



## CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

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### CITY COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES

3120 Stonecrest Blvd., Stonecrest, GA 30038

Monday, November 24, 2025 at 6:00 PM

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*Mayor Jazzmin Cobble*

*Council Member Tara Graves - District 1      Council Member Terry Fye - District 2*

*Council Member Alecia Washington - District 3      Mayor Pro Tem George Turner - District 4*

*Council Member Tammy Grimes - District 5*

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

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

The meeting began at 6:06pm.

**II. ROLL CALL:** Sonya Isom, City Clerk

All members were present with Councilmember Tara Graves arriving immediately after roll call.

**III. INVOCATION:** Pastor Raymond W. Randle Sr., Redeeming Word Church

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

**V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to approve the meeting agenda. Second by Councilmember Tammy Grimes.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to amend the agenda to add item c. under New Business, Amendment to the Administrative Calendar for the City of Stonecrest. Second by Councilmember Tammy Grimes.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**a.** Approval of Meeting Minutes - Work Session, October 13, 2025

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to approve the minutes from the Work Session, October 13, 2025. Second by Councilmember Tammy Grimes.  
**Motion passed unanimously.**

**b. Approval of Meeting Minutes - City Council Meeting, October 27, 2025**

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Tammy Grimes to approve the minutes from the City Council Meeting, October 27, 2025. 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](mailto: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 established time limits.*

Margaret Sofidiyah - Excited about the Botanical Garden and would like clarification on how it fits into the city's budget, as well as having access to the plans. She thanked Council for their vision and would like to receive regular updates.

Faye Coffield - Would like to know if funds given to DeKalb Board of Education can be returned or an audit done due to misappropriation of funds.

Karmesha Washington-Smith – Would like to know if Council will address data centers soon and also have concerns about restrooms on park fields not working properly, as well as the concession stand.

Renee Cail - Opposed to data centers being brought into the city, as she believes it will be harmful if put into residential neighborhoods. Would like the city to educate residents on data centers.

**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](mailto: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.*

**IX. APPOINTMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**a. Appointment of Court Administrator - City Manager Gia Scruggs**

Presentation by City Manager Scruggs, stating in accordance with the code, Mrs. Davina Daughtry is being appointed as the Court Administrator for the City of Stonecrest.

**b. Appointment of Clerk of Court - *City Manager Gia Scruggs***

Presentation by City Manager Scruggs, stating in accordance with the code, Mrs. Davina Daughtry is also being appointed as the Clerk of Court for the City of Stonecrest.

**X. CONSENT AGENDA**

**XI. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS**

**XII. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. For Decision - Extension to Charter Commission Completion Date - *Mayor Pro Tem George Turner***

The presentation was given by Mayor Pro Tem George Turner stating there was a recommendation last year to extend the Charter Commission Committee completion date to November 2025. This is a recommendation from Mayor Pro Tem Turner to extend the completion date to November 1, 2026. Chair of the committee, Mr. Joel Thibodeaux, spoke on behalf of the committee, stating they have made progress, reviewing sections, making recommendations and are now focusing on legislation. Mr. Thibodeaux stated another year will allow time to continue building recommendations and also thanked the City Clerk office and IT for their support.

**Motion** – made by Mayor Pro Tem George Turner to approve the Extension to Charter Commission Completion Date to November 1, 2026. Second by Councilmember Tammy Grimes.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**b. For Decision - Resolution for the FY26 Budget - *City Manager Gia Scruggs***

The presentation was given by City Manager Scruggs stating the 2026 recommended budget is \$36.6 million dollars, mentioning that most of the funding comes from taxes. There was a review of the FY26 Budget Plan, General Fund Revenue Overview, Historical Comparative Revenue Analysis, General Fund Expenditures by Function, Capital Improvement Program Expenditures, Departmental Recommendations, FY26 American Rescue Plan Act Remaining Expenses, FY26 Tree Bank Fund, FY26 Municipal Court Expenses, Urban Development Agency, 2026 Meeting Calendar, 2026 Proposed Holiday Calendar, 2026 Proposed Payroll Calendar and the 2026 Proposed City Calendar. It was stated that all ARPA funds have been allocated.

The City Clerk read the preamble.

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Tammy Grimes to approve the Resolution for the FY26 Budget. Second by Councilmember Terry Fye.

**Motion passed 3-2 with Councilmembers Tara Graves & Alecia Washington voting Nay.**

### **XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. For Decision** - Vendor Recommendation for Salem Park Restroom Construction - *Tanisha Boynton, Procurement Manager and Hari Karikaran, City Engineer*

This presentation was introduced by Mrs. Boynton and Mr. Karikaran stating that the city will be using a state contract for a design build of sewer lines and a restroom buildout for Salem Park. The contractor will construct sewer lines, designing and building the entire restroom. The total cost for this project including sanitary sewer line construction is \$465,235.63. Both the male and female restrooms will be ADA compliant.

**Motion** – made by Mayor Pro Tem George Turner to approve the Vendor Recommendation for Salem Park Restroom Construction. Second by Councilmember Tammy Grimes.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- b. For Decision** - Vendor Recommendation for Southeast Athletic Complex Restroom Expansion - *Tanisha Boynton, Procurement Manager and Hari Karikaran, City Engineer*

This presentation was introduced by Ms. Boynton and Mr. Karikaran stating that the city has previously built out restrooms at this location but is recommending an expansion to the existing design by adding two stools to the female side and one stool and one urinal to the male side along with mirrors and cosmetic renovations.

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to approve the Vendor Recommendation for Southeast Athletic Complex Restroom Expansion. Second by Councilmember Tara Graves.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- c. For Decision** – Amendment of the Administrative Calendar for the City of Stonecrest – *Mayor Jazzmin Cobble*

This item was presented by Mayor Cobble stating there was discussion at the November Work Session, in regard to the administrative holiday that was added for staff during the 2025 Christmas week. This is a request for an amendment to the current administrative calendar to add December 23, 2026, as an official administrative holiday for the City of Stonecrest.

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to approve the Amendment of the Administrative Calendar for the City of Stonecrest to include December 23, 2026, as an official administrative holiday. Second by Councilmember Tara Graves.

**Motion passed unanimously**

### **XIV. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

Happy Thanksgiving.

### **XV. CITY MANAGER UPDATE**

Thanked council for passing of 2026 Budget and noted she is looking forward to Stonecrest having a bright future and blueprint to work from.

## **XVI. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**District 1 – Tara Graves** – The last 2025 townhall for District 1 and District 3 will take place at 1:30pm on December 13, 2025, at City Hall. There will be a Committee Member and Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Sunday, December 17, 2025 and toy giveaway at Privi on December 20, 2025, starting at 3:00pm. We are looking for toy donations we well as sponsorships. We also have a donation box at City Hall. Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

**District 2 – Terry Fye** – Served as Principal for the day at Stoneview Elementary and would like to thank Principal Battle for the event and Councilwoman Grimes for the work she is doing in Education. Also attended the Georgia PTSA Reflection Program at Lithonia High School. Congratulations Mr. Champion on the excellent work you have done.

**District 3 – Alecia Washington** – Everyone have a blessed and safe Thanksgiving.

**District 5 – Tammy Grimes** – Had great opportunities the past two weeks to bless District 5 with turkeys and food boxes for Thanksgiving. The final Talk with Tammy will be held on December 10, 2025, at City Hall from 6:00pm – 7:30pm. Happy Thanksgiving.

**Mayor Cobble** – Reminder that the final City Council Meetings of the year will be combined and held on December 18, 2025. The Work Session will start at 5:00pm and the City Council Meeting at 6:00pm. Suggested everyone take a look at the FY26 Budget, including what is being discussed and compare with other cities. In regard to the FY26 Budget, \$19 Million of the \$36.6 Million, will be for General Fund. And \$2 Million is for real & property taxes. Within the next 2 years you will hear the city is moving into the next phase of government. Our 6th Annual Light up Stonecrest will be on December 6th at Browns Mill Recreation Center starting at 5:00pm.

**District 4 – Mayor Pro Tem George Turner** – Responded to a constituent's question on what the city has done by sharing a Comp Plan, Transportation Master Plan, Parks Master Plan, and directing her to the website to view previous Council Meetings. We should be proud of what we have done, as we have done a lot. Early voting for the runoff has started and the election will be held on December 2, 2025. Exercise your right to vote.

## **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 to discuss personnel, litigation, real estate and cyber security. Second by Councilmember Tara Graves.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to exit Executive Session and return to regular scheduled council meeting. Second by Councilmember Tara Graves.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Tammy Grimes to approve the minutes from the Executive Session. Second by Councilmember Tara Graves.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

## **XVIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to adjourn the City Council Meeting.  
Second by Councilmember Tara Graves.  
**Motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:47pm.

*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.*