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**CITY OF STATESBORO  
Called Council Minutes  
June 24, 2014**

A called meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Jan 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 and City Attorney Alvin Leaphart.

The meeting was called to Order by Mayor Jan Moore.

**Presentation of argument and evidence regarding personnel matters.**

Mayor Moore stated the meeting was called due to the comments made at a department head meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Mayor Moore read the rules of order for the meeting. City Attorney Alvin Leaphart presented the section of the Open Meetings Act that pertains to this meeting in regards to presenting arguments and evidence regarding personnel matters.

Mayor Moore and City Attorney Alvin Leaphart gave their statement of the events that took place at the Department Head meeting. Councilmember Phil Boyum and Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a statement of their discoveries concerning the events of the department head meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt stated that he would like to see a resolution that was not so finite black and white. Councilman John Riggs stated he would save his comments until after the Executive Session. Councilman Gary Lewis stated that in the past, they have met in Atlanta when going to GMA. Councilman Travis Chance stated he was the one that asked for a Called Meeting and was not going to be accused of violating the Open Meetings Act when he has never been in a meeting with a quorum outside of Council.

Mayor Moore asked City Manager Frank Parker if he would like to make a statement. Mr. Parker gave his statement of the events that took place at the department head meeting. Mr. Parker stated that on 8 or 10 times he was in the presence of Council at GMA and business was discussed. Mr. Parker also stated that he has seen more than 2 Councilmembers in City Attorney Alvin Leaphart's office.

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

After hearing the arguments and evidence, Mayor Moore asked for a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss "Personnel Matters". Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to enter into Executive Session to discuss "Personnel Matters". Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

At 4:03 pm, the meeting was called back to order by Mayor Moore. Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to come out of Executive Session. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Based on the findings, Mayor Moore asked for a motion to terminate City Manager Frank Parker for cause effective immediately. Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to terminate City Manager Frank Parker for cause effective immediately. Councilman Boyum, Riggs and Chance voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Britt and Lewis voted against the motion. The motion carried by a 3-2 vote.

Councilman Riggs stated Mr. Parker has done a great job for the City and was sorry it had to come to this. Councilman Gary Lewis stated to Mr. Parker that he was a friend before he came to Council and would always be his friend.

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to authorize the Mayor to enter into discussions with Mr. Robert Cheshire for the position of Interim City Manager. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to appoint an independent Counsel to investigate these claims of violating the Open Meetings Law and report back to Council and to also recommend Judge Barber to select an attorney outside Statesboro to conduct the investigation without bias. Councilman Britt, Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

### **Consideration of Motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a Service Delivery Strategy Amendment**

Mayor Moore removed this item from the agenda until a later date.

### **Other Business from Council**

None

### **Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 pm.