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**CITY OF STATESBORO  
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES  
December 16, 2014**

A work session of the Statesboro City Council was held on December 16, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Jan Moore; Council Members: John Riggs. Also present was Interim City Manager Robert Cheshire, City Clerk Sue Starling, City Attorney Alvin Leaphart, along with other staff. Absent were Councilman Britt, Boyum, Lewis and Chance.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jan Moore. The following topics were discussed.

1. Presentations by the Statesboro Convention Visitors Bureau (SCVB), Averitt Center for the Arts and the Downtown Statesboro Development Authority (DSDA).

Presenting for each organization was Darin Van Tassell, President of the SCVB, Tim Chapman, Executive Director of the Averitt Center for the Arts and Allen Muldrew Director of the DSDA.

Each of these organizations presented a power point with the focus on their budget, growth and goals for the coming year. Mayor Moore asked each of the organizations, what would be the one thing with the biggest impact, if their budget would allow it. Mr. Van Tassell with the SCVB stated that staff and travel budget would be areas for them to increase in order to keep the economic development continuing in the Statesboro area. Mr. Chapman with the Arts Center stated that in the past five months they have done 135 programs at their facilities. Due to the interest in the arts, they are going to be opening a new venue on West Main Street to accommodate for all of growth that is happening. Mr. Chapman stated that the Arts Center would like to see increase of their staff and capital, and they are thankful to all the volunteers and interns that help with the programs that are offered to the community. Mr. Muldrew stated over the past three years the DSDA has renovated 12,000 square feet of property that was in decline. Downtown events are also a big part of their organization, such as Keep Bulloch Beautiful, Scare in the Square, the Farmers Market and many more. Staff, volunteers, and interns played a large part in putting all of these events together.

Councilman Britt and Councilman Boyum joined the meeting at 4:45 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.