



**CITY OF STATESBORO  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 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 Interim City Manager Frank Parker, City Clerk Sue Starling, Staff Attorney Michael Graves, Director of Community Development Mandi Cody, and Senior Assistant City Engineer Jason Boyles. Absent was Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- a) March 01, 2011 Council Minutes**
- b) March 01, 2011 Council Work Session Minutes**

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve the Council Minutes and Work Session minutes of March 01, 2011. Councilman Blicht, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Recognitions/Public Presentations**

- a) Kristine Yager-Rushton request to speak to Council concerning the 5K Run/Fun Walk and the Lifelink of Georgia.**

Kristine Yager-Rushton extended an invitation to Council for the 5K Run/Fun Walk and the Lifelink for Georgia fundraiser. She also stated that April is 'Donate Life' month.

- b) Statesboro Convention and Visitors Bureau (SCVB) request to speak to Council concerning the 1% increase for Hotel Motel Tax**

Interim City Manager Frank Parker spoke on behalf of the SCVB to withdraw their request to speak to Council concerning the 1% increase of the Hotel/Motel Tax.

**Consideration of a Motion to approve/deny 1st reading for the application of alcohol license**

- a) Christian K. Bennett (Van Goughs Pizza)**
- b) Carrie Anne C. Vescio (Mangiamao LLC - adding liquor)**

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve 1st reading for the application of alcohol license for Christian K. Bennett (Van Goughs Pizza) and Carrie Anne C. Vescio (Mangiamao LLC - adding liquor).

**Consideration of a Motion to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> reading to amend Ordinance 2011-02: An Ordinance amending the Statesboro Municipal Code regarding traffic and vehicles by increasing the technology surcharge from \$10.00 to \$20.00 per offense for all offenses against the ordinances of the City of Statesboro or laws of the State of Georgia.**

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> reading to amend Ordinance 2011-02: An Ordinance amending the Statesboro Municipal Code regarding traffic and vehicles by increasing the technology surcharge from \$10.00 to \$20.00 per offense for all offenses against the ordinances of the City of Statesboro or laws of the State of Georgia. Councilman Blitch, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to approve APPLICATION # RZ 11-01-01: Hendley Properties requests a zoning map amendment on behalf of Ray Hendley from R-15 (Single-Family Residential) District to R-3 (Medium Density Multiple Family Residential) District on Gentilly Road.**

Bryan Davis representing Hendley Properties spoke in support of the zoning map amendment. Councilman Riggs made a motion with the condition the builder worked with City staff on the number of driveways, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve APPLICATION # RZ 11-01-01: Hendley Properties requests a zoning map amendment on behalf of Ray Hendley from R-15 (Single-Family Residential) District to R-3 (Medium Density Multiple Family Residential) District on Gentilly Road. Councilman Blitch, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to approve APPLICATION # RZ 11-02-01: Divine Deliverance Worship Center requests a zoning map amendment on behalf of JoAnn Washington from O (Office) District to CR (Commercial Retail) District of 1.21 acres of property located at 151 Williams Road.**

Jo Ann Washington spoke in support of the zoning map amendment that would allow her to operate a day care center. Ms. Washington has operated the day care center on E. Main St. since 2004. Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to approve APPLICATION # RZ 11-02-01: Divine Deliverance Worship Center requests a zoning map amendment on behalf of JoAnn Washington from O (Office) District to CR (Commercial Retail) District of 1.21 acres of property located at 151 Williams Road. Councilman Blitch, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to approve APPLICATION # V 11-02-02: Sea Island Bank requests a variance from Section 603 of the *Statesboro Zoning Ordinance* in order to divide property into two (2) parcels for property located at 506 South College Street.**

John Dotson representing Maxwell, Reddick & Associates spoke in favor of the request. Landon Lanier also spoke in favor of the request. Dalian Gaines, owner of the property, stated the property had to be split to qualify for a mortgage because of the 2 dwellings located on the same piece of property. Teresa Concannon spoke against the request stating that it would set a precedent for future requests and there was also a question as to who actually owns the property at this time. Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve APPLICATION # V 11-02-02: Sea Island Bank requests a variance from Section 603 of the *Statesboro Zoning Ordinance* in order to divide property into two (2) parcels for property located at 506 South College Street. 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 awarding of contract to Savannah Paving Company, Inc. to complete sidewalk along Bermuda Run Road**

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to award the contract to Savannah Paving Company, Inc. to complete sidewalks along Bermuda Run Road. 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 awarding of contract to Southeastern Civil, Inc. to install storm drainage piping in segment of ditch located along Lanier Drive near Paulson Stadium.**

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to award the contract to Southeastern Civil, Inc. to install storm drainage piping in a segment of ditch located along Lanier Drive near Paulson Stadium. 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 Resolution 2011-09: A Resolution to increase Hotel/Motel Tax by 1% for purposes of marketing the City of Statesboro.**

Interim City Manager Frank Parker previously made a request on behalf of the SCVB to withdraw this item from the Council agenda.

**Consideration of a Motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 2011-03: An Ordinance allowing for the creation of a revised City of Statesboro Charter.**

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to table this item until a later date. 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 the April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 City of Statesboro Council meeting to be held on the Georgia Southern University Campus in the Nesmith-Lane Building.**

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve the April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 City of Statesboro Council meeting to be held on the Georgia Southern University Campus in the Nesmith-Lane Building. Councilman Blicht, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Reports from Staff:**

Senior Assistant City Engineer Jason Boyles, on behalf of City Engineer, stated the Welcome Sign on South Main Street was complete.

Mayor and Council congratulated Stephen Morris on his recent promotion to Captain of the Statesboro Fire Department.

**Other Business from City Council**

Teresa Concannon stated she would like to come back to Council with an Urban Development Plan.

Interim City Manager Frank Parker asked Council to consider a place and time for the Budget Retreat. He also asked Council for direction to pay the County \$250,000.00.

**Public Comments (General):**

Mr. Bill Thomas made a request earlier to speak to Council but at this time declined and Mr. Deon Hendrix was not present to speak as he had previously requested.

**Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn**

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