



CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING – MINUTES

3120 Stonecrest Blvd., Stonecrest, GA 30038

Monday, December 23, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Mayor Jazzmin Cobble

Council Member Tara Graves - District 1 Council Member Terry Fye - District 2

Council Member Alecia Washington - District 3 Mayor Pro Tem George Turner - District 4

Council Member Tammy Grimes - District 5

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I. CALL TO ORDER: George Turner, Mayor Pro-Tem

The meeting began at 6:07pm.

II. ROLL CALL: Sonya Isom, City Clerk

All members were present.

III. AGENDA ITEMS

Request to begin with item c., then item b. and item a. at the end of the agenda.

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to approve the meeting agenda with the stated adjustments. Second by Councilmember Tara Graves.

Motion passed unanimously.

a. For Decision - Resolution for the Adoption of the FY 2025 Budget - *Gia Scruggs, City Manager*

Presentation by City Manager Scruggs giving an overview of the FY2025 Budget for consideration of approval and mentioning the base budget includes no change in the millage rate. There was a review of the FY2025 Proposed Budget Plan, Departmental Summary, General Fund Revenue Overview, Tax Revenue Detail, Historical Comparative Revenue Analysis, Capital Projects Revenue, General Expenditures by Function, Capital Projects Expenditures, and FY25 Proposed City Events. There was a request not to fund the Receptionist position. The largest reduction was in Legal and a recommendation for personnel related to the Finance Department.

Mayor Cobble mentioned the city's code outlines departments and between the code and charter, there are fifteen departments. The budget should reflect the same and departmental codes should be rearranged. Councilmember Grimes wants citizens to know council is paying attention and it is not common for budgets to get to this date and not be perfect. Councilmember Graves recommends funding the Receptionist position.

The preamble was read by the City Clerk.

Motion – made by Councilmember Tammy Grimes to approve the Resolution for the Adoption of the FY 2025 Budget with the stated multiple changes. Second by Mayor Pro Tem George Turner.

Motion passed 3-2 with Councilmembers Tara Graves and Alecia Washington voting Nay.

b. For Decision - Personnel Ordinance - *Gia Scruggs, City Manager*

Presentation by City Manager Scruggs stating there were several positions being brought for consideration before the council. There was discussion on creation for all recommended positions, and FY25 personnel amendments. Staff is asking the council to consider keeping the Director and Deputy Director of Planning & Zoning. There was also a request to transfer the Community Engagement Coordinator position to the City Manager's Office from the Communications Department. Mayor Cobble asked the council to consider having the Community Engagement Coordinator position remain in Communications as they work largely alongside the Communications Department.

The 1st read of the preamble was read by the City Clerk.

c. For Decision - Browns Mill Rec Center Office/Lobby/Rooms Floor Replacement - *Kelly Ledbetter, Director of Parks and Recreation*

Presentation by Director Ledbetter requesting a floor replacement for the offices, lobby and rooms at the Browns Mill Recreation Center in the amount of \$27,325.00. This is a piggyback contract from Rockdale County. Funding will come from ARPA Funding Source.

Motion – made by Councilmember Tammy Grimes to approve the Browns Mill Rec Center Office/Lobby/Rooms Floor Replacement. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

Motion passed unanimously.

d. For Decision - Miller Road at Thompson Mill Roundabout Vendor Approval - *Hari Karikaran, City Engineer*

Presentation by City Engineer Karikaran stating that council approved a concept study earlier this year. He also stated the full concept design has been completed for the Miller Road and Thompson Mill Road Intersection. The design was completed by Arcadis, US Inc. Engineering Firm in the amount of \$396,074.50.

There were concerns with section B and C regarding the range that requires estimates and public bidding. Legal gave a review of the state code, confirmed we are in line legally and that the estimate provisions are not for professional engineering services.

Motion – made by Councilmember Tammy Grimes to approve the Miller Road at Thompson Mill Roundabout Vendor Approval request. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

Motion passed 4-1 with Councilmember Terry Fye voting Nay.

- e. **For Decision** -Klondike Road at Goddard Road - Intersection Improvements Vendor Approval - *Hari Karikaran, City Engineer*

Presentation by City Engineer Karikaran stating that the council previously approved the concept plan, which has been completed by Arcadis, US Inc, and is moving toward completion of the final design. The amount to complete the final design is \$159,422.80. There will be no piggyback. There will be Title 32 under one contract with Arcadis for projects. Mayor Cobble offered confirmation that the city is using one contract for all of the projects.

Motion – made by Councilmember Tammy Grimes to approve the Klondike Road at Goddard Road – Intersection Improvements Vendor Approval. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

Motion passed unanimously.

- f. **For Decision** - Hayden Quarry Rd Extension - Concept Design Vendor Approval - *Hari Karikaran, City Engineer*

Presentation by City Engineer Karikaran stating that when council adopted the Transportation Master Plan there were two new projects for roadway, NR1 & NR2. This project is NR1 and he is proposing a concept design for extension of this project. The concept design study totals \$161,697.40. There were 5 vendors evaluated and Arcadis, US Inc. was selected to complete the study.

Motion – made by Councilmember Tara Graves to approve Hayden Quarry at Sigman Intersection Concept Design. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

Motion passed unanimously.

- g. **For Decision** - Turner Hill Road at Hayden Quarry Road - Intersection Improvement Vendor Approval - *Hari Karikaran, City Engineer*

Presentation by City Engineer Karikaran stating this project is a concept design that was previously presented to the TIPS Committee. Staff are requesting approval to complete the design and gain funding for professional engineering services.

Motion – made by Mayor Pro Tem George Turner to approve the Turner Hill Road at Hayden Quarry Road Intersection Improvement Vendor Approval. Second by Councilmember Tara Graves.

Motion passed 4-1 with Councilmember Terry Fye voting Nay.

- h. **For Discussion/Decision** - ARPA Spending Plan Update - *Gia Scruggs, City Manager*

City Manager Scruggs gave an overview of the ARPA spending plan. There are two projects at Browns Mill and Fairington Road Parking Lot which are estimated at \$580,000. There are five projects including Browns Mill Flooring Replacement and the four intersection projects that total \$1,183,173.00. An additional \$200,175.00 remains on the Berry Dunn Contract that was presented previously, in which the updated version will reflect \$0.00. There is an additional \$480,638.50 for budget amendment to move from SPLOST to ARPA. The movement of funds will be utilized for the Panola Shoals Riverbank Stabilization Project. To reconcile all real time updates there will need to be a budget ordinance to reallocate funds to cover projects originally designed to be paid from SPLOST funds to now be paid with ARPA funds in the amount of \$480,639.

The City Clerk read the preamble for the FY 2024 Amended SPLOST Ordinance with ARPA.

It was decided a resolution would be appropriate for this item and the preamble of the resolution for ARPA Funds Spending for Panola Shoals was read by the City Attorney.

Motion – made by Councilmember Tammy Grimes to approve the resolution for the ARPA Spending Plan Update for Panola Shoals from SPLOST to ARPA. Second by Councilmember Terry Fye.

Motion passed unanimously.

i. For Decision - Financial Advisor Contract Agreement - *Gia Scruggs, City Manager*

Presentation by City Manager Scruggs requesting to go into a contract with Piper Sandler & Company as a licensed Financial Advisor to assist the city with bond investments, and bond real estate transactions. This is not a new contract and the compensation is fixed. The terms will be evaluated on an annual basis regarding the need for this position.

Motion – made by Councilmember Tammy Grimes to approve the Financial Advisor Contract Agreement. Second by Councilmember Terry Fye.

Motion passed unanimously.

j. For Decision - Appointment of ZBA Members - *George Turner, Mayor Pro Tem*

Introduction by Mayor Pro Tem George Turner stating Councilmember Terry Fye would like to appoint Jeremy Scott to the ZBA as a representative of District Two.

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to approve the appointment of Jeremy Scott to the Zoning Board of Appeals for District 2. Second by Councilmember Tammy Grimes.

Motion passed unanimously.

Presentation by Mayor Pro Tem George Turner appointing Ieshia Fuller to the ZBA, as a District Four representative, replacing Michael Armstrong.

Motion – made by Mayor Pro Tem George Turner to approve the appointment of Ieshia Fuller to the Zoning Board of Appeals for District 4. Second by Councilmember Tammy Grimes.

Motion passed unanimously.

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

Motion – made by Mayor Pro Tem George Turner to enter Executive Session for personnel, litigation, real-estate and cyber security. Second by Councilmember Tammy Grimes.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to exit Executive Session and return to the special called meeting. Second by Councilmember Tammy Grimes.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to approve the minutes from the Executive Session. Second by Councilmember Tammy Grimes.

Motion passed unanimously.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:09pm.

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