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**CITY OF STATESBORO  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
JUNE 19, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall Present were Mayor Joe R. Brannen, Council Members: Will Britt, Tommy Blich, 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 John Riggs was absent.

**Recognitions/Public Presentations**

- a) Jessica Ragsdale request to speak with Council concerning trash or household garbage**

Jessica Ragsdale was absent for the meeting.

**Public Comments (Agenda Item):** None

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

**A) Approval of Minutes**

**a) June 5, 2012 Council Minutes**

**b) June 12, 2012 FY 2013 Budget Public Hearing Minutes**

**B) Consideration of a Motion to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of the Ordinance to amend the City of Statesboro GMEBS Retirement Plan to exclude part time fire fighters**

**C) Consideration of a motion to approve the amendment to the City of Statesboro Personnel Policy to exclude part-time fire fighters from employee benefits**

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve the consent agenda in its entirety. Councilman Britt, Blich, 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 Authorize the Mayor to execute a contract for services with the Statesboro Arts Council, Inc. to market downtown Statesboro by operating and managing the Averitt Center for the Arts, using proceeds from the Hotel/Motel Tax**

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract for services with the Statesboro Arts Council, Inc. to market downtown Statesboro by operating and managing the Averitt Center for the Arts, using proceeds from the Hotel/Motel Tax. Councilman Britt, Blich, 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 Authorize the Mayor to execute a contract for services with the Downtown Statesboro Development Authority/Main Street to market downtown Statesboro, using proceeds from the Hotel/Motel Tax**

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract for services with the Downtown Statesboro Development Authority/Main Street to market downtown Statesboro, using proceeds from the Hotel/Motel Tax. Councilman Britt, Blich, 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 Authorize the Mayor to execute a contract for services with the Statesboro Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc. to market Statesboro and Bulloch County, using proceeds from the Hotel/Motel Tax**

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract for services with the Statesboro Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc. to market Statesboro and Bulloch County, using proceeds from the Hotel/Motel Tax. Councilman Britt, Blich, 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 Resolution 2012-11: A Resolution to adopt the fiscal year 2013 budget for each fund of the City of Statesboro, Georgia, appropriating the amounts shown in each budget as expenditures/expenses, adopting the several items of revenue anticipations, and prohibiting expenditures or expenses from exceeding the actual funding available for appropriation**

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blich to approve Resolution 2012-11: A Resolution to adopt the fiscal year 2013 budget for each fund of the City of Statesboro, Georgia, appropriating the amounts shown in each budget as expenditures/expenses, adopting the several items of revenue anticipations, and prohibiting expenditures or expenses from exceeding the actual funding available for appropriation. Councilman Britt, Blich, 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 the following:**

- a. **APPLICATION # RZ 12-05-02: Downtown Statesboro Development Authority requests a zoning map amendment from PUD/CR (Planned Unit Development with Commercial Retail overlay) to R4 (High Density Residential) for property located on South College Street. (Tax Parcel Number S21000011001).**

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve APPLICATION # RZ 12-05-02: Downtown Statesboro Development Authority requests a zoning map amendment from PUD/CR (Planned Unit Development with Commercial Retail overlay) to R4 (High Density Residential) for property located on South College Street. (Tax Parcel Number S21000011001). Councilman Britt, Blich, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

- b. **APPLICATION # RZ 12-05-05**: Godbee Enterprises, Inc. requests a zoning map amendment from CR (Commercial Retail) to HOC (Highway Oriented Commercial) for property located at 612 South Zetterower Avenue (Tax Parcel Number S31000021004).

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to deny **APPLICATION # RZ 12-05-05**: Godbee Enterprises, Inc. requests a zoning map amendment from CR (Commercial Retail) to HOC (Highway Oriented Commercial) for property located at 612 South Zetterower Avenue (Tax Parcel Number S31000021004). Councilman Britt, Blich, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to amend **APPLICATION # RZ 12-05-05**: Godbee Enterprises, Inc. requests a zoning map amendment from CR (Commercial Retail) to HOC (Highway Oriented Commercial) for property located at 612 South Zetterower Avenue (Tax Parcel Number S31000021004) with the conditional use variance for auto sales. Councilman Britt, Blich, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Consideration of Motion to Approve Award of Contract to Ellis Wood Contracting in the amount of \$66,485.80 to make traffic calming and pedestrian safety improvements on Lanier Drive. Lanier Drive Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Safety Improvements to be funded by 2007 SPLOST**

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blich to award the contract to Ellis Wood Contracting in the amount of \$66,485.80 to make traffic calming and pedestrian safety improvements on Lanier Drive. The Lanier Drive Traffic Calming and Pedestrian Safety Improvements will be funded by the 2007 SPLOST. Councilman Britt, Blich, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to Approve Award of Contract to Everett Dykes Grassing Co Inc. in the amount of \$229,343.87 to perform roadway improvements on Old Register Road and Packinghouse Road**

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Brit to award a contract to Everett Dykes Grassing Co Inc. in the amount of \$229,343.87 to perform roadway improvements on Old Register Road and Packinghouse Road. Councilman Britt, Blich, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2012 -12: A resolution amending the schedule of fees and charges for the Solid Waste Collection Division of the Engineering Department**

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve **Resolution 2012 -12**: A resolution amending the schedule of fees and charges for the Solid Waste Collection Division of the Engineering Department. Councilman Britt, Blich, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2012 -13: A resolution amending the schedule of fees and charges for the Solid Waste Disposal Division of the Engineering Department.**

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve **Resolution 2012 -13**: A Resolution amending the schedule of fees and charges for the Solid Waste Disposal Division of the Engineering Department. Councilman Britt, Blich, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Consideration of a motion to approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Ordinance 2012 -03: An ordinance amending Chapter 66 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances (Solid Waste) by replacing it in its entirety**

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blich to approve 1<sup>st</sup> reading of **Ordinance 2012 -03**: An ordinance amending Chapter 66 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances (Solid Waste) by replacing it in its entirety. Councilman Britt, Blich, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2012-14: A Resolution to adopt the second amendment to the fiscal year 2012 budget for each fund of the City of Statesboro, Georgia, appropriating the amounts shown in each budget as expenditures/expenses, adopting the several items of revenue anticipations, and prohibiting expenditures or expenses from exceeding the actual funding appropriated**

Councilman Blich made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve **Resolution 2012-14**: A Resolution to adopt the second amendment to the fiscal year 2012 budget for each fund of the City of Statesboro, Georgia, appropriating the amounts shown in each budget as expenditures/expenses, adopting the several items of revenue anticipations, and prohibiting expenditures or expenses from exceeding the actual funding appropriated. Councilman Britt, Blich, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to appoint Planning Commission Members**

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to extend the current Planning Commission Members contract for Andrew Hanson and Ray Hendley, whose terms will expire on June 30, 2012, for 60 days until the seats are advertised and applications taken for anyone interested in becoming a member of the Planning Commission.

**Other Business from City Council**

City Manager Frank Parker asked Council to allow Josh Aubrey to use the City's television channel 96 on Saturday mornings from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. Council saw no issues with the request.

City Manager Frank Parker informed Council the Sea Island Bank has donated an Eagle statue to the City of Statesboro and staff's recommendation is to display it in the park on East Main St.

City Manager Frank Parker asked for Council's approval to put a \$1000.00 cap on building fees for the DSDA Incentive Package program. This will be the 1<sup>st</sup> reading if Council approves the cap. Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve a cap of \$1000.00 for building fees for the DSDA Downtown Incentive Program. Councilman Britt, Blitch, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Councilman Lewis recognized members from several local African American Churches that were present at the Council meeting.

**Consideration of a Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss "Personnel Matters" and "Potential Land Acquisition" in accordance with O.C.G.A.§50-14-3 (2010)**

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to enter into Executive Session to discuss "Potential Land Acquisition" in accordance with O.C.G.A.§50-14-3 (2010) with a 5 minute break. Councilman Britt, Blitch, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote. Present in the Executive Session were Council Members: Will Britt, Tommy Blitch, Gary Lewis and Travis Chance. Also present was City Manager Frank Parker, City Clerk Sue Starling, City Attorney Alvin Leaphart and Community Development Director Mandi Cody. Absent were Mayor Joe Brannen and Councilman John Riggs.

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to adjourn the Executive Session at 7:45 pm. Councilman Britt, Blitch, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt called the regular session back to order at 7:46 p.m. with no action being taken.

**Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn**

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to adjourn. Councilman Britt, Blitch, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.