



## CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

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### CITY COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES

3120 Stonecrest Blvd., Stonecrest, GA 30038

Monday, April 22, 2024 at 6:00 PM

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*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 was called to order at 6:07pm.

**II. ROLL CALL:** Sonya Isom, City Clerk

All members were present.

**III. INVOCATION:** Pastor Abel Johnson, Christ Deliverance Tabernacle of Grace

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

**V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

There was a request for the following changes to the agenda:

1. Move Reports & Presentations ahead of Public Hearings
2. Under Old Business, add Resolution for Browns Mill & Covington Highway contract as item a.

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to approve the April 22, 2024, City Council meeting agenda with the stated changes Seconded by Councilmember Tara Graves.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approval of Meeting Minutes - City Council Meeting, March 25, 2024

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Tara Graves to approve the meeting minutes from the March 25, 2024, City Council Meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Tammy Grimes.  
**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](mailto: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 established time limits.*

### **In Person**

#### Pyper Brunch

Requesting Council continue to deny Metro Green a business license and Certificate of Occupancy. She is asking the council to protect the community from harm and danger, as the air will not sit only on Miller Road, but over Covington Highway, Panola Road, and schools in the area as well. Asking the council to protect the community.

#### Sharon Jeffrey

Concerns about the Parks and Recreation Center at Browns Mill, as she has been playing pickleball there and would like to have it continued. She stated the roof is leaking and she does not want anyone to get hurt.

#### Faye Coffield

Glad that Council approved the public comment time limit, which is now three minutes. She stated citizens are looking at Metro Green, as it is a health hazard. She also had comments about other growing cities, and the lack of new streetlights and sidewalks, as well as road pavings.

#### Lewis Anderson

On behalf of the Hilson Head HOA, he thanked some Council Members for their support with SLUP 23-009 and also expressed disappointment in some council members for their votes stating time was wasted. He stated he will be watching the council in regard to the charter and also commented on a sign on Panola Rd. that should be removed.

#### Renee Cail

Thanked the council for standing with the citizens in the battle of Metro Green and reminding council to deny a business license and certificate of occupancy. She stated people are getting sick and the impact on public health is devastating in the community as air pollution is very high.

**Comments were received from the names below and shared with council but not read due to time:**

Donna Williams  
Cheryl Moore-Mathis  
M. Gonzales

## **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.*

*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 - SLUP 24-001 2869 Evans Mill Road - Shawanna Qawiy, Director of Planning & Zoning**

Presentation by Director Qawiy stating that Mark Campbell DBA Carter Engineering Consultant, Inc is seeking a SLUP to construct and operate a Popeyes Drive Thru Restaurant. There was a review of the facts and background, future land use/character area, zoning map, overlay district map, aerial map, submitted site plan, submitted landscape plan and renderings. Staff recommends approval with conditions as listed in the packet. The Planning Commission recommended denial.

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Tammy Grimes to open public hearing for SLUP 24-001 2869 Evans Mill Road. Seconded by Councilmember Terry Fye.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

In Favor

Mark Campbell

In Opposition

Faye Coffield

Lewis Anderson

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to extend the speaking time by 3 minutes for each side. Seconded by Councilmember Tara Graves.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

In opposition

Rachel Ziegler

Mr. Campbell shared details of the drive-through and parking.

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Tammy Grimes to close public hearing for SLUP 24-001 2869 Evans Mill Road. Seconded by Councilmember Tara Graves.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**b. For Decision - Ordinance for SLUP 24-001 2869 Evans Mill Road - Shawanna Qawiy, Director of Planning & Zoning**

Mr. Campbell stated in addition to Popeye's, Burger King and Krystal's are under the 755 Restaurant Group and that there are 23 Popeye's Restaurants in Metro Atlanta. As representative of District 5, Councilmember Grimes commented on the conditions, questioned it's need in the neighborhood and is also concerned about traffic exiting the proposed area. Mayor Pro Tem George Turner stated that he has heard from six

constituents and there is a desire for greater. We need to be concerned with what will fit tomorrow as we grow, and what will work best for the city.

Attorney Denmark stated that council y is constrained by the law and must focus on standards set forth in the zoning ordinance. Director Qawiy confirmed this location is currently zoned C-2 commercial.

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Tammy Grimes to deny the Ordinance for SLUP 24-001 2869 Evans Mill Road. Seconded by Councilmember Terry Fye.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

## **IX. CONSENT AGENDA**

## **X. APPOINTMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Charter Commission member Patricia Smith of District 4 resigned and will be replaced by Ms. Delores Washington. These appointments do not require concurrence from the council.

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to amend the agenda and add Charter Review Appointment under Appointments and Announcements. Seconded by Councilmember Tara Graves.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

## **XI. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS**

### **a. Citizens Academy Graduation**

Presentation to the Citizens Academy graduates for completing the academy and graduating as Ambassadors of the City of Stonecrest. Certificates of Completion were given to each graduate.

## **XII. OLD BUSINESS**

### **a. For Decision - Resolution awarding the contract for sidewalks at Browns Mill and Covington Highway**

The preamble was read by the City Clerk.

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Tammy Grimes to adopt the resolution awarding the contract for sidewalks at Browns Mill and Covington Highway. Seconded by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

## **XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a. For Decision - Way Finding Sign and Gateway Monument Sign Standards - *Hari Karikaran, City Engineer***

Presentation by City Engineer Karikaran, giving an overview of this item and stating that it has previously come before council. There was a review of the options, as well as the results from a survey as well as the revised recommendations. There were 104 votes captured, with option 3 receiving the



most votes. GDOT mentioned that the red color in the other options may provide a distraction to drivers and is not permitted. Staff is recommending adopting option #3. It was stated the survey does not list which districts responded.

Director Karikaran led a discussion on monuments, including locations, size of signs, and stated the selected monuments could be easily built. The wayfinding signs would be located throughout the city. There is a list of locations in the packet, under Terminologies.

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to approve the Way Finding Sign and Gateway Monument Sign Standards with the stated changes. Seconded by Councilmember Tara Graves.

**Motion passed 4-1 with Councilmember Tammy Grimes voting Nay.**

- b. For Decision** - Resolution for Adoption of GDOT Procurement Policy for Federal and State Funded Capital Projects - *Hari Karikaran, City Engineer*

Presentation by City Engineer Karikaran stating any local government must be LAP certified to receive federal or state funds. This process includes training and certifying city staff. There are five training courses and certifications are good for three years. GDOT is requesting that the City of Stonecrest adopt a Procurement Policy for federal and state funded projects.

There is not a fixed number of staff that are required to take the training. It is suggested that the Engineering and Design Procurement Policy and Procedure training should be taken by the City Engineering Office and the Finance Office. ADA Compliance and Title 6 and ADA should be taken by the city staff, HR Staff can be included in this training. The LAP Certification and Right of Way Certification will be taken by the Engineering staff. All training is good for 3 certification years.

The preamble was read by the city clerk.

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Tammy Grimes to approve the Resolution for Adoption of GDOT Procurement Policy for Federal and State Funded Capital Projects. Seconded by Councilmember Terry Fye.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

#### **XIV. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS**

No comments.

#### **XV. CITY MANAGER UPDATE**

Cities Week kicked off today with the Citizens Academy Graduation, the Municipal Court had a Municipal Justice speaker series that kicked off today, there was an Earth Day Summit that took place this past Saturday, and tomorrow some students will come to City Hall to learn more about city hall operations. Please join us, along with the Arabia Mountain Heritage Alliance for an evening at Barters Farm on April 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm-7:30pm for our Soaring with Arabia Mountain evening event and parking will be at 3366 Klondike Road. Friday is Citywide Spirit Day and we are asking schools in the city to submit a 30 second video clip voicing what it means to soar in Stonecrest. The Autism Walk will be on Saturday @ the Browns Mill Recreation



Center. It is a free event and you can register through the Parks and Recreation website, Rec One. May 1<sup>st</sup> is Law Day, sponsored by our Municipal Court and Women's Resource Center to end domestic violence #PurpleCourt. Please wear purple on that day. Topics: survivors in court, domestic violence and supporting survivors.

There was a request from Councilmember Terry Fye for an update on the 2021 audit. It was stated the city has turned in all requested documents to the external auditors and they are still reviewing. Once draft findings are produced, it will be posted publicly. It is possible it will be received within the next 30 days.

## **XVI. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

District 1 - **Councilmember Tara Graves** – Inviting everyone to come out and join her this Saturday, from 1:00pm-3:00pm for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Autism Walk.

District 2 - **Councilmember Terry Fye** – Thanked the City Manager for being transparent with our city and providing an update. April 11<sup>th</sup> marked my 100th Day in the office and I have released a 100 Day Report on all activities. Please contact me for a copy of the report.

District 3 - **Councilmember Alecia Washington** – Congratulations to the graduates of the Citizens Academy. Encouraging all constituents, with emphasis on District 3, to get involved and learn more about our city government.

District 4 – **Mayor Pro Tem George Turner** – Salem Park is currently under renovation and expected to be closed another 30-45 days. Please visit this park when it reopens to view all of the upgrades. The South River Watershed Alliance is hosting A Paddle Down the River. Please research The South River Watershed Alliance if you are interested in Kayaking and Canoeing at Panola Shoals.

District 5 - **Councilmember Tammy Grimes** – Started Cities Week with a great worship at Cross Culture Church, and Pastor Woodrow Walker II. Shout out to the scholars at Salem Middle School who are in the thick of Milestone testing and thanks to the parents for getting the students to school everyday. Will be having Talk with Tammy, focusing on small business owners in District 5 on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at City Hall from 6:00pm- 8:00pm. Although all are invited. There will be a clean-up on May 4<sup>th</sup>, across the street from Flat Rock Elementary, from 8:00am-11:00am. Stay Engaged. Congratulations to the graduates of the Citizens Academy.

**Mayor Cobble** – Gave a reminder that there are multiple ways to engage with the city council through the calendar of events that are happening around the city. Mayor Cobble has begun hosting Mayor's Press Briefings to discuss issues within all judicial branches as well as incorporating the citizen's input. The next one will be May 13<sup>th</sup> @ 12 noon along with the City Manager and Major Baron, or a representative from the East Precinct. Past and current Mayor's Press Briefings can also be viewed on YouTube.

## **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 Terry Fye to enter into Executive Session for Personnel, Litigation, Real Estate & Cyber Security. Seconded by Councilmember Tammy

Grimes.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Tammy Grimes to exit Executive Session and return to the scheduled council meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Terry Fye.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to approve the Executive Session meeting minutes. Seconded by Councilmember Tara Graves.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

## **XVIII. ADJOURNMENT**


**Motion** – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to adjourn the City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Tara Graves.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

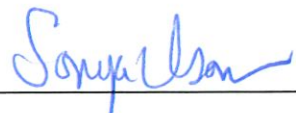
The meeting adjourned at 10:08pm.

As approved on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2024

**CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA**

  
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**Jazzmin Cobble, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**Sonya Isom, City Clerk**

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**City Attorney**

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