



## CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

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### Transportation, Infrastructure, Parks, SPLOST (TIPS) Committee Meeting

*Mayor Pro Tem George Turner*  
*Councilmember Terry Fye*  
*Councilmember Tara Graves*  
*Gia Scruggs, ex-officio*

*Councilmember Tammy Grimes*  
*Councilmember Alecia Washington*  
*Mayor Jazzmin Cobble, ex-officio*

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### TRANSPORTATION, INFRASTRUCTURE, PARKS, SPLOST MEETING MINUTES

May 8, 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:** George Turner, Mayor Pro Tem at 6:07 pm.

**II. ROLL CALL:** Alecia Washington, Council Member

All committee members were present with the exception of Councilmember Tara Graves and Mayor Jazzmin Cobble. Mayor Pro Tem George Turner advised that Councilmember Tara Graves will try to attend virtually.

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**1. Approval of meeting minutes**

Mayor Pro Tem George Turner requested that the minute approval be deferred until the next meeting.

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Terry Fye to defer the approval of the meeting minutes to the next meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Tammy.

**Motion approves unanimously.**

**2. Road rating analysis report**

Hari Karikaran gave a presentation on the road rating, demonstrated how they have mapped the street paving since the incorporation of the city, and provided a condition analysis of the GIS. There was also discussion on the 2023 pavement evaluation and

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inspection. He advised the committee that this information will be made available on the website.

Mr. Karikaran was asked to provide mileage for the different categories of road conditions. The formula was confirmed to give a rough idea of how many miles of rough streets there are in the city. It was stated that the letters IRI and PCI are used so that everyone speaks the same language and added that the City's PCI number is reversed from DeKalb. Mayor Pro Tem George Turner added that DeKalb receives an annual rating every year and Stonecrest does one every five years. The purpose is to get the rough streets done first so by the time they reach second, third and fourth-year paving, all

City Manager Scruggs stated the city has recently sat down with the county to talk through some issues and although there are some streets that were not included in this study, she and Mr. Karikaran have visually seen some unique circumstances such as Fairington, Rockland, and Panola. She also stated that because of the water main issues on Rockland, they will also be working with the water department. Mr. Karikaran added that whatever paving is missed this year will be added in 2025 and this information is not yet public but will be once Council approves the list.

3. SPLOST I receipts summary vs SPLOST II receipts projections

Mayor Pro Tem George Turner stated this item will be moved to the Finance Committee.

4. Panola Road modification timeline review

Mayor Pro Tem George Turner stated the committee has had conversations regarding Panola Road in terms of widening, improving some intersections, and various improvements from Browns Mill down to 155.

Mr. Karikaran stated the area from Panola Industrial Blvd. up to Fairington Road will be completed by GDOT. It was stated the divergent diamond was still on the table and there are also some signal modifications. Mr. Karikaran attends monthly progress meetings, and those agendas and minutes are saved on the website. That design will be completed sometime in December. The first project will be Fairington Rd. to Thompson Mill Rd. The certification process has begun to qualify for the GDOT ARC funding.

Mayor Pro Tem George Turner stated he wants the conversation around the Panola Road modifications to stay alive so they can see something happening.

5. Botanical Garden vs city parks examples

Mayor Pro Tem George Turner led the discussion and asked what examples are being used for this location and what is being looked at in regards to the city's botanical garden. City Manager Gia Scruggs stated the city naturalist has visited several botanical gardens statewide and that the consultant is currently identifying plant species. What has already been seen is just a concept, but they don't want to give the impression that this area will be an athletic field, as it can also be used for weddings, parties, and picnics. There will be a huge lookout for the botanical garden and possibly an observatory. While the center will be active, it is meant to be a more passive environment for people to visit.



Hari Karikaran presented the concept for the botanical garden, advised that all the trees at the site have been inventoried, and discussed the key features of the concept botanical garden. He also stated the design for the parking lot project is being completed now and once a consultant is selected, it will be bid out for council approval.

There was confirmation that the botanical garden will be connected to Fairington Park and the connection between the botanical garden and Fairington Park will be the new parking lot.

City Manager Scruggs discussed public and private partnership with the apartment complex close to the botanical garden, stating they will have to engage with the area businesses to discuss. City Manager Scruggs asked Councilmember Alecia Washington to establish some meetings so that they can talk to the appropriate people to collectively come up with a plan that is going to work for everybody in regard to the litter.

#### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no 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 TIPS Committee.*

#### **V. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**


Mayor Pro Tem George Turner stated this is the opportunity to vet a lot of things that will come before the Council and properly budget for things they want to see in the City of Stonecrest.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

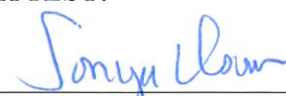
Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm.

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

**CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA**

  
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Jazzmin Cobble, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

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