



CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

Finance Committee

Councilmember George Turner, Chair
Councilmember Terry Fye
Councilmember Alecia Washington
Gia Scruggs, ex-officio

Councilmember Tara Graves, Co-Chair
Councilmember Tammy Grimes
Mayor Jazzmin Cobble, ex-officio
Keisha Franklin, ex-officio

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 4, 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

The meeting began at 6:06pm.

II. ROLL CALL

All members were present with Mayor Jazzmin Cobble arriving after rollcall.

There was a moment of silence and prayer by Councilmember Tammy Grimes in recognition of the incident in Winder, Georgia.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IV. 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 Finance Committee.

V. AGENDA ITEMS

a. FY24 Budget Discussion

Discussion led by Mayor Pro Tem Turner, confirming we are on schedule with the budget calendar as listed. He stated the budget should be updated monthly. Director Keisha Franklin responded to a question about Mayor and Council expenditures being low, stating some don't spend as much as others, making their percentage lower. Director Franklin confirmed that although some items are listed differently, it is the same report that was sent to council.

There was conversation had on the 2021 projects, the Stonecrest investigation and audits. City Manager Gia Scruggs commented that FY22 might be faster but the incidents that happened in FY20 and FY21 might fall over to FY22, slowing down the process of completion. Director Franklin gave a finance overview.

There was additional discussion on council reimbursements, and the Purchasing and Finance policies. Director Franklin led a discussion on the City Banner Project and stated they are working with various agencies to correct different issues and also to acquire missing documents.

City Manager Scruggs stated there are at least five different zip codes in Stonecrest and one side of a street can be in one city (zone) and the other portion in another, which causes difficulty in getting approval for repairs or signage.

b. FY25 Budget Discussion

Mayor Pro Tem George Turner asked the committee for additional topics needing to be discussed. Councilmember Terry Fye asked for an update on the discussion of committee members' hopes and wants from the retreat being implemented into the FY25 budget. City Manager Scruggs stated they are looking at the list and discussing changes with the department directors. In addition, she is making a few recommendations to department directors about moving or reclassifying some positions to ensure we are where we need to be. Mayor Pro Tem Turner stated the soonest she could have those recommendations to the council, the better so they can discuss them before needing to make another decision. City Manager Scruggs stated she plans to have at least part of the recommendations to the members by next Friday.

Councilmember Alecia Washington spoke on the project at Fairington Park, and there was additional discussion on the materials that are needed for this project.

City Manager Scruggs has spoken with the City Engineer about the design and construction of the Botanical Garden, with an outcome that FY26 will probably be the earliest the project could be completed, as there are many portions of the budget that will have to be raised. There was additional discussion on existing projects and it was stated seventy percent of the list of streets should be completed before FY25.

c. Purchasing Policy Recommendation

Mayor Pro Tem George Turner spoke of purchasing policy recommendations and asked what needed to be fixed. City Manager Scruggs confirmed nothing needed to be fixed.

d. Financial Policy Recommendation

No additional discussion.

e. Mid-Year Budget Adjustment review

No additional discussion.

VI. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

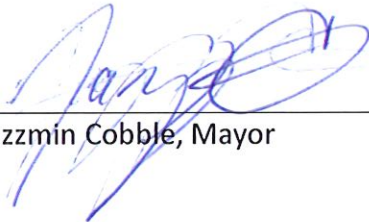
No additional comments.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned at 8:14.

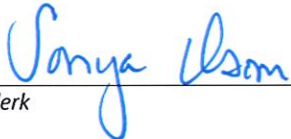
As approved on the 21st day of May, 2025.

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Jazzmin Cobble, Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

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