



**CITY OF STATESBORO
Council Minutes
March 07, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on March 07, 2017 at 9:00p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Jan J. Moore, Council Members: Phil Boyum, Jeff Yawn, John Riggs and Travis Chance. Also present were City Manager Randy Wetmore, Deputy City Manager Robert Cheshire, City Clerk Sue Starling and City Attorney Cain Smith. Councilman Sam Lee Jones joined the meeting by phone

The meeting was called to Order by Mayor Jan J. Moore.

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Jeff Yawn.

Recognitions/Public Presentations

A) Citywide Strategic Plan kickoff presentation by consultants AMEC Foster

An overview of the citywide strategic plan was presented by the consultants of AMEC Foster. Present was Paige Hatley, Lewis Hodges and Bill Ross.

B) Recognition of the findings associated with the Statesboro Fire Department's recent VFIS (Volunteer Firemen's Insurance Services) Risk Assessment Survey.

Fire Chief Tim Grams shared the findings of the Risk Assessment Survey as he recognized members of the City Shop and Fire Department for their involvement in the success of the survey.

C) Presentation of Employee Years of Service Awards

Director of Human Resource Jeff Grant, along with the Mayor and Council, presented the 15, 20 and 25 years of service awards to numerous employees from departments throughout the City.

Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

Mayor Moore stated that Councilman Jones has joined the meeting by phone and as a reminder as stated by the Charter, a phone vote is not counted as a vote.

Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

- A) Approval of Minutes**
 - a) 02-21-2017 Council Minutes**
 - b) 02-21-2017 Executive Session Minutes**

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to approve the consent agenda in its entirety. Councilman Boyum, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Recognition and Consideration of a Motion to Adopt Resolution 2017-11: A Resolution honoring Sgt. John Allen Smith upon his retirement for 29 years of service for the City of Statesboro Police Department.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to Adopt Resolution 2017-11: A Resolution honoring Sgt. John Allen Smith upon his retirement of 29 years of service for the City of Statesboro Police Department. Councilman Boyum, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Mr. Allen was presented a plaque for his 29 years of service in the Police Department. Mr. Allen thanked everyone for allowing him to be a part of the City.

Interim Chief of Police Rob Bryan announced a drop in reception would be held on Thursday afternoon.

Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve Alcohol License Applications:

- A) The Library**
Martin Medrano
125 Gata Drive
Statesboro Ga 30458

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to open the public hearing. Councilman Boyum, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Detective Winskey presented evidence in regards to the information found when performing a background search on Martin Medrano.

No one spoke for or against the request.

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to close the public hearing. Councilman Boyum, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to deny the alcohol application for “The Library”. Councilman Boyum, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

- B) Little Italy**
Frank Cortese
450 South Main Street
Statesboro Ga 30458

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to open the public hearing. Councilman Boyum, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

No one spoke for or against the request.

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to close the public hearing. Councilman Boyum, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to approve the alcohol application for Little Italy. Councilman Boyum, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Second Reading and Consideration of a Motion to Adopt Ordinance 2017-07: An Ordinance to amend Section 6-19 of the City of Statesboro Code of Ordinances (Alcoholic Beverages) to modify the procedures for administrative hearings on license violations.

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to adopt Ordinance 2017-07: An Ordinance to amend Section 6-19 of the City of Statesboro Code of Ordinances (Alcoholic Beverages) to modify the procedures for administrative hearings on license violations. The motion included amending Section 13 of the proposed ordinance that was included in the agenda packet. The amendment should read: (13) Appeal of a final decision which imposes a license suspension shall be in the form of a written appeal stating the reason(s) why the licensee disagrees with the decision of the Administrative Judge. The Administrative Judge may make a written response to said appeal. Mayor and Council shall make a determination on whether or not to alter the final decision by either increasing or lessening the sanctions based solely on review of the original written decision, licensee's written appeal, and any appeal response by the Administrative Judge. No oral argument or evidentiary hearing shall be allowed or considered by Mayor and Council. Any further appeal from the determination of Mayor and Council shall be by Petition for Certiorari to the Superior Court of Bulloch County. Councilman Boyum, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to Adopt Resolution 2017-07: A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to apply for a grant from the Georgia Department of Transportation's FY 2017 Multimodal Safety & Access Program.

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to adopt Resolution 2017-07: A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to apply for a grant from the Georgia Department of Transportation's FY 2017 Multimodal Safety & Access Program. Councilman Boyum, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to Adopt Resolution 2017-12: A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for the Georgia Department of Transportation's 2017 Additional Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) for Off-System Safety. If awarded, the grant will be applied to the Installation of Sidewalk on East Main/S.R. 24, Installation of a Pedestrian Crossing on Lester Road at Statesboro High School, and restriping of city streets.

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to adopt Resolution 2017-12: A Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for the Georgia Department of Transportation's 2017 Additional Local Maintenance and Improvement Grant (LMIG) for Off-

System Safety. If awarded, the grant will be applied to the Installation of Sidewalk on East Main/S.R. 24, Installation of a Pedestrian Crossing on Lester Road at Statesboro High School, and restriping of city streets. Councilman Boyum, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to Adopt Resolution 2017-08: A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a lease agreement on behalf of the City in the amount of \$300.00 per year with Norfolk Southern referred to as Activity 1215027 for the purpose of a dog park.

Director of DSDA Allen Muldrew spoke in favor of the request.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to adopt **Resolution 2017-08**: A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a lease agreement on behalf of the City in the amount of \$300.00 per year with Norfolk Southern referred to as Activity 1215027 for the purpose of a dog park. Councilman Boyum, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to Adopt Resolution 2017-09: A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a lease agreement on behalf of the City in the amount of \$300.00 per year with Norfolk Southern referred to as Activity 1215028 for the purpose of a green space.

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to adopt **Resolution 2017-09**: A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a lease agreement on behalf of the City in the amount of \$300.00 per year with Norfolk Southern referred to as Activity 1215028 for the purpose of a green space. Councilman Boyum, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to Adopt Resolution 2017-10: A Resolution authorizing the waiver of any payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) by the Statesboro Housing Authority to the City of Statesboro for the 2016 tax year in the amount of \$20,941.98.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to adopt **Resolution 2017-10**: A Resolution authorizing the waiver of any payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) by the Statesboro Housing Authority to the City of Statesboro for the 2016 tax year in the amount of \$20,941.98. Councilman Boyum, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Other Business from City Council

Mayor Moore announced that Dal Canady will complete his final 100 mile walk today at 11:30 am with lunch at Gnat's Landing.

Director of Planning and Zoning Frank Neal stated the department will be scheduling a public meeting for the community to be involved in the Strategic Planning Process.

City Managers Comments

- A) E-billing for utilities**
- B) FY2018 Budget Retreat set for April 14th, 2017**

City Clerk Sue Starling and IT Specialist Salomon Gongalez updated Council on the e-billing (GO Paperless) process. The e-bills are now available for citizens to sign up and receive their utility bills by e-mail. They will not receive a paper bill.

City Manager Randy Wetmore announced the Budget Retreat is schedule for April 14, 2017 at 8:30 am in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

Public Comments (General) None

Consideration of a Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss “Potential Litigation” in accordance with O.C.G.A.§50-14-3 (2012)

Mayor Moore stated there would be no Executive Session.

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Boyum, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.