



CITY OF STATESBORO
COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 5, 2021

Regular Meeting

50 E. Main St. City Hall Council Chambers

9:00 AM

Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers called the meeting to order

Invocation and Pledge

Councilmember John Riggs gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDENCE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jonathan McCollar	Mayor	Present Via Zoom	
Phil Boyum	Councilmember	Present	
Paulette Chavers	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Venus Mack	Councilmember	Present	
John Riggs	Councilmember	Present	
Shari Barr	Councilmember	Present	

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

Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

- a) 12-15-2020 Work Session Minutes
- b) 12-15-2020 Council Minutes
- c) 12-15-2020 Executive Session Minutes

B) Consideration of a Motion to Approve Resolution 2021-01: A Resolution to Fix and Publish Qualifying fees for the City of Statesboro November 2, 2021 General Election.

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Shari Barr
SECONDER:	Councilmember John Riggs
AYES:	Boyum, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

Public Hearing & Consideration of a Motion to approve application for an alcohol license Sec. 6-5:

**A. Vandy's
22 W Vine St
Statesboro, Ga 30458
Owner: Darin Van Tassel**

**B. Kade LLC, DBA G8 Stop 2
421 Northside Dr E
Statesboro, Ga 30458
Owner: Kosha & David RichardsonWorks Commission.**

A Motion was made to open the Public Hearing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
AYES:	Boyum, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

No one spoke for or against the request.

A Motion was made to close the Public Hearing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
AYES:	Boyum, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

A Motion was made to approve alcohol applications for Vandy's located at 22 West Vine Street and G8 Stop 2 located at 421 Northside Drive East.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
AYES:	Boyum, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

Public Hearing and Consideration to approve First reading of Ordinance 2020-16: an Ordinance amending the Statesboro Code of Ordinances Chapter 18, Article XI establishing licensing and operational requirements for mobile food service units.

A Motion was made to open the Public Hearing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Shari Barr
SECONDER:	Councilmember John Riggs
AYES:	Boyum, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

City Attorney Cain Smith stated this ordinance includes revisions from the last meeting, to include the addition of Sec. 18-309 (11): application for location approval is not required for a licensed mobile food service unit not conducting point of sale transactions when hired by a resident, essentially a private party. And Sec. 18-309 (11)(d): allowing mobile food trucks to conduct business in commercial zoning districts and spells out an administrative variance process within prohibited zoning districts pursuant to Sec. 18-316.

No one for spoke for or against the request.

A Motion was made to close the Public Hearing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
AYES:	Boyum, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

A motion was made to Approve First Reading of Ordinance 2020-16 amending the Statesboro Code of Ordinances Chapter 18, Article XI establishing licensing and operational requirements for mobile food service units.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
SECONDER:	Councilmember John Riggs
AYES:	Boyum, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2021-02: A Resolution to adopt an Urban Redevelopment Plan and Area for the City of Statesboro.

A Motion was made to open the Public Hearing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Shari Barr
SECONDER:	Councilmember John Riggs
AYES:	Boyum, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

City Manager Charles Penny explained this plan is an important piece for the City to receive grants for the revitalization of neighborhoods in our community. Public meetings are held to inform citizens about the plan and to get their input. A public meeting was held yesterday evening in the Council Chambers another public meeting will be held on Thursday at Luetta Moore Park. In addition to the revitalization, the improvements to Grady Street Park and Luetta Moore Park are included in this plan.

No one spoke for or against the request.

A Motion was made to close the Public Hearing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
AYES:	Boyum, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

Councilmember Phil Boyum asked if we need to wait to approve this plan until all public meetings have been held.

City Attorney Cain Smith stated the number of required public hearings are satisfied as of this meeting.

A Motion was made to Approve Resolution 2021-02 to adopt an Urban Redevelopment Plan Area for the City of Statesboro.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
SECONDER:	Councilmember Phil Boyum
AYES:	Boyum, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2021-03: A Resolution to appoint elected officials to Urban Redevelopment Agency to transact business relating to urban revitalization efforts pursuant to Georgia redevelopment Powers Law and in accordance with the adopted Urban Redevelopment Plan.

A motion was made to open the Public Hearing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
AYES:	Boyum, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

No one spoke for or against the request.

A motion was made to close the Public Hearing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
AYES:	Boyum, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

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RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Phil Boyum
SECONDER:	Councilmember John Riggs
AYES:	Boyum, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

Consideration of a motion to award a contract to Solid Waste Applied Technology (SWAT) for the purchase of a Pac-Mac yard waste collection body with Freightliner cab and chassis per Sourcewell (formally NJPA) contract in the amount of \$165,112.00.

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MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
AYES:	Boyum, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

Consideration of a motion to award a contract to Allstate Peterbilt for the purchase of a Peterbilt cab and chassis with Galbreath rolloff body per Sourcewell (formally NJPA) contract in the amount of \$188,766.00. This item will be funded from 2013 SPLOST for solid waste handling equipment.

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ABSENT	

Other Business from City Council:

Councilmember Venus Mack urges everyone to get out and vote today.

Councilmember Shari Barr announced that if your normal place to vote is the Fair Grounds you will need to go to Pittman Park instead. The Fair Grounds had to be closed so they are not voting out there today.

Councilmember Phil Boyum stated we spent a better part of 2020 counting deaths and infection rates over the course of the year, the growing number gives a sense of dread. Now that the vaccines are coming out, for 2021 he stated he would like counts of the amount of persons being vaccinated in the city and the county. It would be nice to have a rolling count of a positive growing number.

City Managers Comments

City Manager Charles Penny updated Mayor and City Council of the money used from the Utility, Mortgage/Rental and Small Business relief funds.

City Manager Charles Penny state in reference to COVID vaccinations, we are working with Bulloch County and DPH to ramp up vaccinations in our community. There are vaccinations available in Bulloch County. Individuals such as medical personal, providers of health services, and nursing homes categorized as “1A” receive the vaccinations first. Governor Kemp last week moved “1B” individuals into the “1A” category, which includes our police officers and firefighters. At this point, it’s still slow progress but hopefully in the next two to three weeks we will see more vaccines available in our community

Public Comments (General): None

Consideration of a Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss “Potential Litigation” in accordance with O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(b).

At 9:32 am, a motion was made to enter into Executive Session.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
AYES:	Boyum, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

At 10:16 am, a motion was made to exit Executive Session.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
SECONDER:	Councilmember John Riggs
AYES:	Boyum, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers called the regular meeting back to order with no action taken in Executive Session.

Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers stated the threshold of coronavirus cases we have here in Statesboro is 23.9%. We are supposed to be less than 5%. If you are out in the public please remember the mandate from the state, wear your mask and remember social distancing.

Councilmember Shari Barr encourages everyone to avoid crowds and wear a mask, do all you can to protect yourself, your family, and everybody else. Squash the Spread has information available on their Facebook page and web page.

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Shari Barr
SECONDER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
AYES:	Boyum, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 am