



CITY OF STATESBORO
COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 06, 2026

Regular Meeting 50 E. Main St. City Hall Council Chambers 9:00 AM

1. Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr called the meeting to order

2. Invocation and Pledge

Pastor Craig Tremble gave the Invocation and Councilmember Paulette Chavers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDENCE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jonathan McCollar	Mayor	Present	
Tangie Johnson	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 Affairs Manager Layne Phillips, City Attorney Cain Smith and City Clerk Leah Harden

3. Oath of Office administered by Bulloch County Probate Judge Lorna Deloach to:

- A. Mayor Jonathan McCollar
- B. District 1 Tangie Johnson
- C. District 4 John Riggs

Bulloch County Probate Judge Lorna Deloach administered the Oath of Office individually to Councilmember Tangie Johnson, Councilmember John Riggs, and Mayor Jonathan McCollar.

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

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

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVED:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDED:	Councilmember Tangie Johnson
AYES:	Johnson, 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) **12-16-2025 Work Session Minutes**
- b) **12-16-2025 Council Minutes**
- c) **12-16-2025 Executive Session Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Tangie Johnson
SECONDER:	Councilmember John Riggs
AYES:	Johnson, Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT:	

7. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2026-01: A Resolution approving application to the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program in the amount of \$945,000.00 for hydrologic and hydraulic study of the Little Lotts Creek basin. If awarded, the 10% required grant match (\$94,500) will be provided by Stormwater Fund Operating Revenues.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2026-01: A Resolution approving application to the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program in the amount of \$945,000.00 for hydrologic and hydraulic study of the Little Lotts Creek basin. If awarded, the 10% required grant match (\$94,500) will be provided by Stormwater Fund Operating Revenues.

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

8. Public Comments (General):

Malik Raymond addressed the Council regarding ongoing road construction on Springer Cove Road and Cypress Lake. He mentioned receiving conflicting information about when the construction would resume, with some sources indicating 2026 and others suggesting 2028. Mr. Raymond sought clarification to share with neighbors and residents in the area.

Mayor McCollar indicated that staff would connect with Mr. Raymond to provide the specific information he requested.

9. Other Business from City Council

Councilmember Shari Barr shared two announcements: The City of Statesboro, Tree Board, and KSBB will be recycling live Christmas trees this week. Trees can be dropped off at Public Works or at the Food World parking lot on Northside Drive West on Saturday, where citizens can also receive a free bare root seedling tree. Henry Clay, a longtime Tree Board member and environmental champion, had passed away the previous day. Barr expressed condolences to his family and honored his contributions to making Statesboro a greener, healthier city.

Barr later shared information about Shannon Killebrew Freeman, who recently passed away during the Christmas break. Freeman was recognized nationally for her work advocating for the rights of disabled and homebound individuals. A celebration of her life will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on Saturday, January 17th at 11:00 AM.

10. City Managers Comments

City Manager Charles Penny welcomed everyone back after the holiday season and congratulated Mayor McCollar, Councilmember Johnson, and Councilmember Riggs on their elections. Mr. Penny announced that the Bulloch County NAACP had invited Council members to participate in the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade on January 19th at 11:00 AM. He noted that Mayor McCollar would serve as the grand marshal and emphasized that the parade time had changed from 2:00 PM in previous years to 11:00 AM this year.

11. 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).

There were no items for executive session.

12. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

Mayor McCollar welcomed everyone to stay for refreshments to celebrate the New Year and the installation of the council members. He emphasized the importance of working together to move the community forward while addressing the critical issue of poverty. Mayor McCollar noted that while the poverty rate had decreased from 53% to 37.2% over the past eight years, the rate has become stagnant, and more work needs to be done. He commended the Council and Administration for their service and dedication to creating policy that benefits all residents

A motion was made to adjourn.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilmember Tangie Johnson
AYES:	Johnson, Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT:	

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 a.m.

Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

Leah Harden, City Clerk