



**CITY OF STATESBORO
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 21, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on June 21, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Joe R. Brannen, Council Members: Will Britt, Tommy Blich, John Riggs, Gary Lewis and Travis Chance. Also present were City Manager Frank Parker, City Clerk Sue Starling, Staff Attorney Michael Graves, City Engineer Robert Cheshire, and Director of Community Development Mandi Cody.

Approval of Minutes:

- a) **June 07, 2011 Council Work Session Minutes**
- b) **June 07, 2011 Council Minutes**
- c) **June 14, 2011 Public Hearing Minutes**

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blich to approve the minutes of June 07, 2011 Council Work Session Minutes, June 07, 2011 Council Minutes and June 14, 2011 Public Hearing Minutes. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Recognitions/Public Presentations: None

Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to approve first reading of Ordinance #2011-04: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 of the Statesboro Municipal Code Regarding Authorities, Boards, and Commissions – Statesboro Planning Commission.

City Manager Frank Parker stated the next Planning Commission will be held on July 12, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. He said maybe Council could meet with the Planning Commission immediately following their regular meeting.

Councilman Chance asked that Teresa Concannon's name be entered into the minutes. Although she was not present at the meeting she did send an e-mail to Mayor and Council to voice her opposition to the changes to Chapter 2 of the Statesboro Municipal Code regarding Authorities, Boards, and Commissions.

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blich to approve first reading of **Ordinance #2011-04: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 of the Statesboro Municipal Code Regarding Authorities, Boards, and Commissions – Statesboro Planning Commission.** Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to approve first reading of Ordinance #2011-05: An Ordinance Amending the Charter of the City of Statesboro, Georgia pursuant to the authority granted at O.C.G.A. Section 36-35-4.1 to reapportion municipal election districts based upon publication of the United States Decennial Census of 2010; to establish new election district boundaries in compliance with the requirements of the United States Constitution and pertinent laws, governing future elections for members of the City Council; to establish an effective date; and for other purposes.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve first reading of **Ordinance #2011-05**: An Ordinance Amending the Charter of the City of Statesboro, Georgia pursuant to the authority granted at O.C.G.A. Section 36-35-4.1 to reapportion municipal election districts based upon publication of the United States Decennial Census of 2010; to establish new election district boundaries in compliance with the requirements of the United States Constitution and pertinent laws, governing future elections for members of the City Council; to establish an effective date; and for other purposes. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to authorize the Director of Public Safety, Wendell Turner, to accept the FY11 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for the Statesboro Police Department in the amount of \$39,916.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blich to authorize the Director of Public Safety, Wendell Turner, to accept the FY11 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for the Statesboro Police Department in the amount of \$39,916. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 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

Councilman Blich 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, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 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 Blitch made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance 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, Blitch, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 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

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

Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2011-16: A Resolution Exempting Certain Vehicles from Marking Requirements for One Year.

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded y Councilman Riggs to approve Resolution 2011-16: A Resolution Exempting Certain Vehicles from Marking Requirements for One Year. Councilman Britt, Blitch, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2011-17: A Resolution to adopt 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 available for appropriation.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve Resolution 2011-17: A Resolution to adopt 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 available for appropriation. Councilman Britt, Blitch, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2011-18: A Resolution to adopt the first amendment to the Fiscal Year 2011 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 appropriated.

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve **Resolution 2011-18**: A Resolution to adopt the first amendment to the Fiscal Year 2011 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 appropriated. Councilman Britt, Blitch, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2011-19: A Resolution adopting the schedule of fees and charges for the streets division of the Engineering Department of the City of Statesboro, Georgia.

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blitch to approve **Resolution 2011-19**: A Resolution adopting the schedule of fees and charges for the streets division of the Engineering Department of the City of Statesboro, Georgia. Councilman Britt, Blitch, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2011-20: A Resolution amending the schedule of fees and charges for the Solid Waste Disposal Division of the Engineering Department of the City of Statesboro, Georgia

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve **Resolution 2011-20**: A Resolution amending the schedule of fees and charges for the Solid Waste Disposal Division of the Engineering Department of the City of Statesboro, Georgia. Councilman Britt, Blitch, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2011-21: A Resolution amending the schedule of fees and charges for the Solid Waste Collection Division of the Engineering Department of the City of Statesboro, Georgia.

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve **Resolution 2011-21**: A Resolution amending the schedule of fees and charges for the Solid Waste Collection Division of the Engineering Department of the City of Statesboro, Georgia. Councilman Britt, Blitch, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of Motion to approve award of contract to Ellis Wood Contracting in the amount of \$114,356.96 to make roadway improvements to Robin Hood Trail. Award requires increasing project budget by \$13,291.92. Requested increase to be covered by cost under runs on Lanier Dr. drainage improvements project and Bermuda Run sidewalk project. Robin Hood Trail improvements to be funded by 2007 SPLOST

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blich to approve the award of a contract to Jerry D. Rushing Company Inc. in the amount of \$114,356.96 to make roadway improvements to Robin Hood Trail. Award requires increasing project budget by \$13,291.92. The requested increase to be covered by cost under runs on Lanier Dr. drainage improvements project and Bermuda Run sidewalk project. Robin Hood Trail improvements are to be funded by 2007 SPLOST. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to award the purchase of a 2011-F-150 Regular Cab Pick-up Truck to Rozier Ford in the amount of \$19,391.00

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to award the purchase of a 2011-F-150 Regular Cab Pick-up Truck to Rozier Ford for the Waste Water Department in the amount of \$19,391.00. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Reports from Staff:

- a) City Manager's Report
- b) Department Head Report

City Manager Frank Parker stated Congressman John Barrow will be visiting Statesboro on June 28th from 2:30 pm-3:30 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall. He invited everyone to come by and visit with the Congressman. He also stated the City is working with the Bulloch County Historical Society to place a historical marker at the Eastside Cemetery and the Sawmill Property in the area of South Zetterower Ave and Brannen Street.

City Manager Frank Parker and Director of Community Development Mandi Cody ask permission from Council to approach Pittman Park Church in reference to using their facility for a voting precinct instead of using the Honey Bowen Building. Permission was granted by Council.

Other Business from City Council

City Manager Frank Parker asks permission from Council to proceed with the organizational chart for the 2013 SPLOST projects and to negotiate with GSU concerning the purchase of well #8. Permission was granted by Council.

There was some discussion on the Sunday Alcohol sale referendums, by the drink and package sales. There were no final decisions made on the referendum.

Public Comments (General):

Carrie Howard addressed Council with her concerns regarding areas being upgraded at the City's expense but not helping other citizens such as her neighbor (Ms. McFarland) who previously came to Council asking for help with problems concerning her sewer lines.

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Bitch made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to adjourn. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.