



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 MINUTES

December 5, 2018

9:00am.

3120 Stonecrest Blvd. Suite 190

Stonecrest, Georgia

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Jason Lary
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Mayor and Council were all present
- III. **INVOCATION:** Council Member Rob Turner
- IV. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
- V. **ADOPTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:**

Council Member Adoma made a motion to add to the Work Session Agenda the Legislative Agenda, Update on Comp Plan and Film Commission. Council Member George Turner provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Council Member Rob Turner made a motion to adopt the City Council Agenda as written with Council Member Adoma providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

- VI. **MINUTES:** Approval of Minutes of the City Council Meeting of November 7, 2018 and November 19, 2018

Council Member George Turner made a motion to adopt the November 7, 2018 minutes with Council Member Rob Turner providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Council Member Adoma made a motion to adopt the minutes of the November 19, 2018 minutes with Council Member George Turner providing the second. **The motion carried.**

VII. PRESENTATIONS: None

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. 2019 Fiscal Year Budget

Michael Harris, City Manager gave a detailed report of the 2019 Fiscal Budget. There was much discussion.

Council Member George Turner made a motion to open the Public Hearing for the Budget with 3 minutes per speaker for a total of 30 minutes. Council Member Adoma provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Speakers:

Faye Coffield
Dave Marcus
Dalay Smith
Cheryl Moore Mathis
Dave Marcus
Joel Thibodeau

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

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mere Cardenas spoke on the demolition of two buildings torn down on Klondike and the lost of potential tourism and tax credits

Mr. Martinas Figures spoke on behalf of the River Bend Overlook Community and made request for some of the changes they would like to see in their community.

Faye Coffield spoke on the buildings that were torn down, the Housing Authority item, the need for Code Enforcement Department to work extended hours and Parks and Recreation.

Cheryl Moore Mathis spoke on the demolition of historic building and said she would like to address it to Council Member Adoma for the record.

Mayor Lary said since Council Member Adoma name was called he was going to allow her to speak regarding the demolition of the buildings.

Council Member Adoma said documentation will show that every conversation she had with the owner was for historic preservation. He was provided information on the EPA, Brownfield Grants and a free grant writer and she had no idea it was going to be demolished until the day it was done. She has recommended to Council the Historic Preservation Ordinance. In defense of the Council and City of Stonecrest she was told they have received many citations from the insurance company and the property was unsafe. The land was not owned by the City of Stonecrest, nor Arabia Mountain. It was a private owner. We were for preservation of the buildings, but the owner decided on demolition.

X. AGENDA ITEMS:

2. TMOD 18-0006 (An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 27 Section 3.5.15)

Nicole Dozier, Community Development Director gave an overview of the TMOD18-0006.

Mayor Lary made a motion to approve the TMOD 18-0006 Ordinance to amend Chapter 27 Section 3.5.15. Council Member Rob Turner provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

3. Resolution to Adopt the Fund Balance Policy

City Manager, Michael Harris gave an overview of the Fund Balance Policy.

Council Member Adoma made a motion to approve the Resolution for the Fund Balance Policy with Council Member Rob Turner providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

4. Resolution to Ratify and Reaffirm the Appointment of Alcohol Hearing Review Officers and Appoint Alcohol Hearing Review Officers for 2019-2020

Mayor Lary appointed Trichelle Simmons of District 4 and Stephone Johnson of District 5 to the Alcohol Hearing Review Board.

Council Member Clanton made a motion to approve the Resolution and affirm the appointees by the Mayor to the Alcohol Hearing Review Board. Council Member George Turner provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

5. Resolution to Appoint Members of the Planning Commission for 2019-2020

Mayor Lary reappointed the current 4 members back to the Planning Commission for 2019-2020.

Council Member Clanton made a motion to approve the Resolution and affirm the reappointments by Mayor Lary back to the Planning and Zoning Commission for 2019-2020. Council Member Rob Turner provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

6. Resolution to Appoint Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals for 2019-2020
Mayor Lary reappointed the current members of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the 2019-2020 term.

Council Member George Turner made a motion to approve the Resolution and affirm the reappointments by Mayor Lary to the Zoning Board of Appeals for 2019-2020. Council Member Adoma provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

7. 2019 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting Schedule

Council Member Rob Turner made the motion to accept the 2019 Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting Schedule with Council Member George Turner providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

8. Resolution for Appointment of Development Authority Members

Mayor Lary appointed Julius Lee and Vernon Jones to the Development Authority to replace two members who resigned.

Council Member George Turner said he would like to take the vote separate on the appointees.

Mayor Lary said he would like to appoint Vernon Jones to the Development Authority.

Mayor Lary made a motion to approve the Resolution and affirm the appointment of Vernon Jones with Council Member Clanton providing the second. **A vote was taken on the appointment with Council Members Cobble, George Turner and Adoma voting No. Mayor Lary and Council Members Clanton and Rob Turner voted Yes. The motion failed.**

Mayor Lay said he would like to appoint Julius Lee to the Development Authority.

Mayor Lary made a motion to approve the Resolution and affirm the appointment of Julius Lee with Council Member Clanton providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor said he goes down the line to respect and trust council. He tells you he has done his research and you vote against a person he wants.

9. Resolution to Set and Publish the Qualifying fees for the 2019 General Election

Council Member Clanton made a motion to approve the Resolution to set and publish the qualifying fees for the 2019 General Election. 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:

Council Member Cobble had no comments.

Council Member Rob Turner announced on December 8th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. they will have their regular monthly Breakfast Meeting. The meeting will be held at the House of Hope where they will be honoring On Common Grounds and Cross Roads newspapers.

Council Member Clanton said the Parks at Stonecrest will have a meeting on December 8th at 6:00 p.m. in the Stonecrest Library and December 15th, District 1 will have a meeting to discuss Stonecrest the Big Picture from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Stonecrest Library.

Council Member George Turner announced a longtime community activist Mr. Walldorf Bennett passed and will be funeralized on Friday at Israel Baptist Church.

Council Member Adoma announced on December 11th there will be a Small Business Association Workshop, on December 18th last townhall meeting at the Stonecrest Library and she will accept toys and clothing for children of Stonecrest. She said on Christmas Day she will feed the DeKalb Police at the Bruce Street Station.

Mayor Lary said he will have his last treatment this week and thanked everyone for their continued prayers.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Council Member George Turner made a motion to go into Executive Session for real estate and litigation matters. Council Member Adoma provided the second. **The motion carried at 11:40 a.m.**

XV. ADJOURNMENT:

Council Member George Turner made a motion reconvene into the Council Meeting with Council Member Clanton provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Council Member Clanton made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Council Member George Turner providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

WHEN AN EXECUTIVE SESSION IS REQUIRED, ONE WILL BE CALLED FOR THE FOLLOWING ISSUES: 1) PERSONNEL, 2) LITIGATION, 3) REAL ESTATE