



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

January 16, 2018

5:00 p.m.

Stonecrest City Hall

3120 Stonecrest Blvd.

Stonecrest, Georgia 30038

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Jason Lary at 5:00p.m.
- II. ROLL CALL:** All members were present.
- III. INVOCATION:** Council Member Rob Turner
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
- V. PRESENTATION:** Arthur Bright of Invictus Development Group

Mr. Arthur Bright of Invictus Development Group made a presentation regarding senior housing that they would like to build in the City of Stonecrest.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Faye Coffield spoke on the lack of communications between the state, county and local governments. She further spoke on the closing of Walmart and Sam's Club.

- VII. MINUTES:** Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of December 18, 2017, Special Called Meeting of December 13, 2017, December 27, 2017 and January 3, 2018

Council Member Adoma made a motion to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting on December 18th and the Special Called Meetings on December 13th, 27th and January 3rd with Council Member George Turner providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

VIII. ADOPTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:

Council Member Clanton made a motion to add the election of the Mayor Pro Tem to the agenda for a proper vote and Council Member George Turner seconded the motion.

Council Member Clanton made a motion to add an Text Amendment for unpaved parking to the agenda and Council Member Rob Turner seconded the motion.

Mayor Lary made a motion to add a Proposal for a Pavement Management Analysis to the agenda and Council Member Rob Turner seconded the motion.

Council Member Rob Turner made a motion to approve the agenda with noted additions. Council Member George Turner providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

IX. AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Appointment of Emily Macheski-Preston as the Assistant City Attorney

Attorney Tom Kurrie stated Attorney Emily Macheski- Preston recently made partner in the law firm and he would like for her to be named an Assistant City Attorney along with Fincher and Denmark.

Mayor Lary said he would like to appoint Attorney Emily Macheski-Preston as an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Stonecrest. Council Member George Turner made a motion to affirm the appointment of Emily Macheski-Preston as an Assistant City Attorney for the City of Stonecrest. Council Member Clanton provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

2. Ordinance to Adopt the Communication Policy

Assistant City Attorney Macheski=Preston gave an overview of the Communication Policy. Council Member Clanton inquired about a Disclaimer Statement regarding Mayor and Council's personal Facebook page. Council Member Adoma inquired as to how would a Council Member handle a press release. This was the first read only.

3. Discussion on Leadership Dekalb

Mayor Lary gave an overview of Leadership Dekalb. He made a motion to approve the payment of the bill for Council Member Adoma for Leadership Dekalb with Council Member Adoma providing the second.

Council Member George Turner asked if this will be given to all Council and is this for the betterment of the city or the individual. Council Member Rob Turner said he thinks it should come from each member approved account. After the discussion a vote was taken. Mayor Lary and Council Member Adoma voted in favor and Council Members George Turner, Rob Turner, Clanton and Cobble voted against the payment. **The motion failed by a vote of 4-2.**

4. Election of the Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor Lary nominated Council Member Adoma as the new Mayor Pro Tem. Council Member Clanton nominated Council Member George Turner as the new Pro Tem.

Council Member Adoma expressed her concerns and said there is no cause to remove her as she is entitled to due process for her 2-year term. She further said the Council had no respect for the Georgia Constitution and she will not vote today on this matter.

Council Member Clanton said sections 2.09A&B allows the Mayor and Council to elect the Mayor Pro Tem and said Council Member Adoma was not being removed and that the Mayor had nominated her.

Council Member George Turner said the suggested term is 2 years, but how can one be guaranteed 2 years when the person is up for re-election in 6 months.

Council Member Adoma asked since Council was comfortable violating the law were they not going to follow the City Attorney's opinion. She further said the motion is out of order and requested the City Attorney to once again give his legal opinion.

Attorney Kurrie said the minutes form January 3rd stated exactly what he said.

Council Member Rob Turner commented regarding the attorney's comments and the terms of the council members.

Council Member Adoma stated she has a constitutional right to serve her 2 years and she has no respect for this discussion and it should not be on the table. She further asked why was Council having a discussion to remove her from Mayor Pro Tem and she will have nothing to do with this.

Mayor Lary commented that he nominated Council Member Adoma and asked if she wanted him to remover her name.

Council Member Adoma said she will not be participating in this matter.

Mayor Lary asked for a vote for Council Member George Turner as the Mayor Pro Tem and Council Members Rob Turner, George Turner, Clanton, Cobble and Mayor Lary voted in favor. Council Member Adoma did not vote. **The motion carried 5-0-1 (Council Member Adoma abstained)**

5. Text Amendment for Unpaved Parking

Assistant City Attorney Macheski-Preston gave an overview of the text amendment, she said this amendment will go before the Planning and Zoning Board and then back to Council.

6. Proposal for Pavement Management Analysis

Plez Joyner and Ken Hildebrandt gave an overview of this proposal. They explained this company will do a need analysis, establish road paving program, right of way inventory and GIS inventory to prepare the city for the SPLOST Program.

After much discussion, City Manager Michael Harris said he would like to hold this item and allow him to reach out to another company and get some comparisons.

X. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS: No Comments

XI. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS: No Comments

XII. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mayor Lary said he will be suspending all committees today and he will make appoints of chairpersons at another meeting.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

Council Member Cobble made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Council Member Clanton providing the second. **The motion unanimously carried at 6:30 p.m.**

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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