



CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING – MINUTES

3120 Stonecrest Blvd., Stonecrest, GA 30038

Thursday, July 02, 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 6:16pm.

II. ROLL CALL: Sonya Isom, City Clerk

All members were present with District 2 seat vacant.

Ground rules were established for today's meeting. In an effort to conduct an effective and orderly meeting, all comments and responses to each item will be limited to five minutes per person. This time limit will apply to everyone including council, mayor, staff and anyone responding to questions. If a speaker would like another individual to speak and respond to questions, they must first ask for permission from Mayor Pro Tem before yielding the floor or inviting another person to speak.

Motion – made by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to allocate a maximum of five minutes to speak, per person, per agenda item. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.

It was confirmed these rules are for this Special Called Meeting only.

III. AGENDA ITEMS

- a. For Decision** - Execution of the City Manager Employment Agreement and Authorization of Signatory - *Tara Graves, Mayor Pro Tem*

There was an overview by Mayor Pro Tem Graves stating the city's governing body has approved the appointment of the City Manager. This item is to ensure that the employment agreement is properly carried out so that the city can move forward. Attorney Thompson

confirmed the employment agreement has not been signed, stating it was presented to the mayor for signature. The mayor spoke of discrepancies in the agreement and stated the charter references a ceremonial mayor and that the contract is valid as the council voted and approved of it. Attorney Thompson read the section of the charter referencing this matter. It was stated the mayor's signature is a requirement.

Motion – made by Councilmember Alecia Washington to authorize the Mayor Pro Tem to execute the City Manager Employment Agreement and any related documents necessary to implement the council's previously approved appointment of the City Manager based on the mayor's refusal to execute the agreement. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.
Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.

b. For Decision - Resolution Ratifying Emergency Actions Taken by Council Prior to the City Manager Appointment - Tara Graves, Mayor Pro Tem

The purpose of this resolution is to formally acknowledge the actions that council took during the declared state of emergency to ensure the continued operations of the city government, including the uninterrupted delivery of essential services. These actions were put in place while the City Manager position remained vacant. The resolution was read by Councilman Turner, giving examples of some of the emergency declarations. It was noted the mayor attempted to make an Acting City Manager appointment, however, the recommendation was denied by way of vote of council. The mayor requested a correction to the resolution stating the date and time of mayor's appointment, as well as the votes.

The City Attorney read the preamble.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the resolution by the City Council for the City of Stonecrest, Georgia, to acknowledge and ratify certain actions taken to preserve the continuity of Municipal Government. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.

c. For Discussion - Supplemental Pay Policy - Keisha Franklin, Finance Director, Myrlene Thomas, Human Resources Analyst & Robin Jackson, Human Resources Generalist

The presentation was given by Myrlene Thomas, HR Analyst, giving the definition of supplemental pay and stating this is when an employee is placed in acting status when they are temporarily reassigned to a position that is different from their hired position or they are assigned significantly to greater duties and responsibilities than those assigned. This pay will come in at 5% or an amount that appropriately reflects the additional duties and responsibilities and will only remain in effect during the duration of the acting assignment. The employee placed in this status must meet the minimum requirements of the position before the reassignment begins. The acting assignment may not exceed 12 consecutive months unless the City Manager provides written approval for an extension. The City Manager may also approve supplemental pay for employees with additional or specialized degrees and/or certifications when recommended by the Department Director. There were a series of questions from council to be answered at a later date due to the HR Director being out of the office.

d. For Discussion - The Consideration of a Resolution to Censure the Mayor - *Tara Graves, Mayor Pro Tem*

The presentation was led by Mayor Pro Tem Graves stating that a censure is a formal expression of the council's disapproval regarding conduct. This does not remove an elected official from office; nor does it impose a legal penalty. The purpose of this item is to allow the council to consider the proposed resolution, review the facts, hear from parties involved, engage in discussion and determine whether the proposed action is granted. Council is considering this during an open meeting for transparency. This stems from an incident that took place on June 25th, involving an elected official and appointed staff member.

The City Manager read a statement submitted by the Finance Director. Mayor Cobble asked for Attorney Tyson to respond but was denied. Mayor Cobble read her statement. The City Manager also read a statement from the City Manager's Office. There were additional statements that were given to the City Manager only. It was decided the council will ask the City Manager to initiate an investigation into the matter before moving forward with the idea of censuring. The city will ask for assistance from GMA to assist with the investigation due to the HR Director not being in the office.

IV. 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

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm

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