CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES

3120 Stonecrest Blvd., Stonecrest, GA 30038

Monday, September 28, 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 6:06pm.

II. ROLL CALL: Sonya Isom, City Clerk

All members were present.

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

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

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to move to recess and allow Communications time to fix the audio issue. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.
Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to resume our regular scheduled meeting. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.
Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.

V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the agenda as published. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.
Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. 2026 Strategic Planning Retreat Minutes

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the 2026 Strategic Planning Retreat Minutes. Second by Councilmember Kamesha Smith.
Motion passed 3-1 with District 1 voting Nay and District 2 being vacant.

b. Approval of Meeting Minutes - Special Called Meeting, July 2, 2026

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to defer the meeting minutes from the July 2, 2026, Special Called Meeting. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.
Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.

c. Approval of Meeting Minutes - Work Session, July 13, 2026

Motion – made by Councilmember Alecia Washington to set forth the approval of the meeting minutes for the Work Session for July 13, 2026. Second by Councilmember George Turner.

Motion – made by Councilmember Alecia Washington to move that the approval of the meeting minutes for the Work Session, July 13. Second by Councilmember George Turner.
Motion passed 3-1 with District 5 voting Nay and District 2 being vacant.

d. Approval of Meeting Minutes - City Council Meeting, July 27, 2026

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to defer the meeting minutes from the City Council Meeting, July 27, 2026. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.
Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.

e. Approval of Meeting Minutes - City Council Meeting, August 24, 2026

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to defer the approval of the meeting minutes from the City Council Meeting, August 24, 2026. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.
Motion passed 4-0 with 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.

C.A. Nation
Retired US Marine, disabled, and in pain every day but it is worth it to see Council sitting here. He wants to be proud of the City of Stonecrest, however, the city is trying to condemn his property, and stated he will see you in court.

Faye Coffield
Stated this is a public building and would like to know why there is no public restroom. Mentioned having signs letting people know they are in Stonecrest. Also expressed concerns about $100,000 that she states is missing.

Chandra Cates
Asking council to vote on a proposal to arrest violators who were summoned to appear in court and did not. Expressed gratitude to Officer Frank Austin for helping with the upkeep of the community. Request for fencing in the community to be removed and replaced, as it is an eyesore.

Bernard Knight
Gave the 4th status report on the CID. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at 9 am.

Angela Green
Currently living next door to a hoarder and is requesting advice and/or resources regarding this matter. She is a resident of District 1.

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. Proclamation - Annie Smith Raines, *George Turner, District 4 Councilmember*

Presentation by Councilmember Turner to Stonecrest resident Annie Smith Raines, a Stonecrest citizen who turned 101 years old, declaring September 3, 2026, as Annie Smith Reigns Day in the City of Stonecrest.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

a. For Decision - Resolution for the Matrix Fee Study - *Shawanna Qawiy, Division Director Community Development, Keisha Franklin, Finance Director & Catherine Turner, City Manager*

Presentation was given by Director Qawiy stating that this item has been discussed on numerous occasions. The sliding scale for the matrix was provided. City Manager Turner

stated all proposed fees were updated, and nothing should be blank. The resolution has 2 parts, to accept the study and to adopt the fees. There were recommendations to adopt the study without adopting the fee schedule. Staff have recommended a phrasing approach. There was a request to go line by line for fees over $1500. Director Qawiy reminded the council that some numbers were rounded up to the nearest whole number. The packet is not updated and will not be what is being approved as the most recent version was placed on the dais for council. The recommended time for adjustment should be between 5-7 years but can be reevaluated before the 5 years.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to move for the approval of the Fee Schedule Study and proposed fees by city matrix. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.
Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.

b. For Decision - Cooperation Agreement for the SLIP CID - *George Turner, District 4 Councilmember*

Presentation was given by Councilmember Turner stating that this has been before council a few times, with lengthy discussions and adjustments. It was mentioned that when one agency overlaps with another agency or operates within an agency, there must be some understanding or ground rules on the cooperation. The East Metro CID was in operation within Stonecrest city limits before we became a city and without an agreement. As an update, there was an agreement made on what they can and cannot do within the city limits. The clause to get out of an agreement is either party can give a 30-day notice and exit the agreement. The city is not obligated to provide funds for the projects and has an understanding that the CID is also governed by the open meetings act. The CID has agreed to have an initial meeting and give updates at the TIPS and Work Session meetings.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to move for the approval of the Cooperation Agreement for the SLIP CID. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to move for the approval of the Cooperation Agreement for the SLIP CID with the stated alterations that are available to our City Attorney and the City Manager. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.
Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

a. For Decision - Appointment of Ethics Officer - *Sonya Isom, City Clerk*

Presentation was given by City Clerk Isom stating this is a request to approve the appointment of an Ethics Officer for the City of Stonecrest. The suggested attorney is Gregory D. Jay with Chandler Britt and Jay, LLC.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to move to approve Attorney Gregory D. Jay with Chandler Britt & Jay, LLC as our Ethics Officer. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.
Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.

b. For Decision - FY 2027 Budget Calendar - *Catherine Turner, City Manager*

Presentation was given by City Manager Turner stating this item is for approval of the FY 2027 Budget Calendar. On October 19th, there will be a proposed schedule of the budget that is being proposed for presentation on October 26th. It will be advertised on October 19th with the legal organ as well as for the public hearing on November 9th. The budget will be presented to council for adoption on November 23rd. On December 14th the budget will be published and on January 1st we will be in a new fiscal year. Asking for approval of the budget that is posted in the agenda packet and not the internal schedule.

Motion – made by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to approve the Budget Calendar that has been presented by the City Manager. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington. **Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.**

XIV. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS

No comments

XV. CITY MANAGER UPDATE

City Manager and Staff are currently working on the audit and are about 20% complete. Working alongside the Code Enforcement Department on beautification. Starting a tracking system to provide timeline of projects and show what contracts the city has. Searching for a consultant to review our organizational structure including improving communication technology. Stated we had a successful Screen on the Green and are planning for our Fall Festival in October. It was also stated the audit schedule is going as planned.

XVI. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Jazzmin Cobble – No comment

Mayor Pro Tem Tara Graves – Thanks to everyone who came to the council townhall. The next one will possibly be the 2nd Saturday in December. Recommends that citizens continue to come out and voice concerns as council is working to be transparent. Continue to support local businesses and share beautification moments within the city. Please check our city website for all upcoming events and join in the festivities. If you have any questions for council, you can email constituentservices@stonecrestga.gov. Public comments have been heard and will be addressed.

District 3 – Alecia Washington – Excited about the upcoming Citizens Academy. For information on how to get engaged, please contact Nicholas Ivey, Community Engagement Coordinator. Fairington Park has had some upgrades such as a new way-finding sign, new parking lot, new play equipment and gazebo.

District 4 – George Turner – The townhall was a great event and he enjoyed the council doing it all together.

District 5 – Karmesha Smith – Thank you to everyone who came to the all council townhall this past weekend. She can be reached at ksmith@stonecrestga.gov. Happy birthday to Annie Smith Raines on celebrating 101 years of life.

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 Alecia Washington.
Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.

Motion – made by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to exit Executive Session and return to our regular scheduled meeting. Second by Councilmember George Turner.
Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.

Motion – made by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to approve the minutes from the Executive Session. Second by Councilmember George Turner.
Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04pm.

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