

PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING  
Stonecrest City Hall\* - 6:00 p.m.  
\*In-Person Meeting  
June 3, 2025



SUMMARY MINUTES

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Eric Hubbard (District 3) called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Chairperson Eric Hubbard (District 3) called the roll. Commissioner Joyce Walker (District 2) and Commissioner Lemuel Hawkins (District 5) were present. Vice Chairperson Erica Williams (District 1) and Commissioner Pearl Hollis (District 4) were absent.

Planning and Zoning Deputy Director Ellis Still, Senior Planner Ramona Eversley, Planner Fellisha Blair, Zoning Analyst Abeykoon Abeykoon, and Administrative Assistant Cobi Brown were in attendance.

Community Development Director Shawanna Qawiy and Attorney Alicia Thompson, Fincher Denmark, LLC, attended virtually.

**III. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Chairperson Hubbard asked for a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was made by Commissioner Hawkins and was seconded by Commissioner Walker. The amended agenda was APPROVED by a unanimous vote. 3-0-0

**IV. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:** *Planning Commission meeting minutes dated May 6, 2025.*

Chairperson Hubbard asked for a motion to APPROVE the meeting minutes for May 6, 2025. The motion was made by Commissioner Hawkins and seconded by Commissioner Walker. It was APPROVED by a unanimous vote. 3-0-0

**V. ANNOUNCEMENT(S)**

N/A

**VI. OLD BUSINESS**

N/A

**VII. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. PUBLIC HEARING CASE #: TMOD25-003**

**APPLICANT:** The City of Stonecrest

**LOCATION:** City-Wide

The City of Stonecrest is seeking approval to modify Chapter 27 ZONING ORDINANCE.

**2. DECISION CASE #: TMOD25-003**

**APPLICANT:** The City of Stonecrest

**LOCATION:** City-Wide

The City of Stonecrest is seeking approval to modify Chapter 27 ZONING ORDINANCE.

*Attorney Alicia Thompson, Fincher Denmark, provided an overview of the proposed TMOD.*

Attorney Alicia Thompson stated that the city is petitioning to update terms in the Chapter 27 Zoning Ordinance to align with the department structure of the city. All decisions for the planning and zoning division will be made by the Community Development Director.

Commissioner Hawkins asked if these changes have been reflected by the human resources department.

Attorney Alicia Thompson stated that the TMOD will contribute to further finalizing the changes.

Commissioner Walker asked who the person currently in the position is. She also asked who updated and critiqued the TMOD.

Attorney Alicia Thompson stated that the current Community Development Director is Shawanna Qawiy. The revisions were made by Ms. Thompson and Director Qawiy.

*The public hearing was opened. There was no one to speak for or in opposition of the petition. The public hearing was closed.*

Chairperson Hubbard questioned if the name change would also encompass changes to the duties of one who holds the position.

Attorney Thompson clarified that the Community Development director is over Land Development, Building, Planning, and Zoning.

Chairperson Hubbard questioned how the changes aligned with the City's charter and how they would affect the power of the Planning and Zoning director.

Attorney Thompson stated that all of the Directors associated with Community Development will be under the Community Development Director. She also mentioned that the position changes have been approved in the City's budget, and the motive is for the code to reflect these changes.

She also mentioned that the City Council has the power to establish the departments and their directors in the city.

Deputy Director Still included that the Community Development Director will also preside over Code Enforcement.

Ms. Bair, Planner of the City of Stonecrest, informed that she has seen this organizational structure in another city that she has worked in, but there was a distinction between departments, divisions, and offices.

Deputy Director Still also clarified that this item will be presented at the city's Community Planning Information Meeting on June 12, 2025.

Commissioner Hawkins made the motion to recommend **APPROVAL** of the proposed TMOD. This motion **FAILED**. 1-2-0

Chairperson Hubbard made the motion to recommend **DEFERMENT** of the proposed TMOD. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Walker. The zoning modification request was **DEFERRED** by unanimous vote 3-0-0.

VIII. **ADJOURNMENT** The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Cobi Brown*

APPROVED:

CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

SECRETARY

Date:

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