



**CITY OF STATESBORO  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
March 21, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on March 21, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Joe R. Brannen, Council Members: Tommy Blicht, John Riggs, Gary Lewis and Travis Chance. Also present were City Manager Frank Parker, City Clerk Sue Starling, City Attorney Alvin Leaphart, City Engineer Robert Cheshire, and Director of Community Development Mandi Cody. Councilman Will Britt was absent.

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

- A) Approval of Minutes**
  - a) **March 06, 2012 Council Minutes**
  - b) **March 06, Work Session Minutes**
- B) Consideration of a Motion to approve a six month variance extension for the following cases:**
  - a) **APPLICATION # V 11-07-03: Progress Builders LLC requests a variance from Section 703 of the *Statesboro Zoning Ordinance* to increase the density to 29 dwelling units per acre for property located at 816 South Main Street.**
  - b) **APPLICATION # V 11-07-04: Progress Builders LLC requests a variance from Section 702 of the *Statesboro Zoning Ordinance* to construct a building with maximum height of 55 feet for property located at 816 South Main Street.**
- C) Consideration of a Motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading for the restated (GMEBS) Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System Master Defined Benefit Retirement Master Plan and Adoption Agreement**
- D) Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2012-03: A Resolution authorizing the transfer of lot #8, 319 Proctor Street in Statesboro Pointe subdivision to the Statesboro-Bulloch County Land bank authority for sale to Habitat for Humanity of Bulloch County, Inc. for \$5000.00**

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. Councilman Blicht, 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 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 2012-04: An Ordinance amending Article II (Nuisances) of Chapter 38 (Environment) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Statesboro, Georgia in its entirety.**

Councilman Blicht made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 2012-04: An Ordinance amending Article II (Nuisances) of Chapter 38 (Environment)

of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Statesboro, Georgia in its entirety. Councilman Blicht, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to Approve Professional Engineering Services Contract with Wolverton Associates in the amount of \$48,493.00 to perform a traffic study, and develop alternative concepts and costs estimates for Intersection Improvements at Fair Rd. (SR 67) and S. Zetterower Ave./ Tillman Rd. Traffic study will include area bounded by US 301S, Brannen St., S. Zetterower Ave. and Tillman Rd.**

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blicht to Approve Professional Engineering Services Contract with Wolverton Associates in the amount of \$48,493.00 to perform a traffic study, and develop alternative concepts and costs estimates for Intersection Improvements at Fair Rd. (SR 67) and S. Zetterower Ave./ Tillman Rd. Traffic study will include area bounded by US 301S, Brannen St., S. Zetterower Ave. and Tillman Rd.

**Consideration of a Motion to authorize City Manager Frank Parker to approve the proposal of Hussey, Gay, Bell & DeYoung Inc. to provide the Engineering and Design Services for the WWTP effluent filter upgrades**

Councilman Blicht made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to authorize City Manager Frank Parker to approve the proposal of Hussey, Gay, Bell & DeYoung Inc. to provide the Engineering and Design Services for the WWTP effluent filter upgrades. Councilman Blicht, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Chance voted against the motion. The motion carried by a 3-1 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to approve a change order for the Lakeview Road Water/Sewer Extension in the amount of \$100,382.88**

Councilman Blicht made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve a change order for the Lakeview Road Water/Sewer Extension in the amount of \$100,382.88. Councilman Blicht, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Chance voted against the motion. The motion carried by a 3-1 vote.

**Other Business from City Council**

City Manager Frank Parker stated the Arts Council was offered a grant from the Fox Theatre Institute in the amount of \$30,000.00. Mr. Parker asked Mayor and Council to match the \$30,000.00 if the Fox Theatre grant is awarded to the Arts Council. The grant would be used to restore part of the attached building behind City Campus on East Main St. Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to authorize the payment of \$30,000.00 to the Arts Council if the grant is awarded from Fox Theatre. Councilman Blicht, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

City Manager asked Council to enter into an Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. to discuss potential land acquisition. Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to enter into Executive Session to discuss potential land acquisition with a 10 minute break. Councilman Blicht, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to come out of executive session at 6:45 p.m. Councilman Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Director of Community Development Mandi Cody asked Council to approve a partnership with GSU and the Bureau of Business Research Economic Development for the submittal of a grant application to the US Department of Commerce for a University Center partnership and a matching fund commitment in the amount of \$200,000.00 per year for a 5 year period. Dr. Dominique Halaby Director of the Bureau of Business Research and Economic Development spoke in favor of the partnership. Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to authorize the Mayor to approve a resolution to this effect for submittal with GSU's grant application by the March 31, 2012 deadline. Councilman Blich, 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 Riggs to enter into executive session to discuss potential land acquisition at 6:55 p.m. Councilman Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to come out of executive session at 7:15 p.m. Councilman Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Mayor Brannen called the regular session back to order at 7:16 p.m. with no action being taken.

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

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to adjourn. Councilman Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.