CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES

3120 Stonecrest Blvd., Stonecrest, GA 30038

Monday, July 27, 2026, at 6:00 PM

Mayor Jazzmin Cobble

Mayor Pro Tem Tara Graves - District 1 ***Vacant - District 2***

Council Member Alecia Washington - District 3 ***Council Member George Turner - District 4***

Council Member Karmesha W. Smith - District 5

Citizen Access: Stonecrest YouTube Live Channel

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

The meeting began at 6:17pm.

II. ROLL CALL: Sonya Isom, City Clerk

All members were present with Councilmember Alecia Washington participating via zoom.

III. INVOCATION: Jeremy Reid, City of Stonecrest Communications Department

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: George Turner, District 4 Councilmember

V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

There was a request:

1. Move item *b.* from Old Business to the next Work Session
2. Move item *e.* from Old Business to the next Work Session
3. Move the Executive Session before the Public Hearing and following Public Comments

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the agenda with the stated changes. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.
Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Approval of Meeting Minutes - Special Called Meeting, June 8, 2026

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the 11:30am Special Called Meeting Minutes from June 8, 2026, with attendance verification. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.
Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.

b. Approval of Meeting Minutes - Work Session, June 8, 2026

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the 6:00pm Work Session Meeting Minutes from June 8, 2026. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.
Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.

c. Approval of Meeting Minutes - City Council Meeting, June 22, 2026

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to defer the June 22, 2026, City Council Meeting Minutes to the next city council meeting. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.
Motion passed 3-1 with Mayor Pro Tem T. Graves voting Nay and District 2 being 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.

Chandra Cates – Has concerns about a neighbor with cars on his front yard that has not been moved in years, as well as other issues and she is asking what can be done about this situation.

Deborah Tayliam – Has concerns about the house next door to her which has been vacant for about 8 years. There is excessive growth of grass, trees, and poison ivy, in addition to other issues. Code Enforcement has come to the house and fined the owner, but after paying the fines, the house remains the same.

Dave Marcus – Spoke of his restoration of confidence in financing, stating council is moving towards a responsible government. He also made comments on past audits as well as the break-in that took place at City Hall, stating he would like facts on the incident.

Angella Green – Stated she lives next door to a hoarder, and has concerns about her health, safety, and property value. She provided photos of a collapsed deck, remnants on the front porch and 2 broken-down cars and she is asking for help.

Bernard Knight – Thanked the council for voting to create the CID and reported that on June 23rd, the CID held its first elections and board meeting. At that meeting, 5 members were elected to serve, including Mr. Knight. A month ago, the CID submitted their draft cooperation agreement as the first step in negotiating the terms of the agreement to the council and assistant city attorney Alicia Thompson and are looking forward to receiving a response.

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 26-004 7224 & 7226 Maddox Road - *Shawanna Qawiy, Division Director Community Development*

The presentation was given by Director Qawiy stating this is a city-initiated application requesting the rezoning and future land use of approximately 92.19 acres from M-Light Industrial to M2- Heavy Industrial to allow various heavy industrial uses. There was review of the background, public participation, zoning map, future land use map, property location map, aerial map and site photos. By way of legal, the staff recommendation is neither approval nor denial and should be left up to the council's discretion. There is no recommendation from staff.

Motion – made by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to open public hearing for RZ 26-004 7224 & 7226 Maddox Road. Second by Councilmember George Turner.
Motion passed 3-0 with District 2 being vacant and Councilmember A. Washington being absent during the vote.

There was additional review and background information shared by the applicant stating the requested information has been provided to staff and is in the agenda packet. It was stated the Planning Commission recommends denial. There was an additional review of the rezoning factors, economic use under the current zoning and the benefits, stating it is not a landfill.

In Favor
None
In Opposition
Linda Miller
Dave Marcus
Renee Cail – Email
Jennifer Wilson – Email
Pyper Bunch - Email

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to close public hearing for RZ 26-004 7224 & 7226 Maddox Road. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.
Motion passed 3-0 with District 2 being vacant and Councilmember A. Washington being absent during the vote.

To have a rezoning, the city will need an amendment to the comprehensive plan. It was stated there will be no burning on site and the uses will be confined within three parcels, in

which special use applications have been submitted for both parcels.

b. For Decision - Ordinance for RZ 26-004 7224 & 7226 Maddox Road - *Shawanna Qawiy, Division Director Community Development*

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the Ordinance for RZ 26-004 7224 & 7226 Maddox Road. Second by Mayor Pro Tem Tara Graves.
Motion tied 2-2 with Mayor Pro Tem T. Graves and Councilmember K. Smith voting Nay and District 2 being vacant. Mayor Cobble abstained from casting a vote as the tie breaker due to the council legislative authority to make decisions.
The motion failed.

Mayor Cobble stated that her pleasure is to offer a substitute motion for deferral. Mayor Pro Tem Graves stated there is a motion on the floor. In response, Mayor Cobble stated that there is a motion that did not receive an affirmative in either one way or another. So, I am inserting parliamentary procedure to request a substitute motion because you did not achieve an affirmative on either side. Mayor Pro Tem Graves consulted with legal stating to her understanding Mayor Cobble would vote to break the tie and asked for some content on this topic. Attorney Thompson stated that if there's a vote on the table and if Madame Mayor is to break the tie, she requests that she provide that tiebreaking vote. A substitute motion would be proper before the vote actually takes place, but we're in the middle of a vote right now.

Mayor Cobble responded, "You cannot make a substitute motion before a vote takes place in a tie. Then asked if legal would like to recess so we can research Robert's Rules?" Assuming you are the parliamentarian. Attorney Thompson asked if Mayor Cobble could repeat her question. Mayor Cobble stated, do you think we should recess so we can look at the parliamentary procedure under Robert's Rules? You did not answer the question. You advised me to vote but you did not answer the question about rather I can offer a substitute motion or not. So, I am asking, do we need to look at Robert's Rule of Order to decide if or when a vote does not receive affirmative either way or on either side if a substitute motion can be offered?

Legal responded, I would ask Madame Mayor Pro Tem, I think the mayor should place the tiebreaking vote. Mayor Pro Tem Tara Graves mentioned to Mayor Cobble according to our charter we have a tie vote so when we have a tie vote you're the tiebreaking vote. In response Mayor Cobble stated that she is well aware of the procedure for when the mayor votes and stated I'm just asking if the City Attorney would like to take some time to review Robert's Rules of Order and the parliamentary procedure to determine whether or not the request for a substitute motion can be honored. If not, no problem. But I am asking for you all to take time to research that and make that decision based on fact.

Legal stated, I am sorry mayor is the question on the table for me? Mayor Cobble stated yes. Legal suggested in this instance she would say that you all need to have a tiebreaking vote and as you are the tiebreaker I would ask that you place your vote. Mayor Cobble responded by saying all right, I will abstain. The City Council is the legislative body of this city. The City Council are the five voting members of this city council. The City Council's legislative authority is to make decisions on behalf of the five districts that it represents. The City Council should be able to come to a majority vote seeing as the City Council has the majority influence. So, I see no reason why the City Council cannot come to a majority agreement and then put it in the hands of the non-voting member. I have no influence or decision-making powers in any other items not only presented today but in any other of the agenda items. So, the City Council should be able to get a consensus on a vote considering that it represents all five districts to use to weaponize the charter

for this particular vote. I will abstain from that.

Councilmember Karmesha Smith stated according to our charter, the mayor shall cast the deciding vote if there is a tie. Our charter trumps Robert's Rules. So, in this instance, the mayor is to vote. The mayor does not have the option to abstain. Mayor Cobble responded, why wouldn't the mayor have the option to abstain? That is a vote. You can either vote yes, vote no or you can abstain. So, you are correct, the charter does give me that authority and I have cast a vote. I have voted to abstain. Just as that is offered to you as a voting member, it is also offered to me. There is nowhere in the law that says that I only have 2 options in which everyone else has 3. There are 3 options. You also have had the choice to abstain. You cast an affirmative vote.

Councilmember George Turner stated that the option to abstain has to be accompanied by a written rationale for such and after that, I believe the charter is clear that we cannot abstain. We are obligated to vote. I question whether or not we have legitimate tie because when that was written, it was assumed that it would be a tie to approve or deny. Since we never received it was 3, 3, that's when we had 6 members, 6 voting members and we have not achieved that. That is the only question I would have but otherwise, the mayor is obligated to vote according to the charter and that's where we stand.

Mayor Cobble stated that she would like to read the statement that he is referring to in the charter section 2.10 The Council Member. No council member to abstain from voting on a matter properly brought before the city council for official action except when the city council member has a reason which is disclosed in writing prior to or at the meeting and made a part of the minutes. I have disclosed here at this meeting my rationale and it is a part of the minutes. It is not exclusive to at the meeting. It includes or at the meeting. So yes, obviously someone who can only vote in the event of a tie would not be able to provide in writing prior to a meeting. Absolutely impossible. I would only have the opportunity to abstain at a meeting in person being made apart of the minutes in which I have given my position, my reasoning and it is apart of the minutes.

Councilmember Karmesha Smith asked Mayor Cobble was her reason legitimate, because it has to be a legitimate reason. Mayor Cobble responded, I'm sorry, no councilmember to abstain from voting on a matter properly brought before the city council for official action except when the city council member, which by the way it refers to a city council member. Councilmember being 1 word. I am not a city council member. I am a part of the city council, 2 separate words. I am by definition not a city council member, when city councilmember is 1. However, the word legitimate, 1-is obviously arguable and 2-not in the charter. The words legitimate reason is not listed here and that is obviously at the discretion of the person who was evaluating legitimate. So, I have given my rationale. I have done it in the meeting. It is in the records. This refers to a council member and again I am not a council member, I am a member of the city council. Two separate and distinct definitions which is also in the charter. If you go to the beginning of the charter, the charter describes the definition of a councilmember in which it lists five members voted as a city councilmember. It then mentions the mayor separately and the six of us together collectively are the city council. This particular section is referring to a councilmember in which I have not only complied with although the definition of that role is not me. I have given said answer and rationale in person and recorded in the minutes. The word legitimate is nowhere in this section.

Councilmember Smith asked the mayor if she can scroll down to the section since she is in the charter that says when there is a tie then the mayor must break that tie. The mayor responded, I

did. I cast a vote. My vote was to abstain. The mayor shall vote in the event of a tie of the councilmembers. I did that. The mayor shall vote. Shall only vote in the event of a tie. The mayor voted. Legal added that it seems that either way this motion has failed. If the council does accept the abstention of the mayor, the motion that was on the table is not going forward. If there is an amendment to the motion and if the council agrees to have the amendment to the motion, then maybe at this time the mayor can make that amendment. For clarity, Councilmember Smith stated that an abstention does not constitute as a vote. The mayor asked under what facts an abstention does not constitute as a vote? The city has adopted Robert's Rule of Order as its parliamentary procedure, of which by the way at the last special called meeting, I believe you gave guidance and instruction to the mayor pro tem to actually read some language about the Robert's Rule of Order being used in the city's adoption of its parliamentary procedures. So, not only is abstaining a vote, the charter says that when you abstain ,which means it recognizes the abstention as a vote. You shall either do it in writing prior to or in the meeting with rationale. So, how can abstaining not be a voting action and yet, the charter outlines the specifics on how an abstaining vote shall be captured. How can two things exist at the same time?

Councilmember Smith stated that under Robert's Rules of Order and Georgia Practice abstentions do not count as a yes or no. A vote is a yes or no. That's where we are right now. A yes or a no. Mayor Cobble answered that is slightly correct. Yes, but abstention is not a yes or a no. It is by definition its own category. It is an abstention. It is not a yes or no. You are reading that correctly. Although your interpretation is trying to imply something else. The charter even gives instructions on how to abstain. Not only does it gives instructions, other council members have abstained for a vote in the past. Councilmember George Turner added, by definition itself, abstention is refusing to comply. Mayor Cobble asked, where did you read that? He responded, its to abstain. Mayor Cobble then asked what is it that we all of a sudden possess and don't have anything in front of us that says that an abstaining vote is now not valid except for when you all use it then all of a sudden it becomes valid. Again, the charter clearly outlines how an abstention should be achieved which means it recognizes abstain as an actual action allowable to be taken. I have done so.

City Attorney Thompson stated if we're looking at 2-348, it does say disclose in writing to or at the meeting and made apart of the minutes. Can you state for the record your reason for it. Mayor Cobble replied, "I've already stated that for the record." The meeting is being recorded. The clerk is taking minutes. I have stated it for the record. If you'd like for it to go back then maybe someone in the Communications can replay, but I have already given that. Attorney Thompson asked the clerk, do she know the reason for the mayor's abstention? The clerk replied yes. Mayor Cobble replied, to your point City Attorney, either way the motion did not achieve an affirmative either an approval or denial. Which then gives the council the opportunity to offer another motion. My recommendation was to defer. That way they can have a discussion. I think one of the public comments was actually a recommendation and I'm not sure, Director Q what the August meeting is for maybe their Special Land Use Permits for uses, but it certainly gives the council an opportunity to get back together to discuss and come to a decision between the four of them on rather or not to move forward with this rezoning. So I asked and offered the council to do a deferral to give them an opportunity to come back, talk with each other flush out all the differences and come to a consensus, a majority consensus.

Mayor Pro Tem Tara Graves thanked Mayor Cobble for her comment. We were asking you to break the tie, not offer recommendations. Mayor Cobble replied that surely her freedom of speech allows her to offer any type of verbiage when the microphone is on. So, I don't need your permission to offer a recommendation. Mayor Pro Tem Graves responded with I didn't say you needed my permission. Mayor Cobble said, you said you weren't asking me for what I said."

Mayor Pro Tem Graves said, I was stating what I wasn't asking you. Mayor Cobble responded with yeah, but I don't need your permission. Mayor Pro Tem Graves asked was she going to break the tie. Mayor Cobble stated, I casted a vote. Mayor Pro Tem Graves stated in response the Mayor refused to break the tie. Mayor Cobble cited that it says the mayor shall only vote in the event of a tie. I voted. It doesn't say the mayor shall and must break the tie by saying yay or nay. I am allowed to abstain like you are. So, I have cast a vote.

Attorney Thompson said that she thinks as it stands right now, we have 2 votes for yay and 2 votes for nay. The mayor has cast her vote for abstention, I might have missed it, so I apologize if she's stated the reason for her abstention on the record, so it can be made apart of the minutes that seem to be sufficient per section 2-348. So, I just want to make sure that we have that reasoning recorded in the minutes. The city council is free to put another vote on the table for decision.

Councilmember George Turner stated that considering we only have 4 seating council members until December, possibly elections in November and a runoff will be in December if there should be one. So this matter could be unresolved until January is what we are possible looking at. This is perplexing. Mayor Cobble added, no, the council with the four of you as you have passed many other items and have more today on the agenda and have voted with four members of the council prior to today, can achieve three votes either in the affirmative or in the decline. You can assume that from now to December every item will go to a vote, well obviously is not true. You voted in the special called meeting. You voted in other meetings since the resignation of District 2 and you have achieved three votes either to defer, deny or to approve. So no, there's nothing that says that because there are four council members that this will go on till December. You all, matter of fact, today, right now, can still achieve three votes one way or another. There's nothing that prevents you all from coming to three votes, either in the affirmative or not.

Mayor Pro Tem Graves stated, "so you recommend to change your vote?" Mayor Cobble replied, no, no, no I didn't say that at all. I didn't say that at all, Those are words you're using. I said, "like you have done in other items. You all can come to a 3-1 or 4-0." Mayor Pro Tem Graves added, "Or you can break the tie." Mayor Cobble replied, "I have voted." Mayor Pro Tem Graves replied, "I have voted too." Mayor Cobble stated, "Wonderful you should as you are a voting member of the city council." Mayor Pro Tem Graves stated and you are the tie breaker of the City of Stonecrest. Mayor Cobble reiterated that in the event of a tie I vote, difference. I vote in the event of a tie. There is no language that says I must vote only in yay or nay. There's no language that says I am a tiebreaking vote of which I have to vote yay or nay. It says the mayor only votes in the event of a tie. If it's in the event of a tie, I voted. The same rights you have, so do I.

Councilmember Karmesha Smith added that it's clear that the mayor has decided not to vote and we had a tie in the past and she voted in that instance. So, it's clear that she's choosing not to fulfill this particular tie. She chooses not to vote. Mayor Cobble interjected, I have voted today as I voted any other day. I chose to abstain. Councilmember Smith replied, "I think I have the floor." Mayor Cobble added, "You do and I'm going to correct you every time you make an association that is untrue with what I said or what I did." Mayor Pro Tem Graves asked for order or the meeting. Mayor Cobble stated, "We do, so don't lie on the microphone". Mayor Pro Tem Graves said that works both ways. Mayor Cobble stated that she has voted as I have in every other meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Graves stated that it is not considered. Mayor Cobble replied, "It is a vote." Mayor Pro Tem Graves reminded Councilmember Smith that she has the floor. Councilmember Smith stated that we should determine what it is that we need to do to move forward in the event that we have a tie and there is a choice made not to break the tie. That's

where we are. Councilmember George Turner added that the precedent has been set. We have had this happen in the past. When we failed to get three votes and having three votes being required to deny or approve, the item rolled to the next council meeting for a decision. That's how it has been handled in the past and we have been here before, but for different reasons but we've been here before. When we didn't get the charter required three votes, the item neither failed nor passed, it rolled to the next council meeting. That's been the precedent that has been set.

Mayor Pro Tem Graves asked the council do we have a failed motion due to the mayor not breaking the tie? Is that correct? Attorney Thompson answered, "yes at this time the matter has not moved in the affirmative or the negative." Mayor Pro Tem Graves confirmed that the motion failed and will entertain another motion.

Motion – made by Mayor Pro Tem Tara Graves to defer RZ 26-004 7224 7 7226 Maddox Road to the next council meeting. Second by Councilmember George Turner.

Councilmember George Turner stated unreadiness for understanding. As in the past, if the motion fails to get the three requisite votes for approval or denial, in the past the item rolled automatically to the next council meeting. So, I am not sure if we want to follow that or just go ahead and vote to defer it to the next meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Graves stated that she would recommend to move it to the next council meeting, but we will have the same problem because I know my vote is not going to change. Councilmember George Turner stated that he will support the motion.

Mayor Cobble asked Mayor Pro Tem Graves if she voted no on her own motion. Mayor Pro Tem Graves responded absolutely. So, what is your pleasure? Mayor Cobble asked the City Clerk to restate the motion. The City Clerk answered with defer to the next council meeting. Mayor Cobble then asked the Clerk to do a roll call of the votes. The City Clerk responded, District 3 – nay, District 4 – yay, District 5 – yay and District 1 – nay. Mayor Cobble stated that considering that it was my recommendation to defer the motion, I will agree and vote yay to defer to the next council meeting.

Motion tied 2-2 with Mayor Pro Tem T. Graves and Councilmember A. Washington voting Nay and District 2 being vacant. Mayor Cobble cast a vote as the tie breaker, voting Yay for the deferral.
Motion passed.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

X. APPOINTMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

XI. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

XII. OLD BUSINESS

a. For Discussion - Supplemental Pay Policy - *Robin Jackson, HR Generalist*

The presentation was led by Ms. Jackson, responding to each question asked by Councilmember Smith at a previous meeting. There were also some examples given in regard to city positions that have received supplemental pay. It was stated the percentage of the supplemental pay is based on the level of responsibility. It was suggested this item is discussed at another council meeting.

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

Moved to the August Work Session.

c. **For Decision** - Ordinance to Amend Section 2-180 - Authority to Execute Checks, Written Orders and Financial Instruments, 2nd Read - *Tara Graves, Mayor Pro Tem & Alicia Thompson, City Attorney*

An overview was given by Attorney Thompson stating this is the second read for the ordinance to amend section 2-180 that will remove the Deputy City Manager and Deputy Finance Director from the list of individuals who are authorized to execute checks and written orders.

The preamble was read by the City Clerk as the 2nd Read.

Attorney Thompson stated check signing is duty assigned to the City Manager and council has the authority to assign to others in the city. Checks over $25,000 should have two signatures.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to defer the Ordinance to Amend Section 2-180 – Authority to execute Checks, Written Orders and Financial Instruments, 2nd Read to allow for a meeting with legal. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith. **Motion passed 3-0 with District 2 being vacant and Councilmember A. Washington being absent during the vote.**

d. **For Decision** - Contract for Auditor Services - *Catherine Turner, City Manager & Keisha Franklin, Finance Director*

A presentation was given by City Manager Turner stating the contract for Mauldin & Jenkins has already been approved and submitted with the mayor signing the first version. There were changes from the vendor after the mayor signed. It was stated the contract in the packet does reflect the noted changes by Mauldin & Jenkins. The timelines have been provided, and Mauldin & Jenkins is ready for engagement.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the Contract for Auditor Services as outlined in the packet. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith. **Motion passed 3-0 with District 2 being vacant and Councilmember A. Washington being absent during the vote.**

e. **For Decision** - Cooperation Agreement with SLIP CID - *George Turner, District 4 Councilmember*

Moved to the August Work Session.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

a. **For Discussion** - Stonecrest Development Authority (SDA) Update - *Mayor Jazzmin Cobble*

Mayor Cobble stated she will get with the Economic Development Director to prepare and present for this item at a future meeting.
This item will be moved to the August Work Session.

b. **For Discussion** - Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) Update - *Mayor Jazzmin Cobble*

This item will be moved to the August Work Session.

c. **For Decision -** Contract for Vendor Recommendation for Pour-In-Place Playground Surface Project - *Tanisha Boynton, Procurement Manager and Hari Karikaran, City Engineer*

The presentation was given by Director Karikaran stating that the scope of work for this project is to replace the existing Fairington Park play area. The Procurement Division solicited bids from vendors and received 5 responses and recommended Lanier Plans Inc. dba KorKat to be awarded $76,037 along with a program grant for $134,940. The grant money will fund this project. Once approved, a notice to proceed will be issued. It was confirmed that wood chips will be replaced with upgraded material. Construction should take approximately three days.

Motion – made by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to approve the Contract for Vendor Recommendation for Pour-In-Place Playground Surface Project. Second by Councilmember George Turner.
Motion passed 3-0 with District 2 being vacant and Councilmember A. Washington being absent during the vote.

d. **For Decision -** Purchase and Installation of Safety Equipment for City Hall - *Tanisha Boynton, Procurement Manager and Reginald Powell, Facilities Operations Manager*

The presentation was given by Mr. Powell stating City Hall is in need of two metal detectors and x-ray machines to enhance the security currently in place. The request is for approval to purchase the detectors, machines and accessories from Mallory Safety and Supply, Inc. through a cooperative purchase under Omnia Contract No. 159498. The city is receiving a discount on the safety equipment which includes installation, training, state required certification and a 4-year warranty. The total for the safety equipment is $95,044.84. The funding account is 100-1565-542500 – Other Equipment and Facilities.

When asked if this item needs to be on a future URA meeting agenda, Attorney Thompson stated only if the equipment impacts the building or causes need for renovation. She was asked to follow up and let the URA know if the agreement has been reviewed and require landlord approval. It was stated there is a need to review the URA and city's IGA. It was also stated there is a need for a URA meeting.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the Purchase and Installation of Safety Equipment for City Hall with amendments to verify the fund source. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.
Motion withdrawn.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the Purchase and Installation of Safety Equipment for City Hall. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.
Motion passed 3-0 with District 2 being vacant and Councilmember A. Washington being absent during the vote.

e. For Decision - Resolution for Mid-Year Budget Adjustment - *Keisha Franklin, Finance Director*

The presentation was given by Director Franklin stating there were amendments made to the original budget that was submitted. There is zero impact from this amendment. There was also an adjustment made to the FICA account. There was a review of the original spreadsheet, including reasons for amendments, fund balance use by fund and the effect of the changes from the two items mentioned. It was stated council has the presentation without two changes that were made.

The preamble was read by the City Clerk.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the Resolution for Mid-Year Budget Adjustment with the stated changes and updated documents. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.
Motion passed 3-0 with District 2 being vacant and Councilmember A. Washington being absent during the vote.

XIV. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS

No Comments

XV. CITY MANAGER UPDATE

The City Manager stated that the leadership team updates have been sent to council prior to this meeting. There was recognition given to Myrlene Thomas, Human Resources Analyst as Employee of the Month, stating her professionalism, dedication and collaborating spirit have had a meaningful impact, and her positive energy is contagious.

XVI. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Jazzmin Cobble – No comments

District 1 – Mayor Pro Tem Tara Graves – No Comments

District 3 – Alecia Washington – Absent

District 4 – George Turner – Mentioned streets that are getting paved in District 4, a gazebo at Salem Park, and improvements at Browns Mill. Also, Fairington Park looks really good. There have been some calls on the feral hogs. The feral hog program is down to trapping but can only be put on public property. The city has been working with DeKalb County to help accelerate this.

District 5 – Karmesha Smith – Thank you to the staff who stayed late with us this evening. Would like to highlight paving currently going on in District 5 and also give kudos to the staff for who assisted with the Back-to-School Backpack Giveaway.

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

Moved to take place before the Public Hearing section of the agenda.

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 3-0 with District 2 being vacant and Councilmember A. Washington being absent during the vote.

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

Motion passed 3-0 with District 2 being vacant and Councilmember A. Washington being absent during the vote.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the minutes from Executive Session. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.
Motion passed 3-0 with District 2 being vacant and Councilmember A. Washington being absent during the vote.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26pm.

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