



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

Tammy Grimes – District 5

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 26, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting Available to the Public via YouTube Live

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Jason Lary
- II. ROLL CALL:** All members present.
- III. INVOCATION:** Invocation was led by Council Member Rob Turner.
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- V. APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL AGENDA:**

There was much discussion regarding Public Hearings being held virtually.

Mayor Lary suggested the amendment to the agenda to remove the Public Hearing for RZ-20-001 and place it on the June 8, 2020 Council Agenda if the applicant agrees to sign the waiver from the in person public hearing.

Motion 1- was made by Council Member Rob Turner to approve the agenda with the stated amendments and was seconded by Mayor Jason Lary.

Motion passed unanimously.

- VI. MINUTES:**
 - a. May 11, 2020 Minutes Council Meeting Minutes**
Approval of the Minutes

Motion 2- was made by Council Member George Turner to approve the May 11, 2020 Minutes with the correction to item 6a to include the correction under new

business that the Mayor and Council will discuss the contracts at a Special Called Meeting and was seconded by Council Member Jimmy Clanton.

Motion passed unanimously.

VII. PRESENTATIONS:

a. Council Member Tammy Grimes acknowledged the 2020 Retired Teachers and Support Staff from DeKalb County.

1. Albert Bell - Teacher: Health and Physical Ed. - Stoneview Elementary
2. Joette Edge – School Nurse (RN/LPN): – Stoneview Elementary
3. Glenda Hoskins – Teacher: Spanish – Martin Luther High Jr. High School
4. Nettie McCrary-Brown – Teacher: Interrelated: Support Services/Instruction at– Murphey-Candler Elem.
5. Barbara Middlebrooks – Assistant: The School Office – Miller Grove High
6. Patricia Ramsey – Teacher: Kindergarten - E.L. Bouie, Sr. Elementary
7. Allen Sampson - Teacher, Health and Physical Ed. –Martin Luther High Jr. High School
8. Taneesha Thomas - Administrative Support - Arabia Mountain High School
9. Harriett Thompson – School Nutrition Assistant – Lithonia Middle School
10. Tracey Williams – Assistant Principal – Salem Middle School
11. Janis McDonald – Teacher: Special Education – Lithonia High School

VIII. APPOINTMENTS:

a. None

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS

RECEIVED VIA EMAIL AND READ ALOUD BY CITY CLERK INTO THE MINUTES

a. Pyper Green- I am a 30 year resident of Dekalb county, and a homeowner for 26 of those years. I recently discovered you all have allowed a concrete recycling plant to start building in my residential area. This cannot happen. This is going to RUIN our quality of life as well as our home values. This literally going up in our backyards. We expect white officials to do this, but we don't expect BLACK elected officials to sell us out. We are asking that you all stop this development. Please do not do this our communities. The chemicals that have been shown in a 2017 study will contaminate

our communities. The noise from the trucks will also affect our quality of life. NO ONE advised us of this development, or we would have come out in full force. In fact there was opposition to this in January 202, but you all still voted for it. There are other areas in Dekalb county for this. Send this to NORTH Dekalb county. Why is this being dumped on a predominantly Black RESIDENTIAL AREA?

Elections are coming up. IN addition, we may also need to seek legal recourse if this development is allowed to destroy our community. Please stop this plant from being built in our backyards.

b. Jeremy Scott

Valaise Path

Stonecrest, GA 30038

Good evening,

I would like to comment know. Ode enforcement within our city, while I have generally been pleased with the responsiveness of code enforcement it's is clear that our code enforcement is much more reactive than proactive. Many of the code complaints that I have submitted over the last couple of years should have been easily spotted by a code officer driving through the major corridors in Stonecrest, however I have been disappointed to find that in many instances my code request were the first for a given property.

As a city we are still setting our baseline, it is imperative that code enforcement take a proactive approach and begin citing business owners and plazas within our city under their own volition. Seeing enforcement officers in plazas and businesses should become common place. We need to set the standards for the city we want to be, and once that baseline has been set we can relax and take a more reactionary approach. Grime covered buildings and overgrown landscaping shouldn't be common place here but unfortunately it is.

X. PUBLIC HEARING

a. Moved to June 8, 2020

XI. NEW BUSINESS

a. Moved to June 8, 2020

- b. **Lot Combination for Parcels: 16-132-1-1, 16-132-2-2, 16-132-2-3, 16-133-1-2, 16-125-1-153, 16-124-1-3, 16-132-1-19**

Motion 3- was made by Mayor Jason Lary to approve the Lot Combination after Chris Wheeler verifies the parcel numbers are correct and was seconded by Council Member George Turner.

Motion passed unanimously.

XII. OLD BUSINESS

None.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion 4- was made by Council Member George Turner to go into Executive Session for personnel matters and was seconded by Mayor Jason Lary.

Motion passed 5-1 with Council Member Jimmy Clanton voting nay.

Motion 5- was made by Council Member Rob Turner to reenter into Regular Session and was seconded by Council Member George Turner.

Motion passed unanimously.

XIV. CITY MANAGER UPDATE

Deputy City Manager Plez Joyner- None

XV. CITY ATTORNEY

None.

XVI. MAYOR AND COUNCIL UPDATES

Council Member Jimmy Clanton- None

Council Member Rob Turner- Stay Healthy, Stay Wise, and Be Safe.

Council Member Jazzmin Cobble- Echoed the sentiments from Council Member Rob Turner and keep everyone in your prayers and fill out Census 2020.

Council Member George Turner- 2020 Census Count is currently at 49% in Stonecrest. Keep completing the Census!

Council Member Tammy Grimes- Will be conducting a 2020 Census at the Evans Mill Townhomes along with the Delta Sorority.

Mayor Jason Lary- The Stonecrest Industrial Parks and new Residential Buildings are growing. We need more growth in the Commercial aspect.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion 6- was made by Council Member George Turner to adjourn and was seconded by Council Member Tammy Grims.

Motion passed unanimously.

Read and adopted in the regular meeting of the City Council held on this ____ day of _____, 2020.

Mayor Jason Lary

ATTEST:

Megan P. Reid, City Clerk