



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 VIRTUAL MEETING - *MINUTES*

Monday, September 27, at 6:00 P.M.

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor *Pro Tem* George Turner called meeting to order at 6:00pm

II. ROLL CALL

Deputy City Clerk Sonya Isom determined that there was a quorum.

Mayor and all Councilmembers were virtually present.

III. INVOCATION

Councilmember Rob Turner gave invocation.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor *Pro Tem* George Turner.

V. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion 1 - Councilmember Jazzmin Cobble motioned to add an appointment to the Finance Oversight Committee due to the resignation of a Finance Oversight Committee member.

Added as Item F under New Business/Appointment.

Motion 1 - Motion carried.

Motion 2 – Councilmember Rob Turner moved to approve the September 27, 2021 City Council Meeting Agenda with stated addition under Item F, New Business. Seconded by Councilmember Jazzmin Cobble.

Motion 2 – Motion carried unanimously.



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VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. **Approval** – of the August 23, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes.

Mayor *Pro Tem* Turner notes correction of the spelling of the Construction Board of Appeals Member Clara Black-Delay.

Mayor *Pro Tem* notes correction of District Two Zoning Board of Appeals Membership Dwight Jones to be replaced by Appointment of Gwendolyn Green.

Motion 1 – Councilmember Tammy Grimes moved to approve the August 23, 2021 City Council Meeting Minutes with modifications as stated. Seconded by Councilmember Rob Turner.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Four (4) Public comments received in advance of the meeting and read into the minutes by Deputy City Clerk Isom.

1. Suzanne Frick
2. Gail Richardson
3. Jerney Scott
4. Faye Cofield

Public comments concluded.

Mayor *Pro Tem* Turner inquires to Acting City Manager Janice Allen Jackson to speak to the number of Code Enforcement Officers. Acting City Manager stated that there is a full-time force, to include Code Enforcement Director and four (4) Code Enforcement Officers. She further stated that additional code enforcement personnel will be recommended in the upcoming budget.

Mayor *Pro Tem* Turner stated that additional responses to public comments will be made in writing.

Councilmember Cobble proposed the opportunity for Code Enforcement Director Alejandro Ferrell to add additional commentary. Mayor *Pro Tem* Turner allowed commentary.

Director Ferrell provided code enforcement updates, relevant to the Public Comment(s).

VIII. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None.



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IX. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS

a. Proclamation

Mr. Samuel Wyatt celebrated his 100th Birthday. Councilman Jimmy Clanton presented special proclamation to Mr. Wyatt to honor his longevity and contribution to the community.

Comments made by Honoree Mr. Wyatt and Councilmembers Turner, Grimes, Cobble.

X. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Appointment – to the Board of the East Metro DeKalb CID – *Jonathan Bartlett*.

To appoint a member to the East Metro DeKalb CID. The City of Stonecrest CID Advisory Committee met on September 14, 2021 and voted to recommend Mr. Cornell McBride, Jr. for consideration by Council, to serve on the East Metro CID Board through December 31, 2021.

Mr. Cornell McBride, Jr. not present.

Motion 1 - Councilmember Turner motioned to appoint Cornell McBride, Jr. to the Board of the East Metro DeKalb CID as presented; seconded by Councilmember Clanton.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

b. Approval – of Parks and Recreation Phase 3 Reopening Re-evaluation – *Brandon Riley*.

The Parks and Recreation Department is seeking approval from City Council regarding re-evaluating the 3rd phase reopening plan that would increase the number of indoor participants from 50 to 100 people and allow open gym in the Browns Mill Recreation Center after the Labor Day Weekend.

According to Director Riley the trend in covid-19 cases within our region have reversed and the infection rate is on the rise. Position has been reversed and no longer seeking approval of Parks and Recreation Phase 3 Reopening.

Brief discussion.

Motion 1 - Councilmember Cobble motioned to approve the Parks and Recreation Phase 3 Reopening Re-evaluation as modified, to include the continuation of Phase 2 approved number of 50 participants for indoor activities and Phase 3 Reopening of outdoor activities; seconded by Councilmember Grimes.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

c. Approval – of RZ-21-002, Alphabet Day Care – *Jim Summerbell*.

To take action on a rezoning request for 3174 Miller Road. The applicant is requesting to rezone from Residential Med Lot (R-100) to Office Institutional (OI) to operate Child Day Care Center.



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Applicant is not present. Planning and Zoning Director Summerbell did confirm interest in applicant moving forward. Mr. Summerbell made suggestion to contact applicant.

Item moved to End of Agenda.

Applicant now present.

Motion 1 – Councilmember Turner motioned to approve rezoning request for 3174 Miller Road. The applicant is requesting to rezone from Residential Med Lot (R-100) to Office Institutional (OI) to operate Child Day Care Center as presented, with the stated conditions; seconded by Councilmember Grimes.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Approval** – of DeKalb Municipal Association Invoice – *Gia Scruggs*.

The DeKalb Municipal Association (DMA) allows cities within DeKalb County to pay a membership dues. The Finance Department received an invoice for the 2021 DMA dues in the amount of \$38, 432.10. The Finance Director is seeking approval to pay the invoice presented. Invoice is past due.

Motion 1 – Councilmember Turner motioned to approve DeKalb Municipal Association Invoice for 2021 as presented; seconded by Councilmember Cobble.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0. Directive provided for Finance Director to pay 2021 DMA Invoice.

- b. **Approval** – of FY22 Budget Calendar – *Gia Scruggs*.

The Finance Director and City Manager worked together to put together an annual budget process calendar. The current Charter states that the City Manager shall submit to Council a proposed operating and capital budget for the ensuing fiscal year by November 1.

Recommended action is to approve the FY22 Budget Calendar.

Motion 1 – Councilmember Cobble motioned to approve the FY22 Budget Calendar, as presented; seconded by Councilmember Grimes.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

- c. **Approval** – of City Hall Lease Amendment – *Janice Allen Jackson/Jim Nichols*.

Consider an amendment to our current lease with Stonecrest Center for additional space at 3120 Stonecrest Boulevard, the location of the current City Hall.

Brief Discussion. Consensus to Table Item C – Approval of City Hall Lease Amendment for Special Called Meeting Scheduled on Monday, October 4, 2021.



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Motion 1 – Councilmember Cobbled motioned to defer/table Item C – Approval of City Hall Lease Amendment for Special Called Meeting Scheduled on Monday, October 4, 2021, at 5:30pm; seconded by Councilmember Turner.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0. Item C Approval of City Hall Lease Amendment deferred for Special Called Meeting Scheduled on Monday, October 4, 2021, at 5:30pm.

d. Appointment – of Municipal Court Judge(s) – *Mayor Pro Tem George Turner.*

City of Stonecrest has been offered an opportunity to expand the number of qualified municipal judge for the city with the training and qualifying at the expense of the DeKalb State Court.

DeKalb County’s proposal to enlarge the number of municipal court judges for the City of Stonecrest in order to assist in the elimination of the DeKalb County State Court case backlog.

Appointments are of Honorable Judge Latasha Barnes, Honorable Judge Curtis Miller, and Honorable Judge Janet Scott.

Motion 1 - Councilmember Cobble motioned to appoint the Municipal Court Judgeships, as presented; seconded by Councilmember Grimes.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

e. Approval – of Vehicle for Multi-department Use – *Mayor Jason Lary.*

Mayor Lary seeking action from Council to purchase a vehicle for use by departments as reference on the email thread within agenda packet.

Inquire made by Councilmember Clanton, to confirm that vehicle will not be assigned to any individual. Confirmed.

Brief discussion.

Mayor *Pro Tem* Turner recommended that City form an alliance with other agencies in the city that does not have the same restrictions as Government. Further recommends that Council “hold off on this.”

Motion 1 – Councilmember Cobble motioned to deny the Vehicle for Multi-department Use, as presented; seconded by Councilmember Grimes.

Councilmember Clanton made inquiry into the definition of ‘denial’. Councilmember Cobble responds.

Motion carried 4-0. Councilmember Clanton descents – Nay.

Mayor Lary yields to Mayor *Pro Tem* Turner in request to add Special Called Meeting to reinstate Mayor’s original vehicle allowance. Mayor *Pro Tem* Turner stated that matter would be addressed



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and returned to meeting at hand.

f. Appointment – of Finance Oversight Committee Member.

District 3 had a change in member appointed to the Finance Oversight Committee. Finance Committee Member Jennifer Moore will no longer be able to serve at this time. Councilmember and Finance Oversight Committee Chair Cobble would like to appoint Michael Strong to committee.

Motion 1 - Councilmember Cobble motioned to appoint Michael Strong to Finance Oversight Committee Member to replace Jennifer Moore; seconded by Councilmember Clanton.

Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

XII. CITY MANAGER UPDATE

a. COVID Update.

COVID Update provided by Acting City Manager Janice Allen Jackson. Acting City Manager responded to City Council inquiries.

b. American Rescue Plan Update.

American Rescue Plan Update provided by Acting City Manager Janice Allen Jackson. To date, two (2) proposals have been received.

Brief discussion. Inquires responded by Acting City Manager and Mr. Bartlett.

XIII. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Held until after Executive Session.

No additional comments from Acting City Manager or City Attorney.

Mayor threatened to show everyone his “hairy behind” the next time he feels disrespected. Mayor further commented on the reduction of his vehicle allowance/vehicle reimbursement and expresses frustration.

District 1 Councilmember Clanton recognized Mr. Wyatt and District 5 citizen for reaching a milestone of 100 Years Old. Made announcement of Community Awareness Event on October 9th.

District 2 Councilmember Turner commented on Covid-19 and staying safe.

District 3 Councilmember Cobble announced upcoming event – Screen on the Green and Entrepreneur Expose on October 2nd.

District 5 Councilmember Grimes discussed HB 202 and upcoming event to discuss the same.

District 4 Mayor *Pro Tem* Turner announced upcoming construction activity within the city and meeting to discuss the development of the houses. When date has been confirmed, informational link will be sent to the public. Encouraged vaccination to fight the spread of Covid 19.



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XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

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

Motion 1 - Councilmember Cobble moved to go into Executive Session for Legal and Real Estate matters; seconded by Councilmember Turner.

Motion 1 - Motion carried unanimously 5-0.

Motion 2 - Second motion made by Councilmember Turner to return to the Virtual City Council Meeting; seconded by Councilmember Cobble.

Motion 2 - Second motion carried unanimously 5-0.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor *Pro Tem* Turner moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Cobble motioned to adjourn; seconded by Councilmember Grimes.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:09pm.