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**CITY OF STATESBORO**  
**Council Minutes**  
**April 18<sup>th</sup> , 2017**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on April 18<sup>th</sup>, 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, 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.

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

The Invocation was given by Mayor Moore and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Boy Scout Troop 340 Noah Evans.

**Recognitions/Public Presentations**

- A) Robert Seamans, Streets & Parks Superintendent, obtained his certification as an ISA Certified Arborist Municipal Specialist.**

Director of Public Works Jason Boyles and Wesley Parker presented Robert Seamans with a plaque.

**Public Comments (Agenda Item):** None

Councilman Phil Boyum joined the meeting at 5:35 pm.

**Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda**

- A) Approval of Minutes**  
**a) 04-04-2017 Council Minutes**

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to approve the consent agenda in its entirety. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to Approve Cathy Shriver as one of the two (2) City appointees to the Bulloch County Board of Health**

Councilman Jones made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to appoint Cathy Shriver to the Bulloch County Board of Health Committee. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION # V 17-03-03: Habitat for Humanity requests a variance from Article VII-B Section 703-B(B) of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance regarding the minimum front yard setback requirement for .17 acres of property located at 305 Institute Street in the R8 (Single-Family Residential) zoning district (Tax Parcel S20 000002A 000).**

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to open the public hearing for Application V-17-03-03. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

No one spoke for or against the request.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to close the public hearing. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to approve APPLICATION # V 17-03-03: Habitat for Humanity requests a variance from Article VII-B Section 703-B(B) of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance regarding the minimum front yard setback requirement for .17 acres of property located at 305 Institute Street in the R8 (Single-Family Residential) zoning district (Tax Parcel S20 000002A 000). Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION # V 17-03-04: Habitat for Humanity requests a variance from Article VII-B Section 703-B(D) of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance regarding the minimum rear yard setback requirement for .17 acres of property located at 305 Institute Street in the R8 (Single-Family Residential) zoning district (Tax Parcel S20 000002A 000).**

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to open the public hearing for Application V-17-03-04. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

No one spoke for or against the request.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to close the public hearing. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve APPLICATION # V 17-03-04: Habitat for Humanity requests a variance from Article VII-B Section 703-B (D) of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance regarding the minimum rear yard setback requirement for .17 acres of property located at 305 Institute Street in the R8 (Single-Family Residential) zoning district (Tax Parcel S20 000002A 000). Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION # V 17-03-02: The Downtown Statesboro Development Authority requests a variance from Article VI Section 603(A)(3)(b) of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance regarding the minimum side yard setback requirement for roughly .10 acres of property located at 11 West Inman Street in the R4 (High Density Residential District) zoning district (Tax Parcel S19 000040 000).**

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to open the public hearing for Application V-17-03-02. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

No one spoke for or against the request.

Councilman Jones made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to close the public hearing. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve APPLICATION # V 17-03-02: The Downtown Statesboro Development Authority requests a variance from Article VI Section 603(A)(3)(b) of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance regarding the minimum side yard setback requirement for roughly .10 acres of property located at 11 West Inman Street in the R4 (High Density Residential District) zoning district (Tax Parcel S19 000040 000). Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION # CUV 17-03-01: Justine Taylor requests a conditional use variance from Article IV of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance for .4 acres of property located at 13 West Moore Street to utilize the property as a community living arrangement facility (Tax Parcel # S16 000060 000).**

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to open the public hearing for Application CUV-17-03-01. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Justine Taylor spoke in favor of the request.

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to close the public hearing. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Councilman Jones made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to approve, with staff recommendations, APPLICATION # CUV 17-03-01: Justine Taylor requests a conditional use variance from Article IV of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance for .4 acres of property located at 13 West Moore Street to utilize the property as a community living arrangement facility (Tax Parcel # S16 000060 000). Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2017-16: A Resolution appointing Steve Hotchkiss, Director of Natural Gas, as the voting delegate on the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia's Election Committee and Robert Cheshire, Deputy City Manager, as the alternate voting delegate.**

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to approve Resolution 2017-16: A Resolution appointing Steve Hotchkiss, Director of Natural Gas, as the voting

delegate on the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia's Election Committee and Robert Cheshire, Deputy City Manager, as the alternate voting delegate. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to award a contract to Omnicom Consulting Group in the amount of \$60,000 for the provision of professional radio consulting services for a public radio system. This contract will be funded from the general operations fund of the City of Statesboro and shall be contingent on receiving letters of financial commitment from the Bulloch County Board of Commissioners, the Bulloch County Board of Education and Georgia Southern University.**

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to award a contract to Omnicom Consulting Group in the amount of \$60,000 for the provision of professional radio consulting services for a public radio system. This contract will be funded from the general operations fund of the City of Statesboro and shall be contingent on receiving letters of financial commitment from the Bulloch County Board of Commissioners, the Bulloch County Board of Education and Georgia Southern University. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2017-17: A Resolution approving the Right of Way License Agreement between Mobilitie, LLC and the City of Statesboro.**

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to approve Resolution 2017-17: A Resolution approving the Right of Way License Agreement between Mobilitie, LLC and the City of Statesboro. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

### **Other Business from City Council**

Mayor Moore introduced the new City of Statesboro Police Chief Mike Broadhead. She also stated the America's Best Community winner would be announced on Wednesday. Mayor Moore reminded everyone of the meet and greet at the Chamber of Commerce and the Arts Center given for Chief Broadhead.

Councilman Yawn thanked the Finance Department for their efforts in organizing the budget retreat.

Councilman Chance stated that he has received calls around his neighborhood regarding stop signs not being observed, over parking and house parties that are violating the noise ordinance.

Mayor Moore talked about late fees on the utility bills. She asked that it be looked at and possible discontinue late fees for unpaid utility bills.

### **City Managers Comments**

Director of Planning and Zoning Frank Neal updated everyone on the dates for the Strategic Planning Meetings that will take place in several locations at different times throughout the City. Chief Broadhead stated this week was telecommunications week and would like to thank everyone that was in the telecommunication field

Deputy City Manager Robert Cheshire reminded everyone of the Great American Cleanup set for Saturday. He also stated they had about 60 volunteers signed up to help.

**Public Comments (General)**

**A) Loretta Taylor request to speak with Council regarding utility billing policy**

Ms. Taylor addressed Mayor and Council with her concerns regarding utility billing penalties and deposits.

Todd MacIntosh had requested to speak with Council but was absent from the meeting.

James Woodall representing the NAACP, talked with Mayor and Council regarding an economic development program that would allow contracts for minorities.

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

At 7:00 pm, Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to enter into Executive Session to discuss “Potential Litigation” in accordance with O.C.G.A.§50-14-3 (2012). Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

At 7:30 pm, Mayor Moore called the regular council meeting back to order with no action taken in Executive Session.

**Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn**

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.