



*City of Statesboro*  
*Department of Planning and Development Memorandum*

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**Statesboro Planning Commission**

**August 4, 2026**

**5:00 P.M.**

**City Hall Council Chamber**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Commission Members Present:** Cathy Dixon, Len Fatica, Joseph Folsom, Savannah Beck, Logan Josey, Ronald Simmons and Jim Thibodeau. **City of Statesboro Staff:** Justin Williams (Director of Planning & Development), and Monica Gann (Senior Planner) Brad Deal (Director of Public Utilities & Public Works)

**Call to Order**

Commissioner Dixon called the meeting to order.

**I. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance**

Commissioner Dixon led in the invocation & pledge.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

**1. June 2, 2026 Meeting Minutes.**

Commissioner Fatica made a motion to approve the minutes of June 2, 2026 with a second from Commissioner Josey. The motion was passed to approve the minutes of with 6-0 vote.

**III. New Business**

- 1. APPLICATION RZ 26-05-02:** Georgia Southern University Foundation, Inc requests a Zoning Map Amendment for property on the southside of Tillman Road between Fair Road and South Main Street from Exempt to MX (Mixed Use District). The Zoning Map Amendment requests is for one parcel of 13.505 acres and is proposed for multi-use commercial development (Tax Parcel # MS61 000001 000).

Justin Williams introduced the case. Commissioner Simmons motioned to open discussion with a second from Commissioner Folsom. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote. Stephen Rushing representative for the petitioner. Commissioner Simmons motioned to close the discussion with a second from Commissioner Fatica. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote.

Commissioner Fatica motioned to approve with conditions with a second from Commissioner Simmons. The motion passes 6-0.

2. **APPLICATION V 26 05-04:** Virginia Russel requests a Variance from UDC Section 2.5.5-C Table (R-15) Accessory uses and Structures, to allow a decrease of the side yard setback from twenty (20) feet setback to six (6) feet, to allow an installation of a carport at 12 West Kennedy Street (Tax Parcel # S21 000057 000).

Justin Williams introduced the case. Commissioner Josey motioned to open discussion with a second from Commissioner Beck. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote. The applicant spoke regarding the project. Commissioner Fatica motioned to close the discussion with a second from Commissioner Beck. The motion passed with a 6-0 vote

Commissioner Simmons motioned to approve with conditions with a second from Commissioner Josey. The motion passes 6-0.

**IV. Announcements**

Data center Ordinance was approved. City Manager Mr. Penny announced his retirement for January 2027.

**V. Adjourn**

Commissioner Fatica made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Folsom seconded, and the motion carried 6-0.

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**Chair – Cathy Dixon**

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**Secretary – Justin Williams**  
**Director of Planning & Development**