



CITY OF STONECREST, GEORGIA

PRESS RELEASE

The City of Stonecrest was established to deliver city services to our constituents in a manner that provided efficiencies in operations that result in cost savings. We, the City Council Members, take that obligation very seriously.

It is our belief that after four years of a third-party vendor management style of city operations, the citizens of Stonecrest will be better served through the hiring of our own employees and internal management. We believe that by providing services internally, our citizens will finally receive the enhanced service delivery that they would expect from a newly created city.

With the recent passage of SB21 that provides a clear delineation of power between the city's executive and legislative branches of government, the City Council has been able to obtain insight into how well city operations and service delivery is being provided by Jacobs Engineering. The City Council identified that employees of Jacobs Engineering mismanaged \$6.2 million in Federal Cares Act funds and identified questionable operational and financial controls. The City Council agrees with Jacobs Engineering that it's time to part ways.

The City Council has tasked our Acting City Manager, Mrs. Janice Allen Jackson, to employ the necessary resources to move us toward being a full service city by hiring our own employees and instituting proper management and financial controls.

We believe this approach will continue to advance our efforts to restore confidence throughout our community and provide the level of service the citizens and stakeholders of Stonecrest hoped for and deserve. Additionally, by moving away from the third-party vendor style of management, the city will realize substantial cost savings and redirect those savings to areas that enhance the quality of life for our citizens.

Although the transition will require heavy lifting over the next 6 months, these are exciting times in the City of Stonecrest! We look forward to continuing to build on the progress we have made over the last 3 months.

Proudly Serving,

Jimmy Clanton- District 1

Rob Turner- District 2

Jazzmin Cobble- District 3

George Turner- District 4

Tammy Grimes- District 5

Mayor Pro Tempore

City Council: 90 Day Key Accomplishments

- Investigated the administration of \$6.2 million of 2020 Federal CARES Act funds
- Initiated discussions surrounding equitable use of our 2021 American Rescue Plan funds
- Instituted several policies to safeguard city finances: 1) authorized check signers, 2) 2 signers requirement for checks over \$25k, 3) bonded check signer requirement
- Restricted the use of purchasing cards and adopted policy changes to include training and penalties for misuse
- Terminated contracts and denied payments to vendors who did not have properly executed contracts
- Approved a properly executed contract for road resurfacing under the SPLOST program
- Assessed draft version of zoning code updates
- Formalized a process to get citizen input on planning and zoning matters
- Approved formation of several citizen advisory committees to review and make recommendations on city operations
- Charged staff with developing an outreach and public education plan for citizen engagement
- Approved re-opening of our recreational facilities
- Began re-evaluating economic development initiatives and priorities
- Explored cost savings opportunities through the sale of vacant city owned buildings