



CITY OF STATESBORO
COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 02, 2024

Regular Meeting

50 E. Main St. City Hall Council Chambers

9:00 AM

1. Call to Order

Mayor Jonathan McCollar called the meeting to order

2. Invocation and Pledge

Mayor Jonathan McCollar called on Pastor Donald Chavers to give the Invocation.
Mayor McCollar led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jonathan McCollar	Mayor	Present	
Phil Boyum	Councilmember	Present	
Paulette Chavers	Councilmember	Present	
Ginny Hendley	Councilmember	Present	
John Riggs	Councilmember	Present	
Shari Barr	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	

Other staff present: City Manager Charles Penny, Assistant City Manager Jason Boyles, Public Information Officer Layne Phillips, City Attorney Cain Smith and City Clerk Leah Harden

3. Oath of Office Administered by Bulloch County Probate Judge Lorna Deloach for:

- a) **District 2 Council Member Paulette Chavers**
- b) **District 3 Council Member Ginny Hendley**
- c) **District 5 Council Member Shari Barr**

Bulloch County Probate Judge Lorna Deloach administered the Oath of Office individually to Councilmember Paulette Chavers, Councilmember Ginny Hendley, and Councilmember Shari Barr.

4. Consideration of a motion to appoint a Mayor Pro Tem for the next two years, per the Statesboro Municipal Code, Section 2-4 of the City Charter.

Councilmember John Riggs made a motion to nominate District 1 Councilmember Phil Boyum as Mayor Pro Tempore for the next two years.

RESULT:	Failed 2-3
MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilmember Phil Boyum
AYES:	Boyum, Riggs
ABSENT	
NAYS:	Chavers, Hendley, Barr

A Motion was made to appoint Councilmember Shari Barr as Mayor Pro Tempore for the next two years.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

5. Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

6. Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

a) 12-19-2023 Council Minutes

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

7. Other Business from City Council

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr wishes everyone a Happy New Year.

8. City Managers Comments

City Manager Charles Penny announced a street renaming ceremony will take place on Saturday January 13th at 11:00 am to commemorate the renaming of Brown Street to Loretta’s Way.

9. Public Comments (General):

Johnny Dorceus stated he is a bike rider and asked the city to consider placing bike lanes on the bigger streets throughout the city.

Marshall Webster asked council to repeal the anti-discrimination ordinance passed in 2022 and to repeal the approval of the historical marker made last year. He also asked that the bidding process for awarding city contracts to be looked into.

10. Consideration of a Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss “Personnel Matters” “Real Estate” and/or “Potential Litigation” in accordance with O.C.G.A 50-14-3(b).

No executive session was held.

11. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 am.

Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

Leah Harden, City Clerk