



## CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

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### CITY COUNCIL MEETING – SUMMARY

3120 Stonecrest Blvd., Stonecrest, GA 30038

Monday, June 22, 2026 at 6:00 PM

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*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*

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

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

The meeting began at 6:08pm.

**II. ROLL CALL:** Sonya Isom, City Clerk

All members were present with Councilmember Karmesha Smith being virtual.

**III. INVOCATION:** Bishop Micheal J Paden, Sr., Holy Fellowship COGIC

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Alecia Washington, District 3 Councilmember

**V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

There was a request for the following:

1. Update New Business item f. to state For Decision and change item name to Approval & Ratification of City Manager Agreement.
2. Move item g under New Business – to the next Work Session for Discussion.
3. Move item h under New Business – to the next Work Session for Discussion.

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

**Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 seat being vacant.**

**VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approval of Meeting Minutes - Special Called Meeting, May 18, 2026

There was request to correct the title and the motion to approve the resolution for the Stonecrest Lithonia Industrial Park CID.

**Motion** – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the Special Called Meeting Minutes from May 18, 2026, with the stated changes. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

**Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 seat being vacant.**

- b. Approval of Meeting Minutes - City Council Meeting, May 26, 2026

There was request to correct the public comment from our previous District 2 Councilmember Terry Fye regarding his experiences. There was also a request to remove the word committee from the motions of the Appointments of the CID Board Members.

**Motion** – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the City Council Meeting Minutes from May 26, 2026, with the stated changes. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

**Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 seat being vacant.**

- c. Approval of Meeting Minutes - Special Called Meeting, May 28, 2026

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Alecia Washington to approve the Special Called Meeting Minutes from May 28, 2026. Second by Councilmember George Turner.

**Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 seat 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](mailto: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](mailto: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** - 2026 Millage Rate - Keisha Franklin, Finance Director & Eric Hawkins, Revenue Manager

**Motion** – made by Councilmember George Turner to open public hearing for the 2026 Millage Rate. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

**Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 seat being vacant.**

**Motion** – made by Councilmember George Turner to close public hearing for the 2026 Millage Rate. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.

**Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 seat being vacant.**

- b. For Decision** - Resolution for the 2026 Millage Rate - *Keisha Franklin, Finance Director & Eric Hawkins, Revenue Manager*

The City Clerk read the preamble.

**Motion** – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the Resolution got the 2026 Millage Rate. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

**Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 seat being vacant.**

- c. Public Hearing** - ZM 26-001 Woodrow Road - *Shawanna Qawiy, Division Director Community Development*

**Motion** – made by Councilmember George Turner to open the public hearing for ZM 26-001 6400 Woodrow Road. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

**Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 seat being vacant.**

**Motion** – made by Councilmember George Turner to close the public hearing for ZM 26-001 6400 Woodrow Road. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.

**Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 seat being vacant.**

- d. For Decision** - Ordinance for ZM 26-001 6400 Woodrow Road - *Shawanna Qawiy, Division Director Community Development*

The City Clerk read the preamble.

**Motion** – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the Ordinance for ZM 26-001 6400 Woodrow Road. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.

**Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 seat being vacant.**

**IX. CONSENT AGENDA**

**X. APPOINTMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**XI. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS**

- a. Proclamation** - Municipal Court Clerk

**XII. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. For Decision** - Ordinance for SLUP 25-007 1695 Spring Hill Cove - *Shawanna Qawiy, Division Director Community Development*

**Motion** – made by Councilmember George Turner to defer this item to next city council meeting, scheduled for July 27, 2026. No Second.

**Motion died for lack of a second.**

**Motion** – made by Mayor Pro Tem Tara Graves to defer this item to the next City Council Meeting, scheduled for July 27, 2026. Second by Councilmember George Turner.

**Motion failed 2-2 with District 2 seat being vacant and Mayor Cobble away from the dais during the vote.**

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to defer this item to the next Work Session, scheduled for July 13, 2026, for decision only. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

**Motion passed 3-1 with Councilmember G. Turner voting Nay and District 2 seat being vacant.**

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

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to defer this item to the next city council meeting. Second by Councilmember George Turner.

**Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 seat being vacant.**

- c. **For Decision** - Ordinance for Purchasing Card Policy Amendment, 2nd Read - *Keisha Franklin, Finance Director*

The City Clerk read the preamble.

**Motion** – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the Ordinance for Purchasing Card Policy Amendment, 2<sup>nd</sup> Read. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

**Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 seat being vacant.**

### **XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

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

**Motion** – made by Mayor Pro Tem Tara Graves to remove Tabb & Tabb, LLC as the city auditors. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

**Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 seat being vacant.**

**Motion** – made by Mayor Pro Tem Tara Graves to approve the proposal pending review of the contract. No Second.

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to approve the proposal from Mauldin & Jenkins pending review and acceptance of the contract. No Second.

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to appoint Mauldin & Jenkins as the City Auditors pending review and approval of the contract. No Second.

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to appoint Mauldin & Jenkins pending the review of their contract. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.  
**Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 seat being vacant.**

- b. **For Decision** - Contract for Vendor Recommendation for Southeast Athletic Complex Dog Park - *Tanisha Boynton, Procurement Manager & Hari Karikaran, City Engineer*

**Motion** – made by Councilmember George Turner to reject and revisit the Contract for Vendor Recommendation for Southeast Athletic Complex Dog Park. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.  
**Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 seat being vacant.**

- c. **For Decision** - Ordinance Appointing DeKalb County to Conduct the City of Stonecrest Special Election - *Sonya Isom, City Clerk*

The City Clerk gave the 1<sup>st</sup> read of the preamble.

**Motion** – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the Ordinance Appointing DeKalb County to Conduct the City of Stonecrest Special Election, 1<sup>st</sup> Read. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

- d. **For Decision** - Resolution to Set Qualifying Dates & Fees for the November 3, 2026, Special Election - *Sonya Isom, City Clerk*

The City Clerk read the preamble.

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to approve the Resolution to Set Qualifying Dates & Fees for the November 3, 2026, Special Election. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.  
**Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 seat being vacant.**

- e. **For Decision** - Feral Hogs Program Hotline - *George Turner, District 4 Councilmember & Karmesha Smith, District 5 Councilmember*

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to approve the Feral Hogs Program Hotline. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.  
**Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 seat being vacant.**

- f. **For Discussion** - Execution of the City Manager Agreement & Authorization of Signatory - *Tara Graves, Mayor Pro Tem*

Item title was changed to Approval and Ratification of City Manager Employment Agreement.

**For Decision** - Approval & Ratification of the City Managers Agreement – *Tara Graves, Mayor Pro Tem*

**Motion** – made by Councilmember Alecia Washington to Approve and Ratify the City Manager Employment Agreement effective June 15, 2026, and authorize any actions

necessary to implement the terms of the agreement. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.

**Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 seat being vacant.**

- g. For Discussion** - Supplemental Pay Policy - *Tara Graves, Mayor Pro Tem*

Item was moved to the next work session.

- h. For Discussion** - Governance and Ethics Standards - *Tara Graves, Mayor Pro Tem*

Item was moved to the next work session.

#### **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*

**Motion** – made by Councilmember George Turner to enter Executive Session for personnel, litigation, real estate and cyber security. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

**Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 seat being vacant.**

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

**Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 seat being vacant.**

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

**Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 seat being vacant.**

#### **XVIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion** – made by George Turner to adjourn the meeting. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.

**Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 seat being vacant.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42pm.

#### *Americans with Disabilities Act*

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