



**CITY OF STATESBORO
Council Minutes
May 17, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on May 17th, 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, John Riggs 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.

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

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Sam Jones.

Councilman Boyum joined the meeting at 5:44 pm.

Recognitions/Public Presentations

- A) Proclamation presented to the City of Statesboro Department of Public Works & Engineering recognizing the week of May 15 - 21, 2016 as "Public Works Week". Also, short video will be presented.**
- B) Proclamation recognizing May 15-21, 2016 as "National Police Week".**
- C) Proclamation honoring service to the City of Statesboro**
- D) Presentation by Wesley Parker, City Tree Board Chairman, regarding an update on activities of the Tree Board.**

Director of Public Works and Engineering Jason Boyles presented a video recognizing "Public Works Week" as it represented the different areas of the Public Works Department. He also presented a short video of the law "Move Over" which states a vehicle should move to the next lane when approaching another vehicle that is working on the side of the roadway.

As Mayor Moore read the "Public Works Week" proclamation; it was accepted on behalf of the department by Doy Johnson with the Sanitation Division. Doy competed in the Solid Waste Association of North America's Georgia Road-E-O last week and placed third in the state for one of the refuse truck driving skills and written exam challenges.

Mayor Moore read the "National Police Week" proclamation. There were several police officers present to accept the proclamation on behalf of the entire police department.

Mayor Moore along with Council presented JR. Holloway with a proclamation recognizing him as Chief of Police during part of his employment with the City of Statesboro. He retired in 2011 after 31 years of service to the City of Statesboro. Mayor Moore recognized special guests; Ellis Wood, Charles Sikes, Tom Woodrum and Erick Riner. Mr. Holloway's wife, Annette Holloway, was also present.

Wesley Parker updated Council regarding the areas where trees have been planted in the Statesboro area. Henry Clay and Robert Seamans were also present.

Mayor Moore announced the City of Statesboro has been recertified as a “City of Ethics”.

Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

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

Consideration of a Motion to approve the Coastal Workforce Investment Board “Youth Summer Work Program” Workforce Experience Agreement.

Annette Tippins, representing Paxen thanked Council for participating in the summer program. Councilman Jones made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to approve the he Coastal Workforce Investment Board “Youth Summer Work Program” Workforce Experience Agreement. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to approve a rental agreement between the Mayor and City Council of Statesboro and the Averitt Center for the Arts, Inc. for certain real property located at 58 East Main Street, Statesboro, Georgia 30458.

Dafney Todd, representing the Arts Council, updated Council on the rental agreement of the building for the new pottery shop. Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to approve a rental agreement between the Mayor and City Council of Statesboro and the Averitt Center for the Arts, Inc. for certain real property located at 58 East Main Street, Statesboro, Georgia 30458. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Consideration for a Motion to award a Contract to Tyson Utilities Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,108,897.93 for the installation of Utility Infrastructure for Phase 3, I-16/U.S. 301. Project is to be funded from 2013 SPLOST proceeds.

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Consideration of a Motion to approve the Mayor to enter into negotiations and to be approved to sign a contract with AMEC Foster Wheeler for engineering services for CIP number NGD-2 (US 301 Ogeechee River High-Pressure Natural Gas Pipeline Installation). Engineering services is funded out of the \$1,200,000.00 budgeted for this complete project.

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Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2016-20: A Resolution to appoint Darren Prather to the Board of Directors of the Averitt Center for the Arts, Inc.

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to approve Resolution 2016-20: A Resolution to appoint Darren Prather to the Board of Directors of the Averitt Center for the Arts, Inc. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Other Business from City Council

Councilman Riggs made reference as to who would be appointed to the Alcohol Advisory Board. There will be a recommendation presented at the next Council meeting.

City Managers Comments: None

Public Comments (General)

A) Lamar Webb to address Council with regards to Park Place

Lamar Webb expressed his concerns with the over populated area at Park Place. He stated the crime and drug rate is high and too many people are in the area. He called it a small ghetto city within a city. Lisa Harrison, who lost her brother at Park Place last year by a stray bullet, spoke and agreed with Mr. Webb's statements. Mayor Moore stated we could send letters to the property owners of Park Place to hold a meeting on how to address the issues that is going on in

this area. This was done with some areas on West Main street, a lot of good ideas were brought up and we will work together to change things in this area.

Mr. Webb also asked about the swimming pool on Fair Road. Mayor Moore stated the pool is in a public trust and cannot be deeded to anyone. Councilman Riggs made reference to Stadium Walk as this complex had issues in the past but was able to overcome them.

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 6:55 pm, Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to enter into Executive Session. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

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

At 7:55 pm, Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to come out of Executive Session. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.