



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 Tammy Grimes – District 5

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

VIRTUAL MEETING

May 24, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

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

I. CALL TO ORDER: George Turner, Mayor ProTem

II. ROLL CALL: Patricia Wheeler, Acting City Clerk

All Council Members present, Mayor Jason Lary on medical leave.

III. INVOCATION: Council Member Rob Turner

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion 1 – made by Council Member Rob Turner to approve the agenda for the May 24, 2021, City Council Meeting. Seconded by Council Member Jazzmin Cobble.

Motion passed unanimously.

VI. MINUTES:

a. Approval of the January 11, 2021 - City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes

Motion 2 – made by Council Member George Turner to defer the approval of the minutes from the January 11, 2021, City Council Work Session Meeting. Seconded by Council Member Jazzmin Cobble.

Motion passed unanimously.

b. Approval of the January 25, 2021 - City Council Meeting Minutes

Motion 3 – made by Council Member Rob Turner to approve the minutes from the January 25, 2021, City Council Meeting. Seconded by Council Member Jazzmin Cobble.

Motion passed unanimously.



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c. **Approval** of the January 28, 2021 – City Council Budget Retreat Minutes

Motion 4 – made by Council Member Rob Turner to approve the minutes from the January 28, 2021 City Council Budget Retreat. Seconded by Council Member Tammy Grimes.

Motion passed unanimously.

d. **Approval** of the January 29, 2021 – Special Called Meeting Minutes

Motion 5 – made by Council Member Jazzmin Cobble to approve the minutes from the January 29, 2021 Special Called Meeting. Seconded by Council Member Rob Turner.

Motion passed unanimously.

e. **Approval** of the February 5, 2021 – Special Called Meeting Minutes

Motion 6 – made by Council Member George Turner to defer the minutes from the February 5, 2021, Special Called Meeting in terms of explaining the cancellation of the meeting. Seconded by Council Member Tammy Grimes.

Motion passed unanimously.

f. **Approval** of the February 8, 2021 – City Council Work Session Meeting Minutes

Motion 7 – made by Council Member Jazzmin Cobble to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2021, City Council Work Session Meeting. Seconded by Council Member Rob Turner.

Motion passed unanimously.

g. **Approval** of the March 26, 2021 – City Council Meeting Minutes

Motion 8 – made by Council Member Jazzmin Cobble to approve the minutes from the March 26, 2021, City Council Meeting. Seconded by Council Member Rob Turner.

Motion passed unanimously.

VII. PRESENTATIONS: None

Item will be put in Work Session to establish protocol for receiving presentations and to assure guidelines are being followed.



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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)

Greta Thomas – read into Public Comments

Rewanda Crosby - read into Public Comments

Taron Wallace - read into Public Comments

Matthew Hampton - read into Public Comments

IX. PUBLIC HEARINGS: N/A

(since this meeting will be conducted virtually, only those public hearing comments received via email in advance of the meeting will be read by the City Clerk)

X. OLD BUSINESS:

a. RZ 21 002 (3174 Miller Road)

Shanteria Vaughn requesting rezoning of childcare facility from R100 (Residential Medium Lot) to RSM (Residential Small Lot) in original petition. Currently requesting change of recommendation to rezone to O-I and placing additional condition on the property that future use is limited to a childcare facility. This change will require an additional rezoning hearing.

Motion 9 – made by Council Member Rob Turner for referral of RZ-21-002/3174 Miller Road back to the Planning Commission for full cycle deferral. Seconded by Council Member Jazzmin Cobble.

Motion passed unanimously.

b. SLUP-21-002 (3174 Miller Road)

Motion 10 – made by Council Member Rob Turner recommending SLUP-21-002 (3174 Miller Road) for an administrative withdrawal. Seconded by Council Member Jazzmin Cobble.

Motion passed unanimously.

c. SLUP-21-004 (3301 Corktree Trail)

Jennifer Mincy and Lallymay Rose-Burrell requesting SLUP to operate Personal Care Home for four residents within an R-100/Medium Lot Residential District.

Motion 11 – made by Council Member George Turner to approve SLUP-21-004 (3301 Corktree Trail). Seconded by Council Member Jazzmin Cobble.

Motion passed unanimously.



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- d. Modification for StandGuard Aquatics Inc Agreement
Modification is for this year's contract for the StandGuard Aquatics Inc Agreement.

Motion 12 – made by Council Member Jazzmin Cobble to approve the modification for the StandGuard Aquatics Inc Agreement. Seconded by Council Member Tammy Grimes.

Motion passed unanimously.

- e. DMO Contract with Discover DeKalb
Recommendation for short time option agreement thru end of this year. Discover Dekalb would be responsible for the City's tourists marketing efforts and report monthly. Staff will present a long-term option before the end of the year. The final amount of funds to be transferred, that needs to be spent by DMO, would have to be validated by the Finance Director. Georgia Department of Community Affairs, serving as the DMO Police, regulates compliance relating to annual audits.

Motion 13 – made by Council Member Jazzmin Cobble to approve the short-term contract with Discover Dekalb to serve as the City's DMO. Seconded by Council Member Rob Turner.

Motion passed unanimously.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Procurement card audit acceptance and recommendations

Attorney Denmark was asked to review audit that was conducted on City's purchase card program and make reservations. The following recommendations were made to Mayor and City Council:

- Purchase Cards are restricted and issued to critical city staff only.
- Every person issued a Purchasing Card under the city's amended and restricted policy, should undergo training and submit a Signed Acknowledgement.
- Periodic Public Reporting, possibly monthly, to ensure accountability and fiscal transparency.
- City shall make a demand for Jacobs to reimburse the City for all improper purchases and charges unlawfully made by Jacobs.
- Prosecutorial Referral, recommending improper use of City's Purchasing Cards be referred to Dekalb County District Attorney for investigation and prosecution.

Motion 14 – made by Council Member Tammy Grimes to accept recommendations from legal counsel on Purchasing Cards and amended P-Card policy. Seconded by Council Member Rob Turner.

Motion passed unanimously.



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b. Reopening plans for Parks and Recreation acceptance.

Parks and Recreation seeking approval of reopening for City of Stonecrest Parks & Browns Mill Recreation Parks. The following phase plan is proposed:

- Phase 1/Memorial Day Weekend – allowing reopening with implementation of covid action plan from Youth and Adults lead programs. Recreation Center to open under strict limited capacity, including outdoor basketball facilities and usage of pavilions.
- Phase 2/July 4th Weekend – allowing Special Event Permits for 150 people or less outdoor events and 50 people or less for indoor events. This would include the reopening of the Browns Mill Aquatic Center, under the implementation of CDC guidelines, Board of Health and the National Board of Park Association Guidelines. Applications are being accepted now for future Parks and Rec Events.
- Phase 3/Labor Day Weekend – allowing outdoor special event activities for 300 people or less and indoor special event activities for 100 people or less, in addition to allowing open gym and indoor facility usage inside the Browns Mill Recreation Center for open gym.
- Recommending Phase 3 guidelines into the New Year.

Motion 15 – made by Council Member Jazzmin Cobble to approve the Parks and Recreation reopening plan. Seconded by Council Member Jimmy Clanton.

Motion passed unanimously.

c. Update on issuance of special events permits and recommendations.

Motion 16 – made by Council Member Jimmy Clanton to allow immediate special event permits for outdoor activities, to exclude Stonecrest Parks and Recreation property. Seconded by Council Member Jazzmin Cobble.

Motion failed 3-2.

Yay – Council Members Jimmy Clanton, George Turner

Nay – Council Members Rob Turner, Jazzmin Cobble, Tammy Grimes

Motion 17 – made by Council Member Jazzmin Cobble to approve the plan submitted by the Planning and Zoning Department for the issuance of Special Event Permits. Seconded by Council Member Rob Turner.

Motion passed 4-1.

Yay – Council Members Rob Turner, Jazzmin Cobble, George Turner, Tammy Grimes

Nay – Council Member Jimmy Clanton



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- d. Urban Redevelopment Agency appointments and expiration guidelines, and selection of a recommended chair.

The following URA members' terms ended on 12/31/20 and require reappointment:

1. Jason Lary – Chairman
2. Jimmy Clanton – Vice Chairman
3. George Turner – Secretary
4. Rob Turner – Member
5. Jazzmin Cobble – Member
6. Tammy Grimes – Member

The by-laws state Board Members should serve a term of one year for two members and two years for two members and three years for two members, not specifying which ones should serve those segments. Council inserting which two members should serve which segments.

First segment/1 year – District 1 and District 2 – expired Dec 31, 2020, and eligible for re-appointment

Second segment/2 years – District 3 and District 4 – expired

Third segment/3 years – District 5 and Mayor's At Large Appointment

Approval of recommended Chair will be made once there is a meeting of the Urban Redevelopment Agency.

Motion 18 – made by Council Member George Turner to approve the recommended dates of expiration for the board members of the URA to be December 31, 2020, for District 1 and District 2, December 31, 2021 for District 3 and District 4 and December 31, 2022 for District 5 and Mayor at Large. Seconded by Council Member Jazzmin Cobble.

Motion passed unanimously.

In the Mayor's absence, Council Member George Turner is recommending Council Member Jazzmin Cobble to chair the URA, subject to approval from the URA at its regular meeting.

Motion 19 – made by Council George Turner to re-appoint Jimmy Clanton Rob Turner to fill the expired terms for District 1 and District 2. Seconded by Council Member Jazzmin Cobble.

Motion passed unanimously.



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- e. Appointment of Zoning Board members with resolution.

Current appointments expired December 31, 2018 and would have taken another term, which expired December 31, 2020. If not replaced, they would continue to serve until replaced. Asking for appointments/pre-appointments of positions, which are two-year appointments. New appointees are not to take seat until sworn in and has been trained. Swearing in by Judicial Officer of the City, with Mayor out on medical leave.

Zoning Board members include:

- a. Erica Williams/Chairman - D1
- b. Michael Armstrong/Vice Chairman - D4
- c. Sonja Hicks/Secretary - D3
- d. Louise Alexander - D5
- e. Dee Tynee - D2 – Being replaced for missed meetings

Council Member Rob Turner recommending Dwight Jones for District 2.

Motion 20– made by Council Member Jazzmin Cobble to approve the appointments stated for Zoning Board of Appeals for terms to begin January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2022. Seconded by Council Member Tammy Grimes.

Erica Williams/Chairman	D1
Michael Armstrong/Vice Chairman	D4
Sonja Hicks/Secretary	D3
Louise Alexander	D5
Dwight Jones	D2

Motion passed unanimously.

- f. Appointment of Planning Commission with resolution

Current commission expired December 31, 2018 and would have taken another term, which expired December 31, 2020. If not replaced, they would continue to serve until replaced. New appointees are not to take seat until sworn in by Judicial Officer of the City and receiving proper training.

Planning Commission members include:

- a. Eric Hubbard/Chairman D3
- b. J W Eady/ Vice Chairman D1
- c. Pearl Hollis D4
- d. Lisa Wright D5 – to be replaced by Cheryl Mathis

The following Planning Commissioner’s term ended on 04/16/2021:

- a. Joyce Walker D2



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Motion 21 – made by Council Member Jazzmin Cobble to approve the re-appointments stated for the Planning Commission for the terms to begin January 1, 2021, and ending December 31, 2022. Seconded by Council Member Rob Turner.

Eric Hubbard/Chairman	D3
J W Eady/ Vice Chairman	D1
Pearl Hollis	D4
Cheryl Moore-Mathis	D5
Joyce Walker	D2

Motion passed unanimously.

Note: Per Mayor Pro Tem, all committees expire on December 31st of each year and are subject to reconstitution by the Mayor’s office under the old charter. The new charter has allowed a lot of that authority to the Council and Council wanted to start reconstituting some of the Committees that had been in place with the City in the past. Starting out with three.

g. Reconstitution of SPLOST Advisory Committee.

Council recommending the following Splost Advisory Committee Members:

- Darrell Taylor
- Elijah Ajaey
- Stephanie Shine
- Pat Smith
- Averna Louie
- Donna Priest-Brown
- Jeff Martin
- Council Member Tammy Grimes
- Council Member Rob Turner

Motion 22 – made by Council Member Jazzmin Cobble to reconstitute the Splost Committee with stated committee members stated. Seconded by Council Member Rob Turner.

Motion passed unanimously.



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h. Reconstitution of Finance Committee.

Council recommending the following Finance Advisory Committee Members:

Jennifer Moore
Angela Ash
Lakesha Swanson
Dave Marcus
Council Member Jazzmin Cobble
Council Member George Turner
*City Manager, City Finance Director, Internal Auditor

Council Member Jazzmin Cobble to set 1st meeting.

Motion 23 – made by Council Member Jazzmin Cobble to reconstitute the Finance Committee with the stated Committee members. Seconded by Council Member Tammy Grimes.

Motion passed unanimously.

i. Board of Construction Appeals.

In ordinances, Board of Construction Appeals was adopted but not activated. Council would like to activate this Board. Per Attorney Denmark, City of Stonecrest does have an active, pending appeal with Metro Green Recycling for the denial of a permit. The appropriate body to hear that appeal is the Construction Board of Appeals, making the appointment of members critical.

If there are residents/community members that hold the technical skills and desire to serve on the board, please reach out to any Council member and make yourself and desire known. Membership requirements are stated in the Code of Ordinance, Sec. 7-87, Chapter 7, Article III, Division 2. The term is for three years, starting staggered with two members serving a two-year term and three members serving a three-year term. Recommended by City Attorney to advertise Board membership and what is required, on website.

Motion 24 – made by Council Member Jazzmin Cobble to adopt the Construction Board of Appeals with members to be added. Seconded by Council Member Jimmy Clanton.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion 25 – made by Council Member Jimmy Clanton nominating at Large, Kerry Williams as a member of the Board of Construction Appeals. Seconded by Council Member George Turner.

Motion passed unanimously.



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Note: Per request, Mrs. Wheeler, City Clerk will send contact information for committee members to City Council.

- j. Allowing for the Acting City Manager to serve beyond 90 days

Attorney Winston Denmark has prepared a resolution to extend the 90-day term, counting from April 1, 2021, extending an additional 120 days.

Motion 26 – made by Council Member Jazzmin Cobble to approve the extension of the appointment of the acting City Manager to extend 120 days beyond the 90 days noted in the charter. Seconded by Council Member Tammy Grimes.

Motion passed unanimously.

- k. Professional Audit Services

After conducting a bid for audit services for a period of two weeks, Finance Director recommending moving forward with Mauldin & Jenkins for annual audit services with a price of \$30,000 for fiscal year ending 2020. That price also includes the amount for the single audit that was required for receiving federal funds.

Motion 27 – made by Council Member Jazzmin Cobble to accept the recommendation for Professional Audit Services. Seconded by Council Member Rob Turner.

Motion passed unanimously.

- l. Invoices presented without contracts.

Purchasing policy states unless otherwise ratified or exempted by Mayor and Council, the Finance Dept should not proceed with invoices presented for payment.

Motion 28 – made by Council Member Jazzmin Cobble to deny payment to vendors who did not present an authorized contract for services. Seconded by Council Member Rob Turner.

Motion passed unanimously.

- m. Approval of Final Plat for Lakeview at Stonecrest, phase 3

Motion 29 – made by Council Member Jimmy Clanton to approve the final plat for Lakeview at Stonecrest, phase 3. Seconded by Council Member Tammy Grimes.

Motion passed unanimously.



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n. Parks and Recreation Georgia Kangaroos updated agreement

Parks and Recreation Director seeking approval for professional basketball team, Georgia Kangaroos to accept a facility usage agreement to enter into the Browns Mill Recreation Center. This agreement includes the following:

- Practice days Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6pm – 9pm
- Terms – starting approximately first week of June and ending approximately the last week of October
- Rate of \$80/hour, up to \$240 per practice session

Motion 30 – made by Council Member Jazzmin Cobble to approve the Parks and Recreation Georgia Kangaroos updated agreement. Seconded by Council Member Rob Turner.

Motion passed unanimously.

o. Execution of checks and financial instruments

Attorney Denmark requesting an amendment of the Banking Ordinance to provide for multiple signatures on items over \$5,000. This is to maintain the financial security of the City.

Motion 31 – made by Council Member Jazzmin Cobble to approve the ordinance to amend the code of ordinances by adding Chapter 2-Administration, to the finance section to provide for the additional requirements for the execution of contracts and financial instruments with the modification to make sure that the check signing resolution is reconciled against this ordinance. Seconded by Council Member Tammy Grimes.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion 32 – made by Council Member Rob Turner to reconsider the vote pertaining to the special events permit. Seconded by Council Member George Turner.

Motion passed 4-1.

Yay – Council Members Jimmy Clanton, Rob Turner, Jazzmin Cobble, George Turner

Nay – Council Member Tammy Grimes.



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Motion 33 – made by Council Member Jimmy Clanton to immediately begin Special Event Permitting for outdoor gatherings, not to include Parks and Recreation. Seconded by Council Member Rob Turner.

Motion passed 3-2.

Yay – Council Members Jimmy Clanton, Rob Turner, George Turner

Nay – Council Member Jazzmin Cobble, Council Member Tammy Grimes

Motion 34 – made by Council Member Jazzmin Cobble to reconsider the time frame of the Acting City Manager appointment. Seconded by Council Member Rob Turner.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion 35 – made by Council Member Jazzmin Cobble to extend the appointment of the Acting City Manager to serve beyond 90 days, to conclude December 31, 2021. Seconded by Council Member George Turner.

Motion passed unanimously.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

(when an executive session is required, one will be called for the following issues: 1) Personnel, 2) Litigation, 3) Real Estate)

XIII. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

No comments.

XIV. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS

No comments.

XV. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

District 1/Council Member Jimmy Clanton – God bless everyone.

District 2/Council Member Rob Turner – Thank you to Council Member Grimes for allowing him to participate in the appreciation dinner for firefighters. Thank you to all first responders for risking your lives.

District 3/Council Member Jazzmin Cobble – No comments.

District 4/Council Member George Turner – Will start looking at meeting in person for



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city council meetings soon. Asking Attorney Denmark to communicate what can and cannot be done virtually.

District 5/Council Member Tammy Grimes - Congratulations to all graduates. Continue to pray for teachers and thank you parents for hanging in there.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

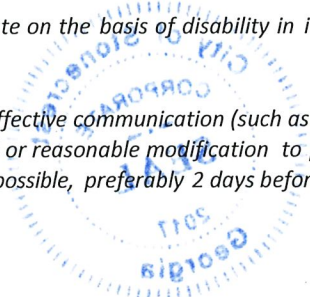
Motion 36 – made by Council Member Jazzmin Cobble to adjourn the May 24, 2021, City Council Meeting. Seconded by Council Member Rob Turner.

Motion passed unanimously.

Americans with Disabilities Act

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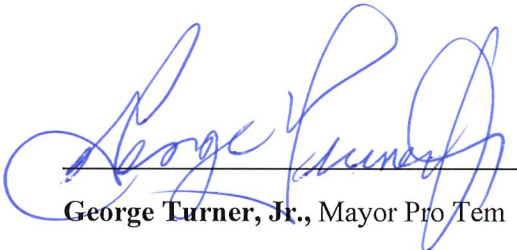
If you need auxiliary aids and services for effective communication (such as a sign language interpreter, an assistive listening device or print material in digital format) or reasonable modification to programs, services or activities contact the ADA Coordinator, Patricia Wheeler, as soon as possible, preferably 2 days before the activity or event.



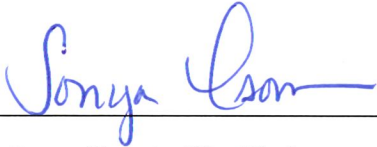
Approval - of the May 24, 2021, Council Meeting Minutes

SO APPROVED this 28 day of June, 2021.

CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA:


George Turner, Jr., Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:


Sonya Isom, Deputy City Clerk

