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**CITY OF STATESBORO  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES  
July 16, 2013**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on July 16, 2013 at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Joe R. Brannen, Council Members Phil Boyum, John Riggs, Gary Lewis and Travis Chance. Also present were City Manager Frank Parker, City Clerk Sue Starling, City Attorney Alvin Leaphart, Senior Assistant City Engineer Jason Boyles and Director of Community Development Mandi Cody. Absent was Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Joe Brannen  
The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Travis Chance.

**Recognitions/Public Presentations:** None

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

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

- A) Approval of Minutes**
  - a) 07-02-2013 Council Minutes**
  
- B) Notification of alcohol license application:**
  - a) Licensee: Joseph F. Cason Jr.**  
**DBA: The Blue Bean Bistro LLC**  
**Location: 721 South Main Street Bldg 2 Suite 8**  
**Type of Alcohol License: Pouring – Beer & Wine**  
**Type of Business: Restaurant**
  
- C) Consideration of a Motion to approve “Vehicle for Hire”**
  - a) Boro D.D. LLC – Richard Johnson (Driver)**

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve the consent agenda in its entirety. Councilman Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carries by a 4-0 vote.

**Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to approve the following:**

- A) APPLICATION # SE 13-03-03: Venus Mack requests a special exception be granted pursuant to the *Statesboro Zoning Ordinance* to allow the operation of a hair salon in the R-20 (Single-Family Residential) District for property located at 316 Fletcher Drive (Tax Parcel Number S35000009 000).**

Director of Community Planning Mandi Cody stated the request, if granted, would be for the applicant only and could not be transferred. The applicant, Venus Mack, who resides at 10 Packinghouse Apt 607 spoke in favor of the request. Roosevelt Love who also resides on Fletcher Drive spoke in favor of the request. Leo Sable of 300 Fletcher Drive, Randall Wire of 110 Ladd Circle and Frank McGibony of 105 Christie Lane spoke against the request.

Councilman Boyum asked if the neighborhood citizens would be interested in meeting with the applicant to discuss a compromise before the next Council meeting. Both parties agreed to meet at the next Homeowners Association meeting.

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to table this item until the next Council meeting. Councilman Boyum, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carries by a 4-0 vote.

**Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to approve the following:**

- A) **APPLICATION # RZ 13-04-02:** Greg Parker, Drayton Parker, LLC, requests a zoning map amendment pursuant to the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance from R-15 (Single Family Residential) District to CR (Commercial Retail) District for property located at 104 Catherine Avenue (Tax Parcel Number S44000001 000).

**APPLICATION # RZ 13-04-03:** Greg Parker, Drayton Parker, LLC, requests a zoning map amendment pursuant to the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance from R-15 (Single Family Residential) District to CR (Commercial Retail) District for property located at 300 Catherine Avenue (Tax Parcel Number S44000044 000).

**APPLICATION # RZ 13-04-04:** Greg Parker, Drayton Parker, LLC, requests a zoning map amendment pursuant to the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance from R-15 (Single Family Residential) District to CR (Commercial Retail) District for property located at northeast corner of Herty Drive @ Fair Road (Tax Parcel Number S44000045 000)

Director of Community Development Mandi Cody stated if Council approves the request, the 3 pieces of property would be as one motion along with conditions recommended by staff. Rusty Windsor of Thomas and Hutton representing Greg Parker spoke in favor of the request. Laura Marsh of Franklin and Taulbee spoke in favor of the request on behalf of the property owner. Richard and Janet Johnson of 300 Catherine Avenue spoke in favor of the request. Ray Fry who resides at 208 Wendwood Drive along with Del Presley of 106 E. Edgewood Drive spoke against the request. Joann Newland was concerned about what it would do to the other gas stations down the street. Craig Kellogg of 113 Herty Drive, Barbara Martin of 301 Marvin Avenue and June Weaver of 302 Catherine Avenue all spoke against the request. Councilman Riggs stated he would vote no on the request because the majority of his constituents were not in favor of the request.

Councilman Chance asked if the homeowners would meet with the applicants to discuss a compromise or agreement before the next Council meeting. Most of the citizens stated they were not interested in negotiations.

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to table the item until the next Council meeting. Councilman Boyum, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Riggs voted against the motion. The motion carries by a 3-1 vote.

Councilman Travis Chance left the meeting and did not return.

**Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2013-25: A Resolution Allocating Excise Tax on Rooms, Lodging and Accommodations.**

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve Resolution 2013-25: A Resolution Allocating Excise Tax on Rooms, Lodging and Accommodations. Councilman Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carries by a 3-0 vote.

**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 Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs 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 Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carries by a 3-0 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 Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs 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 Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carries by a 3-0 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 Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs 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 Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carries by a 3-0 vote.

**Consideration of a Motion to enter into agreements with Norfolk Southern and Georgia Southern Railway**

Director of Water Wastewater Wayne Johnson stated this agreement was needed to get permission to install a new sanitary sewer force main along Mathews Road.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve a Motion to enter into agreements with Norfolk Southern and Georgia Southern Railway. Councilman Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carries by a 3-0 vote.

**Consideration of a motion to approve a pay grade change from a 23L to 24I for Police Department Major Brunson in an effort to bring both FD and PD operation positions in line with current levels of responsibility. This item was not added to the new FY14 Budget.**

City Manager Frank Parker stated Scott Brunson had asked for this item to be removed from the agenda. Mr. Parker also asked for the suspension of the pay increases for the Fire Department and a temporary budget amendment to be processed for the FY 2014 Fire Department budget.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to remove the item from the agenda and to temporarily suspend and amend the FY 2014 Fire Department salary budget. Councilman Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carries by a 3-0 vote.

### **Other Business from City Council**

Purchasing Agent Darren Prather asked Council to authorize the application of a grant between the Hunter Cattle Company and the City of Statesboro. The City would hold the grant money and disburse fund when requested. Upon Council's approval, the City will submit the grant application and the Mayor will sign a memorandum of understanding (MOU) and a resolution that will be attached to the grant application.

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve the grant application and authorize the Mayor to sign the MOU and resolution. Councilman Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carries by a 3-0 vote.

City Manager Frank Parker stated the Board of Commissioners approved the site work and elevated storage tank for the I-16 project. He also stated he would be bringing to Council some changes to the billing system that will better define the Ordinances in connection with policy and procedures along with recommended changes to other procedures

### **Public Comments (General)**

Bill Thomas spoke to Council concerning what he believed to be an unauthorized decision made by a sworn constitutional officer involving a utility account in the amount of \$6,000.00. Mr. Thomas also stated he would like to see Council get involved in this issue.

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

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to adjourn. Councilman Boyum, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. The motion carries by a 3-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.