

# CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

## Finance Committee

Councilmember George Turner, Chair Councilmember Terry Fye Councilmember Alecia Washington Gia Scruggs, ex-officio Councilmember Tara Graves, Co-Chair Councilmember Tammy Grimes Mayor Jazzmin Cobble, ex-officio

# FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 20, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Citizen Access: In-Person @ City Hall (3120 Stonecrest Blvd Stonecrest) (meeting will be recorded and uploaded to the Stonecrest YouTube page)

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 p.m.

#### II. ROLL CALL

All members were present with the exception of Councilmember Tara Graves and Councilmember Alecia Washington, with proper notification.

#### III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to approve the agenda. Second by Councilmember Tammy Grimes Motion passed unanimously.

### IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Overall limit in public comments is 20 minutes. Limited to 2 minutes per speaker. Speaker can only speak once in public comments. Public comments are restricted to topics regarding the Finance Committee.

## V. AGENDA ITEMS

a. Approval of Meeting Minutes May 15, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

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**Motion -** made by Councilmember Terry Fye to approve May 15, 2024, meeting minutes. Second by Councilmember Tammy Grimes. **Motion passed unanimously.** 

## b. FY25 Proposed Budget

Chair George Turner advised that the budget was presented at the last City Council Work Session and there were some concerns about input from all parties, including the Office of the Mayor. It was also stated that a budget is needed that is cohesive and ready for a vote on Monday, at the scheduled council meeting.

Mayor Cobble suggested finding the IT Manager position so that Stonecrest could have someone in-house. City Manager Scruggs gave an overview of initiated adjustments. She also advised that there was a recommendation to create a line in the budget for stakeholders.

Councilmember Fye advised that generators were needed for Browns Mill and City Hall and noted that Browns Mill should be a priority, as it is a FEMA Shelter. There was conversation around hiring a Communications Manager and City Manager Scruggs stated an evaluation is needed to confirm the position is needed. The council voted to wait for the Communications Manager. There was additional discussion on marketing expense as well as additional staff. Mayor Cobble advised \$100,000 is estimated for the funding housing assessment. When asked if everyone agreed, it was unanimous.

## c. Ordinance for City Manager level of Financial Approval and Purchasing Policy

Chair George Turner advised that the present budget for City Manager approval is \$25,000 and questioned if it should be increased, and if so, to what amount? Councilmembers Grimes and Graves suggested an increase to \$50,000. City Manager Scruggs suggested an amount of \$100,000 and stated there are approved projects above \$50,000 that require her to petition the Council to request increases from Procurement. The procurement process usually takes 30 – 45 days and must wait until the next council meeting to be voted on. Chair Turner advised that the increase would be drawn up and voted on at the next council meeting.

## VI. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

#### VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Turner adjourned the meeting at 9:38pm.

## [SIGNATURES ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE]

As approved on the 21st day of May, 2025.

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lazzmin Cobble, Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk