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**CITY OF STATESBORO  
Council Minutes  
June 20, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on June 20, 2017 at 5:30p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Jan J. Moore, Council Members: Phil Boyum, Sam Lee Jones, Jeff Yawn and John Riggs. Also present were City Manager Randy Wetmore, Deputy City Manager Robert Cheshire, City Clerk Sue Starling and City Attorney Cain Smith. Councilman Travis Chance was absent.

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

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman John Riggs

**Recognitions/Public Presentations**

**A) Presentation of Proclamation for the retirement of the Director of Water/Wastewater Van Collins after 37 years of service.**

Deputy City Manager Robert Cheshire spoke of Van's time with the City as Mayor Moore read a proclamation highlighting his accomplishments as a City employee. Mayor Moore along with Council presented the proclamation to Van.

**B) Presentation of the Statesboro Fire Department Annual Report for the 2016 calendar year.**

Fire Chief Tim Grams gave an overview of the departments accomplishments.

**C) Introduction of the newly created on line utility application process**

Salomon Gonzales demonstrated the on- line utility application process.

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

**Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2017-23: A Resolution to adopt the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget for each fund of the City of Statesboro, Georgia, appropriating the amounts shown in each budget as expenditures/expenses, adopting the several items or revenue anticipations and prohibiting expenditures or expenses from exceeding the actual funding available for appropriation.**

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve Resolution 2017-23: A Resolution to adopt the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget for each fund of the City of Statesboro, Georgia, appropriating the amounts shown in each budget as expenditures/expenses, adopting the several items or revenue anticipations and prohibiting expenditures or expenses from exceeding the actual funding available for appropriation. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn and Riggs voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to approve an amended Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Averitt Center for the Arts, the Downtown Development Authority and the City of Statesboro to collaborate and make an application for the America's Best Communities Competition and award funding.**

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to to approve an amended Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Averitt Center for the Arts, the Downtown Development Authority and the City of Statesboro to collaborate and make an application for the America's Best Communities Competition and award funding. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn and Riggs voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Second Reading and Consideration of a Motion to Approve Ordinance 2017-08: An Ordinance Amendment modifying the application of Section 6-8 as it applies to Hotels holding Class B and/or C alcoholic beverage licenses.**

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve Ordinance 2017-08: An Ordinance Amendment modifying the application of Section 6-8 as it applies to Hotels holding Class B and/or C alcoholic beverage licenses. Councilman Jones, Yawn and Riggs voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 3-0 vote. Councilman Boyum abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest as he is an employee of the Springhill Suites.

**Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION # SE 17-05-01: Enterprise Leasing Company Southeast, LLC requests a special exception for .68 acres of property located at 922 Northside Drive East to utilize the property as a motor vehicle leasing facility in the CR (Commercial Retail) zoning district (Tax Parcel S51 000064 000).**

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

T.J. Watkins spoke in favor of the request. Mayor Moore asked Mr. Watkins to look at the dirt lot his company was using as a parking lot. She stated it may not be zoned for that purpose. No one spoke against the request.

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

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to approve APPLICATION # SE 17-05-01: Enterprise Leasing Company Southeast, LLC requests a special exception for .68 acres of property located at 922 Northside Drive East to utilize the property as a motor vehicle leasing facility in the CR (Commercial Retail) zoning district (Tax Parcel S51 000064 000) to include recommendations from staff. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn and Riggs voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION # V 17-05-02: Ellianos Coffee Company requests a variance from Article XV Section 1509(B) Table 2 of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance regarding the installation of a projection sign for a commercial building located at 600 Brannen Street, which is prohibited in sign district 3 (Tax Parcel S53 000059 000).**

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

Josh Whitfield of Whitfield signs spoke in favor of the request. No one spoke against the request. Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to close the public hearing. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn and Riggs voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to approve APPLICATION # V 17-05-02: Ellianos Coffee Company requests a variance from Article XV Section 1509(B) Table 2 of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance regarding the installation of a projection sign for a commercial building located at 600 Brannen Street, which is prohibited in sign district 3 (Tax Parcel S53 000059 000) to include staff recommendations. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn and Riggs 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**

**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.**

**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.**

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to open the public hearing for the Arts Council, DSDA and SCVB contracts. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn and Riggs voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Councilman Boyum questioned if the contracts were in line with the contract regarding the pay back for the GSU Sports complex.

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

The contracts for Arts Council, DSDA and SCVB were tabled until the next meeting.

**Consideration of a Motion to reject all bids for the natural gas system replacement project along Fair Road/Hwy 67 due to non-responsive/budget excessive bid results.**

Councilman Jones made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to reject all bids for the natural gas system replacement project along Fair Road/Hwy 67 due to non-responsive/budget excessive bid results. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn and Riggs voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2017-21: A Resolution exempting certain vehicles from marking requirements for one year.**

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

No one spoke for or against the request.

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

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to approve Resolution 2017-21: A Resolution exempting certain vehicles from marking requirements for one year.

**Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2017-22: A Resolution to adopt the first amendment to the Fiscal Year 2017 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 Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve Resolution 2017-22: A Resolution to adopt the first amendment to the Fiscal Year 2017 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 Boyum, Jones, Yawn and Riggs voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2017-24: A Resolution adopting the City of Statesboro schedule of rates, fees and fines.**

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve Resolution 2017-24: A Resolution adopting the City of Statesboro schedule of rates, fees and fines. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn and Riggs voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2017-25: A Resolution to approve Phase III - 50% of the Compa-Ratio - Move to Market option of the Fiscal Year 2016 and end certifications as a part of the Classification and Compensation Plan effective June 30, 2017, in transition to a merit-based system provided by Evergreen Solutions Inc.**

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve Resolution 2017-25: A Resolution to approve Phase III - 50% of the Compa-Ratio - Move to Market option of the Fiscal Year 2016 and end certifications as a part of the Classification and Compensation Plan effective June 30, 2017, in transition to a merit-based system provided by Evergreen Solutions Inc. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn and Riggs voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to approve the Georgia Exceptional Main Street Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Statesboro, DSDA and Georgia Department of Community Affairs**

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to approve the Georgia Exceptional Main Street Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Statesboro, DSDA and Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn and Riggs voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to cancel the regularly scheduled Council Meeting of July 5, 2017**

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to cancel the regularly scheduled Council Meeting of July 5, 2017. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn and Riggs voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Other Business from City Council:** None

**City Managers Comments**

City Manager Randy Wetmore stated the street projects would include about 2.8 miles of paving. Police Chief Mike Broadhead stated with 30 inspections of business, there were only 3 that were in violations of the alcohol ordinance.

Mr. Wetmore stated the update that Tyler Technology had done on the system had caused some issues with utility billing. He also stated the Police Department would be presenting an annual report at the next Council meeting.

**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 6:55 pm, Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to enter into executive Session to discuss “Personnel Matters” in accordance with O.C.G.A.§50-14-3 (2012). Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn and Riggs voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

At 7:05 pm the meeting was called back to order. Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to exit Executive Session. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn and Riggs voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to enter into a contract of employment between City Attorney Cain Smith and the City of Statesboro. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn and Riggs voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm.