



CITY COUNCIL VIRTUAL MEETING *MINUTES*

April 26, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

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*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 Tammy Grimes – District 5*

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**I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Pro Tem George Turner

**II. ROLL CALL:** Keidra Harris, Acting City Clerk: All Present

**III. INVOCATION**

**IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

1. **Update** – Old Business/c. Approval Planning and Zoning, move to New Business

**Motion 1** - Made by Council Member Rob Turner to approve the agenda for April 26, 2021, with the noted changes. Second by Council Member Jimmy Clanton.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**VI. MINUTES:**

- a. **Approval** of the March 26, 2021 - Special Called Meeting Minutes

**Motion 2** - Made by Council Member Jazzmin Cobble to approve the Special Called Meeting Minutes for March 26, 2021. Second by Council Member Rob Turner.

**Motion Passed - 5-0 - Motion passed unanimously.**

- b. **Approval** of the April 12, 2021 - Work Session Meeting Minutes  
Information only.

- c. **Approval** of the April 12, 2021 – Special Called Meeting Minutes

**Motion 3** – Made by Council Member Jazzmin Cobble to approve April 12, 2021, Special Called Meeting Minutes. Second by Council Member Jimmy Clanton.

**Motion passed unanimously.**



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**VII. PRESENTATIONS:**

- a. **Introduction** to the New City Clerk, Pat Wheeler and Area Manager, Deyanna Respress – Jim Nichols

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

*(this meeting will be conducted virtually, the public comments received via email in advance of the meeting will be read into the minutes by the City Clerk)*

No public comments.

**IX. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

- a. **Motion 4** - Made by Council Member Jazzmin Cobble to go into Executive Session for litigation matters. Second by Council Member Tammy Grimes.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- b. **Motion 5** – Made by Council Member Tammy Grimes to return to City Council meeting after coming out of Executive Session. Second by Council Member Rob Turner.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**X. OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. **Update-** Additional bullet points to be added to the existing agenda for April 26, 2021.

**Motion 6** – Made by Council Member Jazzmin Cobble to add an agenda item to authorize and direct the city attorney and staff to cooperate with the appropriate authorities in their investigation of the CARES Act Grant Relief Program. Second by Council Member Tammy Grimes.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- b. **Discussion** Finance of the 2021 Budget Adjustments – Gia Scruggs  
Council Member Jimmy Clanton to make sure that the email was added to the minutes for the next meeting so that council can know and understand what was previously voted on.

**Motion 7** - Made by Council Member Jazzmin Cobble to accept the budget amendments presented to the council. Second by Council Member Rob Turner.

**Motion passed unanimously.**



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- c. **Update** Regarding selecting the Destination Marketing Organization (DMO) – Janice Allen Jackson: The time frame for the short-term agreement with Discover Dekalb is six months. While giving the Council 6 Months to explore options, Discover Dekalb is open to a long-term agreement with The City of Stonecrest.

**Motion 8** – Made by Council Member Jazzmin Cobble to take the recommendation of City Manager Jackson to engage with Discover Dekalb as a temporary solution for our city DMO. Second by Council Member Jimmy Clanton.

**Motion passed unanimously**

- d. **Approval Planning and Zoning:** RZ-21-002 and Special Land Use Petition SLUP-21002 (3174 Miller Road)

**Discussion** – Council Member Rob Turner is requesting to defer Zoning Petition for more understanding and clarity.

**Motion 9-** Made by Council Member Rob Turner to defer the Zoning Petition and Special Land Use Petition SLUP-21002 (3174 Miller Road) until the next City Council Meeting or Special Called Meeting. Second By Jazzmin Cobble.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

### **XI. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Discussion** Mayor's absence disposition

In the Mayor's absence, the Mayor, Pro Tem, will step in and take full responsibilities and duties to facilitate and keep the city functioning. Therefore, per Attorney Denmark, Council could vote and accept and acknowledge the Mayor's Leave of Absence.

**Motion 10** – Made by Council Member Rob Turner that the duties and responsibilities of the Mayor are transferred to the Mayor Pro Tem on his indefinite leave of absence.

**Motion Failed** – Due to lack of Second of the motion.

**Motion 11** – Made by Council Member Jimmy Clanton to acknowledge and accept the Mayor's Leave of Absence. Second by Council Member Jazzmin Cobble.

**Motion passed unanimously.**



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- b. **Update** COVID relief management proposal for future funding – Janice Allen Jackson. Stonecrest's focus is the allocation and who will assist with distributing funds. The current projection for Stonecrest funds is as high as 17.3 million and as low as 10 million. However, funds could come as soon as May 2022. The *item on the agenda for information only*.

- c. **Discussion** Drafts of standing committees for consideration.

Packages for the Committees listed below will be posted online and on the website for citizens to view. If citizens are interested in participating on any of the committees, contact your Council Member and submit a short bio along with your interest.

- . SPLOST Oversight Committee
- . Finance Committee
- . Parks and Recreation Citizen Board

- d. **Update-** Procurement: Gia Scruggs

After the conclusion of the RFP and eleven vendors submitting bids, Procurement is requesting to enter into a contract with the second-lowest bidder. Unfortunately, the successful bidder was not able to provide the required verifiable experience. Therefore, the recommendation to move forward with BackBone Infrastructure, the second-lowest bidder, with a contract amount not to exceed \$75,605.

**Motion 12-** Made by Council Member Jazzmin Cobble to approve the recommended vendor for the MARTA Bus Pads as stated by our Finance Director.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- e. **Recommendation-** Aquatic Center Re-Opening: Brandon Riley

**Motion 13** – Made by Council Member Jazzmin Cobble to accept the recommendation of our Parks and Rec Department to re-open the Browns Mill Aquatic Center. Second by Council Member Rob Turner.

**Motion passed unanimously.**



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f. **Approvals Planning and Zoning**

*Zoning Petition RZ-20-002 (6892 Maddox Road)*

**Motion 14-** Made by Council Member Jazzmin Cobble to offer a motion to open a public hearing for Zoning Petition RZ-20-002 (6892 Maddox Road). Second by Council Member Jimmy Clanton.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion 15 –** Made by Council Member Jimmy Clanton to offer a motion to close the public hearing on Zoning Petition RZ-20-002 (6892 Maddox Road) Second by Council Member Tammy Grimes.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion 16–** Made by Council Member Jazzmin Cobble to motion to accept the withdrawal of RZ-20-002 (6892 Maddox Road). Second by Council Member Rob Turner.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

*Planning and Zoning AX-21-001 (2935 Miller Road)*

**Motion 17 –** Made by Council Member Rob Turner to open the public hearing for Planning and Zoning AX-21-001 (2935 Miller Road) Second by Council Member Jimmy Clanton.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Public Comments –** Applicant Dennis Carter feels that the City of Stonecrest is a more beneficial and better fit for his family-based film company-Nu Ground Studio.

**Motion 18-** Made by Council Member Rob Turner to close the public hearing for Planning and Zoning AX-21-001 (2935 Miller Road). Second by Council Member Tammy Grimes.

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion 19 –** Made by Council Member Rob Turner to approve the Annexation and Re-Zoning of AX-21-001 (2935 Miller Road). Second by Jimmy Clanton.

**Motion passed unanimously**



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***Special Land Use Petition SLUP-21-003 (6674 Chupp Road)***

**Motion 20-** Made by Council Member Jimmy Clanton to open the public hearing for Special Land Use Petition SLUP-21-003 (6674 Chupp Road). Second by Council Member Rob Turner

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Public Comments** – Applicant Tami Boyd states she provides housing to women who were formerly incarcerated. Six (6) women will reside at a time and staff to help with day-to-day operations. In addition, women will have access to several resources and skills training for life advancement opportunities. Independent housing will be provided after six (6) months of living in the transitional home.

**Motion 21** – Made by Council Member Jimmy Clanton to close the public hearing for Special Land Use Petition SLUP-21-003 (6674 Chupp Road). Second by Council Member George Turner.

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Motion 22** – Made by Council Member Jimmy Clanton to approve the project with the .4 conditions mentioned for Special Land Use Petition SLUP-21-003 (6674 Chupp Road) Second by Council Member Rob Turner.

**Motion passed unanimously**

***Special Land and Use Petition SLUP-21-004 (3301 Corcktree Trail)***

**Motion 23** – Made by Council Member to offer a motion to move into public Hearing for SLUP-21-004 (3301 Corcktree Trail). Second by Council Member Tammy grimes.

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Public Comments** – The applicant is an RN, and the partner is a teacher. This project is a personal care home for ages 55-over for non-disabled senior citizens. The applicant will be the primary caretaker, and the partner will be back up. Partner Jennifer spoke and reflected on how both are primary caretakers with over 30 years of experience.



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**Motion 24** – Made by Council Member Jazzmin Cobble to close the public hearing for SLUP-21-004. Second by Council Member Jimmy Clanton

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Motion 25** – Made by Mayor Pro Tem to motion to move the decision to approve/clarity on condition #5 for SLUP-21-004 to next council meeting or special called meeting. Second by Council Member Jazzmin Cobble

**Motion Passed - 4-1**

**Yea** – 4 - Council Member Rob Turner, Council Member Jazzmin Cobble, Council Member George Turner, and Council Member Tammy Grimes.

**Nay** – 1- Council Member Jimmy Clanton

g. **Approval:** Contract for services for City Finance Director with single-source Procurement.

**Motion 26-** Made by Council Member Jazzmin Cobble to accept the contract for the City Finance Director as subject to the agreed-upon changes within the contract between Ms. Scrugg and Attorney Denmark. Second by Council Member Rob Turner

**Motion Passed – 5-0 – Motion passed unanimously**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

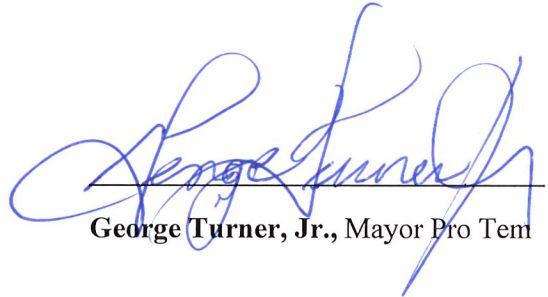
**Motion 27-** Made by Council Member Jimmy Clanton to offer a motion to adjourn. Second by Council Member Rob Turner

**Motion Passed- 5-0 – Motion passed unanimously**

Approval - of the April 26, 2021, Council Meeting Minutes

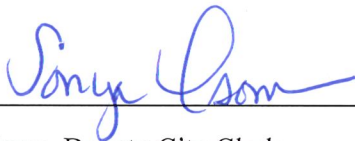
SO APPROVED this 28 day of June, 2021.

CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA:



George Turner, Jr., Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:



Sonya Isom, Deputy City Clerk

