



CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES

3120 Stonecrest Blvd., Stonecrest, GA 30038

Monday, August 24, 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

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

The meeting began at 6:04pm.

II. ROLL CALL: Sonya Isom, City Clerk

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

III. INVOCATION: Pastor Aaron Jones III, Mt. Nebo Baptist Church

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 written. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

Motion was amended.

There was a request to add: Approval of Power of Attorney for Mauldin & Jenkins as item c, under New Business.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the agenda with the one stated addition. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

Motion passed unanimously.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Motion – made by Councilmember Alecia Washington to approve the meeting minutes from the June 22, 2026, City Council Meeting with the stated changes. Second by Councilmember George Turner.

Motion passed unanimously.

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 unanimously.

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

Motion – made by Councilmember Alecia Washington to defer the meeting minutes from the July 13, 2026, Work Session. Second by Mayor Pro Tem Tara Graves.

Motion tied with D1 & D5 voting Nay and D3 & D4 voting Yay.

Motion failed due to Mayor being absent and unable to break the tie.

Motion – made by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to approve the meeting minutes from the July 13, 2026, Work Session. Second by Councilmember George Turner.

Motion tied with D1 & D3 voting Nay and D4 & D5 voting Yay.

Motion failed due to Mayor being absent and unable to break the tie.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to defer the meeting minutes from the July 13, 2026, Work Session. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the meeting minutes from the July 27, 2026, City Council Meeting. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

Motion failed 3-1 with D1, D4 & D5 voting Nay and D3 voting Yay.

Motion – made by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to defer the meeting minutes from the July 27, 2026, City Council Meeting. Second by Councilmember George Turner.

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 those established time limits.

In Person

Bernard Knight – gave 3rd status report on the Stonecrest CID, sharing an update on the progress they are making.

Faye Coffield – stated it is time for the City of Stonecrest to be dissolved. Also shared her disapproval with Metro Green.

Alisa Clark – asked if the city can define who is responsible for what? Need traffic light at Thompson Mill and Miller Road. Stated the city is lagging behind on amenities.

Diane Adoma – concerns on the Metro Green settlement and agreement. Shared some key concerns and her requested call to action. Had questions on SLUPS undergoing public routing.

Ruth Johnson-Floyd – disappointed at what's going on with Metro Green and would like council to make the best decisions for the city.

Dave Marcus – shared reasons to reject Metro Green's rezoning, including research done on concrete recycling.

Raymond Randle – discussed blight in Stonecrest, speaking of the broken window theory, the condition of the Stonecrest Mill Apartments, trash, and the effect on families and children.

Dwania McGhee – wanted to know how Metro Green would affect the lives and health of Stonecrest residents, mentioning more traffic, the ozone, real estate issues, and future developments. Asked what can legally operate there today.

Serena Thornton – concerns about Metro Green and asked city to revoke their certificate of occupancy.

Juanita Sheppard – opposing any rezoning on Maddox Road and has concerns about District 2 and its vacant seat.

Sharee Scott – asked council to think about what is in the best interest of Stonecrest. Opposed to the rezoning on Maddox Road for Metro Green.

Chandra Cates – Thanked Code Officer Frank Austin for assistance. Spoke of neighbor hoarding garbage in front yard, which is creating a rodent infestation. She has concerns with homeowners not cutting their grass, abandoned houses and its appearance, and broken fences in a common area that she would like removed.

Stephanie Grain – asked council to do a study on the pollution that will come with Metro Green.

Mesha Hardin – asked how the rezoning will benefit the community's air pollution and property value. Spoke of shaking that has affected wiring in her home and asked council not to rezone.

CA Nation – concerns about gentrification of his home and spoke of rezonings and failed businesses.

Linda Miller – Would like to see signs and something coming into the city, asking to bring in developers.

Renee Cail – comments on rezoning of 7224 and 7226 Maddox Road and spoke on the effect of pollutions to the lungs.

State Representative Doreen Carter – spoke of families being affected by Metro Green, resident concerns, air quality, noise, quality of life and industrial development. Asked council to decline the request for rezoning and to consider the families who this will affect.

Public Comments Sent Via Email

Pyper Bunch – opposition to Metro Green operating anywhere in Stonecrest

Ann Rogers – against proposed rezoning of 7224 and 7226 Maddox Road

A. Sabrena Farmer – does not want any part of Metro Green in community

Kathy Andrews – concerns about environment and health impacts of rezoning

Lequvia Ousley - say no to rezoning of Metro Green properties

Gayle Andrews – please vote no to proposed rezoning of 7226 Maddox Road

Bola Tolase – vote no to Metro Green

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

XII. OLD BUSINESS

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

There was a comment from Councilmember Turner stating a decision must be made on scientific facts.

Motion – made by Councilmember Alecia Washington to deny the Ordinance for RZ 26-004 7224 & 7226 Maddox Road. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.

Motion passed unanimously.

- b. For Decision** - Ordinance to Amend Section 2-180 - Execution of Checks or Financial Instruments, 2nd Read - *Tara Graves, Mayor Pro Tem and Alicia Thompson, City Attorney*

Mayor Pro Tem Tara Graves stated that the ordinance that is in the packet is not the correct ordinance, but the City Attorney has the correct ordinance. The updated ordinance was read by Attorney Thompson, stating there are no major changes. It was confirmed the cap is \$25,000.

The preamble was read by the City Attorney.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the Ordinance to Amend Section 2-180 – Execution of Checks or Financial Instruments, 2nd Read. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.

Motion passed unanimously.

- c. For Decision** - Resolution to Censure the Mayor - *Tara Graves, Mayor Pro Tem*

Presentation led by Mayor Pro Tem Tara Graves asking the city attorney to define censure. Attorney Denmark proceeded to explain that a censure is not a measure that removes an individual from office or carries any specific penalty but power to express displeasure of actions. It is a public reprimand of one member by majority of the governing body and does not carry any other consequence. Mayor Pro Tem mentioned an incident that took place at City Hall during the month of June and stated the censure does not require an investigation. She stated this is an administrative matter, and council did not request or complete an investigation and does not require any public funds to investigate this matter.

The resolution preamble and findings were read by the City Clerk.

Motion – made by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to approve the Resolution to Censure the Mayor. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Cobble asked about the attorneys role in the language of the resolution and it was stated it was modified to be placed in legal format and that council drafted the language.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. For Decision** - Resolution for SDL 26-004 7132 Hayden Quarry Road - 3 Lots Combination/Lot Division/Boundary Adjustment - *Shawanna Qawiy, Division Director Community Development*

The presentation was given by Director Qawiy stating this is a three Lot Combination Lot Division – Boundary Agreement of 7132, 7124 and 7150 Hayden Quarry Road to be known as 7132 Hayden Quarry Road. There was a review of the major plat and instructions on how to apply for a major plat, which has the same procedures of a preliminary plat and final. The applicant must submit an application and preliminary plat for approval prior to the issuance of a building permit. The major plat certifies that the preliminary and final plats all comply with zoning environmental regulations. An

adjustment was made to remove the property lines as they are combining three lots to build a single family home.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the Resolution for SDL 26-004 7132 Hayden Quarry Road – 3 Lots Combination/Lot Division/Boundary Adjustment. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

Motion passed unanimously.

b. For Decision - Supplemental Security Services - Independent Contractor Agreement - Michael McCoy, Deputy City Manager

The presentation was given by Deputy City Manager McCoy, stating this item is administrative housekeeping and a request to address the pay disparity between the two entities that are providing security services to the city. The city's off duty sheriff deputies are currently being paid \$45 per hour, while the DeKalb Police Officers are being paid \$70 per hour. There is a correction in the document presented that shows \$75 per hour should be \$70 per hour. This request is to increase the Sheriff Deputies pay from \$45 to \$70 per hour so that all providing security are being compensated at the same rate.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the Supplemental Security Services – Independent Contractor Agreement. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.

Motion passed unanimously.

c. For Decision – Approval of Power of Attorney for Mauldin & Jenkins – Catherine Turner, City Manager

The presentation was given by City Manager Turner asking for approval to move forward with Mauldin Jenkins as the city's Power of Attorney, authorizing them to represent the City of Stonecrest before the IRS in any tax matters. Having Mauldin & Jenkins as the city's Power of Attorney could possibly reduce fees and penalties. If the mayor is unable to execute the Power of Attorney for Mauldin & Jenkins, council would allow the City Manager to move forward and execute the request on behalf of the city.

Motion – made by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to approve the Approval of Power of Attorney with Mauldin & Jenkins for the city to move forward with tax related items. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

Motion withdrawn.

Motion – made by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to authorize the City Manager to execute the Power of Attorney for Mauldin & Jenkins for tax related matters. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

Motion passed unanimously.

XIV. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS

It was good to see everyone in Savannah.

XV. CITY MANAGER UPDATE

The city has partnered with an external firm for a payroll audit. An update will be given to the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem and Council once the final results are received. The audit with Mauldin & Jenkins is on schedule. There was discussion of events taking place in city hall, staffing needs, new restaurants and expansions, and details on current projects, and beautification in the city.

XVI. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Cobble – No comments

District 1 – Mayor Pro Tem Tara Graves – No comments

District 3 – Alecia Washington – Thanks to the organizations, Stonecrest staff and volunteers for assisting with the events that have taken place the last three weeks, and thanks to everyone that participated.

District 4 – George Turner – Gave an update on the trapping of the feral hogs. We have identified some hot spots and can hopefully eliminate them soon.

District 5 – Karmesha Smith – Thanks to everyone who came out this evening. She is open to receiving feedback and noted council cannot do this without the impact of citizens. You are appreciated.

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

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm.

Americans with Disabilities Act

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