



CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

TIPS and Finance Joint Committee Meeting

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

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

TRANSPORTATION, INFRASTRUCTURE, PARKS, SPLOST AND FINANCE JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 10, 2025, 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: Councilmember Terry Fye

The meeting began at 6:28 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL: Councilmember Terry Fye

All committee members were present with the exception of Mayor Pro Tem George Turner, Councilmember Tammy Grimes, and Councilmember Alecia Washington,

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 TIPS and Finance Committees.*

V. AGENDA ITEMS

- FY26 Budget Proposal Presentation and Discussion

Councilmember Terry Fye mentioned that this discussion is a proposal for the Budget and should have been listed as such on the agenda.

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Motion – made by Councilmember Tara Graves to amend agenda to state “FY26 budget proposal presentation and discussion.”
Second by Councilmember Terry Fye
Motion passed Unanimously

City Manager Gia Scruggs started with the FY25 recommendations for the capital improvement program. A handout with a summary representation of recommendations for FY26. The handout also shows exact cost or revenue from FY24 and FY25 but they are unaudited.

In previous years, they have budgeted \$6 Million but this year the council only budgeted \$3 Million, and they’ve carried \$3 Million throughout the remainder of SPLOST.

Mayor Jazzmine Cobble advised that she asked City Manager and Staff to look at the cost for repairing the “Red” roads on the GIS map that are very poor. She asked for a quick estimate to repair these roads with the 2025 pavement package.

Councilmember Terry Fye asked two questions: the list that Mayor Jazzmine Cobble displayed only showed the very poor roads? Mayor Cobble answered that the \$6 Million is for the very poor roads that were listed on the sheet. The ‘poor’ roads are estimated at another \$25 Million. She also stated that the ‘marginal’ roads are not currently being discussed because marginal still meets the standard of passing. She also explained that these funds are coming from sales tax, state grants, and county grants.

Engineer Hari Karikaran commented that in years 26 – 30, \$3 Million will be distributed for road repair.

Councilmember Terry Fye asked what funds have been spent on the city central line for 2025? Mayor Jazzmine Cobble responded that there is nothing there.

Councilmember Terry Fye also asked for an update on the Panola Road project. Engineer Hari Karikaran responded that there are 5 intersections there. And only have funding to repair 1 of the 5 intersections at this time.

Councilmember Terry Fye asked what happens to gateway monuments, wayfinding sign, and Bridgegate? Mayor Jazzmin Cobble responded that that comes from General Funds. He continued by asking if Stonecrest still attend on spending money on those pieces? Engineer Hari Karikaran has proposed a plan for correcting the 5 intersections but has to received approval from the council at their next meeting.

Mayor Jazzmin Cobble advised that there are several projects that we should not touch; the wayfinding and Bridgegate are 2 of those. City manager added that the bus pass benches and shelters will be discussed once Fairington Road is finished.

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City Manager Gia Scruggs commented on the feasibility study from the parks master plan and estimate that it will cost about \$50,000 but would like to know if there will be any additional parking beyond what is scheduled for the Kayak Takeout. Also, restrooms and the overlook can also be completed on that budget.

Discussing Fairington Park, City Manager Gia Scruggs advised that everything on the spreadsheet has been allocated with funds. The only portion that they are requesting for the FY26 budget is the exterior fencing when all the work is finished.

Councilmember Terry Fye asked if the Fairington Parking Lot resurfacing coming out of FY26 budget. Engineer Hari Karikaran explained that the Council approved the design, but the actual construction will come out of FY26 budget.

Mayor Jazzmin Cobble asked to move the Rec Center out of the portion on the finance sheet under Browns Mill Park, they need to be separate. Deputy City Manager Gia Scruggs advised that they would just separate that portion out altogether to Browns Mill Park and Browns Mill Rec Center.

Kelly Ledbetter presented an update with Browns Mill Park effect on the FY26 Budget. Some of the projects have been completed but the whole park will not be completed with FY26 budget.

City Manager Gia Scruggs advised that everything discussed today in reference to the FY27 budget will be sent to both committees after Engineer Hari Karikaran have made changes and updates. Suggested that it would take approximately 24 hours to send and a week, from Friday, if they could send back any recommendations.

City Manager Gia Scruggs discussed FY26 Departmental Recommendations and said that she, HR and Finance have sat down with all department directors and reviewed all their budgets. All the accounts received a raise according to the overall discussion of what was needed.

City Manager Gia Scruggs announced that an increase was made in the City Clerk's Office for education and training while reducing their dues and fees. Stonecrest has also purchased achievement software for the City Clerk's Office which is now in the second phase of implementation. Included is a comprehensive plan and Engineer Hari Karikaran is putting capital improvement program online.

City Manager Gia Scruggs notified that an increase to the initiative line has been recommended. Goal is to expand and have out youth council and internship program funded under the city manager initiative. Stonecrest community engagement coordinator and executive assistant are working on these initiatives so that we can bring a full program for all three next year. Councilmember Fye mentioned that the initiative was currently funded at \$25,000 and asked if she was attempting to raise it to \$35,000. City Manager Gia Scruggs Advised that she was attempting to get \$50,000 because of the internship program and

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wanting to have multiple intervals when students are on breaks and for the summer and winter breaks.

City Manager Gia Scruggs notified that they are recommending a 5% cola for employees, changing providers for medical, 5% increase in healthcare cost, 100% paid medical employer and to fully fund Human Resource Assistant Director Position.

City Manager Gia Scruggs stated that the Internal Auditor position is advertised but will not be funded until the decision on potential charter change has been approved. Stonecrest will continue to outsource IT to Interdev and looking into our computer lifestyle refresh and upgrading all computers.

City Manager Gia Scruggs announced that Stonecrest is going to replace the first group of leased vehicles which is about 10 – 15 vehicles. Also, the Facilities Operations Coordinator position is fully funded.

City Manager Gia Scruggs announced that we are reclassifying Finance and have funds for the Revenue Specialist I/II/III and Purchasing Specialist I/II/III. She also explained that there is an increase in the audit services.

City Manager Gia Scruggs also covered Community Planning, (Planning and Zoning, Code Enforcement, Building and Land Development, Public Safety, Engineering, Municipal Court, Economic Development, Legal Services and Parks. 2:22:49

Mayor Pro Tem George Turner suggested, from past conversation, to have the whole balance for the road pavement bonded and getting it all done at the same time. This will prevent the city from having to revisit it for 5 – 6 years. Mayor Jazzmine Cobble responded that, if they chose to go that route, would not be until the audit is finished. Bonding the whole paving projects and finishing them all can be completed.

Mayor Pro Tem George Turner added that we need to determine which method is best for repaving the roads: presently we are getting them paved as needed and need to access if that's the best method for us. He also asked if bonding and completing the whole pavement method would affect the FY26 budget and Mayor Jazzmin Cobble advised no, but it might affect the FY27 budget.

Kelly Ledbetter updated that the basketball courts were done but needed one more coat. That should be dry by Monday, and the gym will be able to open. City Manager Gia Scruggs added that Kelly Ledbetter wanted to have an event to acknowledge the renovation. They will suggest dates and times later.

- Lights at Lithonia Industrial Bridge Updates

Kelly Ledbetter updated that they are going to replace the lights.

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Councilmember Terry Fye asked if they could contact their State in the Senate and House to help push the Lights issue on GDOT? Mayor Jazzmine Cobble advised that, yes, you can reach out but that my cause more problems.

- Shade Structures Updates

Kelly Ledbetter announced that the Shade Structures at Southeast are complete. They also installed a couple of shade structures at the aquatic facility

- Reflectors on Streets Updates

Mayor Jazzmin Cobble stated that the budgeted funds for the reflectors was \$3 Million, and they need to know the increase if the reflectors are added. When the funds are stated and secured, then the Mayor can go to the County and recommend that they add the reflectors to the budget. But no need to approach the County if Stonecrest do not have the funds allotted for the reflectors. The Mayor reminded that the \$3 Million allotted is only for the paving, not for striping or reflectors.

Councilmember Tara Graves asked who does the street sweeping and when the last sweep was. Mayor Jazzmine Cobble responded the County, and she do not know the last time it happened.

- Beacons at Rockland at Turner Hill/Salem Park Updates

Mr. Hari Karikaran updated that Beacons at Rockland has 5 RFPs, and the purchasing department has prepared documents that were received yesterday with a deadline to review and return by Friday. They finished the review and returned it 5:00 p.m. today. They will be published Friday.

Councilmember Terry Fye thanked Director Gaines for making the update to Stonecrest Finance which has been a fantastic tool and helping in conversations with residents about updates on projects.

- Pavilion at Salem and Fairington Park Updates

Kelly Ledbetter updated that the exercise equipment at Fairington. They have not chosen a vendor to install them.

- Panola Shoals Work Update

Deputy City Manager Michael McCoy updated that the Panola Shoals has a meeting tomorrow with CERN contractors. They are finished with the scouring analysis, and they talked at the beginning of the week in reference to a design change and notified that there might be a change order coming. Because of the proposed design changes, may extend the time change of completing the project because they are going to need an engineer permit.

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Deputy City Manager Michael McCoy answered yes, but the contractors don't believe the structure will hold up with the original design. The Mayor asked will the design cost be deducted from the new one since that original design will not hold up? Mr. Hari Karikaran responded that after the major hurricane where the water level came up so high, they are worried that the original design could not stand up if it happens again. So, with the new design, it should hold for 200 years or so.

Councilmember Terry Fye asked, "how much over budget is Stonecrest?" Mayor Jazzmine Cobble responded that they will check and notify him later.

Mayor Jazzmine Cobble asked if we stuck with the original design, would we have to get the permit from the Corp of Engineer?

- Update and completion date on floors at Browns Mill

No update given

VI. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

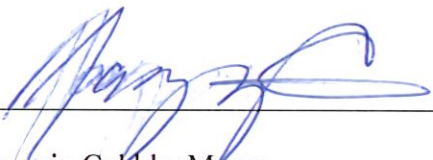
Councilmember Terry Fye thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

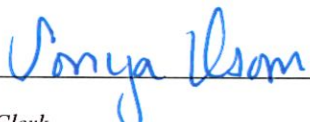
As approved on the 12th day of November, 2025.

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Jazzmin Cobble, Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk

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