

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

August 7, 2017

10:00a.m.

Stonecrest Library

3123 Klondike Road, Lithonia, Georgia

- I. **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Lary called the meeting to order at 10:06am
- II. **ROLL CALL:** Mayor and all Council were present.
- III. **INVOCATION:** Attorney Tom Kurrie
- IV. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
- V. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Faye Coffield spoke on International businesses in the City of Stonecrest, the condition of Stonecrest Mall and pay increases for Mayor and Council.
- VI. **MINUTES:** Council Member George Turner said the Attorney's name was spelled incorrectly on the August 2, 2017 Council Minutes. Council Member Adoma made a motion to approve the minutes of July 17, 2017 City Council Meeting, July 24, 2017 Special Called Meeting, July 31, 2017 Special Called Meeting and August 2, 2017 Special Called Meeting with the correction in the spelling of the City Attorney's name. Council Member Clanton provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**
- VII. **ADOPTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:** Council Member Rob Turner made a motion to adopt the agenda moving items #12 – Appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals and item #16- Adoption of the Ordinance to Adopt Gas Franchise Fee to the next Council Meeting. Council Member Adoma provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**
- VIII. **PRESENTATIONS:** None
- IX. **PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS:**

1. Adoption of the Ordinance of Procedures for Zoning Hearings

City Attorney Emily M. Preston gave an overview of the Procedures for Zoning Hearings.

Council Member George Turner made a motion to open the public hearing with Council Member Clanton providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

In Favor – No speakers

Against- No speakers

Council Member George Turner made a motion to close the public hearing with Council Member Cobble providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Council Member Adoma made a motion to adopt the Ordinance of Procedures for Zoning Hearings with Council Member Rob Turner providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

2. Adoption of the Ordinance for Chapter 27-Zoning Ordinance

City Attorney Emily M. Preston gave an overview of Chapter 27 Zoning Ordinance.

Council Member Adoma made a motion to open the public hearing with Council Member Clanton providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

In Favor- Mera Cardenas

Against- No speakers

Council Member George Turner made a motion to close the public hearing with Council Member Rob Turner providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Council Member George Turner made a motion to adopt the Ordinance for Chapter 27- Zoning Ordinance with Council Member Clanton providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

3. Adoption of the Ordinance Chapter 21- Sign Ordinance

City Attorney Emily M. Preston gave an overview of Chapter 21 Sign Ordinance.

Council Member Clanton made a motion to open the public hearing with Council Member Rob Turner providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

In Favor- Faye Coffield
Against- No speakers

Council Member Rob Turner made a motion to close the public hearing with Council Member Adoma providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Council Member George Turner made a motion to adopt Chapter 21 Sign Ordinance with Council Member Clanton providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

4. Adoption of the Official Zoning Map of the City of Stonecrest

City Attorney Emily M. Preston gave an overview of the Official Zoning Map for the City of Stonecrest.

Council Member Clanton made a motion to open the public hearings with Council Member Rob Turner providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

In Favor – No Speakers
Against- No Speakers

Council Member Clanton made a motion to close the public hearing with Council Member Adoma providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Council Member George Turner made a motion to adopt the Official Zoning Map with Exhibit A- Official Zoning Map, Stonecrest, Georgia electronic and paper version and supporting documentation, Exhibit B- Official Zoning Map, Stonecrest, Georgia Stonecrest Area Overlay District and Exhibit C- Official Zoning Map, Stonecrest, Georgia, I-20 Corridor Overlay District. Council Member Clanton provided the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

5. Adoption of the Ordinance for the Comprehensive Plan

City Attorney, Emily M. Preston gave an overview of the Comprehensive Plan.

Council Member Clanton made a motion to open the public hearing with Council Member George Turner providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

In Favor- No Speakers

Against – No Speakers

Council Member George Turner made a motion to close the public hearing with Council Member Adoma providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Council Member Adoma made a motion to adopt the Ordinance for the Comprehensive Plan with Council Member Clanton providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

6. Adoption of the Ordinance to Adopt Chapter 15-Licenses, Permits and Miscellaneous Business Regulations of the Code of Ordinances

City Attorney Emily M. Preston gave an overview on Chapter 15- Licenses, Permits and Miscellaneous Business Regulations of the Code of Ordinances.

Council Member George Turner made a motion to open the public hearing with Council Member Adoma providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

In Favor – No Speakers

Against- No Speakers

Council Member Cobble made a motion to close the public hearing with Council Member George Turner providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Council Member Rob Turner made a motion to approve the Ordinance to adopt Chapter 15-Licenses, Permits and Miscellaneous Business Regulations with Council Member Adoma providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

7. Adoption of the Ordinance for Permit Fee Schedules, Signs and Development Permits

City Attorney Emily M. Preston gave an overview of the Permit Fee Schedules, Signs and Development Permits.

Council Member Rob Turner made a motion to open the public hearing with Council Member Clanton providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

In Favor – No Speaker

Against- No Speakers

Council Member George Turner made a motion to close the public hearing with Council Member Adoma providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Council Member Adoma made a motion to adopt the Ordinance for Permit Fee Schedules, Sign and Development Permits with Council Member George Turner providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

8. Adoption of an Ordinance to Adopt Classifications by Business Profitability of the City of Stonecrest

City Attorney Emily M. Preston gave an overview on the Classifications by Business Profitability of the City of Stonecrest.

Council Member Adoma made a motion to open the public hearing with Council Member Clanton providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

In Favor- No Speakers

Against- No Speakers

Council Member Clanton made a motion to close the public hearing with Council Member George Turner providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Council Member George Turner made a motion to approve the Ordinance to adopt Classifications by Business Profitability of the City of Stonecrest with Council Member Adoma providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

X. AGENDA ITEMS

9. Approval of the Resolution to Appoint the Chief Judge and Judge Pro Tempore for the City of Stonecrest Municipal Court

Mayor Lary made a motion to appoint Jonathan Weintraub the Chief Judge for the City of Stonecrest with Council Member Clanton providing the second. Council Members Rob Turner, Clanton, Adoma and Mayor Lary voted yes and Council Members George Turner and Cobble voted no. **The motion passed.**

Mayor Lary made a motion to appoint Michael Sheridan Judge Pro Temp for the City of Stonecrest with Council Member Clanton providing the second. Council Members Rob Turner, Clanton, Adoma and Mayor Lary voted yes and Council Members George Turner and Cobble voting no. **The motion passed.**

10. Appointment to the Community Improvement District

Mayor Lary explained this appointment is for the East Metro Community Improvement District. There was much discussion as to whether this was a Council or Mayor appointee. Council Member Clanton made a motion to appoint Attorney Bernard Knight to the East Metro Community Improvement District. Council Member Adoma providing the second.

Council Member Cobble made a substitute motion to defer this appointment with Council Member Rob Turner providing the second. A vote was taken on the substitute motion. Council Members George Turner, Adoma, Clanton and Mayor Lary voted no and Council Members Rob Turner and Cobble voted yes. **The substitute motion failed.**

A vote was taken on the original motion to appoint Attorney Bernard Knight to the East Metro Community Improvement District. Council Members George Turner, Adoma, Clanton and Mayor Lary voted yes with Council Members Rob Turner and Cobble voting no. **The motion passed.**

11. Appointments to the Planning and Zoning Commission

Mayor Lary made a motion to appoint J.W. Eady, District 1, Wanda McNeil, District 2, Eric Hubbard, District 3, Michelle Emanuel, District 4 and Lisa Wright, District 5 to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Council Member Clanton provided the second. Council Members George Turner and Cobble said the person appointed in their District was not their suggested person. A vote was taken and Council Members Clanton, Rob Turner, Adoma and Mayor Lary voted yes and Council Members George Turner and Cobble voted no. **The motion passed.**

12. Appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals

This item was deferred to the next Council Meeting.

13. Adoption of the Ordinance to Adopt Chapter 8 Franchises and Article 1 in General of the City of Stonecrest, Georgia Code of Ordinances

Council Member Adoma made a motion to approve the adoption of the Ordinance for Chapter 8 Franchise and Article 1 in General of the City of Stonecrest with Council Member Clanton providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

14. Adoption of the Ordinance to Adopt Article 2 Electrical Franchises in Chapter 8 Franchises of the City of Stonecrest, Georgia Code of Ordinances

Council Member Clanton made a motion to approve the adoption of the Ordinance for Article 2 Electrical Franchises in Chapter 8 Franchises of the City of Stonecrest with Council Member George Turner providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

15. Adoption of the Ordinance for Soil Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control

Council Member Adoma made a motion to approve the Adoption of the Ordinance for Soil Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control with Council Member Clanton providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

16. Adoption of the Ordinance to adopt Gas Franchise Fees in Chapter 8 Franchises of the City of Stonecrest

This item was deferred to the next Council Meeting.

17. Adoption of the Ordinance for the Collection of Hotel, Motel Tax

Council Member Clanton made a motion to approve the Adoption of the Ordinance for the Collection of Hotel, Motel Tax adding to Section B *“the effective date of the hotel motel tax shall be the first day of the second month from the date this ordinance is passed. The effective date for collection of this tax shall be the date this ordinance is passed by the City’s Mayors or Council, otherwise stated as August 7, 2017”* and Section D replace this section, with this Ordinance. Council Member Adoma providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

18. Approval of a Resolution setting the Zoning Calendar for 2017

Council Member Clanton made a motion to approve the Resolution setting the Zoning Calendar for 2017 with Council Member George Turner providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

19. Approval to change the September 4, 2017 City Council Meeting to September 5, 2017 at 10:00am

Council Member Adoma made a motion to change the September 4, 2017 City Council Meeting to September 5, 2017 with Council Member George Turner providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously.**

XI. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS:

Michael Harris, City Manager spoke on the increase in staff with new Code Enforcement Officers and Building Official. He said the moratorium lifts at mid-night August 8, 2017 and the permanent City Hall buildout should be completed in mid to late October. He announced the Town Hall meeting hosted by Council Member Rob Turner at Lou Walker Center.

XII. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS:

Attorney Laura Cosgray said they are currently working on the notice letter to Dekalb County and the IGA with Dekalb for the elections. She also said upcoming is an Ordinance for Chapters 1 and 2, Purchasing Policy, Chapters 7,9,14,16 and 24. Attorney Fincher's Office is working on Energy Excise Tax.

XIII. MAYOR AND COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Council Member Cobble had no comments.

Council Member George Turner had no comments.

Council Member Adoma spoke on the Hank Johnson and Georgia Literacy and GED Gradation Program and Citywide project with DeKalb County.

Council Member Clanton commended the staff and invited everyone to visit City Hall.

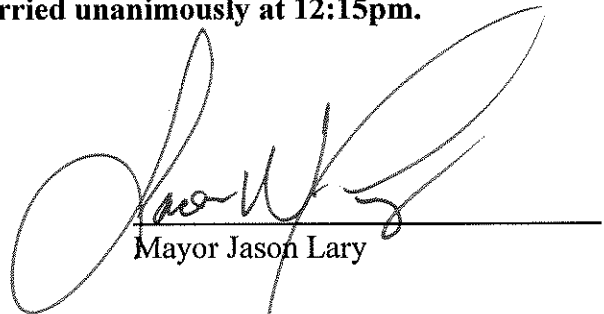
Council Member Rob Turner left the meeting at 11:45am.

Mayor Lary spoke on the progress of the city, the appointment of the Judges, appointment of the representative to the East Metro DIC, International business and no pay raise for Mayor and Council.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

Council Member Clanton made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Mayor Lary providing the second. **The motion carried unanimously at 12:15pm.**


Brenda James, Interim City Clerk


Mayor Jason Lary