



**CITY OF STATESBORO
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 06, 2011**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on July 06, 2011 at 9:00 a.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 21, 2011 Council Work Session Minutes**
- b) **June 21, 2011 Council Public Hearing Minutes**
- c) **June 21, 2011 Council Minutes**
- d) **June 24, 2011 Called Council Minutes**

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blich to approve the minutes of June 21, 2011 Council Work Session Minutes, June 21, 2011 Council Public Hearing Minutes, June 21, 2011 Council Minutes and June 24, 2011 Called Council 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 approved second reading of Ordinance #2011-04: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 of the Statesboro Municipal Code Regarding Authorities, Boards, and Commissions – Statesboro Planning Commission.

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blich to approve second reading of Ordinance #2011-04: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 2 of the Statesboro Municipal Code Regarding Authorities, Boards, and Commissions – Statesboro Planning Commission with the condition to come back in 12 months to review the changes made to the Ordinance. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs and Lewis voted in favor of the motion. Councilman Chance voted against the motion. The motion carried by a 4-1 vote.

Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to approve second reading of Ordinance #2011-05: An Ordinance Amending the Charter of the City of Statesboro, Georgia pursuant to the authority granted at OCGA 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.

Bryan Kelly asks Council if the 2 years living in the same district requirement would still apply to someone who was put in a different district due to the lines being redrawn. Staff Attorney Michael Graves stated the candidates residential history would need to be reviewed before a decision could be made.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve second reading of **Ordinance #2011-05**: An Ordinance Amending the Charter of the City of Statesboro, Georgia pursuant to the authority granted at OCGA 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 approve the following zoning map amendment request:

- a) **Application # RZ 11-05-01**: Foresite Group, Inc. requests a zoning map amendment of 3.345 acres of property located at Fair Road and Kennedy Street from HOC (Highway Oriented Commercial) to CR (Commercial Retail).

Allie Poucher representing the Foresite Group was available for questions or concerns. Councilman Blich made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve **Application # RZ 11-05-01**: Foresite Group, Inc. requests a zoning map amendment of 3.345 acres of property located at Fair Road and Kennedy Street from HOC (Highway Oriented Commercial) to CR (Commercial Retail). Councilman Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt abstained from voting. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Public Hearing and Consideration of Motion to approve the following variance request:

- a) **Application # V 11-05-03**: Bob Smith requests variance regarding lot width in order to permit the subdivision of two parcels into three for property located at 813 North Main Street.

Bob Smith, owner of the property, spoke in favor of the variance request and was available for questions. Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve **Application # V 11-05-03**: Bob Smith requests variance regarding lot width in order to permit the subdivision of two parcels into three for property located at 813 North Main Street. 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 Resolution 2011-23: Sunday Alcohol Package Sales Referendum Question.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blitch to approve Resolution 2011-23: Sunday Alcohol Package Sales Referendum Question with the condition the sales would begin at 1:00 p.m. 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 2011-24: Sunday Alcohol Sales by the Drink Referendum Question.

Pear Hulsey, hotel and restaurant owner spoke in support of the Sunday Alcohol Sales. Bill Thomas asks about bars, taverns and restaurants concerning the 50/50 sales. Councilman Chance replied to Mr. Thomas that was a good question and should be addressed at a later time.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Blitch to approve Resolution 2011-24: Sunday Alcohol Sales by the Drink Referendum Question. 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 the Contract between the City of Statesboro and Bulloch County regarding the Five Mile Fire District

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve the Contract between the City of Statesboro and Bulloch County regarding the Five Mile Fire District. 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 adopt Resolution 2011-22: A Resolution Authorizing the Destruction of Certain Municipal Records.

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to adopt Resolution 2011-22: A Resolution Authorizing the Destruction of Certain Municipal Records. Councilman Britt, Blitch, 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 Reports

City Engineer Robert Cheshire stated the Church Street project was out for bid as well as the street stripping project.

Director of Community Development Mandi Cody stated the Code Compliance Officers were moving forward to address areas that require maintenance work to the property

Staff Attorney Michael Graves stated he would be bringing to Council an amendment the Resolution for the Establishment of the Downtown Incentive Program and also a proposal to amend Chapter 1 of the Statesboro Municipal Code regarding General Penalties.

Other Business from City Council

City Manager Frank Parker asked for Council to approve a Called Meeting for July 12, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of approving the minutes for July 7, 2011 for the mailing of the election packet to the Department of Justice. Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve a Called Meeting for July 12, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. for the purpose of approving the minutes for July 7, 2011 for the mailing of the election packet to the Department of Justice. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

City Manager Frank Parker asks Council for approval to appointment Wesley Parker as a member to the Tree Board Committee. Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded y Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve the appointment of Wesley Parker as a member to the Tree Board Committee. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

City Manager Frank Parker stated the Statesboro Planning Commission will have a work session with Council on July 12, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt stated the Alcohol Ordinance needs to be reviewed.

Director of Public Safety Wendell Turner asks Council for approval to purchase an administrative vehicle not to exceed \$26,000.00. Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve the purchase of an administrative vehicle not to exceed \$26,000.00. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Public Comments (General): None

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Lewis made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs 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 10:05 a.m.