



CITY OF STATESBORO
COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 04, 2026

Regular Meeting

50 E. Main St. City Hall Council Chambers

9:00 AM

1. Call to Order

Mayor Jonathan McCollar called the meeting to order

2. Invocation and Pledge

Councilmember Ginny Hendley gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jonathan McCollar	Mayor	Present	
Tangie Johnson	Councilmember	Present	
Vacant	Councilmember	Vacant	
Ginny Hendley	Councilmember	Present	
John Riggs	Councilmember	Present	
Shari Barr	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	

Other staff present: City Manager Charles Penny, Assistant City Manager Jason Boyles, Public Affairs Manager Layne Phillips, City Attorney Cain Smith and City Clerk Leah Harden

3. Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

4. Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

a) 07-21-2026 Council Minutes

b) 07-21-2026 Executive Session Minutes

A motion was made to approve consent agenda.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Tangie Johnson
SECONDER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
AYES:	Johnson, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT:	

5. Consideration of a motion to approve staff to enter negotiations with Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., to perform engineering design services for the Burkhalter Road Transportation Improvements Project, ENG-123i and ENG-124h, to be funded by 2023 TSPLOST.

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MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilmember Tangie Johnson
AYES:	Johnson, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT:	

6. Consideration of a motion to approve authorization to request four replacement transit vehicles from the Coastal Regional Commission for FY 2028. The City's portion of the cost is estimated to be \$65,000, to be funded by TSPLOST.

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SECONDER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
AYES:	Johnson, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT:	

7. Consideration of a motion to approve a one-year contract to provide property and casualty insurance in the amount of \$1,511,065.00 to Travelers. If approved, this coverage will commence on August 14, 2026.

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MOVER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
SECONDER:	Councilmember Tangie Johnson
AYES:	Johnson, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT:	

8. Consideration of a motion to award a one-year contract to provide workers compensation insurance in the amount of \$545,881.00 to Bitco. If approved, this coverage will commence on August 14, 2026.

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MOVER:	Councilmember Tangie Johnson
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AYES:	Johnson, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT:	

9. Public Comments (General):

Sue Palmer addressed the Council regarding the ongoing issue of garbage cans being left out on Zetterower Avenue and Savannah Avenue. She noted that a similar issue on East Main Street was resolved over a three-year period, and expressed concern that the current situation on these prominent corridors reflects poorly on the city's appearance. Ms. Palmer questioned whether the City's public education approach is sufficient, or if more active code enforcement—including warnings and fines—is needed to compel compliance.

10. Other Business from City Council

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr drew attention to two upcoming community events. First, a ghost tour is being revived by those associated with Raven's Roost, scheduled for Friday evening at 8:00 PM, with council members invited to participate and provide feedback to help improve the experience. Second, a "Fix It Fair" repair event is being held the same evening from 5:00 to 7:00 PM in a downtown alley, where residents can bring items for free repair, and encouraged. Pre-registration via Facebook, noting the event's ongoing goal of reducing landfill waste.

11. City Managers Comments

City Manager Penny shared two updates. First, he noted that Assistant City Manager Jason Boyles is completing his final week of professional development at the UNC School of Government. Second, Mr. Penny informed the Council that the City has been invited to participate in a video feature for the ICMA Conference in October. Typically featuring five communities, the video would give Statesboro an opportunity to tell its story to a national audience, with the resulting footage also available for use on the City's website. A full day of videotaping would be required, featuring approximately five to six community partners. Mr. Penny noted that the City had participated in a similar video eleven years prior. Partners already approached include the Statesboro Convention & Visitors Bureau and the Downtown Statesboro Development Authority (DSDA), with the Development Authority still pending a response. Partners would also assist in covering costs. Mr. Penny asked if Council had any objections, and hearing none, indicated staff would proceed with a phone call to discuss next steps.

12. 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(b).

At 9:13 am motion was made to enter into executive session to discuss “Personnel Matters” in accordance with O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(b).

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
AYES:	Johnson, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT:	

At 9:37 am motion was made to exit executive session.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilmember Tangie Johnson
AYES:	Johnson, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT:	

13. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilmember Tangie Johnson
AYES:	Johnson, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT:	

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

Leah Harden, City Clerk