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**CITY OF STATESBORO  
Council Minutes  
October 3, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 at 9:00 a.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 and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Sam Lee Jones.

**Recognitions/Public Presentations**

**A) Presentation by Ecological Planning Group on the completion of Task Order 1 of the Stormwater Master Plan.**

Marcos Trejo, Stormwater Manager, Robert Brown, Resource Engineer for EPG and Wesley Parker updated Council on the completion of the task order 1 for stormwater. MLK West and Lake Sal were on top of the list for repairs.

Councilman John Riggs joined the meeting at 9:20 am.

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

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

**A) Approval of Minutes  
a) 09-19-2017 Council minutes**

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones 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.

**Public Hearing and Second Reading of Ordinance 2017-13: An ordinance to revise Article XV (Signs) of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance regarding the permitted districts in which projecting signs can be installed.**

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to open the public hearing. 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 Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn 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 Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to adopt **Ordinance 2017-13**: An ordinance to revise Article XV (Signs) of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance regarding the permitted districts in which projecting signs can be installed. 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 Alcohol License Application:**

**A) El Rancho Grande Mexican Restaurant LLC**

**Manuel Lopez  
3000 Northside Drive West  
Statesboro Ga 30458**

**B) Holiday Inn Statesboro**

**Jack Forstrom  
455 Commerce Drive  
Statesboro Ga 30458**

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to open the public hearing for item A and B. 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 Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to close the public hearing for item A and B. 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 Boyum to approve the alcohol application for El Rancho Grande Mexican Restaurant LLC. 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 Jones to approve the alcohol application for Holiday Inn Statesboro. 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 for the surplus and disposal of the building located at 125 South College Street (formerly the Municipal Court Office).**

Councilman Jones made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to approve the surplus and disposal of the building located at 125 South College Street (formerly the Municipal Court Office). 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 Apply for the Georgia ReLeaf Program grant with the Georgia Urban Forest Council, in partnership with the Georgia Forestry Commission. The maximum grant award is \$5,000 and no local match is required.**

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to approve the submission of an application for the Georgia ReLeaf Program grant with the Georgia Urban Forest Council, in partnership with the Georgia Forestry Commission. The maximum grant award is \$5,000 and no local match is required. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

**Appeal by Capstone Benefits Consulting and Glenn/ Davis made pursuant to City Ord 5-336 regarding award of city insurance brokerage contract to Shaw Hankins on September 19, 2017.**

Mayor Moore presented the guidelines of the appeal process. City Manager Randy Wetmore gave a statement of how the decision was made when choosing the best insurance firm.

Brian Davis of Glen/ Davis and Associates and TBS president John Taylor presented their appeal along with a power point.

Ben Watkins with Capstone Benefits Consulting also presented his appeal.

Scott Hankins representing Shaw/Hankins answered questions on their proposal that was approved at the September 19, 2017 Council meeting.

After much discussion, Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to rescind the vote of approval that was made on September 19, 2017 awarding the insurance contract to Shaw/Hankins. Councilman Jones, Riggs, and Chance voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Boyum and Yawn voted against the motion. The motion carried by a 3-2 vote.

With further discussion of Mayor and Council members, Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to approve the extension of the current insurance carrier, Glen/Davis & Associates, until March 31, 2018 during that time Councilman Chance and Councilman Yawn would choose an independent party to reevaluate the proposed RFO'S of the three insurance companies. The reevaluated results would then be presented to Council no later than April 1<sup>st</sup> 2018. 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:** None

**City Managers Comments**

Deputy City Manager Robert Cheshire updated Council on the progress on the construction of the City Hall front porch and balcony. Mr. Cheshire stated the project should be complete in about 2 weeks.

Police Chief Mike Broadhead stated that 2 of his officers have completed training and one of them had been named class president.

**Public Comments (General):** None

**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.

Mayor Moore reminded everyone that “TAD” would be voted on tonight at the County Commission meeting.

**Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn**

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn 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 11:30 am.