



**CITY OF STATESBORO
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
August 21st, 2012**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on August 21st, 2012 at 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Joe R. Brannen, Council Members: Will Britt, Tommy Blicht, John Riggs, Gary Lewis and Travis Chance. Also present were City Manager Frank Parker, City Clerk Sue Starling, City Attorney Alvin Leaphart, City Engineer Robert Cheshire and Director of Community Development Mandi Cody.

Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

- A) Approval of Minutes**
 - a) 08-07-2012 Council Minutes**
- B) Consideration of a Motion to approve 2nd reading of Ordinance 2012-05: An Ordinance amending the Code of Statesboro Chapter Two in Article One establishing division IV, open records, to comply with O.C.G.A. "The Georgia Open Records Law" as amended in the 2012 session of the Georgia General Assembly**
- C) Notification of an alcohol license application:**
 - Licensee: Janetta Alabi-Isama**
 - DBA: South and Vine Public House**
 - Location: 19 South Main Street**
 - Type of Alcohol License: Restaurant**
 - Type of Business: Beer, Wine, Liquor by the Drink-Pouring Sales**
- D) Consideration of a Motion to approve Special Event Permits**
 - a) Averitt Center for the Arts-Gallery Reception "Warhol Prints"**
 - b) GSU Botanical Garden-Beer Tasting Concert Fundraiser**
- E) Consideration of a Motion to approve "Vehicle for Hire" Driver Applications**
 - a) D W Yellow Cab – Timothy F. McFarland**
 - b) D W Yellow Cab- Justin Phillips**
- F) Consideration of a motion for the surplus and disposal of three trucks in the Public Works divisions:**
 - a) 1998 Volvo/Heil garbage truck (Sanitation Division)**
 - b) 2003 Autocar/Wayne garbage truck (Sanitation Division)**
 - c) 2001 Dodge Ram pickup (Street Division)**
- G) Consideration of a Motion to change the Administrative Assistant position for the Police Department from a part time position to a full time position as it was budgeted for full time in the 2013 budget**

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve the consent agenda in it's entirety. Councilman Britt, Blicht, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to approve 1st reading of Ordinance 2012-06: An Ordinance Amending Certain Sections of Chapter 6 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances (Alcoholic Beverages)

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve 1st reading of **Ordinance 2012-06**: An Ordinance Amending Certain Sections of Chapter 6 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances (Alcoholic Beverages). 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 Enter into an Agreement between the City of Statesboro and the Georgia Department of Transportation for an Off-System Safety Enhancement Project including roadway striping, signage and pavement markings. GDOT to provide funding up to \$72,000

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to enter into an agreement between the City of Statesboro and the Georgia Department of Transportation for an Off-System Safety Enhancement Project including roadway striping, signage and pavement markings. The GDOT will provide funding up to \$72,000. 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:

- a. **APPLICATION # RZ 12-06-10**: James M. Hood requests a zoning map amendment from R-20 (Single-Family Residential) District to R-4 (High Density Residential) District for property located at 444 South College Street (Tax parcel # S21000011001).

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Chance to approve **APPLICATION # RZ 12-06-10**: James M. Hood requests a zoning map amendment from R-20 (Single-Family Residential) District to R-4 (High Density Residential) District for property located at 444 South College Street (Tax parcel # S21000011001). Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

- b. **APPLICATION # RZ 12-07-01**: Josh Whitfield requests a zoning map amendment from O (Office) District to CR (Commercial Retail) District for property located at 56 Zetterower Avenue (Tax Parcel # S38000056000).

John Dotson of Maxwell Reddick, representing the property owner, spoke in favor of the request. Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve **APPLICATION # RZ 12-07-01**: Josh Whitfield requests a zoning map amendment from O (Office) District to CR (Commercial Retail) District for property located at 56 Zetterower Avenue (Tax Parcel # S38000056000) with the condition to reconstruct the drive way. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

- c. **APPLICATION # RZ 12-07-02**: Copper Beech Town Home Communities, LLP, requests a zoning map amendment from CR (Commercial Retail) District to R-4 (High Density Residential) District for property located on Statesboro Place Circle.

John Dotson of Maxwell Reddick spoke in favor of the request. Tom Jones, owner of The Millhouse Steakhouse spoke against the request, stating the restaurant uses the property for parking and if the request was granted, it would cut down on the available parking spaces for the restaurant. He also stated the restaurant employees about 65 people. Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to table this item until the next Council meeting. 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 approve Resolution 2012-19: A Resolution Adopting the Grant Policy for the City of Statesboro.

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve **Resolution 2012-19**: A Resolution Adopting the Grant Policy for the City of Statesboro. 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 approve Resolution 2012-20: A Resolution to adopt the first amendment to the Fiscal Year 2013 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

Mayor Pro tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to **Resolution 2012-20**: A Resolution to adopt the first amendment to the Fiscal Year 2013 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 Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Other Business from City Council

Director of Public Safety Wendell Turner asked Council to approve a motion to purchase six (6) new patrol cars on state contract not to exceed \$239,091.00. Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt to approve the purchase of six (6) new patrol cars on state contract not to exceed \$239,091.00. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Brannen read a letter from Councilman Blich stating the he was retiring from the City. A specific date was not given at this time.

Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt stated that Daniel Long had approached him about brew alcohol in Statesboro. Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt asked City Attorney Alvin Leaphart to bring forward an amendment to the alcohol ordinance to permit this.

City Attorney Alvin Leaphart asked Council to approve the appointment of someone as solicitor in court in the absence of himself. There needs to be ratification from Council to make the position official. Mayor Pro Tem Will Britt made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis to approve the appointment of a solicitor in the absence of the City Attorney Alvin Leaphart. Councilman Britt, Blich, Riggs, Lewis and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 vote.

Public Comments / Presentations (General)

a) Shannon Mixon request to speak to Council concerning the 911 change of address for some locations on North Side Drive East and West

Shannon Mixon updated Council on the address changes that needed to be made to North-side East up to the Bypass. The current Ordinance reads that Council approves any address changes. Mayor Brannen stated that in the future the City Manager could approve the changes.

Jim Healy, representing the Statesboro Herald, addressed Council with concerns of the Platinum Lounge activities this past weekend resulting in the death of one person and hospitalizing another. He stated his employees were afraid to come to work since their job requires them to be at the Herald very early in the morning to start their paper delivery route. He asked Council to seriously address the issues.

Consideration of a Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss “Personnel Matters” in accordance with O.C.G.A. §50-14-3 (2010)

Mayor Joe Brannen cancelled the Executive Session.

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Lewis 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 was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.