



CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

Honorable Mayor Jason Lary, Sr.

Council Member Jimmy Clanton, Jr. – District 1

Council Member Rob Turner- District 2

Council Member Jazzmin Cobble – District 3

Council Member George Turner- District 4

Council Member Diane Adoma – District 5

CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

September 17, 2018

7:00pm.

3120 Stonecrest Blvd. Suite 190

Stonecrest, Georgia

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Jason Lary
- II. **ROLL CALL:** All Present
- III. **INVOCATION:** Mayor Lary
- IV. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
- V. **ADOPTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:**

Mayor Lary said he would like to move Public Comments up under the Public Hearing before the Agenda Items.

Council Member Cobble said she would like to defer item numbers 4,5 & 6 because the city is currently in open and ongoing negotiations with a vendor and the Council requested a large amount of information that they have not received.

Council Member Clanton made a motion to leave the agenda as is and move the Public Comments up before the Agenda Items. Mayor Lary provided the second.

The motion failed with Council Members George Turner, Clanton and Mayor Lary voting Yes. Council Member Rob Turner, Cobble and Adoma voted no.

Council Cobble made a motion to move Public Comments up before the Agenda Items and remove numbers 4, 5 & 6 from the agenda. Council Member Rob Turner provided the second.

Council Member Cobble made a substitute motion to remove items 4,5 & 6, move up Public Comments and substitute the presentation with an update on SPLOST

Management with the exclusion of contract negotiations and details. Council Member Adoma provided the second.

After much discussion, Council Member George Turner made a motion to move up Public Comments and convert items 4,5&6 for Discussion Only and accept the agenda with those changes. Council Member Cobble provided the second. **The motion carried with Council Members Rob turner, Cobble, Clanton, George Turner and Adoma voting yes. Mayor Lary voted no.**

VI. MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of the City Council Meeting of September 5, 2018

Council Member Adoma said the word rescue was in the minutes in several places and it should be recused. She also stated Council Member Clanton asked if we were hearing both Ethics Complaints and wanted that to be added. Council Member Clanton told the Clerk to listen to it and add if she thought it should be added.

Council Member George Turner made a motion to approve the minutes with the stated corrections. Council Member Adoma provided the second. **The motion carried.**

Mayor Lary came down to the podium and said he had to pray over if he was going to make this and stated the following: "I can't do any more than what I am doing. I was going to hold this as long as I could, but I can see it is not going to make a real difference. I have been taking Cancer treatments for a couple of months now; coming here in pain, trying to work, ignoring my family and ignoring what my wife asks me to do. I ask myself this evening for what. If I cannot effectively lead us in the way we are supposed to go, then I need to take some time. I need time to get healthy and time to take the treatment. I need to do that without being extremely aggravated and I will have some say in it. I should preside of the meeting for the rest of the evening, but it is just not in me. I have been at this for 5 years in a row I have pounded the pavement trying to make sure we got where we were supposed to go with the help of some good people like Joel Thibodeau, Bernie Knight, Tom Kurrie, Plez and the Clanton's and everybody else and I hope I did not leave anybody out. I need a moment, all of us need a moment, I need a moment to rejuvenate; clearly, I am not being effective at the moment. I had to pray on whether I was going to say it today or not. I want you to hear it from me and not hear some nonsense in the street. I have no problem telling you I cannot endure the pain at the same time. You are in good hands for a couple of months if you will allow it with Mayor Pro Tem George Turner, who has the strength and spirit for it. I will still do the duties you have elected me to do, but I cannot make these Council Meeting right now. Thank you for your prayers." Mayor Lary left the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem George Turner asked everyone for a moment of silence in prayer for Mayor Lary.

VII. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. TMOD 18-003 & 004 STVR Use Table and Regulations

Nicole Dozier gave an overview for TMOD 18-003 and 004 STVR for Use Table and Regulations. She said the Planning Commission has recommended approval with modifications.

Council Member Clanton made a motion to open the public hearing with Council Member Rob Turner providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Spoke in Favor

Michelle Battle

Spoke Against

Faye Coffield

Council Member Cobble made a motion to close the public hearing with Council Member Rob Turner providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

After much discussion, Council Member Cobble made a motion to adopt the Text Amendment with confirmation that there is a process during the licensing for the City Engineer Inspection and Fire Marshall. Council Member Adoma provided the second.

Council Member Clanton asked can we do the part about the inspections since we are going through the process. Attorney Kurrie said Council should vote the amendment the way it is now, and they will bring back an amendment.

Council Member Cobble amended her motion to approve the Text Amendment TMOD 18-003 & 004 with Council Member Adoma providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

2. SLUP 18-005 6617 Eastbriar Drive

Nicole Dozier gave an overview and said the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval with conditions.

Council Member Clanton made a motion to open the Public Hearing with Council Member Rob Turner providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Spoke in Favor

Riva Usher

Spoke Against

No one

Council Member Clanton made a motion to close the Public Hearing with Council Member Cobble providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

After much discussion, Council Member Clanton made a motion to approve the SLUP 18-005 at 6617 Eastbriar Drive with the conditions. Council Member Cobble provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

3. AX 18-0001 6024 Covington Hwy

Nicole Dozier gave an overview regarding the annexation request at 6024 Covington Highway. She said the Planning Commission approved it with fifteen conditions.

Council Member Clanton made a motion to open the Public Hearing with Council Member Rob Turner providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Spoke in Favor

Michelle Battle

Spoke Against

Bernard Knight

Jane Costello

Roderick Frierson

Kenneth Saunders III

Council Member Rob Turner made a motion to close the Public Hearing with Council Member Adoma providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

After much discussion, Council Member Rob Turner made a motion to defer this matter for additional discussions with Council Member Adoma providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

VIII. PRESENTATIONS: Grice Consulting - None

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Susan Lee spoke on delaying of the items and how frustrated she was by what had happened tonight, pot holes and the need to get the streets repaired.
2. Dave Marcus spoke on the city not using RFPs, the cost of Grice for SPLOST Management.
3. Faye Coffield spoke on it being a sad day in government, the use of RFPs or RFQs, following your own policies, on Grice and SPLOST.
4. Michelle Emmanuel spoke on the city's money and council should answer to the citizens, and the need to stop the infighting.
5. Suzanne Frick spoke on roads and maintenance and the Stantec proposal.

X. AGENDA ITEMS:

4. Digital Pavement Analysis
5. RFP/RFQ for SPLOST Program Management
6. RFP/RFQ for Comprehensive Transportation Plan

There was a discussion on all three of the above items together.

Council Member Clanton recommended Ken Hildebrandt give his presentation regarding the Digital Pavement Analysis once again.

Council Member Adoma said the presentation has been given two to three times, Council is not going to vote so where are we going tonight. She said she has no desire to hear it again tonight.

Council Member George Turner said the Council unanimously voted to bring on a consultant and this was done before the purchasing policy was in place and somehow that went away, and it was done without Council consent. That is why Council asked them to go back into negotiations. He also said he wanted to wait on the road analysis and let the consultant decide who they would use.

Council Member Clanton said he thinks there is some misunderstanding or willful intent not to understand and we have an opportunity to get this right and for the

record he thinks Council took an incorrect approach. He said he does not hear anyone between the Mayor, himself or staff promoting to get rid of the group. He said sides have been taken.

Council Member Cobble said we did not use an RFP for the road analysis group either and there are still certain parties pursuing the it. During the work of the Consultant Management Group should a road pavement analysis be needed they will use the RFP process to solicit that service. The members who voted against the road analysis were clear that should one be needed it should come from the consultant, and we are asked again the vote on the Digital Pavement Analysis.

Council Member Adoma said we had a procedural or process breakdown or miscommunication. She said she is now thinking about process and legal consequences. She said Council voted unanimously to retain the vendor, and Georgia law dictates the next step for Council is to start the negotiation process. Council was waiting and there were documents signed and conversations going on about the vendor. She said she must define the motion she made.

Council Member Clanton said he is the only person on the Council in opposition and all of what was done was for Pre SPLOST. He said we are going on the cold term of Good Faith and good faith is not giving a vendor unfair access to city funds.

Council Member Cobble said she agrees that they are not going to agree on the details because at this point we all have our own interpretations of what happen. Unfortunately, in the court of public opinion when one side has already presented their version the people have that impression; so, at this point we do not agree on the details, and she does not think another presentation is needed.

Council Member Rob Turner said this was to be the night of understanding and we were going to have the vender here, so when we bring them they can give the public they will see a better understanding.

Council Member Adoma said for the record if there was a problem with the Grice Proposal it never came back to the Council and if it did maybe we could have corrected it then. She said Council does not have a lot of options, but they must do the right thing for the City of Stonecrest and they must be followers of the law and not tie the city up in litigation.

Council Member George Turner said people constantly ask how we gave this to the vendor without going through the bidding process. Well we were a new city and did not have a purchasing policy and we get a buy on this. However, we did get another presentation from another vendor and they were higher than this vendor,

City Manager Michael Harris said from staff standpoint they have made their presentation to council. As far as the process for the others, he said once they were given the task they started the negotiation process. There have been some back and forth with the vendor and as of today they have received another quote. He said CH2M/Jacobs did make a presentation on this, however we are not pursuing this anymore.

Council Member Cobble said when the two presentations were entertained for the SPLOST Management we chose a company and that company helped up create the language for the referendum and bucket list. She said we are not trying to decide the whom but the numbers for the contract.

Council Member Adoma said she was happy the Council had the discussion and it was productive. She said the public will see that the Council collectively will make the best decision for the City of Stonecrest.

7. Ordinance Amending Chapter 15 – Business License Article XIX Mobile Food Vendor

City Attorney Janelle Alleyne gave an overview of the changes to Ordinance Amending Chapter 15.

This was the first read only.

8. Ordinance Designating Chapter 16- Miscellaneous Provisions and Offenses

Attorney Janelle Alleyne gave an overview of the Ordinance designating Chapter 16 for Miscellaneous Provisions and Offenses.

This was the first read only.

9. Resolution to Establish the Lithonia Industrial Park/Industrial Boulevard Steering Committee

Council Member Clanton made a motion to approve the Resolution to Establish the Lithonia Industrial Park/Industrial Boulevard Steering Committee. Council Member Adoma provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

XI. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS: None

XII. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS: None

XIII. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS: None

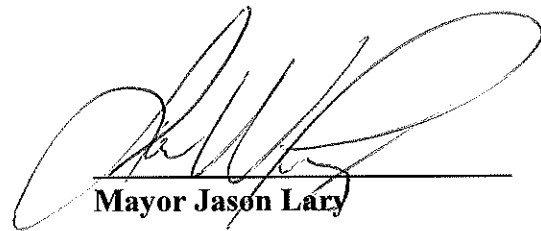
XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council Member Adoma made a motion to go into Executive Session for 3 real estate matters at 11:10 with Council Member Clanton providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Council Member Adoma made a motion to reconvene into the regular meeting with Council Member Rob Turner providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

XV. ADJOURNMENT:

Council Member Cobble made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:45pm with Council Member Rob Turner providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**



Mayor Jason Lary



Brenda B. James