



CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

TIPS/FINANCE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

3120 Stonecrest Blvd. Stonecrest, GA 30038

Wednesday February 21, 2024, 6:00 PM

Councilmember Tara Graves – District 1

Councilmember Terry Fye – District 2

Councilmember Alecia Washington – District 3

Mayor Pro Tem George Turner – District 4

Councilmember Tammy Grimes – District 5

Mayor Jazzmin Cobble – Ex-Officio

Gia Scruggs – Ex-Officio

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I. CALL TO ORDER: George Turner, Mayor Pro Tem
The meeting began at 6:16 pm.

II. ROLL CALL: Councilmember Alecia Washington

All members were present with Councilmember Tammy Grimes absent and Councilmember Terry Fye arriving after roll call.

Mayor Pro Tem Turner stated public comments would be added to the agenda as well as a Parks presentation.

Mayor Cobble requested the Budget Presentation be moved up and presented first on the agenda, with TIPS following.

III. AGENDA ITEMS

a. Discussion – 2024 Approved Transportation Infrastructure initiatives timeline –
Hari Karikaran, City Engineer

Director Karikaran gave a presentation on the approved projects and their status. He shared a list of 2024 approved transportation initiatives and 2024 approved park initiatives. He also discussed transportation projects major plans and studies, including street paving, payment evaluation report, sidewalks, intersection improvement and quick response projects. The street paving contractor will provide a final report, which is due at the end of March 2024. There was additional discussion of Salem Park improvements and Southeast Athletic Complex projects. Director Karikaran stated the LMEG application has been

applied for and that the amount is more than the previous amount but did not double. In addition, there is sewer line work that would need to be executed prior to adding restrooms at Salem Park. Mayor Cobble added that if making the addition in 2024, something would have to be defunded and that talks of renovations for the restrooms should take place during the 2025 discussion. Director Harikaran confirmed the landscape architect has started the design on the botanical gardens and that a decision on the Fairington Park improvements for 2025 would be up to the Council. Regarding the sidewalks at the Wellington subdivision, the parking spaces are in the public right of way and that would also be up to the Council. They are looking to get some quotes and bring them to the March Council meeting.

Parks and Recreation Director Sedrick Swann presented the Parks & Recreation 2024 Department Action Plan, discussing goals and objectives from the recreation master plan as well as goals for this year including expanded programming, continuing upgrades and renovations, building partnerships with community stakeholders, enhancing marketing efforts, highlighting local resources, and process improvement. He also discussed establishing programming fees, maintenance equipment, securing parks and facilities, along with grant funding and partnerships. Councilwoman Alecia Washington asked if there is someone in place for grant writing and Finance Director Keisha Franklin stated she and Director Swann can meet to discuss and any department head is welcome to send a meeting invite to him to do so as well.

b. Discussion – 2024 Proposed Transportation and Infrastructure initiatives

This item was discussed during the previous agenda item.

c. Discussion – 2024 Road Rating analysis

There was no discussion on this item.

d. Discussion – 2023 Budget Summary – Keisha Franklin, Finance Director

Mayor Pro Tem George Turner mentioned the importance of understating what is going on in various departments, in order to set the council meeting agenda and be prepared to address any concerns in the city council or work session meetings. Director Franklin gave a presentation on the 2023 Budget Summary and the 2024 Budget Calendar Projection. She discussed where we are currently with revenue, where we are as far as revenue collections, expenditures, and audit status, adding that each department is pretty much on track. The report will be updated monthly. There was a review of the budget calendar, starting in August 2024, and giving an idea of what should be happening each month.

There was a discussion of current challenges. In regard to the lack of communication between various data warehouses and the ERP system, used for financial reporting, the systems do not directly talk to her. Director Franklin stated that the city can look into a new ERP system and gave an explanation. She also confirmed she is currently working on a resolution. Director Franklin stated she will provide details on the implementation of Tyler Technologies later and confirmed that she is in communication with them. She also confirmed that the

6% business tax in her presentation was the percentage of revenue collected as of January 2024 and stated that this number will increase as it reflects a month-to-month percentage. She will also forward a report with the dollar amount, instead of listing it as percentage. The FY23 report is available online and has not been posted on the website as of yet but is expected to be posted by Friday, including budget vs actual. This report is shared regularly, and the current version is what is posted online.

e. Discussion – 2024 Budget Calendar Projection

Director Franklin gave a presentation on the budget calendar, with details of each month. She stated that as the months get closer, more firm dates should be assigned to the budget calendar and be used to reflect plans for 2025 spending. There was a discussion of challenges that the Finance Department had been facing.

Mayor Jazzmin Cobble reiterated that it is important to hear about things during the committee meetings so that when it goes to Council, it won't be their first time hearing it.

Councilman Terry Fye confirmed his arrival time as 6:20 pm.

Mayor Pro Tem George Turner asked for prayers for Councilwoman Grimes due to the loss of her mother.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

V. ADJOURNMENT at 7:42pm


As approved on the 12th day of March, 2025.

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Jazzmin Cobble, Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

