



CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

Honorable Mayor Jason Lary, Sr.

Council Member Jimmy Clanton, Jr. – District 1

Council Member Rob Turner- District 2

Council Member Jazzmin Cobble – District 3

Council Member George Turner- District 4

Tammy Grimes – District 5

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 22, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting Available to the Public via YouTube Live

I. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Jason Lary

II. ROLL CALL: All members present.

III. INVOCATION: Invocation was led by Council Member Rob Turner.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL AGENDA:

Mayor Jason Lary suggested amending the agenda to add Setting the Meeting Time for the Mid-Year Budget Review on July 22, 2020 under New Business.

Motion 1- was made by Council Member Rob Turner to approve the agenda with the suggested amendment and was seconded by Council Jimmy Clanton.

Motion passed unanimously.

VI. MINUTES:

a. May 26, 2020 Minutes Council Meeting Minutes

Council Member Tammy Grimes would like to correct her Comments under XVI. Mayor and Council Comments to reflect:

Council Member Grimes has been working with her sorority to distribute Census and Voting Information at New Birth. Council Member Grimes wants to go into Evans Mill Townhomes to inform them of the Complete Census Check and inform the hard to reach population and make sure they have completed their Census Forms.

Motion 2- was made by Council Member Rob Turner to approve the minutes from May 26, 2020 with the suggested changes made by Council member Grimes and was seconded by Council Member George Turner.

Motion passed unanimously.

b. Approval of the June 8, 2020 City Council Meeting Minutes

Motion 3- was made by Council Member George Turner to approve the minutes from June 8, 2020 and was seconded by Mayor Jason Lary.

Motion passed unanimously.

c. Approval of the June 16, 2020 at 4:00pm Special Called Meeting Minutes

Council Member George Turner asked for clarification of the time of the meeting. The meeting was at 11:00am and City Clerk Megan Reid agreed that that was the correct date.

Motion 4- was made by Mayor Jason Lary to approve the minutes from June 16, 2020 at 11am and make sure the time was reflected correctly and was seconded by Council Member Rob Turner.

Motion passed unanimously.

d. Approval of June 16, 2020 at 6:00pm Special Called Meeting Minutes

Motion 5- was made by Council Member Rob Turner to approve the minutes from June 16, 2020 at 6:00pm and was seconded by Council Member George Turner.

Motion passed unanimously.

VII. PRESENTATIONS:

- a. Mayor Lary proclaimed June 22, 2020 as Plez Joyner Day.
- b. Historic Resource Survey Presentation- Presented by the Atlanta Regional Commission.

VIII. APPOINTMENTS:

Nonw.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

a. City Clerk Megan Reid read aloud the Public Comments.

Anthony Cobb submitted a public Comment via email.

Dear Mrs Reid hoping this email reaches you in time for the city Council meeting tonight. I am a resident of the city of Stonecrest.

I am very disappointed that another family dollar is being created in my neighborhood. I thought the purpose of us becoming city was to prevent the locating of box stores within our neighborhood.

I think the city Council should take drastic measures to prevent the store from opening we have two family dollars within a 2 mile radius of this location. help us to understand what's the value that will be added to the store being included in this location?

I think the city Council board members should encourage the residents of Stone crest not to patronize this store, causing it to close that location.

What dollar value has the existing locations given back to this community? have they contributed to the DeKalb county parks and recreation on Browns Mill? have they donated any money to browns mill elementary or Salem or Bouie or flat rock?

We must take action to prevent this store from succeeding in our neighborhood. Or they must truly partner by giving to the Schools and organization within our neighborhood.

I'm appealing to the board members that we work on a plan to prevent the store from being successful or truly partner in our community!!

Thanks for your time the Taylor Cobb Family!!

Dave Marcus submitted a public Comment via email.

Good evening, Mayor and Council,

It was great to hear that once we get business licenses collected in mid-July, we will close the year-to-date revenue gap. It would be good to understand more about that. In 2019, we collected \$1,409,836 for business licenses - per the Business Licenses line item - and by the end of May in 2020, that amount was \$989,551. So that line item takes care of \$420,285 of the end-of May shortfall. Could someone explain how are will close the rest of the gap - what other line items were deferred to July?

Also, good as always to hear from the internal auditor, who seemed to say that the city isn't really sure if what the shortfall will be - did I hear that correctly?

And by the way - I am not an amateur. My first career was as a hotel auditor, then an assistant controller for Hyatt Hotels, then controller for Total Audio Visual Services. Which is why I was able to say that there were four reasons that an apparent shortfall could be presen — and the second one (timing) was indeed the one for this portion. That was part of the social media discussion.

And also, by the way, it would have been good to get a response to my Open Records Request regarding planning for shortfalls. No answer was received.

And also - if the Mayor knew the sources of the shortfall, it would have been great for him to have shared that in order to prevent a brouhaha on social media — it would have taken about two sentences. That would be part of keeping constituents informed and involved.

Dave

X. PUBLIC HEARING

a. None.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Setting the time for the Mid-Year Budget Review on July 22, 2020

Motion 6- was made by Mayor AJson Lary to set the July 22, 2020 Mid-Year Budget Review to begin at 5:00pm and was seconded by Council Member Tammy Grimes.

Motion passed unanimously.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

a. Ordinance for Rezoning Application RZ-20-001 (6086 & 6100 Hillandale Drive)

Motion 7- was made by Council Member Rob Turner to table this item until July 13, 2020 and was seconded by Council Member George Turner.

Motion passed unanimously.

b. Sam's Club & Sears Property Purchase

i. Review Updated Financing Schedule

ii. First Read of Bond Authorizing Ordinance

iii. Special Called Meeting of Urban Redevelopment Authority to adopt Bond Resolution (following this meeting)

These items were discussed in depth by Ed Wahl, Financial Advisor and Attorney Zalak Raval of Fincher and Denmark Law Office to the Mayor and Council. Mayor and Council came to a consensus to complying with XII. OLD BUSINESS b. items i.-iii.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

XIV. CITY MANAGER UPDATE

None.

XV. CITY ATTORNEY

None.

XVI. MAYOR AND COUNCIL UPDATES

Council Member Tammy Grimes- All is well.

Council Member George Turner- Now that the election is over he needs all hands on deck for the Complete Census Count 2020.

Council Member Jazzmin Cobble- Publicly thanked the residents of the Woodgrove Subdivision for inviting her and Council Member Grimes for a Rally/Protest. It was a great turnout and she enjoyed listening to the residents.

Council Member Rob Turner- Remember to be safe amid Covid-19.

Council Member Jimmy Clanton- Will keep Council Member George Turner's granddaughter in his prayers. Thanked the Mayor for inviting him and he enjoyed the speakers including Mayor Jason Lary, Council Member George Turner, Council Member Rob Turner, and Deputy City Manager Plez Joyner. It was a great turnout. District 1 meetings will reconvene in July.

Mayor Jason Lary- Thanked Glencroft Subdivision for inviting him out and encourages other neighborhoods to do the same as long as everyone practices Social Distancing and the CDC Guidelines.

Addressed the "I am my Brothers' Keeper" Event. HE thanked everyone who came out and thanked Tee Foxx and her team for putting the event together and for Adrion Bell helping out as well.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion 8- was made by Council Member Jimmy Clanton to adjourn and was seconded by Mayor Rob Turner.

Motion passed unanimously.

Read and adopted in the regular meeting of the City Council held on this ____ day of _____, 2020.

Mayor Jason Lary

ATTEST:

Megan P. Reid, City Clerk