



CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES

3120 Stonecrest Blvd., Stonecrest, GA 30038

Tuesday, May 26, 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 W. Smith - District 5

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:07pm.

II. ROLL CALL: Sonya Isom, City Clerk

All members were present with Mayor Cobble arriving after roll call.

III. INVOCATION: Karmesha W. Smith, District 5 Councilmember

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

V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion - made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the agenda as listed. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 Council seat vacant.

Thank you to Councilman Fye, who submitted his resignation, effective May 25, 2026.

There were additional comments by Councilman George Turner stating Councilmember Fye was definitely an asset to the City of Stonecrest. Councilmember Smith thanked Councilmember Fye for what he has done in the community. It has been a pleasure working with him and she wishes him the best.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Approval of Meeting Minutes - Special Called Meeting, April 3, 2026

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the April 3, 2026, Special Called Meeting Minutes. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.

Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 Council seat vacant.

- b. Approval of Meeting Minutes - Work Session, April 13, 2026

Motion – made by Councilmember Alecia Washington to approve the April 13, 2026, Work Session meeting minutes. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.

Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 Council seat vacant.

- c. Approval of Meeting Minutes - City Council Meeting, April 27, 2026

Motion – made by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to approve the April 27, 2026, City Council meeting minutes. Second by Councilmember George Turner.

Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 Council seat vacant.

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.

Terry Fye- Comments by prior City Council member Fye, speaking of united strength, oversight, is experiences as a council member, and the future of Stonecrest.

Faye Coffield- Concerns about the City of Stonecrest, taxes, funds given to a college, welcoming sign, infrastructure, and her additional thoughts on the City of Stonecrest.

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.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

X. APPOINTMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

XI. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

- a. GMA Presentation - *Freddie Broome, GMA*

Presentation and award given by Freddie Broome from the Georgia Municipal Association to Councilmember Alecia Washington for completion of the 8-Month Municipal Leader Community and Workplace Coach Certificate Program.

- b. Recognition of Achievements for Arabia Mountain High School Students, 2026 - *Karmesha Smith, District 5 Councilmember*

Recognition by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to the elite scholars of Arabia Mountain High School for their achievements in the following categories: DeKalb Film Festival, Track & Field, Nation Builders, Gymnastics, Golf & Tennis All-Stars, FBLA State Leadership and Fine Arts. There was additional insight on the creation of Arabia Mountain High School and its uniqueness in South DeKalb.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **For Decision** - Ordinance for Purchasing Card Policy Amendment - *Keisha Franklin, Finance Director*

The presentation was given by Director Franklin, stating the purchasing card policy was discussed during the Finance Committee meeting where suggestions and amendments were recommended. Amendments included the following: definition of employee, updates to the authorized cardholders to include Deputy City Manager or designee, removal of the bonding requirement and added credit and background check. Details behind the credit and background checks were given. There was additional discussion on emergency and natural disasters.

The City Clerk gave the 1st read of the ordinance preamble.

- c. **For Decision** - Resolution for the Matrix Fee Study - *Shawanna Qawiy, Division Director Community Development & Keisha Franklin, Finance Director*

There was a request by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to defer this item to the next City Council meeting, to allow council additional time to review updates and recommendations. Councilmember Turner stressed community concern on community development. Citizens would like to know the penalties for cutting trees, with concerns for average homeowners. Director Qawiy referenced the Tree Preservation ordinance, stating detailed information is listed there. The ordinance is not new.

Motion – made by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to defer the Resolution for the Matrix Fee Study to the June City Council Meeting. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 Council seat vacant.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **For Decision** - Resolution for SDF 26-002 Final Plat for Crestview Pointe Phase I @ 7199 Hayden Quarry - *Shawanna Qawiy, Division Director Community Development*

Presentation by Director Qawiy sharing information on the requirements for approval of plats, stating the requirements have been met. Director Qawiy also stated this is the final plat for Crestview Pointe Phase I @ 7199 Hayden Quarry which has a previously approved preliminary plat. The developers are ready to move forward.

Motion – made by Mayor Pro Tem Tara Graves to approve the Resolution for the SDF 26-002 Final Plat for Crestwind Pointe Phase I @ 7199 Hayden Quarry. Second by Councilmember George Turner.

Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 Council seat vacant.

- b. For Decision** - Resolution for SDF 26-003 Final Plat @ 7259 Hayden Quarry - *Shawanna Qawiy, Division Director Community Development*

Presentation by Director Qawiy stating this final plat for Crestwind @ 7259 Hayden Quarry was previously approved with a prior request for phase 1 being 127 lots. The plat was amended to include 192 lots.

Motion – made by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to approve the Resolution for the SDF 26-003 Final Plat @ 7259 Hayden Quarry. Second by Councilmember George Turner.

Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 Council seat vacant.

- c. For Decision** - Resolution for SDL 26-003 Lot Combination (3 Lots) @ 1901 Rock Chapel Road - *Shawanna Qawiy, Division Director Community Development*

Presentation given by Director Qawiy, stating this is a lot combination of 3 lots that will consist of 1871 Rock Chapel Road, Parcel ID: 1616503017, 1883 Rock Chapel Road, Parcel ID: 1616503018 & 1901 Rock Chapel, Parcel ID: 1616503021. The review of lot combinations has been approved. The combination will be 24.261 acres.

There was a suggestion to defer the decision to add additional information.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the Resolution for the SDL 26-003 Lot Combination (3 Lots) @ 1901 Rock Chapel Road. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 Council seat vacant.

- d. For Decision** - Resolution for SDP 25-002 Lot Combination (4 Lots) @ 3024 Evans Mill Road - *Shawanna Qawiy, Division Director Community Development*

Presentation given by Director Qawiy stating this is a lot combination approval of 4 lots consisting of 3004 Evans Mill, Parcel ID: 1611901010, 3024 Evans Mill, Parcel ID: 1611901007, 2975 Woodrow Drive, Parcel ID: 1611901022 &, 2995 Woodrow Drive, Parcel ID: 1611901011. This request is to combine 4 separate lots. The review of lot combinations has been approved.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the Resolution for the SDP 26-002 Lot Combination (4 Lots) @ 3024 Evans Mill Road. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 Council seat vacant.

- e. **For Decision** - Resolution for SDP 25-004 Amended Preliminary Plat for Crestwind @ 7259 Hayden Quarry - *Shawanna Qawiy, Division Director Community Development*

Presentation given by Director Qawiy stating that this is the amended preliminary plat for Crestwind @ 7259 Hayden Quarry which was previously approved with prior request for a phase 1 being 127 lots. The plat was amended to include 192 lots. When there is an amendment there has to be a change with the preliminary plat along with the final plat to include the amended change.

Motion – made by Mayor Pro Tem Tara Graves to approve the Resolution for the SDP 25-004 Amended Preliminary Plat for Crestwind @ 7259 Hayden Quarry. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.

Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 Council seat vacant.

- f. **For Decision** - Appointment of the CID Board Members - *George Turner, District 4 Councilmember*

Presentation led by Councilmember Turner stating that in preparation for the Stonecrest Lithonia Industrial Park CID being established the City of Stonecrest must appoint 2 members to the SLIP CID Board which consists of a total of 7 members. The bylaws currently stand until finalization for a 2-year term with unlimited terms.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to appoint Darien Senior to the SLIP CID Committee, for a one-year term, with an expiration date of 12/31/2026 and the possibility of re-appointment. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.

Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 Council seat vacant.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to appoint Darrell Taylor to the CID Committee, for a two-year term, with an expiration date of 12/31/2027. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 Council seat vacant.

XIV. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS

No comments

XV. CITY MANAGER UPDATE

No comments

XVI. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Cobble – No Comments

District 1 - Mayor Pro Tem Tara Graves – The Aquatic Center is now open. Please visit the city website to find out more about summer programs. The district town hall date and time will be announced later. We are hoping to have a City Manager by next month.

District 3 – Alecia Washington – No Comments

District 4 – George Turner – Council and citizens of Stonecrest are invited to attend the Feral Hogs Seminar on June 2, 2026, which will take place at the City Hall Annex. We are looking to establish a hotline that can be used to report sightings of the feral hogs.

District 5 – Karmesha Smith – Please go to the city’s website and register for the Feral Hogs Seminar, which will be held on Tuesday, June 2nd @ 5:30pm in the City Hall Annex.

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 George Turner to enter Executive Session for personnel, litigation, real estate and cyber security. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.

Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 Council seat vacant.

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

Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 Council seat vacant.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the minutes from Executive Session. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.

Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 Council seat vacant.

The preamble of the Resolution for PE Structures was read by the City Clerk.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the settlement with PE Structures as outlined by the Resolution. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 Council seat vacant.

Motion – made by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to authorize the mayor to opt into the new National Opioid Settlement Notice for six remnant defendants on behalf of the City of Stonecrest. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 Council seat vacant.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion – made by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to adjourn the meeting. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 Council seat vacant.

The meeting ended at 9:05pm.

Americans with Disabilities Act

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