



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

February 25, 2019

7:00 p.m.

3120 Stonecrest Blvd. Suite 190

Stonecrest, Georgia

I. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Jason Lary

II. ROLL CALL: All members were present

III. INVOCATION: Mayor Jason Lary

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

V. ADOPTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:

Councilwoman Adoma requested adding for discussion the cell phone tower located at 3610 Evans Mill Road. Councilman Rob Turner provided the second to add the cell phone tower for discussion. Mayor Lary removed item #3: 2019 Comprehensive Plan Adoption.

Mary Lary motioned to approve the agenda. Councilwoman Adoma provided the second.

VI. MINUTES:

1) January 28, 2019 minutes:

Councilman George Turner made a motion to approve the January 28, 2019 minutes with corrections. Councilwoman Adoma provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

2) February 11, 2019 minutes

Councilman Rob turner made a motion to approve the February 11, 2019 minutes with corrections. George Turner provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

VII. PRESENTATION:

Mary Lary presented awards to the following:

- Charlotte Della Kaine, CEO of Stonecrest Fest
- Mr. Julius Lee, Stonecrest first Iron Man and 2016-2019 World-Wide Fitbit winner.
- Mr. Bernard Knight was awarded with the Key to the City for his diligence and five years of service to the City of Stonecrest
- Audrey Mays was presented with the official award for Excellence in Financial Reporting

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Faye Coffield expressed concerns about neighbor who illegally removed several trees. She also expressed concerns about the cell phone tower and an upcoming gas station in her community.
- Ms. B. Ausberry was concerned with short term rental located at 3311 Dogwood Pass.
- Susan Lee asked the Council not to approve the Grice Contract.
- Tammy Grimes spoke against the cell phone tower located at 3610 Evans Mill Road.
- Cheryl Mathis spoke against the cell phone tower located at 3610 Evans Mill Road.

IX. OLD BUSINESS:

1. SPLOST Program Management

Councilman George Turner stated that based on the information provided by the SPLOST Oversight Committee the Council need to decide soon. Councilman George Turner moved to defer the SPLOST Program Management to a Special Called meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 6th at 7 p.m.

Mayor Lary suggested moving this topic to the March 11th meeting. Councilman George Turner stated that the paperwork still might not be ready by the time of the next council meeting either. Mayor Lary yielded to the city attorney for advice.

The city attorney stated that a draft contract to the city manager who forwarded the contract to the council. The city attorney indicated that a copy was also sent to Mr.

Brown who is the attorney for Grice Consultants, Inc. Attorney Denmark stated that the recent revisions had not been reviewed by the Council yet. Attorney Denmark stated that he will do his best to get the contract ready for review.

Councilman George Turner stated that a delay would be costly. Mayor Lary reiterated that the topic could be discussed at the next council meeting. He said he saw no value in rushing it before the next meeting. Mayor Lary said that he had other obligations and would not be able to attend a Wednesday meeting.

Based on the information provided by the city attorney, Councilman George Turner stated that the Special Call meeting would be possible if the attorney was able to prepare the contract in a timely manner prior to the Monday, March 11th meeting.

Mayor Lary asked if Councilman George Turner was amending his motion. Councilman George Turner stated that he was amending his motion. While in discussion Councilwoman Adoma asked the City Attorney about the contents of the contract. Mr. Thibodaux stated that it isn't appropriate to discuss what the attorney and client discussed. Attorney Denmark stated that the negotiations are a delicate matter and should not be discussed in an open meeting.

Councilwoman clarified her question and said that what she was asking is how many times the city attorney and the client discussed the contract. The attorney stated that there were several emails and calls until it was time for the attorney to come to the meeting.

Mayor Lary moved to for a substitute motion to move the review and/or approval of the contracts at the March 11th meeting. This would give the both the attorney time to prepare the documents properly and give the council time to review the contracts. Mary Lary reminded council that it has been over a year and that two more weeks won't be a problem. George Turner provided the second.

Councilman George Turner stated he was not sure if this was a proper procedure to undo the previous vote. Attorney Denmark stated someone on the prevailing side can motion to reconsider the previous motion which had been properly motioned and second.

Mayor Lary motioned to approve the SPLOST Comprehensive Plan. Councilman Clanton provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

2. SPLOST Comprehensive Transportation Plan

Councilman George Turner made a motion to defer. Councilwoman Adoma provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

3. Chapter 7—Building Code: 2nd Read
Councilman George Turner made a motion to approve. Councilman Rob Turner provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**
4. Motel/Hotel Tax Resolution
Councilman George Turner made a motion to approve the noted corrections. Councilman Rob Turner provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**
5. Cell Tower
There was discussion regarding how the city should handle applications or permits for cell towers. Councilwoman Adoma suggested creating a moratorium. Mayor Lary stated he will ask the city attorney to provide information as to the legal rights of the City.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consent Resolution: Heritage Townhomes (Chupp Road)
Councilman Clanton made a motion to approve. Councilman Rob Turner provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

XI. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. RZ 19-0001 (4001-3989 Panola Road)
It was recommended by the client and staff to defer this item. Mayor Lary asked for a motion to defer. Councilman Clanton made a motion to defer. Councilman Rob Turner provided the second. **The motion carried 5-1.** Councilman George Turner opposed.
2. TMOD 19-0002 (Child & Personal Care Homes)—First read

XII. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS

Michael Harris stated that he enjoyed working for the City of Stonecrest and said thanks for the opportunity. Mr. Harris thanked the city council and the community.

XIII. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS

Attorney Denmark expressed his thanks to Mr. Harris for the many years of help he has provided both at Stonecrest and at the City of Stockbridge. Mr. Denmark stated that he will correct the Resolution because he had forwarded the wrong version.

XIV. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Adoma announced the celebration of Black History Month on February 28th at the Murphy Candler Elementary School. There will also be a Smart City Art

contest. Three cell phone companies along with their Vice Presidents and Governing Affairs Managers will also be available from the VPs and Governing Affairs managers. The meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. at City Hall.

Councilman George Turner announced that the Flat Rock Archive exhibit and reception at 6:00 p.m. on April 28th. This will be held at the old courthouse. A community meeting will be held at the Salem-Panola Library from 7-8:00 p.m. on February 26th.

There will be a meeting at Big Miller Grove Missionary Baptist Church with the Department of Transportation (DOT) to roll out their plans for improvements for Panola Road. The meeting will take place March 5th from 5-7 p.m.

Councilman Clanton thanked Michael Harris for his work and stated that it was a pleasure working with him. Councilman Clanton also announced a meeting to be held on Saturday, March 2nd at the Stonecrest Library at 10:00 a.m. Councilman Clanton stated that Cassius Coleman, Development Manager for Beverly J. Searles Foundation to address concerns about the housing authority. Mary Darby will be available to discuss the 2038 Comprehensive Plan. Also Attorney Bernard Knight who has been instrumental in helping neighborhoods avoid unwanted cell phone towers.

Councilman Rob Turner thanked Michael Harris for his service. Councilman Rob Turner announced that he will hold his first townhall meeting on Thursday, March 7th and on Saturday, March 9th Councilman Rob Turner will host a breakfast at The House of Hope. Congressman Hank Johnson, a representative from MARTA and GDOT will also be at the breakfast. This event will be held at The House of Hope from 9:00 until 11:00 a.m.

Councilwoman Cobble encouraged the community to come out to the meeting on March 9th to get further information concerning the GDOT project on Panola Road redesign. Councilwoman Cobble also stated that the District 3 quarterly meeting will be held on the 3rd week in March.

Mayor Lary stated that he will participate in the inauguration of Pastor Jamal Bryant on March 10th at New Birth. Mayor Lary will present the official seal of the City of Stonecrest to Pastor Jamal Bryant. Mayor Lary praised Michael Harris for his work ethics and integrity.

XV. ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Lary called for adjournment at 9:43 p.m.

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION: None required

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