



CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – SUMMARY

3120 Stonecrest Blvd., Stonecrest, GA 30038

Monday, July 27, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Mayor Jazzmin Cobble

Mayor Pro Tem Tara Graves - District 1 Vacant - District 2

Council Member Alecia Washington - District 3 Council Member George Turner - District 4

Council Member Karmesha W. Smith - District 5

Citizen Access: [Stonecrest YouTube Live Channel](#)

I. CALL TO ORDER: Tara Graves, Mayor Pro-Tem

The meeting began at 6:17pm.

II. ROLL CALL: Sonya Isom, City Clerk

All members were present with Councilmember Alecia Washington participating via zoom.

III. INVOCATION: Jeremy Reid, City of Stonecrest Communications Department

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: George Turner, District 4 Councilmember

V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

There was a request:

1. Move item *b.* to the Next Work Session
2. Move item *e.* to the Next Work Session
3. Move the Executive Session before the Public Hearing

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the agenda with the three stated changes. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.

Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of Meeting Minutes - Special Called Meeting, June 8, 2026

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the 11:30am Special Called Meeting Minutes from June 8, 2026, with any attendance verification. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.

Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.

- b. Approval of Meeting Minutes - Work Session, June 8, 2026

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the 6:00pm Work Session Meeting Minutes from June 8, 2026. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.

Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.

- c. Approval of Meeting Minutes - City Council Meeting, June 22, 2026

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to defer the June 22, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes until the next city council meeting. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.

Motion passed 3-1 with Mayor Pro Tem T. Graves voting Nay and District 2 being vacant.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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 three (3) minute time limit for each speaker submitting or reading a public comment. Individuals will be held to those established time limits.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Citizens wishing to participate and comment during the public hearing portion of the meeting may comment in person. You may also submit your request including your full name, address, position on the agenda item you are commenting on (for or against) via email to cityclerk@stonecrestga.gov by 2 pm the day of the Public Hearing to be read into the record at the meeting. A zoom link for the meeting will be sent to you upon your request.

When it is your turn to speak, please state your name, address and relationship to the case.. There is a ten (10) minute time limit for each item per side during all public hearings. Only the applicant may reserve time for rebuttal.

- a. **Public Hearing** - RZ 26-004 7224 & 7226 Maddox Road - Shawanna Qawiy, Division Director Community Development

Motion – made by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to open public hearing for RZ 26-004 7224 & 7226 Maddox Road. Second by Councilmember George Turner.

Motion passed 3-0 with District 2 being vacant and Councilmember A. Washington being absent during the vote.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to close public hearing for RZ 26-004 7224 & 7226 Maddox Road. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.

Motion passed 3-0 with District 2 being vacant and Councilmember A. Washington being absent during the vote.

- b. **For Decision** - Ordinance for RZ 26-004 7224 & 7226 Maddox Road - *Shawanna Qawi, Division Director Community Development*

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the Ordinance for RZ 26-004 7224 & 7226 Maddox Road. Second by Mayor Pro Tem Tara Graves.

Motion tied 2-2 with Mayor Pro Tem T. Graves and Councilmember K. Smith voting Nay and District 2 being vacant. Mayor Cobble abstained from casting a vote as the tie breaker due to the council legislative authority to make decisions.

The motion failed.

Motion – made by Mayor Pro Tem Tara Graves to defer RZ 26-004 7224 & 7226 Maddox Road to the next council meeting. Second by Councilmember George Turner.

Motion tied 2-2 with Mayor Pro Tem T. Graves and Councilmember A. Washington voting Nay and District 2 being vacant. Mayor Cobble cast a vote as the tie breaker, voting Yay for the deferral.

IX. **CONSENT AGENDA**

X. **APPOINTMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

XI. **REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS**

XII. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. **For Discussion** - Supplemental Pay Policy - *Robin Jackson, HR Generalist*

- b. **For Decision** - Resolution for the Matrix Fee Study - *Shawanna Qawi, Division Director Community Development & Keisha Franklin, Finance Director*

Moved to the August Work Session.

- c. **For Decision** - Ordinance to Amend Section 2-180 - Authority to Execute Checks, Written Orders and Financial Instruments, 2nd Read - *Tara Graves, Mayor Pro Tem & Alicia Thompson, City Attorney*

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to defer the Ordinance to Amend Section 2-180 – Authority to execute Checks, Written Orders and Financial Instruments, 2nd Read to allow for a meeting with legal. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.

Motion passed 3-0 with District 2 being vacant and Councilmember A. Washington being absent during the vote.

- d. **For Decision** - Contract for Auditor Services - *Catherine Turner, City Manager & Keisha Franklin, Finance Director*

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the Contract for Auditor Services as outlined in the packet. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.

Motion passed 3-0 with District 2 being vacant and Councilmember A. Washington being absent during the vote.

- e. **For Decision** - Cooperation Agreement with SLIP CID - *George Turner, District 4 Councilmember*

Moved to the August Work Session.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **For Discussion** - Stonecrest Development Authority (SDA) Update - *Mayor Jazzmin Cobble*

Moved to the August Work Session.

- b. **For Discussion** - Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) Update - *Mayor Jazzmin Cobble*

Moved to the August Work Session.

- c. **For Decision** - Contract for Vendor Recommendation for Pour-In-Place Playground Surface Project - *Tanisha Boynton, Procurement Manager and Hari Karikaran, City Engineer*

Motion – made by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to approve the Contract for Vendor Recommendation for Pour-In-Place Playground Surface Project. Second by Councilmember George Turner.

Motion passed 3-0 with District 2 being vacant and Councilmember A. Washington being absent during the vote.

- d. **For Decision** - Purchase and Installation of Safety Equipment for City Hall - *Tanisha Boynton, Procurement Manager and Reginald Powell, Facilities Operations Manager*

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the Purchase and Installation of Safety Equipment for City Hall with amendments to verify the fund source. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.

Motion withdrawn.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the Purchase and Installation of Safety Equipment for City Hall. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.

Motion passed 3-0 with District 2 being vacant and Councilmember A. Washington being absent during the vote.

- e. **For Decision** - Resolution for Mid-Year Budget Adjustment - *Keisha Franklin, Finance Director*

The City Clerk read the preamble.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the Resolution for Mid-Year Budget Adjustment with the stated changes and updated documents. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.

Motion passed 3-0 with District 2 being vacant and Councilmember A. Washington being absent during the vote.

XIV. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS

XV. CITY MANAGER UPDATE

XVI. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(When an executive session is required, one will be called for the following issues: 1) Personnel, 2) Litigation, 3) Real Estate, 4) Cyber Security

Moved to occur before the public hearing section of the agenda.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to enter Executive Session for Personnel, Litigation, Real Estate and Cyber Security. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.

Motion passed 3-0 with District 2 being vacant and Councilmember A. Washington being absent during the vote.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to exit Executive Session and return to the regular scheduled meeting. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.

Motion passed 3-0 with District 2 being vacant and Councilmember A. Washington being absent during the vote.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the minutes from Executive Session. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.

Motion passed 3-0 with District 2 being vacant and Councilmember A. Washington being absent during the vote.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26pm.

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