilmember Jazzmin Cobble echoes the same. Happy New Year.
3. District 5 – Councilmember Tammy Grimes expressed deep gratitude to voters, staff, City, and Council. Merry Christmas.
4. City Manager Janice Allen Jackson – Thanks to Council, staff, and community.
5. District 4 – Mayor Pro Tem George Turner urged those to cease celebratory gunfire.

Please celebrate smarter and safer. Wished Councilmember Jimmy Clanton farewell.

6. District 1 – Councilmember Jimmy Clanton Grateful for his service and time with the City of Stonecrest. The citizens of Stonecrest are awesome. Looking forward to the service Tara Graves will offer to the City.

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilmember Jimmy Clanton.

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.