



CITY OF STATESBORO
Council Minutes
April 19th , 2016

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on April 19th, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Jan J. Moore, Council Members: Phil Boyum, Sam Lee Jones, Jeff Yawn and Travis Chance. Also present were Deputy City Manager Robert Cheshire, City Clerk Sue Starling, City Attorney Alvin Leaphart, Director of Public Works and Engineering Jason Boyles and Director of Planning and Development Mandi Cody. Councilman John Riggs was absent.

The meeting was called to Order by Mayor Jan J. Moore

Mayor Moore asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of Randy Attaway who passed away earlier in the week. He was actively employed for 15 years with the City of Statesboro at the time of his death.

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was given by Allen Muldrew.

Recognitions/Public Presentations

- A) **Proclamation for “Manufacturing Appreciation Week”**
- B) **“America’s Best Community” presentation**

Mayor Moore presented Benji Thompson with a proclamation recognizing “Manufacturing Appreciation Week”

“America’s Best” presentation was given by Bob Mikell, Phyllis Thompson and Mandi Cody.

Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

- A) **Approval of Minutes**
 - a) **04-05-2016 Council Minutes**
 - b) **04-05-2016 Executive Session Minutes**
- B) **Consideration of a Motion to adopt Resolution 2016-19 : A Resolution accepting the right of way of Pitcher Plant Way and Independence Way as public streets to be owned and maintained by the City of Statesboro, Georgia.**

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to approve the consent agenda in its entirety. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to approve APPLICATION # RZ 16-03-01: William B. Morgan and Amy Morgan request a zoning map amendment for 1.38 acres of property located at 23320 Highway 80 East from O (Office) zoning district to CR (Commercial Retail) zoning district in order to utilize the space for retail businesses (Tax Parcel # MS92 000095 000).

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

Bob Mikell spoke on behalf of the applicant as he outlined the plans for the property.

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

Councilman Chance stated he had been contacted by some residents on Boyd Lane who were against the request to change the zoning. The residents were not present. Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to table the request until the next meeting. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to approve APPLICATION # SE 16-02-01: Brason Investments, LLC requests a Special Exception for .38 acres of property located at 101 Hawthorne Road to utilize the existing single-family residence as an office (Tax Parcel # MS74 000085 000).

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

Steve Rushing spoke in favor of the request on behalf of the applicant. Brian Davis spoke against the request stating it should remain residential.

Councilman Boyum also spoke against the change stating if it changed hands again and reverted back to residential; it would look like commercial with the number of parking spaces.

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

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to approve APPLICATION # SE 16-02-01: Brason Investments, LLC requests a Special Exception for .38 acres of property located at 101 Hawthorne Road to utilize the existing single-family residence as an office (Tax Parcel # MS74 000085 000) with staff recommendations. Councilman Jones, Yawn and Chance voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Boyum voted against the motion. The motion carried by a 4-1 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to approve RESOLUTION 2016-18: A Resolution authorizing the waiver of any payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) by the Statesboro Housing Authority to the City of Statesboro for the 2015 tax year in the amount of \$21,337.33.

Bobby Joe Cason stated the waiver of taxes would allow the Housing Authority to use the money for upkeep and maintenance.

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Consideration of a motion to approve the allocation of funding and purchase of 55 Watch Guard Vista Body Worn Cameras, software and antennas. The amount not to exceed \$80,205.00. The funding coming from FY2016 SPLOST and Seized Funds. Watch Guard is the Sole Source Provider for these body worn cameras and software. They are compatible with existing and future in car systems utilized by SPD.

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Consideration of a Motion to award a contract to provide general liability insurance, per negotiated terms, for a 15 month coverage period to Travelers in the amount of \$570,284.00. This coverage will commence in May of 2016 and end in August of 2017. This will bring the general liability policy in alignment with the workers compensation insurance policy in an effort to market them together as one package in the future.

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Consideration of a Motion to award a contract to provide property and equipment insurance coverage for the City of Statesboro Fire Department to VFIS in the amount of \$39,204.00. This covers only the Fire Department property and equipment as all other insurance coverage will remain under the Travelers policy. VFIS specializes in Fire Department property and equipment coverage as they provide current value replacement rates as well as specialized training programs.

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Consideration of a Motion to approve the "Statesboro Police Department Towing Rotation Agreement" template for use by the Statesboro Police Department to regulate Towing companies performing towing services at the request of the Statesboro Police Department.

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Other Business from City Council

Mayor Moore announced the next Council Meeting would be held at Statesboro High School on May 3rd, 2016 at 9:00 am.

City Managers Comments

A) Chief of Police search

Deputy City Manager Robert Cheshire stated the Budget Retreat would be held on Friday April 22, 2016 at 8:30 am. in the chambers at City Hall.

He congratulated Planning and Development Director Mandi Cody for her move to become the new City Manager of Metter Georgia. There will be a reception for her on April 29th from 2-4 pm in the chambers at City Hall.

Mr. Cheshire also updated Council on the continued search for a new City Manager. He stated the application deadline would be May 30th, 2016.

Public Comments (General) None

Consideration of a Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss "Personnel Matters" in accordance with O.C.G.A.§50-14-3 (2012)

At 7:00 pm, Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to enter into Executive Session to discuss "Personnel Matters" in accordance with O.C.G.A.§50-14-3 (2012) with a 5 minute break. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

At 7:35 pm, Mayor Moore called the regular meeting back to order with no action being taken. Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to exit Executive Session. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm.