



CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING – SUMMARY

3120 Stonecrest Blvd., Stonecrest, GA 30038

Monday, October 23, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Mayor Jazzmin Cobble

Council Member Tara Graves - District 1 Council Member Rob Turner - District 2

Council Member Alecia Washington - District 3 Mayor Pro Tem George Turner - District 4

Council Member Tammy Grimes - District 5

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

I. CALL TO ORDER: George Turner, Mayor Pro-Tem

The meeting began at 6:05pm.

II. ROLL CALL: Sonya Isom, City Clerk

All members were present.

III. INVOCATION: Rob Turner, District 2 Councilmember

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

V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion – made by Councilmember Rob Turner to approve the City Council Meeting agenda for October 23, 2023. Seconded by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

Motion passed unanimously.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Approval of Meeting Minutes - Special Called Meeting, September 6, 2023

Motion – made by Councilmember Rob Turner to approve the September 6, 2023, Special Called Meeting minutes. Seconded by Councilmember Tammy Grimes.

Motion passed unanimously.

b. Approval of Meeting Minutes - Special Called Meeting with SPLOST, Parks and Rec, Finance Oversight and Transportation Committees, September 13, 2023

Motion – made by Councilmember Tammy Grimes to approve the September 13, 2023, Special Called meeting with SPLOST, Parks and Rec, Finance Oversight and Transportation Committees minutes. Seconded by Councilmember Rob Turner.
Motion passed unanimously.

- c. Approval of Meeting Minutes - City Council Meeting, September 25, 2023

Motion – made by Councilmember Tara Graves to approve the September 25, 2023, City Council meeting minutes. Seconded by Councilmember Alecia Washington.
Motion passed unanimously.

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 two (2) minute time limit for each speaker submitting or reading a public comment. Individuals will be held to 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.

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** - FY24 Budget Recommendation - *Gia Scruggs, City Manager & Jazzmin Cobble, Mayor*

Motion – made by Councilmember Tammy Grimes to open public hearing for FY24 Budget Recommendation. Seconded by Councilmember Tara Graves.
Motion passed unanimously.

Motion – made by Councilmember Rob Turner to close public hearing for FY24 Budget Recommendation. Seconded by Councilmember Tammy Grimes.
Motion passed unanimously.

- b. **Public Hearing** - SLUP 23-007 2547 Lithonia West Drive - *Matthew Williams, Deputy Director of Planning & Zoning*

Motion – made by Councilmember Rob Turner to open public hearing for SLUP 23-007 2547 Lithonia West Drive. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem George Turner.

Motion – made by Councilmember Rob Turner to withdraw the previously stated motion. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem George Turner

- c. **For Decision** - SLUP 23-007 2547 Lithonia West Drive - *Matthew Williams, Deputy Director of Planning & Zoning*

Motion – made by Mayor Pro Tem George Turner to permit the withdrawal of SLUP 23-007 2547 Lithonia West Drive. Seconded by Councilmember Tara Graves.

Motion passed unanimously.

- d. **Public Hearing** - SLUP 23-004 3575 Trinity Place - *Matthew Williams, Deputy Director of Planning & Zoning*

Motion – made by Councilmember Tara Graves to open public hearing for SLUP 23-004 3575 Trinity Place. Seconded by Councilmember Rob Turner.

Motion passed 4-0 (Councilmember Tammy Grimes recused).

Motion – made by Councilmember Rob Turner to close public hearing for SLUP 23-004 3575 Trinity Place. Seconded by Councilmember Tara Graves.

Motion passed 4-0 (Councilmember Tammy Grimes recused).

- e. **For Decision** - Ordinance for SLUP 23-004 3575 Trinity Place - *Matthew Williams, Deputy Director of Planning & Zoning*

Motion – made by Councilmember Rob Turner to approve SLUP 23-004 3575 Trinity Place. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem George Turner.

Motion passed 3-2 with Councilmembers Tara Graves & Alecia Washington voting Nay and Mayor Cobble as the tie breaker, voting in favor of.

- f. **Public Hearing** - SLUP 23-005 4908 Ardsley Drive - *Matthew Williams, Deputy Director of Planning & Zoning*

Motion – made by Councilmember Rob Turner to open public hearing for SLUP 23-005 4908 Ardsley Drive. Seconded by Councilmember Tara Graves.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion – made by Councilmember Rob Turner to close public hearing for SLUP 23-005 4908 Ardsley Drive. Seconded by Councilmember Alecia Washington.

Motion passed unanimously.

- g. **For Decision** - Ordinance for SLUP 23-005 4908 Ardsley Drive - *Matthew Williams, Deputy Director of Planning & Zoning*

Motion – made by Councilmember Rob Turner to approve SLUP 23-005 4908 Ardsley Drive with stated conditions. Seconded by Councilmember Tara Graves.
Motion passed unanimously.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

X. APPOINTMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Resolution for Appointments to Charter Commission - *George Turner, Mayor Pro-Tem*

Motion – made by Councilmember Tara Graves to approve the appointments to the Charter Commission. Seconded by Councilmember Tammy Grimes.
Motion passed unanimously.

XI. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

XII. OLD BUSINESS

- a. **For Decision** - MP 23-000002 6718 Varkel Lane - *Matthew Williams, Deputy Director of Planning & Zoning*

Motion – made by Councilmember Tara Graves to approve MP 23-000002 6718 Varkel Lane. Seconded by Councilmember Rob Turner.
Motion passed unanimously.

- b. **For Decision** - Ordinance for RZ 23-003 4700 Browns Mill Road - *Matthew Williams, Deputy Director of Planning & Zoning*

Motion – made by Mayor Pro Tem George Turner to approve the withdrawal without prejudice for item RZ 23-003 4700 Browns Mill Road. Seconded by Councilmember Rob Turner.
Motion passed unanimously.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

- a. **For Decision** - Everette Park Project Contract Recommendation - *Sedrick Swan, Director of Parks & Recreation & Shakerah Hall, Procurement Manager*

Motion – made by Councilmember Tammy Grimes to approve the Everette Park Project Contract Recommendation. Seconded by Councilmember Alecia Washington.
Motion passed unanimously.

- b. **For Decision** - Paving Study Contract Recommendation - *Hari Karikaran, City Engineer & Shakerah Hall, Procurement Manager*

Motion – made by Councilmember Rob Turner to approve the Paving Study Contract Recommendation. Seconded by Councilmember Alecia Washington.
Motion passed unanimously.

- c. **For Decision** - Botanical Garden Design Contract Recommendation - *Hari Karikaran, City Engineer & Shakerah Hall, Procurement Manager*

Motion – made by Councilmember Rob Turner to approve the Botanical Garden Design Contract Recommendation. Seconded by Councilmember Tara Graves.

Motion passed unanimously.

- d. **For Decision** - Fairington Park Additional Parking Vendor Recommendation - *Hari Karikaran, City Engineer & Shakerah Hall, Procurement Manager*

Motion – made by Councilmember Alecia Washington to approve the Fairington Park Additional Parking Vendor Recommendation. Seconded by Councilmember Tara Graves.

Motion passed unanimously.

- e. **For Decision** - Salem Park Outdoor Equipment Vendor Recommendation - *Hari Karikaran, City Engineer & Shakerah Hall, Procurement Manager*

Motion – made by Mayor Pro Tem George Turner to approve the Salem Park Outdoor Equipment Vendor Recommendation. Seconded by Councilmember Rob Turner.

Motion passed unanimously.

- f. **For Decision** - Memorandum of Understanding Approval - Georgia Piedmont Technical College - ARPA - *Gia Scruggs, City Manager*

Motion – made by Councilmember Tara Graves to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for Georgia Piedmont Technical College ARPA. Seconded by Councilmember Tammy Grimes.

Motion passed unanimously.

- g. **For Decision** - Memorandum of Understanding Approval - DeKalb County School System, ARPA Funding - *Gia Scruggs, City Manager*

Motion – made by Councilmember Rob Turner to approve the Memorandum of Understanding for DeKalb County School System ARPA Funding. Seconded by Councilmember Tammy Grimes.

Motion passed unanimously.

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)

Motion – made by Councilmember Tammy Grimes to enter into Executive Session for Litigation. Seconded by Councilmember Rob Turner.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion – made by Councilmember Rob Turner to exit Executive Session and resume the regular scheduled City Council meeting. Seconded by Councilmember Tammy Grimes.
Motion passed unanimously.

Motion – made by Councilmember Tammy Grimes to approve the minutes from the Executive Session. Seconded by Councilmember Tara Graves.
Motion passed unanimously.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion – made by Councilmember Rob Turner for adjournment. Seconded by Councilmember Tammy Grimes.
Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:19pm.

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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.