CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – AGENDA

3120 Stonecrest Blvd., Stonecrest, GA 30038

Monday, November 23, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Mayor Jazzmin Cobble

Mayor Pro Tem Tara Graves - District 1 ***Council Member Yuvette Hudson - 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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I. CALL TO ORDER: Tara Graves, Mayor Pro-Tem

II. ROLL CALL: Sonya Isom, City Clerk

III. INVOCATION

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

V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Approval of Meeting Minutes - Special Called Meeting, July 2, 2026

b. Approval of Meeting Minutes - City Council Meeting, July 27, 2026

c. Approval of Meeting Minutes - City Council Meeting, August 24, 2026

d. Approved of Meeting Minutes - Work Session - September 14, 2026

e. Approval of Meeting Minutes - City Council Meeting, September 28, 2026

f. Approval of Meeting Minutes - City Council Meeting, October 26, 2026

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.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

X. APPOINTMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

XI. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

a. Introduction of the Parks & Recreation Director

XII. OLD BUSINESS

a. **For Decision** - Resolution and Agreement for Lighting Up Turner Hill - *Reginald Powell, Operations Manager*

b. **For Decision** - Resolution for the Adoption of the FY2027 Budget - *Cathy Turner, City Manager*

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

a. **For Discussion** - FY2027 Personnel Ordinance, 1st Read - *Cathy Turner, City Manager*

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

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

Americans with Disabilities Act

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If you need auxiliary aids and services for effective communication (such as a sign language interpreter, an assistive listening device or print material in digital format) or reasonable modification to programs, services or activities contact the ADA Coordinator, Sonya Isom, as soon as possible, preferably 2 days before the activity or event.

CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING – MINUTES

3120 Stonecrest Blvd., Stonecrest, GA 30038

Thursday, July 02, 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 6:16pm.

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

All members were present with District 2 seat vacant.

Ground rules were established for today's meeting. In an effort to conduct an effective and orderly meeting, all comments and responses to each item will be limited to five minutes per person. This time limit will apply to everyone including council, mayor, staff and anyone responding to questions. If a speaker would like another individual to speak and respond to questions, they must first ask for permission from Mayor Pro Tem before yielding the floor or inviting another person to speak.

Motion – made by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to allocate a maximum of five minutes to speak, per person, per agenda item. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.
Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.
It was confirmed these rules are for this Special Called Meeting only.

III. **AGENDA ITEMS**

a. **For Decision** - Execution of the City Manager Employment Agreement and Authorization of Signatory - *Tara Graves, Mayor Pro Tem*

There was an overview by Mayor Pro Tem Graves stating the city's governing body has approved the appointment of the City Manager. This item is to ensure that the employment agreement is properly carried out so that the city can move forward. Attorney Thompson

confirmed the employment agreement has not been signed, stating it was presented to the mayor for signature. The mayor spoke of discrepancies in the agreement and stated the charter references a ceremonial mayor and that the contract is valid as the council voted and approved of it. Attorney Thompson read the section of the charter referencing this matter. It was stated the mayor's signature is a requirement.

Motion – made by Councilmember Alecia Washington to authorize the Mayor Pro Tem to execute the City Manager Employment Agreement and any related documents necessary to implement the council's previously approved appointment of the City Manager based on the mayor's refusal to execute the agreement. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.
Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.

b. **For Decision** - Resolution Ratifying Emergency Actions Taken by Council Prior to the City Manager Appointment - *Tara Graves, Mayor Pro Tem*

The purpose of this resolution is to formally acknowledge the actions that council took during the declared state of emergency to ensure the continued operations of the city government, including the uninterrupted delivery of essential services. These actions were put in place while the City Manager position remained vacant. The resolution was read by Councilman Turner, giving examples of some of the emergency declarations. It was noted the mayor attempted to make an Acting City Manager appointment, however, the recommendation was denied by way of vote of council. The mayor requested a correction to the resolution stating the date and time of mayor's appointment, as well as the votes.

The City Attorney read the preamble.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the resolution by the City Council for the City of Stonecrest, Georgia, to acknowledge and ratify certain actions taken to preserve the continuity of Municipal Government. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.
Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.

c. **For Discussion** - Supplemental Pay Policy - *Keisha Franklin, Finance Director, Myrlene Thomas, Human Resources Analyst & Robin Jackson, Human Resources Generalist*

The presentation was given by Myrlene Thomas, HR Analyst, giving the definition of supplemental pay and stating this is when an employee is placed in acting status, when they are temporarily reassigned to a position that is different from their hired position or they are assigned significantly to greater duties and responsibilities than those assigned. This pay will come in at 5% or an amount that appropriately reflects the additional duties and responsibilities and will only remain in effect during the duration of the acting assignment. The employee placed in this status must meet the minimum requirements of the position before the reassignment begins. The acting assignment may not exceed 12 consecutive months unless the City Manager provides written approval for an extension. The City Manager may also approve supplemental pay for employees with additional or specialized degrees and/or certifications when recommended by the Department Director. There were a series of questions from council to be answered at a later date due to the HR Director being out of the office.

d. For Discussion - The Consideration of a Resolution to Censure the Mayor - *Tara Graves, Mayor Pro Tem*

The discussion was led by Mayor Pro Tem Graves stating this resolution to censure is a formal expression of the council's disapproval regarding conduct. It does not remove an elected official from office, nor does it oppose legal penalties. The purpose of this agenda item is to allow the council to consider the proposed resolution, review the facts, and hear from those involved, engage in discussion and determine whether the proposed action is warranted. The proposed resolution stems from an incident that occurred on Thursday, June 25th, involving an elected official and an appointed staff member. Because this matter involved the conduct of an elected official, the council is considering it during the open public meeting to ensure transparency and to provide all parties with an opportunity to be heard.

The appointed staff member voluntarily submitted a written statement to council regarding the incident. The statement was not requested by council. It was sent via email at 12:00 approximately 12:15 a.m. on June 26. I myself did not prepare or submit a written statement although I went to City Hall after being notified of the incident around 9:55 a.m. on June 25th. As of today's meeting, no written statement has been submitted by the mayor. This agenda item is for discussion and consideration only. We do have the appointed staff member, which is our Director of Finance, online, but we're having a hard time hearing her. So, she wanted us to read the letter that she forwarded to council the day after, which is on the 26th, that is going to be read by our City Manager.

City Manager Turner proceeded with reading the statement from Director Franklin. Notice of Incident, June 25, 2026. Council, I'm writing to formally notify you of a workplace incident that occurred on June 25th at approximately 10 a.m. at City Hall. This note is from Director Keisha Franklin. I apologize. Upon my arrival at City Hall, I observed that Mayor Jazzmin Cobble had positioned a chair directly in front of my office door and was sitting there waiting for my arrival. As I approached my office, the mayor immediately confronted me regarding the payment of her hotel accommodation for the upcoming conference and directed me to print her check immediately. I advised the mayor that I do not print checks on demand, and the city follows established financial processes for ensuring payments. During the exchange, the mayor repeatedly yelled, "Print the check or find another" and out of respect, I'm just going to put an initial, "m f'ing job. She also stated that I printed the check on demand before, which I advised was not true. The mayor further stated words to the effect that she could do whatever she wanted because she was the mayor, that it was "her city" that she "ran the city". This interaction occurred in presence of city staff. Because the situation continued to escalate, I attempted to end interaction by closing my office door. As the door was nearly closed, the mayor pushed the door toward me, in an apparent effort to prevent it from closing. I pushed the door completely closed, and it automatically locked. Immediately after, the mayor repeatedly manipulated the lock, door handle, while continuing to yell outside of my office. I remained inside my office as an effort to separate myself from the confrontation and de-escalate the situation. While inside my office, I heard the mayor state that I had called the police, and that she did not care because the police could not do anything to her because it was her city and she ran the city. A responding police officer who identified himself as Officer Keene arrived at my office door shortly thereafter because the mayor continued yelling nearby. I advised the officer that I intended to leave the building to remove myself from the situation. After I exited my

office, the mayor stated that her check was the only check that had not been paid, and that she could not leave for the conference without it. I responded that the statement was false and that it was a lie. I further advised that her hotel reservations remained active, had not been canceled or otherwise affected, and that she was free to travel to check into her hotel. I then left City Hall to remove myself from the situation. I remained in my vehicle because I was visibly shaken by the incident. Shortly thereafter, I was instructed that I could return home for the remaining of the day. As a result of this incident, I was unable to continue to perform my duties that morning. I believe that it is important that the governing body be informed of these events that they be documented as part of the city's official record. Director Keisha Franklin.

Mayor Pro Tem Graves asked Mayor Cobble if she would like to respond. Mayor Cobble responded, “absolutely.” Actually, I'd like my attorney to respond. Attorney Tyson, would you please come to the podium? As he's coming, I would also like to mention that the statement that you heard just read by the city manager was only in the words of one individual. As we know, one side of the story is only that. So, you'll hear from my attorney, who will not only explain the procedural violations that this council and the city manager just violated. but also, the continuation of the incorrect and in factually stated events that occurred, which we actually have evidence and proof of. Attorney Tyson, would you please? Mayor Pro Tem Graves interrupted and stated, excuse me, Mayor Cobble. I actually gave you the floor. Are you asking for your city attorney to come add some content, or would you like to respond? Mayor Cobble responded, my city attorney is going to respond on my behalf. Mayor Cobble asked Mayor Pro Tem, are you refusing to let me share my side of the story through my legal counsel? Mayor Pro Tem responded, No, absolutely not. Mayor Cobble stated, ok, Attorney Tyson will speak on my behalf. Mayor Pro Tem stated that the question is: before you invite anybody to speak, I gave you the floor. Mayor Cobble stated, yes, you gave me the floor and in you giving me the floor, I am having my attorney to speak. Mayor Pro Tem Graves asked, so are you having your attorney speak? Mayor Cobble stated that if the floor is hers, then I may proceed with having the floor and having the floor includes having my attorney speak. Mayor Cobble asked Mayor Pro Tem Graves if she would like for her to request from her personally. Councilmember Alecia Washington asked if we could ask legal, is that the right procedure, that he can speak on her behalf? Mayor Cobble also asked legal to explain if she has permission to indulge in the floor in a meeting where I’m rightfully a member of the governing body.

City Attorney Thompson stated that she would recommend, if the mayor wants to give a statement or if she wants to speak right now to address the matter that’s on the floor, that you directly speak because we have not opened the floor for a public comment of any sort. So right now, we are having a meeting for the members of this body. Mayor Cobble stated, we’re having a meeting for members of this body of which I am a part of. And so, there’s no law that says that a part of my own discussion, I cannot bring others into it. As a matter of fact, you just had more than one person speaking on another item right before this with the body. I am a part of this body and there are no stipulations in law that state that as I have the floor, I may not involve multiple parties in my presentation. As a matter of fact, council just involved multiple parties in their presentation. So, if you can find law that says that I must get permission when I have the floor to include multiple parties, then we may have a legal argument. Otherwise, if the Mayor Pro Tem would like me to ask for personal permission for my attorney to speak on a personnel matter on my behalf, I will oblige. The

City Attorney added that she will leave the approval to the body to decide whether a member from the public can speak on this agenda item. Mayor Cobble stated that this is not a member of the public, this is my legal counsel. You're talking about a legal matter, a personnel matter in which you've allowed the city manager to read one statement from one person, to create the theme of this meeting a misrepresentation and now you are trying to take the right from me to give my side of the story, so that at least the representation is equitable. This is not a member of the public. This is my legal counsel. The council has already gone into a personnel matter publicly, which violates our charter, our human resources policies and many others. So now you want to add to that by restricting the mayor from allowing her legal counsel to speak when I have the floor. Council, please. Mayor Pro Tem Graves asked Mayor Cobble if she was referring to herself as personnel? Mayor Cobble stated that absolutely, I am personnel per your personnel policy and your charter. Mayor Pro Tem Graves asked Mayor Cobble if she remembered the instructions. Mayor Cobble responded, yes absolutely. Just because you said it doesn't make it lawful. Just because you said it, doesn't mean there is law to support what you said. Just because you said it doesn't mean you get to take the rights from the mayor to have the floor. You gave me the floor. You do not get to dictate how I use said floor. I am part of this governing body as everyone else is. You have invited multiple people in all of your items before this to have participation in you having the floor. But if you'd like me to ask you, may I invite someone to the floor you've given me, I certainly shall.

Councilmember Karmesha Smith stated that according to Robert's Rule, can a person give the floor to someone else? They may yield to ask to allow them to make a comment. They may briefly yield for them to provide a bit of clarity, but I don't think they can actually give the floor to someone else. Mayor Cobble responded, would you like for me to use the word yield versus give? Councilmember Smith replied, yield for a question or comment. Mayor Cobble's response, would you like for me to use the words yield for a comment? Councilmember Smith stated, not for a statement and I would like to find out according to Robert's Rule, that we utilize here, if that is allowed. To my understanding, it is not. The city attorney stated that Councilmember Smith is correct as the mayor's attorney is acting as her proxy and we haven't established that. Mayor Cobble asked, "A proxy to what? Attorney Thompson replied, to speak on your behalf. Mayor Cobble stated she has never had to have permission to bring anyone to the podium to speak on an item. Never. Not one council meeting, not one work session, not one community meeting, not one commission meeting, not a single one has the city council had the authority under no circumstances to dictate how any member of council which includes me, uses the opportunity in front of the microphone. Never, not one time. But, have no fear. Attorney Tyson, please stand there. I will read. As the city manager read, I will read. I would like to make note before I begin reading this, that we find it not coincidental at all that the city council would allow the statement of the staff member to be read with no interruption. To misrepresent an event and then find ways using its legal counsel to suppress my abilities and my authority. Certainly, this is newsworthy. I'll read.

I understand that one or more of the members of the city council intends to bring forward a resolution or a proposal to censure Mayor Cobble, in connection with an alleged incident involving the city's finance director. As of this writing, no one has spoken with the mayor about the matter. No written complaint has been furnished to her and no factual inquiry of any kind appears to have occurred. I am writing to raise three specific concerns under the charter. Raise one under its personnel policy and request that your office advise the council

accordingly. Clearly, they did not. First, the charter supplies the appropriate mechanism for examining a matter of this kind, and it has not been invoked. Section 2.08 authorizes the council to make inquiries and investigations into the affairs of the city, including the power to take testimony and require the production of evidence. No such inquiry has been undertaken. The mayor has not been interviewed, asked to respond, or even shown one what is alleged. In fact, the mayor and her staff possess relevant information, including a recording. It has not been requested or reviewed. Not only does the council proceeding with this censure without conducting an investigation violate basic principles of due process, it cannot withstand the slightest scrutiny. Second, because the city council's failure to invoke the formal investigative process in the charter, the council is already in violation of Section 3.03b6, which provides the mayor and the council shall not discuss in public the performance of or complaints against any city officer or employee unless acting pursuant to a duly authorized investigation. It is our understanding that members of council discussed the alleged incident between mayor and the finance director in an open council meeting in Savannah on June 28th. Further, it is our understanding that the open discussion led to an open records request, an open records request that contains specific information about the incident based on public comment. As you know, without a properly authorized Section 2.08 inquiry, a public airing of this matter violates Section 3.03b6 and is also inconsistent with the city's broader obligations in regarding confidential personnel information in its personnel policy manual.

If the council continues with a public discussion at the meeting tomorrow evening, it will further violate the terms of the charter and the policy. Third, I note the posture in which this situation presents your office. Section 3.08b of the city charter provides that in a conflict between the mayor and council, the city attorney shall arrange separate outside representation for each and shall not represent the interest of one against the other. The course the council appears poised to take would create precisely such a conflict. I've raised this not to be adversarial, but so that your office can take steps, take the steps the charter requires and provide counsel to the council on the proper path forward before an action is taken. We are prepared to be appointed as the mayor's representative. Finally, it also appears the city's personnel policies have not been followed. We are unaware of any complaint filed against the mayor under those policies, and even if a complaint has been filed, it must be kept confidential. Further, to the extent any witness statements exist, the mayor has not been provided with them. Although we are aware that one report, although we are aware of one report that includes information only from the finance director, that is inconsistent with the evidence in the possession of the mayor. If the city wishes to pursue complaints against the mayor or anyone else, it should follow its own personnel policy manual rather than proceeding with the censure resolution without all of the facts. On behalf of the mayor, I respectfully request that any resolution or proposal related to the alleged incident not be presented, discussed publicly or brought to a vote unless until one, the specific allegation are reduced to writing and provided to the mayor. Two, the council determines through a proper section 2.08 process, where the factual basis for any action exists and three the mayor is afforded a meaningful notice and opportunity to be heard. The mayor is prepared to participate fully and in good faith. I welcome the opportunity to discuss with you directly. Please contact me by email. All of the mayor's rights under the charter and applicable law are expressly reserved. So, seeing that some of these things have already taken place and have already been violated, my attorney’s office is prepared to represent the mayor's office in these egregious violations. Also, because you have refused to allow him to even speak. Thank you.

Mayor Pro Tem asked council, “Do you have any other questions?”
Councilmember George Turner responded this item is listed for discussion only. No decision has been made nor are we opposing to make a decision this evening. That being the case, what was read to us, I cannot imagine this happened without there being other witnesses and their statements would be important for us to make a decision as to whether we go forward with this suggested resolution. This is not a hearing but us responding to a letter we got that will not be ignored as the accusations are very serious. We will not be intimidated by lawyers coming before us, which was part of the accusations, intimidation, which has not been validated but would take a hearing to get to the bottom of it. Is there enough evidence to raise it to the next level? In my opinion, it is and I am going to suggest that at some point we conduct an investigation to see if this is warranted to offer a censure. Our conduct speaks volumes about how we treat our staff and constituents, which must be with due respect at all times and if it gets out of control, we must pull ourselves in line.

Mayor Cobble asked, Mayor Pro Tem, may I comment? Mayor Pro Tem commented yes. Mayor stated, I first want to say that as much as we have to protect our staff and our constituents, the elected officials are also included in the respect and treatment, just as the staff and the constituents. Elected officials should not be verbally abused or physically assaulted. It is not just the responsibility of the elected to ensure that there is respect only given, there also should be respect given back to the elected. I'm sure that through your investigation, you will see that respect is mutual. Violations happen when multiple people decide to disrespect or even physically interact with both the elected and the staff. It would be irresponsible for the city council to simply take the word of one and to not openly discuss with the, all people involved, including the mayor. There’s some kind of theme here that I am excluded from rightful treatment. But in fact, when I am disrespected, when I am physically assaulted, I also have rights. It is imperative that respect is mutual. But it's also imperative that action on both sides are taken, not just on the side of the elected. It's also actions to be taken on the side of the staff. When staff is incorrect, and when elected are incorrect, each one should have, first of all, its due process, and second of all, meaningful action to correct the behavior. So, I do not want anyone to leave here believing that I am not a victim, because I am. It will come out through this investigation and I hope the council does take it very seriously, as I also have rights, not just as an elected official, but also as a citizen.

Mayor Pro Tem asked council if there were any other questions. City Manager Turner stated, Mayor Pro Tem, I have a statement. Mayor Pro Tem replied, yes, Madame City Manager. City Manager proceeded, this is a statement as occurred at City Hall on Wednesday, June 24th. On Wednesday, June 24th, about 4:30p.m., I was approached by the Executive Assistant of the mayor regarding she was waiting for the hotel that was booked by the GMA conference on the mayor's personal credit card to receive a city check to pay for her room versus her using her personal credit card to pay for her travels. She stated the mayor would not be willing to allow the charges to her personal credit card. Without clear assurance that the check had been applied to her reservation, she would remain in Stonecrest. She was also checking with the hotel to see if the check had been posted to her account. I did remind her of the travel policy, where the city of Stonecrest reimburses travel for reasonable and necessary expenses that actually occur in connection with approved travel. We went back and forth from Wednesday afternoon, about 4:30 p.m., until about 12:42 a.m. Thursday morning, and again from 9:19 a.m. to 2:26 p.m. on

Thursday. We pretty much went back and forth on the same issue that the room had not received the check to pay for the mayor's room and that what we were going to do about it. On Thursday morning, the day of traveling to the GMA conference, I received a voicemail from my Executive Assistant, saying the mayor wanted me to call her. Because I couldn't call her, she called me back again, saying the mayor was going off on Director Franklin, and that Franklin, Director Franklin, was calling security, and that I needed to call her, and if she didn't have her check, she was going to go off on people. I texted my Executive Assistant that I was on a call right then, but I was working on a solution with Director Franklin and would call her back. I also called Mayor Pro Tem to make her aware of what was going on with the check on the room payment, and also what was going on at City Hall. While I was talking with Director Franklin, I heard the mayor in the background yelling. And Director Franklin said the mayor had blocked her door with a chair and threatened her. Because I heard the word "threaten," I told her to hang up the phone and call security and the police. I called Mayor Pro Tem back to alert her of the employee threat, and that security was alerted. Mayor Pro Tem stated she was headed to City Hall. I called back to see if City Director Franklin was okay, and she was very shaken up and emotional, and was told by Mayor Pro Tem to go home. I tried to calm her down and asked her, did she have someone who could be with her, or did I need to come where she was located because she appeared to be a nervous wreck on the phone. She told me no, she would be okay. She was really shaken up. I asked her was she okay to drive? And she said yes, she was. I immediately changed my attire because I was headed and headed to City Hall because I was originally getting ready to head to Savannah for the GMA conference.

I called the mayor back, and she stated Finance walked out the building without giving her her check for her hotel room, and she was not putting it on her credit card. A solution was, she said, to use the p-card, which is what was done in the past. She stated she did not harass Director Franklin or touch her. She did put a chair in the front of her door. She said Director Franklin could use the credit card authorization form, and she said y'all can have the city. The check should have been sent via UPS or FedEx. Who puts a check in the f'ing mail where you can where you can track it, where you can't track it? My apologies if this word was used inappropriately. This is what I'm saying to say in front of everybody in this meeting. She said her room was not paid. I told her mine was not either. She said so, you are new. I said it's the same policies and procedures. I asked her let me get a solution, and I would circle back. Once I arrived at city hall, I was told by employees and security of the various profanity that was used by the mayor, such as f'ing check, or Director Franklin would be fired if she didn't bring her check, she was overheated, find a solution or find another job, and why did they bring your stupid a back, with a chair blocking Director Franklin's door. One employee stated no one came and checked on them until the city manager came and addressed the issues and she considered the incident to be extremely hostile, and she was upset. I asked the employees of Stonecrest from the Finance Department to come into the conference room. I did apologize on behalf of the mayor for what this what they had just witnessed and observed. They reminded me just the day before at our all staff meeting that I told them that we would not tolerate people being disrespected, unprofessionalism, or unacceptable conduct at City Hall by anyone, including myself. I again apologized for what they experienced. I asked them while it was fresh on their mind if they would put a statement in writing of what they observed. I told them it would not be used against them nor would it impact their jobs. I was told by the Director of Finance that they would not put a statement in writing as they had been previously managed by fear and intimidation. But I asked for her permission if it was okay to talk to

her employees and ask them to do so. Director Franklin told me yes. Some of the employees asked if they could go in their work area and type their statement and date it. I need to, I apologize but others have been given, can I finish? They asked if they could go in their work

Mayor Cobble stated, I was interrupted and was not able to finish mine, so. City Manager stated, I'm almost finished. Mayor stated, I was almost, that is, I was interrupted. Mayor Pro Tem stated. Madame City Manager, you, time, you reached the limit but thank you for your statement. Council, do you have any other questions? This agenda has been. Mayor Cobble stated, I have more to say, I would like the floor. Mayor Pro Tem stated, are you asking? Mayor Cobble replied, yes, I would like the floor. Mayor Pro Tem replied, Mayor Cobble.

Mayor Cobble proceeded, again, what you're hearing are statements, one that I have not been given, two that are coming from a one-sided story that I have proof and evidence is actually not true. Through an investigation, you will come to find that there are some people who will speak with integrity and some who will not. As you can see, right, we're a smart city. This has been crafted so that one side of the story is what's prevalent, and you can see that there is an attempt to suppress the other side. I do want to really quickly, in my short period of time, state that my Executive Assistant, who was also in, not only in the City Manager's statement, but also on, on the telephone with me, as supposedly the city manager was on the telephone with the deputy, with the Finance Director. My assistant was on the phone with me, and yet she has not been asked for a statement, and yet no one has given her an opportunity to speak. So, you can see the theory and the theme that's going on here. Additionally, the reason why there was even a discussion is because both the City Manager and the Finance Director lied to my assistant and to me the day before. I have, which will come out, this is not a hearing apparently, well, the city council has planted statements throughout this evening. Where on Wednesday, the city manager tells my assistant that the finance director had spoken with the hotel directly, and that the check for my hotel had been delivered. Then the next day, sends a text message saying the check for your hotel arrived today, Thursday, at noon. So Wednesday, the city manager says the check is there, we've confirmed it with the hotel. My assistant calls the hotel, the hotel says absolutely not, we have nothing. The next day at noon, the city manager says your check arrived today. Well, how did it arrive yesterday and also today? So in between yesterday and the next day is when I approached the finance director to inquire about a payment solution. Again, we have all the evidence that we need that included audio of the verbal exchanges. So all of these words that the city manager is choosing not to share, that is making it seem like I used all kind of explicative, the audio will prove that the conversation, I was not the aggressor. The audio and the video will also prove that I was physically assaulted, that I was the victim of insubordination. But you cannot forget that up until now, only the people who support one side has been asked for statements, haven't, and those statements were collected by the city manager and in her possession only. The statements of those who were taken don't even have a copy of it themselves. Our HR policy states that the HR department conducts these kind of statements. We have staff members willing to actually say that they were demanded to give statements and could not leave their workspace until doing so, and that they were told not to email it to themselves or anyone else, but to simply print it and hand it to the city manager. And the city manager today is still in possession of those, solely. So yes, an investigation needs to happen. Process and procedure, charters and policies, all of which need to be had. Y'all, this was a

heated debate, a heated argument between the mayor and a staff member who reports to mayor and council. Whom, when the city manager and the finance director did not tell the truth, I sought the answer so that I could attend a conference like everyone else. This will come out. It's unfortunate that it has to play out here, but this is the choice the city council took. So, Attorney Tyson, who will represent me in this investigation, I'm sure will prevail again as we have with Stonecrest three times in the past. Yet, another black city, in public.

Councilmember Smith stated, Mayor Pro Tem. Mayor Pro Tem replied, Councilwoman Smith. Councilmember Smith proceeded, I would just like to state for the record, something that is incorrect that the mayor just stated. City council has planted statements. I, Karmesha Washington Smith, am a part of the city council, and I have planted no statements. That is untrue.

Councilmember Turner said, Mayor Pro Tem. Mayor Pro Tem replied, councilman Turner. Councilmember Turner stated, just to be clear, we are going to direct the city manager to initiate the investigation, just so we can get all questions answered before we address this question, or possible censure or not to censure. So, just wanted to be clear that is the direction we are going in. Mayor Cobble replied, Councilman Turner, asking the City Manager to initiate the investigation is a policy and charter violation. The charter and the policy dictates whom shall conduct the investigation. If you are recommending someone outside of the policy. Councilmember Turner replied, Mayor Pro Tem. Mayor Pro Tem responded, yes, Councilman Turner. Councilmember Turner stated that the question is still there. Are we going to direct the City Manager or whomever to initiate this investigation, just so that we can get all questions answered before moving forward with this idea of a censure?

Mayor Pro Tem Graves stated our conclusion is to have it investigated, but I believe we are going to ask for assistance from GMA because our Finance, our HR Director is currently, will not be in the office so we are going to ask for GMA to come in and assist with this matter. And I also want to make a comment. Nothing here was planted from city council. I was actually at the building myself that day and I can say I experienced some of that as well. I did not make a statement. Actually, doing this agenda item was difficult because we are a team, we're supposed to work together as a team. So when I entered City Hall, my goal was to see if I can get some type of resolution to the matter. But at the end of the day, we have to make sure we respect our staff, we respect our colleagues, and it's not about a check. Let me be clear. If the check wasn't at the location, that was okay because when you go to, anybody know when you check in a hotel, you do not pay for it up front. You just pay for it when you check out. And we were expecting our director to actually be in Savannah also at the retreat, so if all failed, and the payment was not there, she could have taken care of it in Savannah. So let me be clear, this situation and what we're talking about is not about a check and the date that it arrived. It's about making sure that we show our colleagues, our staff members, because we are the leaders of the city. We shouldn't come up here going back and forth. We should be able to talk to each other with respect. But because we are elected officials, we were trying to be transparent with our city and let them know what is currently going on, because I received a lot of calls that day in regards to the incident. Of course, I didn't make any comment because, again, I think this is a situation that I thought we could control among ourselves. I tried to reach out to talk to Mayor Cobble, you called me that day, we talked, you asked me not to call you back. So

at the end of the day, we are a team. We should work as such. But we wanted to come and discuss.

IV. 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

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49pm.

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CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES

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.* from Old Business to the next Work Session
2. Move item *e.* from Old Business to the next Work Session
3. Move the Executive Session before the Public Hearing and following Public Comments

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 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 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 to 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.

Chandra Cates – Has concerns about a neighbor with cars on his front yard that has not been moved in years, as well as other issues and she is asking what can be done about this situation.

Deborah Tayliam – Has concerns about the house next door to her which has been vacant for about 8 years. There is excessive growth of grass, trees, and poison ivy, in addition to other issues. Code Enforcement has come to the house and fined the owner, but after paying the fines, the house remains the same.

Dave Marcus – Spoke of his restoration of confidence in financing, stating council is moving towards a responsible government. He also made comments on past audits as well as the break-in that took place at City Hall, stating he would like facts on the incident.

Angella Green – Stated she lives next door to a hoarder, and has concerns about her health, safety, and property value. She provided photos of a collapsed deck, remnants on the front porch and 2 broken-down cars and she is asking for help.

Bernard Knight – Thanked the council for voting to create the CID and reported that on June 23rd, the CID held its first elections and board meeting. At that meeting, 5 members were elected to serve, including Mr. Knight. A month ago, the CID submitted their draft cooperation agreement as the first step in negotiating the terms of the agreement to the council and assistant city attorney Alicia Thompson and are looking forward to receiving a response.

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*

The presentation was given by Director Qawiy stating this is a city-initiated application requesting the rezoning and future land use of approximately 92.19 acres from M-Light Industrial to M2- Heavy Industrial to allow various heavy industrial uses. There was review of the background, public participation, zoning map, future land use map, property location map, aerial map and site photos. By way of legal, the staff recommendation is neither approval nor denial and should be left up to the council's discretion. There is no recommendation from staff.

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.

There was additional review and background information shared by the applicant stating the requested information has been provided to staff and is in the agenda packet. It was stated the Planning Commission recommends denial. There was an additional review of the rezoning factors, economic use under the current zoning and the benefits, stating it is not a landfill.

In Favor
None
In Opposition
Linda Miller
Dave Marcus
Renee Cail – Email
Jennifer Wilson – Email
Pyper Bunch - Email

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.

To have a rezoning, the city will need an amendment to the comprehensive plan. It was stated there will be no burning on site and the uses will be confined within three parcels, in

which special use applications have been submitted for both parcels.

b. For Decision - Ordinance for RZ 26-004 7224 & 7226 Maddox Road - *Shawanna Qawiy, 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.

Mayor Cobble stated that her pleasure is to offer a substitute motion for deferral. Mayor Pro Tem Graves stated there is a motion on the floor. In response, Mayor Cobble stated that there is a motion that did not receive an affirmative in either one way or another. So, I am inserting parliamentary procedure to request a substitute motion because you did not achieve an affirmative on either side. Mayor Pro Tem Graves consulted with legal stating to her understanding Mayor Cobble would vote to break the tie and asked for some content on this topic. Attorney Thompson stated that if there's a vote on the table and if Madame Mayor is to break the tie, she requests that she provide that tiebreaking vote. A substitute motion would be proper before the vote actually takes place, but we're in the middle of a vote right now.

Mayor Cobble responded, "You cannot make a substitute motion before a vote takes place in a tie. Then asked if legal would like to recess so we can research Robert's Rules?" Assuming you are the parliamentarian. Attorney Thompson asked if Mayor Cobble could repeat her question. Mayor Cobble stated, do you think we should recess so we can look at the parliamentary procedure under Robert's Rules? You did not answer the question. You advised me to vote but you did not answer the question about rather I can offer a substitute motion or not. So, I am asking, do we need to look at Robert's Rule of Order to decide if or when a vote does not receive affirmative either way or on either side if a substitute motion can be offered?

Legal responded, I would ask Madame Mayor Pro Tem, I think the mayor should place the tiebreaking vote. Mayor Pro Tem Tara Graves mentioned to Mayor Cobble according to our charter we have a tie vote so when we have a tie vote you're the tiebreaking vote. In response Mayor Cobble stated that she is well aware of the procedure for when the mayor votes and stated I'm just asking if the City Attorney would like to take some time to review Robert's Rules of Order and the parliamentary procedure to determine whether or not the request for a substitute motion can be honored. If not, no problem. But I am asking for you all to take time to research that and make that decision based on fact.

Legal stated, I am sorry mayor is the question on the table for me? Mayor Cobble stated yes. Legal suggested in this instance she would say that you all need to have a tiebreaking vote and as you are the tiebreaker I would ask that you place your vote. Mayor Cobble responded by saying all right, I will abstain. The City Council is the legislative body of this city. The City Council are the five voting members of this city council. The City Council's legislative authority is to make decisions on behalf of the five districts that it represents. The City Council should be able to come to a majority vote seeing as the City Council has the majority influence. So, I see no reason why the City Council cannot come to a majority agreement and then put it in the hands of the non-voting member. I have no influence or decision-making powers in any other items not only presented today but in any other of the agenda items. So, the City Council should be able to get a consensus on a vote considering that it represents all five districts to use to weaponize the chair

for this particular vote. I will abstain from that.

Councilmember Karmesha Smith stated according to our charter, the mayor shall cast the deciding vote if there is a tie. Our charter trumps Robert's Rules. So, in this instance, the mayor is to vote. The mayor does not have the option to abstain. Mayor Cobble responded, why wouldn't the mayor have the option to abstain? That is a vote. You can either vote yes, vote no or you can abstain. So, you are correct, the charter does give me that authority and I have cast a vote. I have voted to abstain. Just as that is offered to you as a voting member, it is also offered to me. There is nowhere in the law that says that I only have 2 options in which everyone else has 3. There are 3 options. You also have had the choice to abstain. You cast an affirmative vote.

Councilmember George Turner stated that the option to abstain has to be accompanied by a written rationale for such and after that, I believe the charter is clear that we cannot abstain. We are obligated to vote. I question whether or not we have legitimate tie because when that was written, it was assumed that it would be a tie to approve or deny. Since we never received it was 3, 3, that's when we had 6 members, 6 voting members and we have not achieved that. That is the only question I would have but otherwise, the mayor is obligated to vote according to the charter and that's where we stand.

Mayor Cobble stated that she would like to read the statement that he is referring to in the charter section 2.10 The Council Member. No council member to abstain from voting on a matter properly brought before the city council for official action except when the city council member has a reason which is disclosed in writing prior to or at the meeting and made a part of the minutes. I have disclosed here at this meeting my rationale and it is a part of the minutes. It is not exclusive to at the meeting. It includes or at the meeting. So yes, obviously someone who can only vote in the event of a tie would not be able to provide in writing prior to a meeting. Absolutely impossible. I would only have the opportunity to abstain at a meeting in person being made apart of the minutes in which I have given my position, my reasoning and it is apart of the minutes.

Councilmember Karmesha Smith asked Mayor Cobble was her reason legitimate, because it has to be a legitimate reason. Mayor Cobble responded, I'm sorry, no councilmember to abstain from voting on a matter properly brought before the city council for official action except when the city council member, which by the way it refers to a city council member. Councilmember being 1 word. I am not a city council member. I am a part of the city council, 2 separate words. I am by definition not a city council member, when city councilmember is 1. However, the word legitimate, 1-is obviously arguable and 2-not in the charter. The words legitimate reason is not listed here and that is obviously at the discretion of the person who was evaluating legitimate. So, I have given my rationale. I have done it in the meeting. It is in the records. This refers to a council member and again I am not a council member, I am a member of the city council. Two separate and distinct definitions which is also in the charter. If you go to the beginning of the charter, the charter describes the definition of a councilmember in which it lists five members voted as a city councilmember. It then mentions the mayor separately and the six of us together collectively are the city council. This particular section is referring to a councilmember in which I have not only complied with although the definition of that role is not me. I have given said answer and rationale in person and recorded in the minutes. The word legitimate is nowhere in this section.

Councilmember Smith asked the mayor if she can scroll down to the section since she is in the charter that says when there is a tie then the mayor must break that tie. The mayor responded, I

did. I cast a vote. My vote was to abstain. The mayor shall vote in the event of a tie of the councilmembers. I did that. The mayor shall vote. Shall only vote in the event of a tie. The mayor voted. Legal added that it seems that either way this motion has failed. If the council does accept the abstention of the mayor, the motion that was on the table is not going forward. If there is an amendment to the motion and if the council agrees to have the amendment to the motion, then maybe at this time the mayor can make that amendment. For clarity, Councilmember Smith stated that an abstention does not constitute as a vote. The mayor asked under what facts an abstention does not constitute as a vote? The city has adopted Robert's Rule of Order as its parliamentary procedure, of which by the way at the last special called meeting, I believe you gave guidance and instruction to the mayor pro tem to actually read some language about the Robert's Rule of Order being used in the city's adoption of its parliamentary procedures. So, not only is abstaining a vote, the charter says that when you abstain ,which means it recognizes the abstention as a vote. You shall either do it in writing prior to or in the meeting with rationale. So, how can abstaining not be a voting action and yet, the charter outlines the specifics on how an abstaining vote shall be captured. How can two things exist at the same time?

Councilmember Smith stated that under Robert's Rules of Order and Georgia Practice abstentions do not count as a yes or no. A vote is a yes or no. That's where we are right now. A yes or a no. Mayor Cobble answered that is slightly correct. Yes, but abstention is not a yes or a no. It is by definition its own category. It is an abstention. It is not a yes or no. You are reading that correctly. Although your interpretation is trying to imply something else. The charter even gives instructions on how to abstain. Not only does it gives instructions, other council members have abstained for a vote in the past. Councilmember George Turner added, by definition itself, abstention is refusing to comply. Mayor Cobble asked, where did you read that? He responded, its to abstain. Mayor Cobble then asked what is it that we all of a sudden possess and don't have anything in front of us that says that an abstaining vote is now not valid except for when you all use it then all of a sudden it becomes valid. Again, the charter clearly outlines how an abstention should be achieved which means it recognizes abstain as an actual action allowable to be taken. I have done so.

City Attorney Thompson stated if we're looking at 2-348, it does say disclose in writing to or at the meeting and made apart of the minutes. Can you state for the record your reason for it. Mayor Cobble replied, "I've already stated that for the record." The meeting is being recorded. The clerk is taking minutes. I have stated it for the record. If you'd like for it to go back then maybe someone in the Communications can replay, but I have already given that. Attorney Thompson asked the clerk, do she know the reason for the mayor's abstention? The clerk replied yes. Mayor Cobble replied, to your point City Attorney, either way the motion did not achieve an affirmative either an approval or denial. Which then gives the council the opportunity to offer another motion. My recommendation was to defer. That way they can have a discussion. I think one of the public comments was actually a recommendation and I'm not sure, Director Q what the August meeting is for maybe their Special Land Use Permits for uses, but it certainly gives the council an opportunity to get back together to discuss and come to a decision between the four of them on rather or not to move forward with this rezoning. So I asked and offered the council to do a deferral to give them an opportunity to come back, talk with each other flush out all the differences and come to a consensus, a majority consensus.

Mayor Pro Tem Tara Graves thanked Mayor Cobble for her comment. We were asking you to break the tie, not offer recommendations. Mayor Cobble replied that surely her freedom of speech allows her to offer any type of verbiage when the microphone is on. So, I don't need your permission to offer a recommendation. Mayor Pro Tem Graves responded with I didn't say you needed my permission. Mayor Cobble said, you said you weren't asking me for what I said."

Mayor Pro Tem Graves said, I was stating what I wasn't asking you. Mayor Cobble responded with yeah, but I don't need your permission. Mayor Pro Tem Graves asked was she going to break the tie. Mayor Cobble stated, I casted a vote. Mayor Pro Tem Graves stated in response the Mayor refused to break the tie. Mayor Cobble cited that it says the mayor shall only vote in the event of a tie. I voted. It doesn't say the mayor shall and must break the tie by saying yay or nay. I am allowed to abstain like you are. So, I have cast a vote.

Attorney Thompson said that she thinks as it stands right now, we have 2 votes for yay and 2 votes for nay. The mayor has cast her vote for abstention, I might have missed it, so I apologize if she's stated the reason for her abstention on the record, so it can be made apart of the minutes that seem to be sufficient per section 2-348. So, I just want to make sure that we have that reasoning recorded in the minutes. The city council is free to put another vote on the table for decision.

Councilmember George Turner stated that considering we only have 4 seating council members until December, possibly elections in November and a runoff will be in December if there should be one. So this matter could be unresolved until January is what we are possible looking at. This is perplexing. Mayor Cobble added, no, the council with the four of you as you have passed many other items and have more today on the agenda and have voted with four members of the council prior to today, can achieve three votes either in the affirmative or in the decline. You can assume that from now to December every item will go to a vote, well obviously is not true. You voted in the special called meeting. You voted in other meetings since the resignation of District 2 and you have achieved three votes either to defer, deny or to approve. So no, there's nothing that says that because there are four council members that this will go on till December. You all, matter of fact, today, right now, can still achieve three votes one way or another. There's nothing that prevents you all from coming to three votes, either in the affirmative or not.

Mayor Pro Tem Graves stated, "so you recommend to change your vote?" Mayor Cobble replied, no, no, no I didn't say that at all. I didn't say that at all, Those are words you're using. I said, "like you have done in other items. You all can come to a 3-1 or 4-0." Mayor Pro Tem Graves added, "Or you can break the tie." Mayor Cobble replied, "I have voted." Mayor Pro Tem Graves replied, "I have voted too." Mayor Cobble stated, "Wonderful you should as you are a voting member of the city council." Mayor Pro Tem Graves stated and you are the tie breaker of the City of Stonecrest. Mayor Cobble reiterated that in the event of a tie I vote, difference. I vote in the event of a tie. There is no language that says I must vote only in yay or nay. There's no language that says I am a tiebreaking vote of which I have to vote yay or nay. It says the mayor only votes in the event of a tie. If it's in the event of a tie, I voted. The same rights you have, so do I.

Councilmember Karmesha Smith added that it's clear that the mayor has decided not to vote and we had a tie in the past and she voted in that instance. So, it's clear that she's choosing not to fulfill this particular tie. She chooses not to vote. Mayor Cobble interjected, I have voted today as I voted any other day. I chose to abstain. Councilmember Smith replied, "I think I have the floor." Mayor Cobble added, "You do and I'm going to correct you every time you make an association that is untrue with what I said or what I did." Mayor Pro Tem Graves asked for order or the meeting. Mayor Cobble stated, "We do, so don't lie on the microphone". Mayor Pro Tem Graves said that works both ways. Mayor Cobble stated that she has voted as I have in every other meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Graves stated that it is not considered. Mayor Cobble replied, "It is a vote." Mayor Pro Tem Graves reminded Councilmember Smith that she has the floor. Councilmember Smith stated that we should determine what it is that we need to do to move forward in the event that we have a tie and there is a choice made not to break the tie. That's

where we are. Councilmember George Turner added that the precedent has been set. We have had this happen in the past. When we failed to get three votes and having three votes being required to deny or approve, the item rolled to the next council meeting for a decision. That's how it has been handled in the past and we have been here before, but for different reasons but we've been here before. When we didn't get the charter required three votes, the item neither failed nor passed, it rolled to the next council meeting. That's been the precedent that has been set.

Mayor Pro Tem Graves asked the council do we have a failed motion due to the mayor not breaking the tie? Is that correct? Attorney Thompson answered, "yes at this time the matter has not moved in the affirmative or the negative." Mayor Pro Tem Graves confirmed that the motion failed and will entertain another motion.

Motion – made by Mayor Pro Tem Tara Graves to defer RZ 26-004 7224 7 7226 Maddox Road to the next council meeting. Second by Councilmember George Turner.

Councilmember George Turner stated unreadiness for understanding. As in the past, if the motion fails to get the three requisite votes for approval or denial, in the past the item rolled automatically to the next council meeting. So, I am not sure if we want to follow that or just go ahead and vote to defer it to the next meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Graves stated that she would recommend to move it to the next council meeting, but we will have the same problem because I know my vote is not going to change. Councilmember George Turner stated that he will support the motion.

Mayor Cobble asked Mayor Pro Tem Graves if she voted no on her own motion. Mayor Pro Tem Graves responded absolutely. So, what is your pleasure? Mayor Cobble asked the City Clerk to restate the motion. The City Clerk answered with defer to the next council meeting. Mayor Cobble then asked the Clerk to do a roll call of the votes. The City Clerk responded, District 3 – nay, District 4 – yay, District 5 – yay and District 1 – nay. Mayor Cobble stated that considering that it was my recommendation to defer the motion, I will agree and vote yay to defer to the next council meeting.

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.
Motion passed.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

X. APPOINTMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

XI. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

XII. OLD BUSINESS

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

The presentation was led by Ms. Jackson, responding to each question asked by Councilmember Smith at a previous meeting. There were also some examples given in regard to city positions that have received supplemental pay. It was stated the percentage of the supplemental pay is based on the level of responsibility. It was suggested this item is discussed at another council meeting.

b. **For Decision** - Resolution for the Matrix Fee Study - *Shawanna Qawiy, 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*

An overview was given by Attorney Thompson stating this is the second read for the ordinance to amend section 2-180 that will remove the Deputy City Manager and Deputy Finance Director from the list of individuals who are authorized to execute checks and written orders.

The preamble was read by the City Clerk as the 2nd Read.

Attorney Thompson stated check signing is duty assigned to the City Manager and council has the authority to assign to others in the city. Checks over $25,000 should have two signatures.

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*

A presentation was given by City Manager Turner stating the contract for Mauldin & Jenkins has already been approved and submitted with the mayor signing the first version. There were changes from the vendor after the mayor signed. It was stated the contract in the packet does reflect the noted changes by Mauldin & Jenkins. The timelines have been provided, and Mauldin & Jenkins is ready for engagement.

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*

Mayor Cobble stated she will get with the Economic Development Director to prepare and present for this item at a future meeting.
This item will be moved to the August Work Session.

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

This item will be 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*

The presentation was given by Director Karikaran stating that the scope of work for this project is to replace the existing Fairington Park play area. The Procurement Division solicited bids from vendors and received 5 responses and recommended Lanier Plans Inc. dba KorKat to be awarded $76,037 along with a program grant for $134,940. The grant money will fund this project. Once approved, a notice to proceed will be issued. It was confirmed that wood chips will be replaced with upgraded material. Construction should take approximately three days.

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*

The presentation was given by Mr. Powell stating City Hall is in need of two metal detectors and x-ray machines to enhance the security currently in place. The request is for approval to purchase the detectors, machines and accessories from Mallory Safety and Supply, Inc. through a cooperative purchase under Omnia Contract No. 159498. The city is receiving a discount on the safety equipment which includes installation, training, state required certification and a 4-year warranty. The total for the safety equipment is $95,044.84. The funding account is 100-1565-542500 – Other Equipment and Facilities.

When asked if this item needs to be on a future URA meeting agenda, Attorney Thompson stated only if the equipment impacts the building or causes need for renovation. She was asked to follow up and let the URA know if the agreement has been reviewed and require landlord approval. It was stated there is a need to review the URA and city's IGA. It was also stated there is a need for a URA meeting.

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 presentation was given by Director Franklin stating there were amendments made to the original budget that was submitted. There is zero impact from this amendment. There was also an adjustment made to the FICA account. There was a review of the original spreadsheet, including reasons for amendments, fund balance use by fund and the effect of the changes from the two items mentioned. It was stated council has the presentation without two changes that were made.

The preamble was read by the City Clerk.

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

No Comments

XV. CITY MANAGER UPDATE

The City Manager stated that the leadership team updates have been sent to council prior to this meeting. There was recognition given to Myrlene Thomas, Human Resources Analyst as Employee of the Month, stating her professionalism, dedication and collaborating spirit have had a meaningful impact, and her positive energy is contagious.

XVI. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Jazzmin Cobble – No comments

District 1 – Mayor Pro Tem Tara Graves – No Comments

District 3 – Alecia Washington – Absent

District 4 – George Turner – Mentioned streets that are getting paved in District 4, a gazebo at Salem Park, and improvements at Browns Mill. Also, Fairington Park looks really good. There have been some calls on the feral hogs. The feral hog program is down to trapping but can only be put on public property. The city has been working with DeKalb County to help accelerate this.

District 5 – Karmesha Smith – Thank you to the staff who stayed late with us this evening. Would like to highlight paving currently going on in District 5 and also give kudos to the staff for who assisted with the Back-to-School Backpack Giveaway.

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 take place 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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CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES

3120 Stonecrest Blvd., Stonecrest, GA 30038

Monday, August 24, 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 6:04pm.

II. ROLL CALL: Sonya Isom, City Clerk

Mayor Pro Tem Tara Graves, Councilmember Alecia Washington, Councilmember George Turner and Councilmember Karmesha Smith were present during roll call. Mayor Cobble arrived at the dais during Old Business, agenda item c.

III. INVOCATION: Pastor Aaron Jones III, Mt. Nebo Baptist Church

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

V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the agenda as written. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.
Motion was amended.

There was a request to add: Approval of Power of Attorney for Mauldin & Jenkins as item c, under New Business.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the agenda with the one stated addition. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.
Motion passed unanimously.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Motion – made by Councilmember Alecia Washington to approve the meeting minutes from the June 22, 2026, City Council Meeting with the stated changes. Second by Councilmember George Turner.
Motion passed unanimously.

b. Approval of Meeting Minutes - Special Called Meeting, July 2, 2026

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to defer the meeting minutes from the July 2, 2026, Special Called Meeting. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.
Motion passed unanimously.

c. Approval of Meeting Minutes - Work Session, July 13, 2026

Motion – made by Councilmember Alecia Washington to defer the meeting minutes from the July 13, 2026, Work Session. Second by Mayor Pro Tem Tara Graves.
Motion tied with D1 & D5 voting Nay and D3 & D4 voting Yay.
Motion failed due to Mayor being absent and unable to break the tie.

Motion – made by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to approve the meeting minutes from the July 13, 2026, Work Session. Second by Councilmember George Turner.
Motion tied with D1 & D3 voting Nay and D4 & D5 voting Yay.
Motion failed due to Mayor being absent and unable to break the tie.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to defer the meeting minutes from the July 13, 2026, Work Session. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.
Motion passed unanimously.

d. Approval of Meeting Minutes - City Council Meeting, July 27, 2026

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the meeting minutes from the July 27, 2026, City Council Meeting. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.
Motion failed 3-1 with D1, D4 & D5 voting Nay and D3 voting Yay.

Motion – made by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to defer the meeting minutes from the July 27, 2026, City Council Meeting. Second by Councilmember George Turner.
Motion passed unanimously.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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In Person

Bernard Knight – gave 3rd status report on the Stonecrest CID, sharing an update on the progress they are making.

Faye Coffield – stated it is time for the City of Stonecrest to be dissolved. Also shared her disapproval with Metro Green.

Alisa Clark – asked if the city can define who is responsible for what? Need traffic light at Thompson Mill and Miller Road. Stated the city is lagging behind on amenities.

Diane Adoma – concerns on the Metro Green settlement and agreement. Shared some key concerns and her requested call to action. Had questions on SLUPS undergoing public routing.

Ruth Johnson-Floyd – disappointed at what's going on with Metro Green and would like council to make the best decisions for the city.

Dave Marcus – shared reasons to reject Metro Green's rezoning, including research done on concrete recycling.

Raymond Randle – discussed blight in Stonecrest, speaking of the broken window theory, the condition of the Stonecrest Mill Apartments, trash, and the effect on families and children.

Dwania McGhee – wanted to know how Metro Geen would affect the lives and health of Stonecrest residents, mentioning more traffic, the ozone, real estate issues, and future developments. Asked what can legally operate there today.

Serena Thornton – concerns about Metro Green and asked city to revoke their certificate of occupancy.

Juanita Sheppard – opposing any rezoning on Maddox Road and has concerns about District 2 and its vacant seat.

Sharee Scott – asked council to think about what is in the best interest of Stonecrest. Opposed to the rezoning on Maddox Road for Metro Green.

Chandra Cates – Thanked Code Officer Frank Austin for assistance. Spoke of neighbor hoarding garbage in front yard, which is creating a rodent infestation. She has concerns with homeowners not cutting their grass, abandoned houses and its appearance, and broken fences in a common area that she would like removed.

Stephanie Grain – asked council to do a study on the pollution that will come with Metro Green.

Mesha Hardin – asked how the rezoning will benefit the community's air pollution and property value. Spoke of shaking that has affected wiring in her home and asked council not to rezone.

CA Nation – concerns about gentrification of his home and spoke of rezonings and failed businesses.

Linda Miller – Would like to see signs and something coming into the city, asking to bring in developers.

Renee Cail – comments on rezoning of 7224 and 7226 Maddox Road and spoke on the effect of pollutions to the lungs.

State Representative Doreen Carter – spoke of families being affected by Metro Green, resident concerns, air quality, noise, quality of life and industrial development. Asked council to decline the request for rezoning and to consider the families who this will affect.

Public Comments Sent Via Email

Pyper Bunch – opposition to Metro Green operating anywhere in Stonecrest

Ann Rogers – against proposed rezoning of 7224 and 7226 Maddox Road

A. Sabrena Farmer – does not want any part of Metro Green in community

Kathy Andrews – concerns about environment and health impacts of rezoning

Lequvia Ousley- say no to rezoning of Metro Green properties

Gayle Andrews – please vote no to proposed rezoning of 7226 Maddox Road

Bola Tolase – vote no to Metro Green

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.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

X. APPOINTMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

XI. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

XII. OLD BUSINESS

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

There was a comment from Councilmember Turner stating a decision must be made on scientific facts.

Motion – made by Councilmember Alecia Washington to deny the Ordinance for RZ 26-004 7224 & 7226 Maddox Road. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.
Motion passed unanimously.

b. **For Decision** - Ordinance to Amend Section 2-180 - Execution of Checks or Financial Instruments, 2nd Read - *Tara Graves, Mayor Pro Tem and Alicia Thompson, City Attorney*

Mayor Pro Tem Tara Graves stated that the ordinance that is in the packet is not the correct ordinance, but the City Attorney has the correct ordinance. The updated ordinance was read by Attorney Thonmpson, stating there are no major changes. It was confirmed the cap is $25,000.

The preamble was read by the City Attorney.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the Ordinance to Amend Section 2-180 – Execution of Checks or Financial Instruments, 2nd Read. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.
Motion passed unanimously.

c. For Decision - Resolution to Censure the Mayor - *Tara Graves, Mayor Pro Tem*

Presentation led by Mayor Pro Tem Tara Graves asking the city attorney to define censure. Attorney Denmark proceeded to explain that a censure is not a measure that removes an individual from office or carries any specific penalty but power to express displeasure of actions. It is a public reprimand of one member by majority of the governing body and does not carry any other consequence. Mayor Pro Tem mentioned an incident that took place at City Hall during the month of June and stated the censure does not require an investigation. She stated this is an administrative matter, and council did not request or complete an investigation and does not require any public funds to investigate this matter.

The resolution preamble and findings were read by the City Clerk.

Motion – made by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to approve the Resolution to Censure the Mayor. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.
Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Cobble asked about the attorneys role in the language of the resolution and it was stated it was modified to be placed in legal format and that council drafted the language.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

a. For Decision - Resolution for SDL 26-004 7132 Hayden Quarry Road - 3 Lots Combination/Lot Division/Boundary Adjustment - *Shawanna Qawiy, Division Director Community Development*

The presentation was given by Director Qawiy stating this is a three Lot Combination Lot Division – Boundary Agreement of 7132, 7124 and 7150 Hayden Quarry Road to be known as 7132 Hayden Quarry Road. There was a review of the major plat and instructions on how to apply for a major plat, which has the same procedures of a preliminary plat and final. The applicant must submit an application and preliminary plat for approval prior to the issuance of a building permit. The major plat certifies that the preliminary and final plats all comply with zoning environmental regulations. An adjustment was made to remove the property lines as they are combining three lots to build a single-family home.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the Resolution for SDL

26-004 7132 Hayden Quarry Road – 3 Lots Combination/Lot Division/Boundary Adjustment. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.
Motion passed unanimously.

b. For Decision - Supplemental Security Services - Independent Contractor Agreement - *Michael McCoy, Deputy City Manager*

The presentation was given by Deputy City Manager McCoy, stating this item is administrative housekeeping and a request to address the pay disparity between the two entities that are providing security services to the city. The city's off duty sheriff deputies are currently being paid $45 per hour, while the DeKalb Police Officers are being paid $70 per hour. There is a correction in the document presented that shows $75 per hour should be $70 per hour. This request is to increase the Sheriff Deputies pay from $45 to $70 per hour so that all providing security are being compensated at the same rate.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the Supplemental Security Services – Independent Contractor Agreement. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.
Motion passed unanimously.

c. For Decision – Approval of Power of Attorney for Mauldin & Jenkins **–** *Catherine Turner, City Manager*

The presentation was given by City Manager Turner asking for approval to move forward with Mauldin Jenkins as the city's Power of Attorney, authorizing them to represent the City of Stonecrest before the IRS in any tax matters. Having Mauldin & Jenkins as the city's Power of Attorney could possibly reduce fees and penalties. If the mayor is unable to execute the Power of Attorney for Mauldin & Jenkins, council would allow the City Manager to move forward and execute the request on behalf of the city.

Motion – made by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to approve the Approval of Power of Attorney with Mauldin & Jenkins for the city to move forward with tax related items. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.
Motion withdrawn.

Motion – made by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to authorize the City Manager to execute the Power of Attorney for Mauldin & Jenkins for tax related matters. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.
Motion passed unanimously.

XIV. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS

It was good to see everyone in Savannah.

XV. CITY MANAGER UPDATE

The city has partnered with an external firm for a payroll audit. An update will be given to the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem and Council once the final results are received. The audit with Mauldin & Jenkins is on schedule. There was discussion of events taking place in city hall, staffing needs, new restaurants and expansions, and details on current projects, and beautification in the city.

XVI. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Cobble – No comments

District 1 – Mayor Pro Tem Tara Graves – No comments

District 3 – Alecia Washington – Thanks to the organizations, Stonecrest staff and volunteers for assisting with the events that have taken place the last three weeks, and thanks to everyone that participated.

District 4 – George Turner – Gave an update on the trapping of the feral hogs. We have identified some hot spots and can hopefully eliminate them soon.

District 5 – Karmesha Smith – Thanks to everyone who came out this evening. She is open to receiving feedback and noted council cannot do this without the citizens of Stonecrest. You are appreciated.

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm.

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CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION – SUMMARY

3120 Stonecrest Blvd., Stonecrest, GA 30038

Monday, September 14, 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: 6:07pm.

II. ROLL CALL: Sonya Isom, City Clerk

All members were present with Mayor Cobble arriving after roll call.

III. AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS

There was a request to:

1. Move item d. to item a.
2. Remove item e.
3. Add item f. – URA & SDA Roles and Responsibilities – Karmesha Smith, District 5 Councilmember & Ed Wall, Financial Advisor

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve with the stated changes. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.
Motion passed unanimously.

a. For Discussion - July Monthly Financial Update - *Keisha Franklin, Finance Director*

b. For Discussion - Ascendent Application Text Messaging Agreement - *Keisha Franklin, Finance Director & David Graves, Communications Director*

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve Ascendent Application Text Messaging Agreement. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.
Motion passed unanimously.

c. **For Decision** - 2026 Street Resurfacing Contract Change Order - *Hari Karikaran, City Engineer*

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to defer this item to a future meeting. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.
Motion passed unanimously.

d. **For Discussion** - Nuisance Abatement and Blight Ordinance - *Alicia Thompson, City Attorney & Shawanna Qawiy, Division Director Community Development*

Item was moved to item a.

e. **For Discussion** - Signing Authority - *Tara Graves, Mayor Pro Tem*

Item was removed from agenda.

f. **For Discussion** – URA & SDA Roles and Responsibilities – *Karmesha Smith, District 5 Councilmember & Ed Wall, Financial Advisor*

Motion – made by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to move item f to after returning from the Executive Session. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.
Motion passed unanimously.

IV. 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 Karmesha Smith.
Motion passed unanimously.

Motion – made by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to exit Executive Session and return to our regular scheduled Work Session. Second by Councilmember George Turner.
Motion passed 3-0 with District 3 being absent.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turmer to approve the meeting minutes from the Executive Session. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.
Motion passed 3-0 with District 3 being absent.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turmer to adjourn this meeting. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.
Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37pm.

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CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES

3120 Stonecrest Blvd., Stonecrest, GA 30038

Monday, September 28, 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 6:06pm.

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

All members were present.

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

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

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to move to recess and allow Communications time to fix the audio issue. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.
Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to resume our regular scheduled meeting. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.
Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.

V. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the agenda as published. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.
Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.

VI. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. 2026 Strategic Planning Retreat Minutes

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the 2026 Strategic Planning Retreat Minutes. Second by Councilmember Kamesha Smith.
Motion passed 3-1 with District 1 voting Nay and District 2 being vacant.

b. Approval of Meeting Minutes - Special Called Meeting, July 2, 2026

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to defer the meeting minutes from the July 2, 2026, Special Called Meeting. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.
Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.

c. Approval of Meeting Minutes - Work Session, July 13, 2026

Motion – made by Councilmember Alecia Washington to set forth the approval of the meeting minutes for the Work Session for July 13, 2026. Second by Councilmember George Turner.

Motion – made by Councilmember Alecia Washington to move that the approval of the meeting minutes for the Work Session, July 13. Second by Councilmember George Turner.
Motion passed 3-1 with District 5 voting Nay and District 2 being vacant.

d. Approval of Meeting Minutes - City Council Meeting, July 27, 2026

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to defer the meeting minutes from the City Council Meeting, July 27, 2026. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.
Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.

e. Approval of Meeting Minutes - City Council Meeting, August 24, 2026

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to defer the approval of the meeting minutes from the City Council Meeting, August 24, 2026. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.
Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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C.A. Nation
Retired US Marine, disabled, and in pain every day but it is worth it to see Council sitting here. He wants to be proud of the City of Stonecrest, however, the city is trying to condemn his property, and stated he will see you in court.

Faye Coffield
Stated this is a public building and would like to know why there is no public restroom. Mentioned having signs letting people know they are in Stonecrest. Also expressed concerns about $100,000 that she states is missing.

Chandra Cates
Asking council to vote on a proposal to arrest violators who were summoned to appear in court and did not. Expressed gratitude to Officer Frank Austin for helping with the upkeep of the community. Request for fencing in the community to be removed and replaced, as it is an eyesore.

Bernard Knight
Gave the 4th status report on the CID. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 21, 2026, at 9 am.

Angela Green
Currently living next door to a hoarder and is requesting advice and/or resources regarding this matter. She is a resident of District 1.

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

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IX. CONSENT AGENDA

X. APPOINTMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

XI. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

a. Proclamation - Annie Smith Raines, *George Turner, District 4 Councilmember*

Presentation by Councilmember Turner to Stonecrest resident Annie Smith Raines, a Stonecrest citizen who turned 101 years old, declaring September 3, 2026, as Annie Smith Reigns Day in the City of Stonecrest.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

a. For Decision - Resolution for the Matrix Fee Study - *Shawanna Qawiy, Division Director Community Development, Keisha Franklin, Finance Director & Catherine Turner, City Manager*

Presentation was given by Director Qawiy stating that this item has been discussed on numerous occasions. The sliding scale for the matrix was provided. City Manager Turner

stated all proposed fees were updated, and nothing should be blank. The resolution has 2 parts, to accept the study and to adopt the fees. There were recommendations to adopt the study without adopting the fee schedule. Staff have recommended a phrasing approach. There was a request to go line by line for fees over $1500. Director Qawiy reminded the council that some numbers were rounded up to the nearest whole number. The packet is not updated and will not be what is being approved as the most recent version was placed on the dais for council. The recommended time for adjustment should be between 5-7 years but can be reevaluated before the 5 years.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to move for the approval of the Fee Schedule Study and proposed fees by city matrix. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.
Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.

b. For Decision - Cooperation Agreement for the SLIP CID - *George Turner, District 4 Councilmember*

Presentation was given by Councilmember Turner stating that this has been before council a few times, with lengthy discussions and adjustments. It was mentioned that when one agency overlaps with another agency or operates within an agency, there must be some understanding or ground rules on the cooperation. The East Metro CID was in operation within Stonecrest city limits before we became a city and without an agreement. As an update, there was an agreement made on what they can and cannot do within the city limits. The clause to get out of an agreement is either party can give a 30-day notice and exit the agreement. The city is not obligated to provide funds for the projects and has an understanding that the CID is also governed by the open meetings act. The CID has agreed to have an initial meeting and give updates at the TIPS and Work Session meetings.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to move for the approval of the Cooperation Agreement for the SLIP CID. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to move for the approval of the Cooperation Agreement for the SLIP CID with the stated alterations that are available to our City Attorney and the City Manager. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.
Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

a. For Decision - Appointment of Ethics Officer - *Sonya Isom, City Clerk*

Presentation was given by City Clerk Isom stating this is a request to approve the appointment of an Ethics Officer for the City of Stonecrest. The suggested attorney is Gregory D. Jay with Chandler Britt and Jay, LLC.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to move to approve Attorney Gregory D. Jay with Chandler Britt & Jay, LLC as our Ethics Officer. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.
Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.

b. For Decision - FY 2027 Budget Calendar - *Catherine Turner, City Manager*

Presentation was given by City Manager Turner stating this item is for approval of the FY 2027 Budget Calendar. On October 19th, there will be a proposed schedule of the budget that is being proposed for presentation on October 26th. It will be advertised on October 19th with the legal organ as well as for the public hearing on November 9th. The budget will be presented to council for adoption on November 23rd. On December 14th the budget will be published and on January 1st we will be in a new fiscal year. Asking for approval of the budget that is posted in the agenda packet and not the internal schedule.

Motion – made by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to approve the Budget Calendar that has been presented by the City Manager. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington. **Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.**

XIV. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS

No comments

XV. CITY MANAGER UPDATE

City Manager and Staff are currently working on the audit and are about 20% complete. Working alongside the Code Enforcement Department on beautification. Starting a tracking system to provide timeline of projects and show what contracts the city has. Searching for a consultant to review our organizational structure including improving communication technology. Stated we had a successful Screen on the Green and are planning for our Fall Festival in October. It was also stated the audit schedule is going as planned.

XVI. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Jazzmin Cobble – No comment

Mayor Pro Tem Tara Graves – Thanks to everyone who came to the council townhall. The next one will possibly be the 2nd Saturday in December. Recommends that citizens continue to come out and voice concerns as council is working to be transparent. Continue to support local businesses and share beautification moments within the city. Please check our city website for all upcoming events and join in the festivities. If you have any questions for council, you can email constituentservices@stonecrestga.gov. Public comments have been heard and will be addressed.

District 3 – Alecia Washington – Excited about the upcoming Citizens Academy. For information on how to get engaged, please contact Nicholas Ivey, Community Engagement Coordinator. Fairington Park has had some upgrades such as a new way-finding sign, new parking lot, new play equipment and gazebo.

District 4 – George Turner – The townhall was a great event and he enjoyed the council doing it all together.

District 5 – Karmesha Smith – Thank you to everyone who came to the all council townhall this past weekend. She can be reached at ksmith@stonecrestga.gov. Happy birthday to Annie Smith Raines on celebrating 101 years of life.

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 being vacant.

Motion – made by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to exit Executive Session and return to our regular scheduled meeting. Second by Councilmember George Turner.
Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.

Motion – made by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to approve the minutes from the Executive Session. Second by Councilmember George Turner.
Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04pm.

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CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – MINUTES

3120 Stonecrest Blvd., Stonecrest, GA 30038

Monday, October 26, 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 6:38pm.

II. ROLL CALL: Tierra Lawrence, Deputy City Clerk

All members were present.

III. INVOCATION: Dr. Korey Tucker, Transformational Worship Church

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

V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

There was a request to remove items a-d from Section VI - Review and Approval of Minutes to be placed on the next council meeting agenda.

Motion – made by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to approve the agenda with the stated changes to remove items a-d from Section VI to the next council meeting. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.
Motion passed 3-1 with Councilmember G. Turner voting Nay and District 2 being vacant.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Approval of Meeting Minutes - Special Called Meeting, July 2, 2026

b. Approval of Meeting Minutes - City Council Meeting, July 27, 2026

c. Approval of Meeting Minutes - City Council Meeting - August 24, 2026

d. Approval of Meeting Minutes - City Council Meeting - September 28, 2026

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** - ZM 26-002 1455 Rogers Lake Road - *Shawanna Qawiy, Division Director Community Development*

The presentation was given by Director Qawiy stating that the applicant is seeking to amend conditions 4, 5a, 5b, and 7 for the property to be constructed as a single-family residential community. There was a review of the background, the request to modify, decision letter for RZ25-001, public participation, future land use map, aerial maps, submitted site plans, site photos and staff recommendations with the recommended amended conditions.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to open the public hearing for ZM 26-002 1455 Rogers Lake Road. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.
Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to close public hearing for ZM 26-002 1455 Rogers Lake Road. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.
Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.

b. **For Decision** - Ordinance for ZM 26-002 1455 Rogers Lake Road - *Shawanna Qawiy, Division Director Community Development*

The preamble was read by the Deputy City Clerk

Motion – made by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to approve the Ordinance for ZM 26-002 1455 Rogers Lake Road with the stated conditions and amendments to #4 and to add condition #8. Second by Councilmember George Turner.
Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

X. APPOINTMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

XI. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

XII. OLD BUSINESS

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

a. For Discussion - August Monthly Financial Update - *Keisha Franklin, Finance Director*

Motion – made by Mayor Pro Tem Tara Graves to defer the August Monthly Financial Update to the next work session. Second by Councilmember George Turner.
Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.

b. For Discussion - FY27 Proposed Budget - *Cathy Turner, City Manager*

The presentation was given by City Manager Turner stating this is an overview of the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2027 for the City of Stonecrest. There was a review of the budget book that could be reviewed through the city website and in person by visiting city hall. The budget book includes a focused table of contents, transmittal letter, departmental accomplishments and goals, updates on payroll and financial audits, along with a strategic outlook for the future of Stonecrest. The FY27 Proposed Budget includes the general fund financial summary, general fund-revenue account detail, insurance premium tax, business & operational tax, franchise fees, license & permit fees, municipal court revenue, funded & unfunded positions, hotel/motel tax, tree fund, SPLOST, capital & enhancement services, city calendars and a 5-year financial forecast. There was a list of revisions made by mayor and council that will be added and/or amended and presented to council at the November Work Session.

c. For Decision - 2027 Flexible Spending Account (FSA) Benefit - *Myrlene Thomas, HR Analyst & Ericka McKeever, Relations Insurance Services*

The presentation was given by Ms. Thomas and Ms. McKeever, stating this is a request to add a flexible spending account for city employees for the year 2027. This will be another way to help employees save money on healthcare and dependent care expenses. The FSA will allow employees to put money aside from their paychecks before taxes are taken out. There are two options available: one helps with healthcare expenses, and the other helps with dependent expenses and daycare. Employees could also save money on their taxes, deciding how much they would like to contribute for the year and that amount would be deducted from their paychecks before taxes. The full annual amount can be used upfront although a percentage would be deducted monthly. This amount can be used for doctors' visits, co-pays, prescriptions, dental & vision expenses, dependent and daycare expenses. In some cases, employees may be required to provide receipts to show eligible purchases.

Motion – made by Mayor Pro Tem Tara Graves to approve the 2027 Flexible Spending Account Benefit with MedCom, subject to attorney review. Second by Councilmember George Turner.
Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.

d. **For Decision** - Resolution and Agreement for Lighting Up Turner Hill - *Reginald Powell, Facilities Operations Manager*

The presentation was given by Mr. Powell stating this agreement is with Georgia Power to light up Turner Hill Road, one of the busiest roads with businesses in need of better lighting as the holiday season is approaching. Georgia Power will install 8 new light poles starting at the first entrance of the mall and ending at the second entrance of the mall. After assessments, this will provide better lit lots for businesses and prevent thief. The agreement is on a month-to-month basis with the city paying $92,000 in upfront costs and a monthly cost of $296.00.

Motion – made by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to defer the Resolution and Agreement for Lighting up Turner Hill until a later date for discussion. Second by Councilmember George Turner.
Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.

e. **For Discussion** - Intersection Improvement Design Update - *Hari Karikaran, City Engineer*

Motion – made by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to enter a 5-minute recess. Second by Councilmember George Turner.
Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.

Motion – made by Councilmember Karmesha Smith to return from the 5-minute recess to our regular scheduled meeting. Second by Councilmember Alecia Washington.
Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.

The presentation was given by Mr. Karikaran stating this is to give an update on all intersection improvement projects. Council has approved four intersection improvement projects: Klondike Road & S. Goddard Road, Turner Hill Road & Hayden Quarry Road, Miller Road & Thompson Mill Road and Hayden Quarry Road Extension. All projects are being funded by ARPA and are planned to be completed by December 31, 2026. Mr. Karikaran gave status updates on all four intersections. There was a review of layout designs of all four intersections along with diagrams of the intersections to show the paved roads, temporary easements, right away final plans, roundabouts and added sidewalks.

f. **For Discussion** - Sidewalk Design and Construction Update - *Hari KariKaran, City Engineer*

The presentation was given by Mr. Karikaran stating that council has been funding sidewalk designs every year such as those on Iris Drive, Phillips Road, Salem Road, Fairington Road in 2025 and Fairington Drive, Chupp Way, Panola Road and Klondike Road in 2026. The ARPA funded sidewalks are Evans Mill Road, Turner Hill Road, Rock Springs Road, Fairington Parkway, Chupp Road, Ottawa Trail, Fairington Park and Panola

Road. There was a review of site photos of construction phases, road maps and sidewalk diagrams to show uncompleted and completed projects.

g. **For Decision** - Vendor Recommendation for 2026 Sidewalk Design Services - *Hari Karikaran, City Engineer & Cheryl Davis, Procurement Manager*

The presentation was given by Mr. Karikaran and Ms. Davis stating the sidewalk on Chupp Way will include a new signal from south of the bridge through Fairington Drive to Athena Lane in District 3. There will be a sidewalk from Chupp Way/Fairington Drive Intersection to Trent Walk Drive, connecting two major complexes on Fairington Drive, giving them a safer route. The third section is Panola Road, South of Shirewick Drive and North of Shirewick Drive to Lou Walker. The last sidewalk will connect Klondike, from Klondike River Road to Everette Park connecting two major subdivisions. These were picked from the Bicycle Pedestrian Trail Plan, and recommended by councilmembers. This was completed as RFP- 000926, Sidewalk Design Services. It was advertised through Bidnet on July 6, 2026, and went out to 1103 vendors, with the proposals closing on August 19th. The city received 10 proposals with 3 unresponsive and a total of seven evaluated. Staff recommend Axis Infrastructure for an intent to award on September 2, 2026, in the amount of $212,500.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the Vendor Recommendation for 2026 Sidewalk Design Services with Axis Infrastructure in the amount of $212,500. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.
Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.

h. **For Decision** - Vendor Recommendation for Everett Park Parking Lot Improvements - *Hari Karikaran, City Engineer & Cheryl Davis, Procurement Manager*

The presentation was given by Mr. Karikaran and Ms. Davis stating this is a long-term project of Everett Park. The scope of work is to rebuild the parking lot along with a kayak takeout structure. The City of Stonecrest has its own stream buffer variants, Georgia EPD Permit and Core of Engineers Permit. This will improve the drainage and provide parking for the park. This was an intent to bid for 0011-26 Everett Park Parking Lot Improvement and Installation of Kayak Launch Deck. The bid was submitted to Bidnet on June 22, 2026, and broadcasted to 247 vendors. The city received 7 bids for this project with 3 unresponsive. Staff recommended Tajrishi General Contracting, LLC to be awarded in the amount of $503,876.85.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the Vendor Recommendation for Everett Park Parking Lot Improvements in the amount of $503,876.85. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.
Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.

XIV. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Traffic is much better with the I-20 Construction. Thank you.

XV. CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Council has received the monthly report with notes to move forward with the trapping for the feral hogs. Contract details are being worked out with hopes of beginning trapping hogs in no time.

XVI. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Cobble – No comment

District 1 – Mayor Pro Tem Tara Graves – No comment

District 2 – Vacant

District 3 – Councilmember Alecia Washington – On October 31, 2026, we will host an annual Trunk or Treat at Fairington Park, 2831 West Fairington Parkway, from 5pm-8pm. There will be a contest for the best trunk decoration, along with face painting and candy for the kids. Public safety is very important. The first recruitment of our Youth Citizens Academy was a success. 12 students participated and we would like to thank Nicholas Ivey and Madysen Hampton who oversees the event, helping to educate our young leaders. Registration is still open for high school students. Please contact City Hall and speak with the Constituent Services Representative for more information.

District 4 – Councilmember George Turner – I will be working with Salem Middle School next week for their Halloween event, passing out candy to the children. I am back from the great country of Ghana. If you would like a full report, I will gladly give you a CD. My new name is Kofi after returning from the motherland.

District 5 – Councilmember Karmesha Smith –I would like to thank all of the staff that put on a nice fall festival this past Saturday. My family and I enjoyed the festival. I would also like to take my hat off to New Birth, who put on a health fair event Saturday, offering many different services and screenings for citizens. Reminded everyone to vote, as it is your responsibility. October 30, 2026, marks the last day for early voting. I am wearing a watered-down red today, which is also known as pink in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness. Please get your screenings done and encourage anyone in your life to get screenings.

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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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 being vacant.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to exit executive session and return to our regular scheduled meeting. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.
Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to approve the executive session minutes. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.
Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion – made by Councilmember George Turner to adjourn this meeting. Second by Councilmember Karmesha Smith.
Motion passed 4-0 with District 2 being vacant.

Meeting adjourned at 11:32pm.

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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Resolution and Agreement for Lighting Up Turner Hill

AGENDA SECTION: (*check all that apply*)

☐ **PRESENTATION** ☐ **PUBLIC HEARING** ☐ **CONSENT AGENDA** ☒ **OLD BUSINESS**
☐ **NEW BUSINESS** ☐ **OTHER, PLEASE STATE:** Click or tap here to enter text.

CATEGORY: (*check all that apply*)

☐ **ORDINANCE** ☒ **RESOLUTION** ☐ **CONTRACT** ☐ **POLICY** ☐ **STATUS REPORT**
☐ **OTHER, PLEASE STATE:**

ACTION REQUESTED: ☒ **DECISION** ☐ **DISCUSSION,** ☐ **REVIEW, or** ☐ **UPDATE ONLY**

Previously Heard Date(s): Click or tap to enter a date. & Click or tap to enter a date.

Current Work Session: Click or tap to enter a date.

Current Council Meeting: Monday, November 23, 2026

SUBMITTED BY: Reginald Powell, Operations Manager

PRESENTER: Reginald Powell, Operations Manager

PURPOSE: Ga. Power Project to install new Light Poles along Turner Hill Rd

FACTS: Ga. Power has agreed to install 8 new light poles with power access on the mall sided of Turner Hill Rd. With the acceptance and payment of the contract for service. These poles also come with power receptacles and brackets that can be used to have Christmas lights and banner decorations installed in this area as well.

OPTIONS: Approve, Deny, Defer Approve payment of $92,685.71 for install payment.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Choose an item. Click or tap here to enter text.

ATTACHMENTS:

(1) Attachment 1 - Resolution
(2) Attachment 2 - Ga. Power Agreement Proposal
(3) Attachment 3 - Click or tap here to enter text.

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

(4) Attachment 4 - Click or tap here to enter text.
(5) Attachment 5 - Click or tap here to enter text.

CITY OF STONECREST

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA, APPROVING A LIGHTING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH GEORGIA POWER COMPANY FOR THE INSTALLATION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE OF ELECTRIC UTILITY POLES AND RELATED FACILITIES ON CITY-OWNED PROPERTY; AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Stonecrest, Georgia (the "City"), is a municipal corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the City is authorized under its Charter and applicable Georgia law to enter into agreements necessary to carry out municipal functions and provide services for the benefit of the public; and

WHEREAS, Georgia Power Company ("Georgia Power") provides lighting and, if applicable, related electric service to the City; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to obtain electric utility services for a City-owned facility located at 3120 Stonecrest Blvd Stonecrest, Georgia 30038 (the "Premises"); and

WHEREAS, Georgia Power has proposed an agreement for the installation, update, modification, or replacement of any GPC-owned pole, bases, wiring, conduit, fixture, control, equipment, device, or related item at the Premises (the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Agreement is intended to address the installation and maintenance of specified electric utility infrastructure serving the Premises and is not intended to grant, renew, or extend a general utility franchise; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have determined that the installation and maintenance of the proposed electric utility facilities will support municipal operations and serve a legitimate public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council desire to approve the Agreement and authorize its execution in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth therein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS: The Mayor and City Council hereby approve the Agreement between the City of Stonecrest and Georgia Power Company to provide lighting and related electric service at the Premises, substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the Agreement on behalf of the City and to take all actions reasonably necessary to implement its terms, subject to review by the City Attorney and compliance with applicable law. Any material amendment to the Agreement that substantially expands the scope of the City's obligations or grants additional property rights shall require further approval by the Mayor and City Council.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Approval of the Agreement is limited to the terms of the Agreement. Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed as granting, renewing, or extending a utility franchise or authorizing the conveyance of an easement or other property interest beyond those expressly permitted by applicable law and approved through the required municipal procedures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The installation, operation, maintenance, and repair of the electric utility facilities shall comply with applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Nothing in this Resolution shall be construed as waiving the City's sovereign or governmental immunity or authorizing an indemnification obligation beyond that permitted by Georgia law.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Stonecrest, Georgia.

SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED, this _____ day of _____, 2026.

CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

_____

Jazzmin Cobble, Mayor

ATTEST:

_____

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

_____

City Attorney

EXHIBIT A

Lighting Services Agreement

Georgia Power

Project # LP154148

Customer Legal Name CITY OF STONECREST DBA

Service Address 2985 Turner Hill Rd. Lithonia GA 30038 County DeKalb County

Mailing Address 3120 STONECREST BLVD LITHONIA GA 30038

Email rpowell@stonecrestga.gov Tel # 470-552-7275 Alt Tel # 470-464-3460

Tax ID# 4890 Business Description

Existing Customer Yes ☑ No ☐ If Yes (and if possible), does customer want the Service added to an existing account? Yes ☐ No ☑ If Yes, which Account Number?

Selected Components

Action	Qty	Wattage	Type	Description
INS	8	160	LED	Roadway

Service Cost ($)	Regulated Cost ($)*	Monthly Cost ($)*
$296.00	$0.00	$296.00

Term (Months)	1

* The actual Regulated Cost will be calculated using the tariffs approved by Georgia Public Service Commission at the time of billing. The estimate is based on Summer Rates in effect at the time of this proposal. Excludes applicable sales tax.

Project Notes:

Project Driving Directions: These are 8 Georgia Power Roadway lights with receptacles along Turner Hill Rd; between Stonecrest Parkway and Mall Parkway

Customer agrees to this Lighting Services Agreement with Georgia Power Company under the attached terms and conditions and authorizes all actions noted on this agreement.

Customer also agrees to allow removal of existing lights. Yes ☐ N/A ☐

Type	Customer	Tariff	Content
NEC	Gov	Metered	NLC

Pre-Payment ($)
$92,685.71

Customer recognizes that the individual signing this Agreement on its behalf has authority to do so.

Customer Authorization

Signature

Print Name

Print Title

Date

Georgia Power Authorization

Signature

Print Name LaRhonda Dukes

Print Title Account Executive

Date

TERMS and CONDITIONS *(Lighting Services – Governmental)*

1. **Agreement Scope.** These Terms and Conditions incorporate by reference the terms set forth in the attached transaction overview (the "**Transaction Overview**"), which collectively constitute the Lighting Services Agreement (the "**Agreement**"). The Agreement establishes the terms and conditions under which Georgia Power Company ("**GPC**") will provide lighting and, if applicable, related electric service (collectively, the "**Service**") to **Customer** at the Service Address (the "**Premises**"). GPC may at any time and from time to time, install, update, modify, or replace any GPC-owned pole, bases, wiring, conduit, fixture, control, equipment, device, or related item at the Premises (collectively, the "**GPC Assets**") for any reason related to the Service or the GPC Assets. GPC and Customer are each a "**Party**," and, collectively, the "**Parties.**" The Parties may exchange counterparts of the Agreement as a scanned image (e.g., .pdf or .tiff file extension) as an attachment to email; an electronic or scanned signature is an original signature for all purposes.

2. **Intent and Title.** This Agreement governs GPC's provision of the Service to Customer by GPC and is not a sale, lease, or licensing of goods, equipment, property, or assets of any kind. GPC retains the sole and exclusive right, title, and interest in and to all GPC Assets. Customer acknowledges that GPC Assets, although attached to real property, will always remain the exclusive personal property of GPC and that GPC may remove GPC Assets upon a Customer Default or Agreement termination. **GPC makes no representation or warranty regarding treatment of this transaction by the Internal Revenue Service or the status of this Agreement under any federal or state tax law. Customer enters into this Agreement in sole reliance upon Customer's own advisors.**

3. **Term and Termination.** The initial Term of the Agreement is 1 month, as stated in the Transaction Terms section, calculated from the date of the first monthly bill. After the initial term, this Agreement automatically renews on a month-to-month basis until terminated by either party by providing written notice of intent to terminate to the other party (in accordance with the notice provisions of the Miscellaneous section below) at least 30 calendar days before the desired termination date. The initial term and any renewal term or terms are collectively, the "**Term.**"

4. **Payment.** GPC will invoice Customer in accordance with this Section 4 and the Transaction Overview, subject to any change in the electric service charge approved by the Georgia Public Service Commission. Customer acknowledges that the Monthly Cost set forth in the Transaction Overview may vary from month to month due to changes in the number of days in a billing month and modifications to the Georgia Public Service Commission-approved tariffs or regulatory charges. Customer agrees to pay the amount billed by the due date. If a balance is outstanding past the due date, Customer will pay to GPC an amount equal to the lesser of 1.5% per month of such unpaid sum or the maximum amount permitted by applicable law to defray the expenses incurred by GPC in handling and processing the delinquent payment (the "**Late Charge**"). The Late Charge will be: (i) computed from the occurrence of Customer's payment Default until the earlier of the date upon which all delinquent payments are paid in full; and (ii) added to the Service Cost portion of the Monthly Cost, as described in the Transaction Overview. The terms and conditions of this Section 4 will not be construed as an agreement or privilege to extend the date of payments or the Monthly Cost, nor as a waiver of any other right or remedy accruing to GPC by reason of the occurrence of any payment Default by Customer. GPC may require Customer to pay a deposit of up to two times the Estimated Monthly Charge in order to continue service. If applicable, Customer must provide a copy of its Georgia sales tax exemption certificate. Customer will be required to pay all costs associated with Customer initiated changes to the Service after the effective date of this Agreement.

5. **Premises Activity.** Customer hereby grants to GPC and its contractors, agents, and representatives, the right and license to enter the Premises at any time and from time to time to perform any activity related to the Service, including the right to: (i) access the Premises with vehicles and other tools or equipment, to survey, dig, and excavate for the sole purpose of installing and connecting the GPC Assets, or to provide, suspend, or disconnect Service; (ii) remove and disconnect pre-existing equipment where necessary or convenient for the Service; (iii) inspect, maintain, test, replace, repair, and remove GPC Assets; (iv) provide electric energy in relation to the Service where GPC deems necessary; and (v) conduct any other activities reasonably related to the Service, including surveying, digging and excavation with tools, mechanized equipment, and other machinery (activity items (i) – (v) collectively, the "**GPC Activity**"). Customer represents and warrants that it has the right to permit GPC to provide the Service and perform the GPC Activity upon the Premises and, where applicable, has obtained the express authority and any required permissions from all Premises owners (and any other party with rights in the Premises) to enter into this Agreement and to authorize the GPC Activity and Service. Customer is solely responsible for the safety and security of the Premises and agrees that GPC has no obligation to ensure the safety of the Premises. Customer agrees that GPC has no obligation to ensure the safety or security of the Premises and that, except to the extent determined to have been caused by GPC's gross negligence or willful misconduct, GPC has no liability for any personal injury, real or personal property damage or loss, or negative impact to Customer or any third-party that occurs at the Premises.

6. **Installation.** Customer acknowledges that providing the Service may require the installation of GPC Assets. Customer represents that: (i) the Premises' final grade will vary no more than 6 inches from the grade existing at the time of Installation; and (ii) if applicable and required for proper Installation, the Premises' property lines will be clearly marked before Installation of GPC Assets.

   A. **Customer Work.** If GPC permits Customer, either directly or through a third-party, to carry out any part of the activities for the GPC Assets at the Premises (including trenching), Customer warrants that the work will meet GPC's Installation specifications, which GPC will provide to Customer upon request and are incorporated by this reference. Customer must provide GPC with at least 10 calendar days' prior written notice of its schedule for Customer Work, to allow GPC to plan its installation work accordingly. Customer is responsible for all additional costs resulting from Customer's non-compliance with GPC's specifications, failing to inform GPC in advance that installation and connection of GPC Assets can begin. If the Customer Work impacts the performance or schedule of the Service performed by GPC, Customer is fully responsible for all resulting costs, expenses, losses, or damages arising directly or indirectly from such impact, including but not limited to additional labor, materials, equipment, or administrative expenses.

   B. **Underground Facility/Obstruction Not Subject to Dig Law.** Because GPC Activity may require excavation not subject to the Georgia Utility Facility Protection Act (O.C.G.A. §§ 25-9-1 – 25-9-13) ("**Dig Law**"), **Customer must mark any private utility or facility (e.g., gas/water/sewer line; irrigation facility; low voltage/fiber/data/communication line) or other underground obstruction at the Premises that is not subject to the Dig Law.** If GPC causes or incurs damage due to Customer's failure to mark a private facility or obstruction before GPC commences any GPC Activity, Customer is responsible for all damages and any damages arising from or related to any such delay.

   C. **Unforeseen Condition.** The charges shown in the Transaction Overview include no allowance for any subsurface rock, wetland, underground stream, buried waste, unsuitable soil, underground obstruction, archeological artifact, burial ground, threatened or endangered species, hazardous substance, or similar condition encountered during the GPC Activity ("**Unforeseen Condition**"). If GPC encounters an Unforeseen Condition, GPC, in its sole discretion, may stop all GPC Activity until Customer either remedies the condition or agrees to reimburse GPC for all costs arising from the condition. Customer is responsible for all costs of modification or change to the GPC Assets requested by Customer or arising from an Unforeseen Condition or circumstance outside GPC's control. Customer is responsible for

addressing any Unforeseen Conditions by either entering into a Change Order with GPC or contracting with a third party. Provided the Unforeseen Condition is not caused by GPC, GPC is entitled to adjustments in both the contract time and the contract sum.

D. **Safety and Security of Premises**. Customer will be responsible for the safety and security of the Premises. GPC will have no responsibility for the safety of the Premises except with respect to those portions of the Premises occupied or exclusively controlled by GPC in connection with the Services. GPC will exercise reasonable care in performing the Services and will be responsible for maintaining the safety of GPC Assets and work areas in a reasonably safe condition. In the event GPC becomes aware of any unsafe condition created solely by GPC in performance of the Services, GPC will use commercially reasonable efforts to correct such condition within a reasonable period of time or notify Customer thereof. To the extent permitted by applicable law, GPC will be liable for personal injury, death, or tangible property damage only to the extent directly caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of GPC, its employees, or authorized contractors. GPC will not be responsible for any unsafe condition, hazard, injury, damage, or loss resulting from (i) the condition of the Premises, (ii) the acts or omissions of Customer or any third party, or (iii) circumstances outside GPC's reasonable control. GPC's obligations under this Section 6(D) are limited to the performance of the Services and the conduct of its personnel in connection therewith and remain subject to the limitations of liability set forth elsewhere in this Agreement.

7. **GPC Asset Protection and Damage**. During the term of this Agreement, if Customer intends to perform any work or digging near the GPC Assets, Customer (or any person or entity working on behalf of Customer) must: (i) provide notices and submit locate requests to the Georgia Utilities Protection Center ("**UPC**") and other utility owners or operators as required by the then current Dig Law; (ii) coordinate with UPC and all utility facility owners or operators as required by the Dig Law; and (iii) comply with the High-voltage Safety Act (O.C.G.A. §§ 46-3-30 -- 46-3-40). Customer is responsible for all damages arising from failure to comply with applicable law or for damage to the GPC Assets caused by Customer or any person or entity working on behalf of Customer, other than GPC or a GPC contractor, agent, or representative.

8. **Interruption of Service**. Customer understands that Service is provided on an "as is" and "as available" basis and may be interrupted. If there is a Service interruption, Customer must notify GPC. Following notice, unless Customer is in Default, GPC will restore Service at no cost to Customer. Customer is responsible for providing any necessary or desired interim standalone lighting not attached or connected to any GPC Assets, until GPC can restore Service. No restoration timeline can or will be guaranteed, and any estimated timeline provided by GPC is subject to change in GPC's sole discretion. Customer must notify GPC of any outage by either calling 1-888-660-5890 or visiting https://www.georgiapower.com/community/outages-and-stormcenter/power-outage-overview/street-light-outage.html.

9. **Pole Attachments**. This Agreement does not grant Customer any right to attach or affix anything to any GPC Asset. Customer agrees that it will not, and will not permit others to, rearrange, disconnect, remove, relocate, repair, alter, tamper with, or otherwise interfere with any GPC Asset. If Customer desires to attach or affix anything to a GPC Asset, Customer must first obtain GPC's written consent, which may be withheld, conditioned, or delayed in GPC's sole discretion, and will be evidenced through a separate work authorization. Customer must contact GPC in writing at 241 Ralph McGill Boulevard, BIN 10210, Atlanta, Georgia 30308, to request consent.

10. **Disclaimer; Limitation of Liability. GPC makes no covenant, warranty, or representation of any kind (including warranty of fitness for a particular purpose or of merchantability, or noninfringement) regarding the Service, GPC Assets, any GPC Activity, or otherwise.** Customer also acknowledges that, due to the unique characteristics of the Premises, Customer's needs, or selection of GPC Assets, the Service may not comply with IESNA guidelines. With respect to the portion of the Service relating to the Service Cost (but not the Regulated Cost), GPC warrants that it has the appropriate technical skills necessary to provide the Service and will perform the Service in a workmanlike manner and in accordance with applicable industry standards. As Customer's sole and exclusive remedy for a breach of the foregoing warranty, GPC will re-perform or repair any work that does not conform with the foregoing warranty. **To the fullest extent permitted by law, each Party waives any right to consequential, special, indirect, treble, exemplary, incidental, punitive, loss of business reputation, or loss of use (including loss of revenue, profits, or capital costs) damages in connection with the Service, GPC Assets or this Agreement, or arising from damage, hindrance, or delay involving the Service or this Agreement, whether or not reasonable, foreseeable, contemplated, or avoidable, and whether arising in tort, contract, or under any other theory of liability. Additionally, to the extent GPC is liable under this Agreement, and except to the extent determined to have been caused by GPC's gross negligence or willful misconduct, GPC's liability under this Agreement, whether arising in tort, contract, or under any other theory of liability, is expressly limited to the annual recurring service fees (excluding any pre-payment amount) paid by Customer for the year of Service during which GPC's liability arose.**

11. **Risk Allocation**. Each party will be responsible for its own acts and the results of its acts, except as otherwise described in this Agreement.

12. **Georgia Security, Immigration, and Compliance Act**. Customer is a "public employer" as defined by O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, and this is a contract for physical performance of services in Georgia. Compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91 is a condition of this Agreement and is mandatory. GPC will provide to Customer a contractor's affidavit for installation services as required by O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91. If GPC employs any subcontractor in connection with installation under this Agreement, GPC also will secure from each subcontractor an affidavit attesting to compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91.

13. **Default**. Customer is in "**Default**" if: (i) Customer does not pay any amount to GPC, which remains unpaid 45 calendar days after the bill date: (ii) terminates this Agreement without proper written notice and prior to the end of the then current term of this Agreement; or (iii) breaches any material term, warranty, covenant, or representation of this Agreement. GPC's waiver of a past or concurrent Default will not waive any other Default. If a Default occurs, GPC may select one or more of the following remedies: (a) immediately terminate this Agreement; (b) remove any GPC Asset and anything attached or affixed to any GPC Asset from the Premises (including, without limitation, disconnect electric lighting service or removing Equipment) and to assess a reconnection charge; (c) without terminating this Agreement or removing any GPC Asset from the Premises, suspend or discontinue providing all or any portion of the Service to the Customer at the Premises (including, without limitation, disconnecting electric lighting service or removing Equipment) and to assess a reconnection charge; and (d) seek any available remedy provided under this Agreement or by law, including, the right to require a deposit, increase the amount of an existing deposit, or collect any past due amount, late payment charge, or amount due for the Service during the remaining term of the Agreement.

14. **Miscellaneous**. This Agreement, as amended or modified in writing by both parties from time to time, contains the parties' entire agreement relating to the Service, GPC Assets, and GPC Activity, and merges with and supersedes all prior discussions, proposals, representations, or agreements regarding this Agreement. GPC may modify the terms of this Agreement to comply with any regulatory changes during the term of this Agreement, or as otherwise required by law, by providing 30 calendar days' prior written notice to Customer of such modification, which will become effective on the date specified in the notice provided to Customer ("**Modification Effective Date**"). Continued performance under, or failure to object to the Agreement prior to the Modification Effective Date, will constitute acceptance of the Agreement as amended or modified. If Customer does not agree with the amended or modified terms of the Agreement, Customer must provide written notice of objection before the Modification Effected Date, or the amendments and modifications will be deemed accepted and binding. GPC's address for notice is 241 Ralph McGill Boulevard, BIN 10210, Atlanta, Georgia 30308; Customer's address for notice is as stated in the Transaction Overview. Either party may update administrative or contact information (e.g., address, phone, website) at any time by written notice to the other party. Customer will not assign, in whole or in part, this Agreement or any right or obligation it

has under this Agreement; In this Agreement: (i) "include(ing)" means "include, but are not limited to" or "including, without limitation"; (ii) "or" means "either or both" ("A or B" means "A or B or both A and B"); (iii) "e.g." means "for example, including, without limitation"; and (iv) "written" or "in writing" includes email communication. Georgia law governs this Agreement. If a court rules an Agreement provision unenforceable to any extent, the rest of that provision and all other provisions remain effective. The Sections titled Disclaimer; Limitation of Liability, Safety, Indemnity, Risk Allocation, and Miscellaneous will survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement. Additionally, the provisions of this Agreement will remain in effect to the extent necessary: (i) to provide for final billings and adjustments related to the period before termination with respect to the service provided to Customer before the date on which termination of this Agreement is effective, and (ii) payment of any money due and owing any party pursuant to this Agreement, in each case in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: Resolution for the adoption of the FY2027 Budget

AGENDA SECTION: (*check all that apply*)

☐ **PRESENTATION** ☐ **PUBLIC HEARING** ☐ **CONSENT AGENDA** ☒ **OLD BUSINESS**
☐ **NEW BUSINESS** ☐ **OTHER, PLEASE STATE:** Click or tap here to enter text.

CATEGORY: (*check all that apply*)

☐ **ORDINANCE** ☒ **RESOLUTION** ☐ **CONTRACT** ☐ **POLICY** ☐ **STATUS REPORT**
☐ **OTHER, PLEASE STATE:**

ACTION REQUESTED: ☒ **DECISION** ☐ **DISCUSSION,** ☐ **REVIEW, or** ☐ **UPDATE ONLY**

Previously Heard Date(s): Click or tap to enter a date. & Click or tap to enter a date.

Current Work Session: Click or tap to enter a date.

Current Council Meeting: Monday, November 23, 2026

SUBMITTED BY: Catherine Turner, City Manager

PRESENTER: Catherine Turner, City Manager

PURPOSE: To review and adopt the FY2027 Budget

FACTS: Click or tap here to enter text.

OPTIONS: Approve, Deny, Defer Click or tap here to enter text.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Choose an item. Click or tap here to enter text.

ATTACHMENTS:

(1) Attachment 1 - Resolution
(2) Attachment 2 - FY2027 Budget Book
(3) Attachment 3 - Click or tap here to enter text.
(4) Attachment 4 - Click or tap here to enter text.
(5) Attachment 5 - Click or tap here to enter text.

CITY OF STONECREST

RESOLUTION _____ – _____

A RESOLUTION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STONECREST ADOPTING THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET, TO INCLUDE ALL FUNDS; AND FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.

WHEREAS: Sound governmental operations require a budget in order to plan the financing of services for the residents of the City of Stonecrest("City"); and

WHEREAS: Title 36, Chapter 81, Article 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated requires the City to adopt a balanced budget for the City's fiscal year, which runs from January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2027; and

WHERAS: estimates have been established for the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget; and

WHEREAS: The Mayor and City Council of the City of Stonecrest have reviewed the proposed budget as presented and each fund is balanced so that anticipated revenues and other financial resources for each fund equal the proposed expenditures or expenses; and

WHEREAS: The Mayor and City Council wish to adopt the proposed budget as the Fiscal Year 2027 Annual Budget, effective from January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2027.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Stonecrest,Georgia as follows:

Section 1:

That the proposed City of Stonecrest Fiscal Year 2027 Budget ("FY2027"), attached hereto and incorporated herein as part of this Resolution as Exhibit A is hereby adopted as the Budget for the City of Stonecrest, Georgia for the Fiscal Year of 2027 for all operating and capital spending, which begins January 1, 2027 and ends on December 31, 2027.

Section 2:

That the FY2027 anticipations and appropriations for the various funds herein, based on upon the estimates of revenues for the Fiscal Year 2027 to be hereby adopted for each fund of the City listed herein.

Section 3:

That the "legal level of control" as defined in O.C.G.A. § 36-81-2 is set at the department level, meaning that the City Manager in her capacity as Budget Officer is authorized to move appropriations from one line item to another within a department, but under no circumstances may expenditures or expenses exceed the amount appropriated for a department without a further Budget amendment approved by the Mayor and City Council or otherwise as required by the Charter of the City of Stonecrest.

Section 4:

That all appropriations shall lapse at the end of the fiscal year.

Section 5:

That this Resolution shall be and remain in **full** force and effect after its date of adoption.

Section 6:

That all Ordinances and Resolutions and parts of Ordinances and Resolutions is conflict herewith be and are hereby waived.

SO RESOLVED this ____ day of _____ 2026.

City of Stonecrest, Georgia

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Jazzmin Cobble, Mayor

Attest:

_____

City Clerk

Approved As to Form:

_____

City Attorney

EXHIBIT A

FY2027 Proposed Budget Book

https://www.stonecrestga.gov/194/Finance

(Go to stonecrestga.gov, under “Government,” scroll to Finance, and once on page click **"Stonecrest's Budget"** to get to the FY2027 Budget Book.)

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

SUBJECT: FY2027 Personnel Ordinance, 1st Read

AGENDA SECTION: (*check all that apply*)

☐ **PRESENTATION** ☐ **PUBLIC HEARING** ☐ **CONSENT AGENDA** ☐ **OLD BUSINESS**

☒ **NEW BUSINESS** ☐ **OTHER, PLEASE STATE:** Click or tap here to enter text.

CATEGORY: (*check all that apply*)

☒ **ORDINANCE** ☐ **RESOLUTION** ☐ **CONTRACT** ☐ **POLICY** ☐ **STATUS REPORT**

☐ **OTHER, PLEASE STATE:** Click or tap here to enter text.

ACTION REQUESTED: ☐ **DECISION** ☒ **DISCUSSION,** ☐ **REVIEW, or** ☐ **UPDATE ONLY**

Previously Heard Date(s): Click or tap to enter a date. & Click or tap to enter a date.

Current Work Session: Click or tap to enter a date.

Current Council Meeting: Monday, November 23, 2026

SUBMITTED BY: Catherine Turner, City Manager

PRESENTER: Catherine Turner, City Manager

PURPOSE: To present the Personnel Ordinance for FY2027 Budget

FACTS: Click or tap here to enter text.

OPTIONS: Approve, Deny, Defer Click or tap here to enter text.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Choose an item. Click or tap here to enter text.

ATTACHMENTS:

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STATE OF GEORGIA
DEKALB COUNTY
CITY OF STONECREST

ORDINANCE _____ – _____

AN ORDINANCE BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STONECREST TO AMEND THE CITY OF STONECREST PAY AND CLASSIFICATION PLAN, SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR CERTAIN POSITION CHANGES; AND OTHER PERSONNEL ACTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE FY2027 BUDGET; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS: Sound governmental operations require a budget in order to plan the financing of services for the residents of the City of Stonecrest("City"); and

WHEREAS: Title 36, Chapter 81, Article 3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated requires the City to adopt a balanced budget for the City's fiscal year, which runs from January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2027; and

WHERAS: the City proposes certain position changes; and

WHEREAS: The Mayor and City Council of the City of Stonecrest ("City Council") have reviewed the proposed position changes and other personnel actions and wish to approve each one as an update to the city's pay and classification plan.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS as follows: that the FY2027 Personnel amendments will be as set forth in Exhibit A attached.

SECTION 1 - EFFECTIVE DATE OF ACTIONS: That the effective date for actions contained within this ordinance shall be the beginning date of the pay period following adoption or otherwise noted by Council and approval by the Mayor, unless otherwise indicated.

SECTION 2: That the Director of Human Resources and the Director of Finance is authorized to make any necessary administrative personnel adjustments.

SECTION 3: That the proposed actions in this paper may not result in a salary adjustment to any position.

SECTION 4: That all ordinances and parts of ordinance in conflict herewith are hereby waived.

SECTION 5: That this Resolution shall be and remain in **full** force and effect after its date of adoption.

ORDAINED this ____ day of _____ 2026.

Jazzmin Cobble, Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Approved As to Form:

City Attorney

POSITION CREATIONS					
DEPT	**POSITION**	**PAY GRADE**	**SALARY RANGE**	**ACCOUNT STRING**	**FTE**
Facilities	Facilities Director	**21**	$97,721-$146,582	**100.1565-511100**	**1.0**
TOTAL FTE					**1.0**
FUNDED POSITIONS					
POSITION RECLASSIFICATIONS					
DEPT	**POSITION**	**PAY GRADE**	**SALARY RANGE**	**ACCOUNT STRING**	
FROM					
Parks & Recreation	Assistant Director for City Events	**18**	$81,179-$121,768	**100.1510-511100**	**1.0**
TO					
Parks & Recreation	Assistant Director of Parks	**18**	$81,179-$121,768	**100.1510-511100**	**1.0**
POSITION ALLOCATION AMENDMENT					
FROM					
Municipal Court	Municipal Court Clerk	**8**	$43,748-$65,622	**100.1510-511100**	**1.0**
TO					
Municipal Court	Municipal Court Clerk	**8**	$43,748-$65,622	**100.1510-511100**	**.5**
TOTAL MUNICIPAL COURTS DEPT. FTE					**.5**