



CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

TIPS COMMITTEE MEETING – MINUTES

3120 Stonecrest Blvd. Stonecrest, GA 30038

Wednesday April 10, 2024, 6:00 PM

Mayor Pro Tem George Turner, Chair

Councilmember Tammy Grimes, Co-Chair

Councilmember Tara Graves

Councilmember Terry Fye

Councilmember Alecia Washington

Mayor Jazzmin Cobble – Ex-Officio

Gia Scruggs – Ex-Officio

TRANSPORTATION, INFRASTRUCTURE, PARKS, SPLOST MEETING MINUTES

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I. CALL TO ORDER: George Turner, Mayor Pro Tem at 6:15 pm.

II. ROLL CALL: George Turner, Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor Pro Tem George Turner and Councilmember Terry Fye were present at the meeting. Councilmember Tara Graves was enroute at the time of roll call and Gia Scruggs arrived at 6:30 pm. Councilmembers Alecia Washington and Tammy Grimes were absent. Mayor Jazzmin Cobble has an excused absence.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

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 two (2) minute time limit for each speaker submitting or reading a public comment. Individuals will be held to established time limits.

IV. AGENDA ITEMS

a. Road Rating Report

Mayor Pro Tem George Turner stated the committee is still waiting for this report and would instead get a SPLOST update from City Engineer, Hari Karikaran.

Hari Karikaran presented SPLOST funded design and construction projects. The SPLOST funded design projects were as follows: Fairington Road sidewalk, Fairington Road parking lot, New Fairington Botanical Garden, Southeast Athletic parking lot addition, and Southeast Athletic Complex restrooms. The SPLOST funded construction projects were as follows: Salem Park outdoor exercise equipment, Salem Park parking lot expansion, Browns Mill Rd./Covington Hwy. sidewalk, Turner Hill Rd./Hayden Quarry Rd. intersection, Klondike Rd./S. Goddard Rd., Miller Rd./Thompson Mill Rd.

Mr. Karikaran stated they have added approximately 40% more parking spaces. He also added that parking will be added near the dog park as well. In regard to a roundabout at Turner Hill and Hayden Quarry, the left-hand turns will be taken care of. Additionally, the design will include that intersection up to Mall Pkwy. This project has two purposes; to eliminate the fear of turning left and to slow down traffic in this area. There are several options the city has including a roundabout or traffic signal. In regard to the Southeast Athletic Complex wouldn't have a full kitchen. Hari Karikaran answered that maintenance and operation is costly.

b. Panola Road decay issues

Mayor Pro Tem George Turner explained that on Panola Rd. between Brown's Mill and 155, there is a muddy area that has been patched by DeKalb County, but passersby can see the mud seeping back through the concrete. This creates an issue for the people entering Panola Shoals. He asked what could be done, other than a temporary patch, to remedy this situation. Mr. Karikaran responded that they are waiting to get the road rating system and then they can move forward. He also added that there is a section that goes through Panola Shoals where damage has been caused by 18 wheelers. It will be done in sections like Salem and Rockland. Mayor Pro Tem George Turner stated there should be signage advising trucks not to come through due to the damage they cause.

c. New parks acquisition plans for development

Mayor Pro Tem George Turner opened this discussion asking if it was possible to find a space for parks in every district and added that discussions need to start on creative things to do with land, such as adult parks. In regard to the potential dog park posed for this area, Mayor Pro Tem Turner spoke of approximately 9-10 acres of undeveloped land that was purchased by Stonecrest. There are a few options; it could be sold, developed, rezone it, or leave it as is for a couple of years. He also stated the discussion needs to begin and Economic Development should be aware the land is there.

d. I-20 Updates

City Engineer Hari Karikaran gave updates on I-20, Panola Bridge – Bridgescape, Fairington Road Bridge, and Miller Road Bridge.

Mayor Pro Tem George Turner asked Mr. Karikaran to speak about not being able to add the name Stonecrest to the bridge. Mr. Karikaran responded that the bridgescape will be on the actual bridge and discussed the standards that have been agreed on with GDOT such as weight, height, size, length, and thickness. There will be monuments constructed that will be two sizes.

AS for the Miller Road bridge, there will be a Public Detour Open House scheduled for April 30th between 4pm-7pm at 5240 Panola Industrial Blvd. Suite N.

e. Wayfinding sign update

City Engineer Hari Karikaran presented various options of wayfinding signs. When asked if the tally was available from the public's opinion of these options, Mr. Karikaran stated that a better response was received from the website. He confirmed this information would be available at the April council meeting. Mr. Karikaran stated the wayfinding signs could be mixed and matched, but not too much. He also stated his suggestion is to go with a design that is buildable in the right of way and not inclusive close to the pavement.

When asked if there was a tally of the locations where these signs will be placed, Mr. Karikaran replied that there is a map, and he will get the map to the council.

Mayor Pro Tem George Turner suggested moving the TIPS meeting to the week before the work session and it was agreed upon by City Manager Scruggs.

City Manager Gia Scruggs added that Georgia Cities Week is coming up and this year is a lot more youth involvement.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(When an executive session is required, one will be called for the following issues: 1) Personnel, 2) Litigation, 3) Real Estate)

VI. ADJOURNMENT


Mayor Pro Tem George Turner adjourned at 7:20pm.

As approved on the 6th day of June, 2024.

**CITY OF STONECREST,
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Jazzmin Cobble, Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk

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