



**CITY OF STATESBORO
Council Minutes
May 06, 2014**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on May 06, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Jan J. Moore, Council Members: Will Britt, Phil Boyum, 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.

The meeting was called to Order by Mayor Jan Moore.

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was given by Councilman Travis Chance

Recognitions/Public Presentations:

Mayor Moore recognized Gas Director Steve Hotchkiss for the recipient of the Gail Percy Award from the Municipal Gas Authority.

Mayor recognized the Finance Department for receiving the Distinguished Budget Award for FY 2014.

Finance Director Cindy West stated this will be the 10th year of receiving this award.

Director of DSDA Allen Muldrew would like to make an announcement regarding the TAD Program.

Mr. Muldrew invited everyone to the workshop for the Redevelopment Powers Law that will be held today at noon in "The Hall".

Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda:

A) Approval of Minutes

- a) 04-14-2014 Budget Retreat Minutes
- b) 04-15-2014 Council Minutes
- c) 04-15-2014 Executive Session Minutes

B) Notification of alcohol license application:

- a) Licensee: James Bennett Lanier Jr
DBA: Locos Grill & Pub
Location: 91 Briarwood Lane
Type of Alcohol License: Pouring Beer, Wine & Liquor
Type of Business: Restaurant

C) Notification of alcohol license application:

- a) Licensee: Kalayanee Raiwa**
- DBA: Coconut Thai Cuisine**
- Location: 7 College Plaza**
- Type of Alcohol License: Pouring Beer, Wine & Liquor**
- Type of Business: Restaurant**

D) Notification of alcohol license application:

- a) Licensee: Robert Paul Lehman**
- DBA: Carmike 12**
- Location: 991 Lovett Road**
- Type of Alcohol License: Pouring Beer, Wine & Liquor**
- Type of Business: Restaurant**

E) Consideration of a Motion to approve the destruction of 230 boxes of records that have met the Georgia State Retention Schedule

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve the consent agenda in its entirety. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Public Hearing regarding the 2014 Update to the City of Statesboro Comprehensive Master Plan

Director of Community Planning Mandi Cody updated Council on the process for the 5 year update of the Comprehensive Plan. She stated they were working with the Coastal Regional Commission to make sure all guidelines were followed. She also stated this was just an update to the plan not an overhaul.

Consideration of a Motion to approve a salary increase from Step A to Step C for three (3) certified Waste Water Operators

Director of Water Wastewater Wayne Johnson asked Council to approve a salary increase for three (3) wastewater operators and one (1) water sewer operator because they have received certifications for their job duties. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Motion to consider request by Armstrong Development requesting that the Mayor submit application on behalf of the City of Statesboro to the Georgia Department of Transportation for a median cut in the Veterans Memorial Parkway between Jones Mill Road and Highway 80/ Northside Drive

Jeff Perry representing EMC Engineering Services Inc. explained why the need for the median cut on Veterans Memorial Parkway. It would allow for new businesses to have road frontage and connect to the bypass. Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve the request by Armstrong Development for the Mayor to submit an application on behalf of the City of Statesboro to the Georgia Department of Transportation for a median cut in the Veterans Memorial Parkway between Jones Mill Road and Highway 80/ Northside Drive. The motion does not include the conditions recommended by staff from the Planning

Department. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Request and Consideration for a Motion in support of the City of Statesboro seeking a signal and encroachment permit from the Georgia Department of Transportation for installation at Brampton Avenue and Fair Road and authorization for the Mayor to execute a reimbursement agreement in an amount not to exceed \$110,000 for cost of said signal design and construction.

Doug Lambert and Brad Combs spoke to Council in favor of the request. During the discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt asked if the County had been asked to participate in the reimbursement. Mr. Lambert stated they had previously asked regarding such similar projects and they declined but we have not asked them on this particular project. Council stated they were not prepared to pay the full amount of the request of \$142,430.00. The City's budget would only allow \$110,000 at this time. City Engineer Robert Cheshire stated this project has been under study for a few years and has been in our CIP budget for a few years. Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to approve the reimbursement to Hutton Development of \$110,000 in 2016 and the remainder not to exceed \$32,430.00 in 2017. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote. Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt did state he would like for the developers to ask the County if they would share the cost.

Consideration of a Motion to award an engineering contract to Sapp Engineering for the Natural Gas Expansion Project at US 301 and I-16

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to award an engineering contract to Sapp Engineering for the Natural Gas Expansion Project at US 301 and I-16. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Other Business from City Council

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt thanked Robert Cheshire and Jason Boyles for their completing the street lightning issues and checking on them regularly.

Public Comments (General)

- A) Mr. Thomas Ward with the Gateway Development Corporation request a Public Presentation regarding the proposed Newport Trace Development to be located on Lester Road and its submission of application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for Low Income Housing Tax Credit and/or HOME Investment Partnership Program funding.**

Mr. Ward of Gateway Development asked Council to support a low income housing complex that would consist of 56 units on Lester Road. Councilman Boyum read a letter from a citizen opposing the request. Mr. Britt Bottoms and Mr. Jay Hallman spoke against the request. Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to oppose the City's

support for the development of the property. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

B) Mr. Marshall Ransom would like to present Council with a petition from the residents of Foxlake Drive requesting the homes to be connected to the City's water/sewer system.

Mr. Ransom presented a petition from the citizens of Foxlake Drive to request that sewer lines be installed in their neighborhood by the City. Water Wastewater Director Wayne Johnson stated the City has no funds at this time for the \$300,000 dollar project. He also stated that it would cost each household approximately \$10,000 dollars to connect to the sewer lines if the City did install them. Council asked for an update at the second meeting in June to see how the citizens felt about their cost of the project, City Manager Frank Parker will look at the possibility of funding the project and the Engineering Department will look at the drainage problems which cause the flooding to the area when heavy rains come.

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 (2012)

At 11:05 am, Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt 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 (2012) with a 10 minute break. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

At 11:56 am the regular session was called back to order with no action taken.

Consideration of a Motion to approve the employment contract between the Mayor and City Council and the City Attorney

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to approve the employment contract with an amendment to change a part of the contract to say for each complete year of service after July 1, 2014 the employer will provide one additional month of severance pay for each year of service to a maximum of total of twelve (12) months. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs 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 Boyum to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm.