



CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING –MINUTES

3120 Stonecrest Blvd., Stonecrest, GA 30038

Monday, August 26, 2024 at 6:00 PM

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:12pm.

II. ROLL CALL: Sonya Isom, City Clerk

All members were present.

III. INVOCATION: Pastor Gregory Sherman, Shekinah Glory Tabernacle.

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

V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion – made by Councilmember Tammy Grimes to approve the agenda for the August 26, 2024 City Council Meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

Motion passed unanimously.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Approval of Meeting Minutes - City Council Meeting, July 22, 2024

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to defer approval of the Meeting Minutes from the July 22, 2024, City Council Meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Tammy Grimes.

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 established time limits.

Faye Coffield

Stated concerns regarding a tree ordinance that was previously brought to the council. She also has concerns about the productivity of developers along with concerns of zen-dens being built in public schools.

Sabrena Farmer

A representative of the Wellington Manor Subdivision with concerns regarding resurfacing of parking spaces and the rezoning of 5961 Chupp Way to residential.

Phil Loyal

Stated concerns regarding the neighborhood lake house noise that's becoming a nuisance.

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. Public Hearing - SLUP 24-006 2929 Turner Hill Road - *Shawanna Qawiy, Planning & Zoning Director*

Opening by Director Qawiy stating that the presentation will cover both public hearing items as they are both for one applicant, Dean Hodge. The applicant is seeking a Special Land Use Permit to install a solar PV roof-mounted system with panels at Stonecrest Mall. There was a review of the facts and background for each item, future land use, current zoning, the overlay district map, site plan and aerial map. Staff recommends approval of conditions stated in the packet. The Planning Commission also recommended approval with staff conditions.

Motion – made by Councilmember Tara Graves to open public hearing for SLUP 24-006 2929 Turner Hill Road. Seconded by Councilmember Tammy Grimes.

Motion passed unanimously.

Comments by Go Solar Power stating they have also been hired by Stonecrest Mall and their parent company is Service Extras. There was a project overview and it was stated installation will take 2-3 weeks. There was also a review of usage vs. production, stating there are some space limitations.

In favor

Faye Coffield

Opposition

None

Motion – made by Councilmember Tara Graves to close public hearing for SLUP 24-006 2929 Turner Hill Road. Seconded by Councilmember Terry Fye.

Motion passed unanimously.

- b. For Decision** - Ordinance for SLUP 24-006 2929 Turner Hill Road - *Shawanna Qawiy, Planning & Zoning Director*

An explanation of the solar panel's functionality was given by Director Qawiy, stating they are non-penetrative and do not require batteries. It was stated the standard operational hours would begin between 7:30am – 8:00am and end between 5:00pm – 5:30pm. The preamble was read by the City Clerk.

Motion – made by Councilmember Tara Graves to approve the ordinance for SLUP 24-006 2929 Turner Hill Road with the listed conditions. Seconded by Councilmember Terry Fye.

Motion passed unanimously.

- c. Public Hearing** - SLUP 24-007 8060 Mall Parkway - *Shawanna Qawiy, Planning & Zoning Director*

It was stated this item is in conjunction with the previous item, and stated the difference between the two applications is the address. This is to represent the movie theater at the shared location.

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to open public hearing for SLUP 24-007 8060 Mall Parkway. Seconded by Councilmember Tara Graves.

Motion passed unanimously.

In favor

None

In Opposition

None

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to close public hearing for SLUP 24-007 8060 Mall Parkway. Seconded by Councilmember Tara Graves.

Motion passed unanimously.

- d. For Decision** - Ordinance for SLUP 24-007 8060 Mall Parkway - *Shawanna Qawiy, Planning & Zoning Director*

The preamble was read by the City Clerk.

Motion – made by Councilmember Tara Graves to approve the ordinance for SLUP 24-007 8060 Mall Parkway with the listed conditions. Seconded by Councilmember Tammy Grimes.

Motion passed unanimously.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

X. APPOINTMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

XI. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

Presentation by Naturalist Coordinator, Sheldon Fleming, accompanied by members of the City of Stonecrest Award-Winning Garden Club. Awards of the Garden Club included: 1st place in Horticulture, 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for the Presidential Award and 3rd place in Petite.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

a. For Decision - 2024 Budget Adjustment - *Gia Scruggs, City Manager*

Presentation by City Manager Scruggs, stating some adjustments were needed in order to meet obligations through the end of the year. There was a review of the requested adjustments. It was noted this is for a supplemental budget amendment and not a request of additional funds. It was confirmed the Revenue Division handles refunds.

Councilwoman Grimes stated she is petitioning for two code enforcement officers per district. It was confirmed the ask is to utilize funds to fund another officer, not create another position. The position is currently listed in the comp study.

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to approve the 2024 Budget Amendment ordinance. Seconded by Councilmember Tammy Grimes.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion – made by Councilmember Tammy Grimes to approve the budget amendment as read in the ordinance. Seconded by Councilmember Terry Fye.

Motion passed unanimously.

XIV. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS

No comments.

XV. CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Thanked Council for allowing staff to have a full day of employment development. She is looking to fill the Public Safety Director and Deputy City Manager positions by October 1st.

XVI. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

District 1/Councilmember Tara Graves – Inviting everyone to the Town Hall on Saturday, at the Stonecrest Library. She would like to give a shoutout to Cheryl Moore-Mathis on a successful event this past weekend. Everyone stay safe.

District 2/Councilmember Terry Fye – Excited to work with District 2.

District 3/Councilmember Alecia Washington – Praying everyone has a safe Labor Day.

District 4/Mayor Pro Tem George Turner – Flat Rock Archive in District 4 is non-profit, and sponsored a fabulous event this weekend.

District 5/Councilmember Tammy Grimes – Wishing everyone a Happy World Equality Day. Early voting begins October 15th. Happy Birthday to her daughter Taylor.

Mayor Jazzmin Cobble – Lock in September 14th at 4pm for the 5th Annual Screen on the Green with guest artist Brownstone. This event will be held at the Southeast Athletic Complex, is a free event, will include an entrepreneur expo and there will be a movie at sunset.

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. Seconded by Councilmember Alecia Washington.
Motion passed unanimously.

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to exit Executive Session and return to the scheduled meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Tammy Grimes.
Motion passed unanimously.

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to approve the minutes from Executive Session. Seconded by Councilmember Tammy Grimes.
Motion passed unanimously.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to adjourn the City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Tara Graves.
Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48pm.

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