



**CITY OF STATESBORO
Council Minutes
March 21, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on March 21, 2017 at 5:30p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Jan J. Moore, Council Members: Phil Boyum, Sam Lee Jones, Jeff Yawn and John Riggs. Also present were City Manager Randy Wetmore, Deputy City Manager Robert Cheshire, City Clerk Sue Starling and City Attorney Cain Smith. Councilman Travis chance was absent.

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

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was given by DSDA Director Allen Muldrew.

Recognitions/Public Presentations

A) Presentation of Retirement for Dallas McPhee, Fire Inspector, Fire Department, after 22 years of service

Dallas Mc Phee was not present therefore; this item was tabled until a later date.

Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

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Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to approve the consent agenda in it's entirety. Councilman Boyum, Jones and Yawn voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve APPLICATION # V 17-02-02: Nick Stein requests a variance from Article XV Section 1509(C) Table 4 of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance regarding the maximum aggregate sign area in Sign District 2 for 460 Northside Drive East (Tax Parcel MS72 000011 000).

Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve APPLICATION # V 17-02-03: Nick Stein requests a variance from Article XV Section 1509(C) Table 4 of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance regarding the maximum number of building signs allowed per elevation in Sign District 2 for 460 Northside Drive East (Tax Parcel MS72 000011 000).

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to open the public hearing for Application V17-02-02 and Application V 17-02-03. Councilman Boyum, Jones and Yawn voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

Anthony Lynch of Integrity Engineering spoke in favor of the request.

Councilman John Riggs joined the meeting at 5:35 pm.

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to close the public hearing for **Application V17-02-02** and **Application V 17-02-03**. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Riggs and Yawn voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to approve **APPLICATION # V 17-02-02**: Nick Stein requests a variance from Article XV Section 1509(C) Table 4 of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance regarding the maximum aggregate sign area in Sign District 2 for 460 Northside Drive East (Tax Parcel MS72 000011 000). Councilman Boyum, Jones, Riggs and Yawn voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to approve **APPLICATION # V 17-02-03**: Nick Stein requests a variance from Article XV Section 1509(C) Table 4 of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance regarding the maximum number of building signs allowed per elevation in Sign District 2 for 460 Northside Drive East (Tax Parcel MS72 000011 000). Councilman Boyum, Jones, Riggs and Yawn voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve APPLICATION # V 17-02-04: Nick Stein requests a variance from Article XV Section 1509(C) Table 5 of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance regarding the maximum aggregate sign area in Sign District 3 for 810 Archway Drive (Tax Parcel MS74 000198 007).

Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve APPLICATION # V 17-02-05: Nick Stein requests a variance from Article XV Section 1509(C) Table 5 of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance regarding the maximum number of building signs allowed per elevation in Sign District 3 for 810 Archway Drive (Tax Parcel MS74 000198 007).

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to open the public hearing for **Application V17-02-04** and **Application V 17-02-05**. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Riggs and Yawn voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Anthony Lynch of Integrity Engineering spoke in favor of the request.

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to close the public hearing for **Application V17-02-04** and **Application V 17-02-05**. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Riggs and Yawn voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to approve **APPLICATION # V 17-02-04**: Nick Stein requests a variance from Article XV Section 1509(C) Table 5 of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance regarding the maximum aggregate sign area in Sign District 3 for 810 Archway Drive (Tax Parcel MS74 000198 007). Councilman Boyum, Jones, Riggs and Yawn voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to approve **APPLICATION # V 17-02-05**: Nick Stein requests a variance from Article XV Section 1509(C) Table 5 of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance regarding the maximum number of building signs allowed per elevation in Sign District 3 for 810 Archway Drive (Tax Parcel MS74 000198 007). Councilman Boyum, Jones, Riggs and Yawn voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve APPLICATION # SE 17-02-01: Marilyn Knight requests a special exception to utilize the property located at 404 North Avenue as a childcare center with a capacity of fifty-two (52) children in the R8 zoning district (Tax Parcel MS40 000051 000).

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

Mary Williams, Vernon and Marilyn Knight spoke in favor of the request.

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

Councilman Jones made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to approve **APPLICATION # SE 17-02-01**: Marilyn Knight requests a special exception to utilize the property located at 404 North Avenue as a childcare center with a capacity of fifty-two (52) children in the R8 zoning district (Tax Parcel MS40 000051 000). Councilman Boyum, Jones, Riggs and Yawn voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote

Consideration of a Motion to Approve Resolution 2017-13 : A Resolution to accept an \$8,000.00 Plate Carrier and Ballistic Plate Grant from the Statesboro Police Officers Foundation, Grant Number SPOF 2017-01, funding 50% of the purchase of Active Shooter Plate Carriers and Ballistic Plates.

Nick Propps, President of the Police Officers Foundation, spoke in favor of the request.

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to approve **Resolution 2017-13**: A Resolution to accept an \$8,000.00 Plate Carrier and Ballistic Plate Grant from the Statesboro Police Officers Foundation, Grant Number SPOF 2017-01, funding 50% of the purchase of Active Shooter Plate Carriers and Ballistic Plates. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Riggs and Yawn voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to Approve Resolution 2017-14: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Statesboro declaring Statesboro as a Safe Inclusive and Welcoming City for All People.

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to approve **Resolution 2017-14**: A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Statesboro declaring Statesboro as a

Safe Inclusive and Welcoming City for All People. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Riggs and Yawn voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

The Bulloch County Commissioners request a letter of support from the City of Statesboro in the application of a \$750,000 grant from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for a project that consists of the construction of a new Senior Citizens Center in Statesboro (Bulloch County), Georgia.

No one was present to represent the Bulloch County Commissioners. Jennifer Daily, who attended the County Commissioners meeting that morning stated the Senior Citizens Center, was discussed and she heard no opposition to the Center.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to approve the request for a letter of support from the City of Statesboro in the application of a \$750,000 grant from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for a project that consists of the construction of a new Senior Citizens Center in Statesboro (Bulloch County), Georgia. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Riggs and Yawn voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Other Business from City Council: None

City Managers Comments: None

Public Comments (General)

Daisy Martin spoke with Council regarding the high collection fees that were charged to citizens for the non- payment of utility bills. She especially made reference to those who were not only elderly but also those who were disabled.

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

There was no Executive Session held.

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.