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**CITY OF STATESBORO  
Council Minutes  
March 17, 2015**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Jan J. Moore, Council Members: Phil Boyum, John Riggs, Gary Lewis and Travis Chance. Also present were Interim City Manager Robert Cheshire, City Clerk Sue Starling, City Attorney Alvin Leaphart, Assistant City Engineer Jason Boyles and Director of Planning and Development Mandi Cody. Councilman Will Britt was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jan Moore

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was given by Councilman Gary Lewis

**Public Comments (Agenda Item):**

DSDA Director Allen Muldrew invited everyone to the ribbon cutting for the new Arts Center on West Main St.

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

- A) **Approval of Minutes**
  - a) **03-03-2015 Council Minutes**
  - b) **03-03-2015 Executive Session Minutes**

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve the consent agenda in its entirety. Councilman Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

**Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to approve APPLICATION # SE 14-11-03: Brason Investments LLC requests a special exception for .38 acres of property located at 101 Hawthorne Road currently zoned R20 (Single Family Residential) in order to utilize the existing single family structure as an office (Tax Parcel Number MS74000085000).**

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to open the public hearing. Councilman Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote.

Councilman Boyum joined the meeting.

John Dotson spoke in favor of the request.

Brian Davis voiced his concerns regarding other property owners at the surrounding locations that may also want the same consideration of a special exception if the current request is granted.

Councilman Riggs stated he would like to keep the area as residential along with the churches. Hearing no other comments, Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to close the public hearing. Councilman Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Mayor Moore asked for a motion to approve the **Application SE 14-11-03**. There was no motion made.

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to deny **APPLICATION # SE 14-11-03**: Brason Investments LLC requests a special exception for .38 acres of property located at 101 Hawthorne Road currently zoned R20 (Single Family Residential) in order to utilize the existing single family structure as an office (Tax Parcel Number MS74000085000). Councilman Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to approve the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2015-03 for Application AN 12-05-01: An Ordinance for W & L Developers, LLC requesting annexation by the 100% method and zoning of 13.05 acres and 1.0 acres of property located at 665 S&S Railroad Bed Road from R25 (Single Family Residential – Bulloch County) to R10 (Single Family Residential) (Tax Parcel Number 107 000007 000) and Tax Parcel Number 107 00006A 000). This Ordinance will combine the first reading of Ordinance 2014-03 and Ordinance 2014-04.**

Mr. John White asked for **Application AN 12-05-01** to be removed from the agenda until a later date as per the e-mail that was received thru the Planning and Development Department. Mayor Moore struck the item from the agenda.

**Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to approve APPLICATION # RZ 15-02-01: Shin Real Estate Holdings, LLC requests a zoning map amendment for 4.41 acres of property located at 9 Grady Johnson Road from R4 (High Density Residential) zoning district to CR (Commercial Retail) zoning district to permit a sale of the property for the construction and use of medical office(s). (Tax Parcel Number MS75000002A000).**

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to open the public hearing. Councilman Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Attorney Steve Rushing, representing Dr. Shin spoke in favor of the request. No one spoke against the request.

Hearing no other comments, Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to close the public hearing. Councilman Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve **APPLICATION # RZ 15-02-01**: Shin Real Estate Holdings, LLC requests a zoning map amendment for 4.41 acres of property located at 9 Grady Johnson Road from R4 (High Density Residential) zoning district to CR (Commercial Retail) zoning district to permit a sale of the

property for the construction and use of medical office(s). (Tax Parcel Number MS75000002A000). Councilman Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to approve APPLICATION # V 15-02-02: Averitt Center for the Arts requests sign variances from Article XV of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance to permit the proposed wall signage for the newly renovated Art Center located at 41 West Main. (Tax Parcel Number S18000065000).**

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to open the public hearing. Councilman Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Tim Chapman spoke in favor of the request.

Hearing no other comments, Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to close the public hearing. Councilman Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve APPLICATION # V 15-02-02: Averitt Center for the Arts requests sign variances from Article XV of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance to permit the proposed wall signage for the newly renovated Art Center located at 41 West Main. (Tax Parcel Number S18000065000). Councilman Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to approve the City Manager to enter into negotiations with Tyler Technologies to form a final contract for an integrated public sector financial management software solution. This selection is a result of an extensive request for proposals process recently completed. This will be proportionally funded by all departments and several financing options will be evaluated (GMA Lease Pool and any vendor options available). If negotiations are approved, all options and recommendations will be brought to Council for final approval.**

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to approve the City Manager to enter into negotiations with Tyler Technologies to form a final contract for an integrated public sector financial management software solution. Councilman Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

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

Councilman Boyum announced the Chamber of Commerce will be holding a meeting with the alcohol license holders.

Councilman Riggs inquired as to where we are on the new alcohol ordinance. Councilman Boyum stated that we needed to wait to see what changes the State is going to adopt, if any. Mayor Moore suggested the Ordinance be brought back to Council with a work session within the next 2 weeks.

### **City Managers Comments**

- A) City Clerks Dept. (Notice of alcohol application)**
  - a) Longhorn's is applying for a change in alcohol license holder pending the background investigation. The name is Jeremy P Coolidge.**
  - b) Kali's Food Mart is applying for a change in alcohol license holder pending the background investigation. The name is Ankitbhai Patel.**

Mayor Moore asked if a change in an alcohol license holder would clear the business of any previous alcohol citations. City Attorney stated the current ordinance did not address the issue.

**Public Comments (General):** None

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

At 6:20 pm, Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to enter into Executive Session with a 10 minute break. Councilman Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

At 7:10 pm, Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to come out of Executive Session. Councilman Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Mayor Moore called the regular meeting back to order with no action being taken.

### **Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn**

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm.