

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

November 20, 2017

10:00 a.m.

Stonecrest Library

3123 Klondike Road, Lithonia, Georgia

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Jason Lary
- II. ROLL CALL:** All Members were present
- III. INVOCATION:** Council Member Rob Turner
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
- V. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
 - 1. Perry Whaley, spoke regarding a support group for a skin disease.
 - 2. Judas Hicks, spoke in opposition of the ordinance to amend the charter.
 - 3. Julian Beckford, spoke in opposition to changes in the charter.
 - 4. Denise Hayes, spoke on support for vendors who are Stonecrest citizens.
 - 5. Dave Marcus, spoke against charter changes and veto power.
 - 6. Faye Coffield, spoke against charter changes and other issues in the City.
 - 7. Verna Richelieu, spoke in opposition of veto power for the Mayor and other charter changes.
 - 8. Michelle Emanuel, spoke in favor of the charter changes and the initial charter.
 - 9. Joel Thibodeaux, spoke in favor of the charter changes and a fulltime Mayor.
 - 10. Major Sadler, said the change in the salary was not the problem, but there needed to be input from the citizens regarding the charter changes.
 - 11. Harold Smith, spoke against a fulltime Mayor, and changes to the charter.
 - 12. Darrell Taylor, spoke on the need for better communication in the City of Stonecrest.
 - 13. Bernard Knight, spoke in favor of the charter changes and fulltime Mayor.
 - 14. Barbara Lee, spoke in favor of a fulltime Mayor and agrees with the original charter which included some of the changes.

15. Shawn Jones, spoke in favor of the salary increase and changes to the charter.
16. Felesia Edwards, spoke against a fulltime Mayor and veto power.
17. Al Franklin, spoke on the tough decisions that need to be made in the City of Stonecrest.
18. Daniel Kelly, spoke in favor of all the charter changes.
19. Belinda Hull, spoke in favor of the Mayor and his vision.
20. Doris E. Johnson, spoke against the charter changes at this time.
21. Rhoberta Prosser, spoke against a fulltime Mayor.
22. Lucretia Ramsey, spoke against a charter change at this time.
23. Malaika Wells, spoke in favor of waiting and getting more public input.
24. Tim Lindley, spoke against any changes to the charter.
25. Elijah Hill, spoke on embracing the citizens for the future of Stonecrest.

VI. MINUTES: Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of November 6, 2017

Council Member George Turner said on item #6, please show which Turner spoke at the meeting and the misspelling of his name in the minutes.

Council Member Adoma made a motion to approve the minutes with the changes made by Council Member George Turner. Council Member Clanton provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

VII. ADOPTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:

Council Member Rob Turner made a motion to adopt the agenda with Council Member Adoma providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

VIII. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Zoning Amendment Petition RZ-17-0001

Nicole Dozier made a presentation regarding the Zoning Amendment Petition RZ-17-0001 to the Mayor and Council.

Mayor Lary opened the Public Hearing:

In Favor:

Dave Marcus

Bernard Knight

Against:

No one spoke against.

Mayor Lary closed the Public Hearing.

Council Member Adoma made a motion to approve the Zoning Amendment Petition RZ-17-0001 with conditions. Council Member Clanton provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

IX. AGENDA ITEMS:

Old Business:

2. An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2 (Administration) to Declare the need for the creation of a Development Authority for the City of Stonecrest

Attorney Destiny Washington gave a brief overview of the ordinance.

Council Member Adoma made a motion to adopt the Ordinance to amend Chapter 2 Administration to declare the need for the creation of a Development Authority for the City of Stonecrest.

Council Member Rob Turner left at 11:45am.

3. An Ordinance Adopting Chapter 9 (Municipal Court) of the City of Stonecrest

Attorney Destiny Washington gave a brief overview of the ordinance.

Council Member Clanton made a motion to adopt the Ordinance Adopting Chapter 9 (municipal Court) of the City of Stonecrest with Council Member Adoma providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

4. An Ordinance to Adopt Article IV—Cable Television Franchises in Chapter 8

Attorney Destiny Washington and City Manager Michael Harris gave an overview of the ordinance and agreement.

Council Member Clanton made a motion to approve the Ordinance to Adopt Article IV Cable Television Franchises in Chapter 8 with the agreement starting in July 2017 with Council Member Adoma providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

New Business:

5. Ratification of an Ordinance Adopting Chapter 24, Taxation, Article 1 to Adopt Insurance License Fees and Premium Tax Regulations

Council Member George Turner made a motion to ratify the Ordinance adopting Chapter 24, Taxation Article 1 for Insurance License Fees and Premium Tax Regulations. Council Member Adoma provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

6. Ordinance Adopting Article VII, Excise Tax on Rental Motor Vehicles of Chapter 24-Taxation- **First Read Only.**

7. Acceptance of the Certification of Election Returns Results from Dekalb County for the November 7, 2017 Election

City Clerk, Brenda James gave a brief overview of the certification.

Council Member Adoma made a motion to accept Certification of the Election Results from Dekalb County with Council Member Clanton providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

8. Resolution for the Official Holidays for 2018 for the City of Stonecrest

City Clerk, Brenda James explained the Official Holidays for 2018.

Council Member Adoma made a motion to approve the Resolution for the Official Holidays for 2018 with Council Member George Turner providing the second. **The motion Carried unanimously.**

9. Resolution by the City of Stonecrest Authorizing the Submittal of Charter Amendment to the Dekalb Local Delegation

City Attorney Tom Kurrie gave an overview of the resolution. After much discussion Council Member George Turner made a motion to defer this item until the meeting of December 4, 2017 with Council Member Adoma providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

10. Ordinance to Amend the Charter of the City of Stonecrest

Council Member Adoma made a motion to issue a notice in the paper regarding the charter changes through Home Rule. Council Member Clanton provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

11. Ordinance to Amend Chapter 4- Alcoholic Beverages to require Five Member Alcoholic Beverage Appeal Board

Council Member George Turner made a motion to adopt the Ordinance to amend Chapter 4- Alcoholic Beverages to require a five-member Alcoholic Beverage Appeal Board. Council Member Adoma provided the second. **The motion carried.**

X. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

XI. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

XII. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council Member George Turner made a motion to recess the meeting into Executive Session for a real estate matter with Council Member Adoma providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Council Member Clanton made a motion to close the Executive Session and return into the regular meeting with Council Member George Turner providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Council Member George Turner made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting with Council Member Adoma providing the second at 2:00p.m. **The motion carried unanimously.**