



January 20, 2026 5:30 pm

1. Call to Order by Mayor Jonathan McCollar
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Councilmember Ginny Hendley
3. Public Comments (Agenda Item):
4. Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda
 - A) Approval of Minutes
 - a) 01-06-2026 Council Minutes
5. Consideration of a motion to approve an easement to Georgia Power for the installation of underground service to the new corporate hangar site at the Statesboro Bulloch County airport.
6. Consideration of a motion to approve a bid and award a contract to Mid Georgia Property Enhancements LLC., in the amount of \$354,414.20 for construction on the STM-46 Little Lotts Tributary Restoration Project, to be funded by an EPD Section 319 Grant.
7. Public Comments (General)
8. Other Business from City Council
9. City Managers Comments
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)
11. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn



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.

ATTENDANCE

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)

MOVER:

Councilmember John Riggs

SECONDER:

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

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50 EAST MAIN STREET • P.O. BOX 348
STATESBORO, GEORGIA 30459-0348

To: Charles Penny, City Manager
Jason Boyles, Assistant City Manager

From: Cain Smith, City Attorney

Date: January 12, 2026

RE: January 20, 2026 City Council items

Policy Issue: Consideration of approval of easement for Georgia Power to allow installation of underground service to the corporate hangar site at the airport.

Recommendation:

Approval

Background:

City and Bulloch County jointly own the Statesboro Bulloch County Airport. Bulloch County Commission approved the item on December 16, 2025.

Budget Impact: None

Council Person and District: N/A

Attachment: Proposed easement

After recording, return to:
Georgia Power Company
Attn: Land Acquisition (Recording)
241 Ralph McGill Blvd NE
Bin 10151
Atlanta, GA 30308-3374

TAX ID: 105 000004 000

PROJECT 2025120072 LETTER FILE DEED FILE MAP FILE
ACCOUNT NUMBER 11047464-GPC9596-VBS-GP310E06425
NAME OF LINE/PROJECT: 601 AIRPORT BLVD (BULLOCH COUNTY) DISTRIBUTION LINE

PARCEL NUMBER 001

STATE OF GEORGIA
BULLOCH COUNTY

E A S E M E N T

For and in consideration of the sum of Ten and No/100 Dollars (\$10.00) and other good and valuable consideration, in hand paid by GEORGIA POWER COMPANY, a Georgia corporation (the "Company"), the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF STATESBORO AND BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF ROADS AND REVENUES OF BULLOCH COUNTY, GEORGIA (the "Undersigned", which term shall include heirs, successors and/or assigns), whose mailing Address is , does hereby grant and convey to the Company, its successors and assigns, the right, privilege and easement to go in, upon, along, across, under and through the Property (as defined below) for the purposes described herein.

The "Property" is defined as that certain tract of land owned by the Undersigned at 601 AIRPORT BLVD, STATESBORO, GA 30461 (Tax Parcel ID No. 105 000004 000) in the 48, 1209 GMD (Georgia Militia District) of Bulloch County, Georgia.

The "Easement Area" is defined as any portion of the Property located (a) within fifteen (15) feet of the centerline of the overhead distribution line(s) as installed in the approximate location(s) shown on "Exhibit A" attached hereto and made a part hereof, (b) within ten (10) feet of the centerline of the underground distribution line(s) as installed in the approximate location(s) shown on "Exhibit A," and (c) within ten (10) feet from each side of any related above-ground equipment and facilities, including without limitation cubicles, transformers and service pedestals, as installed in the approximate location(s) shown in "Exhibit A."

The rights granted herein include and embrace the right of the Company to construct, operate, maintain, repair, renew and rebuild continuously upon and under the Easement Area its lines for transmitting electric current with poles, wires, transformers, service pedestals, anchors, guy wires and other necessary

PARCEL 001

NAME OF
LINE/PROJECT:

601 AIRPORT BLVD (BULLOCH COUNTY) DISTRIBUTION
LINE

apparatus, fixtures, and appliances; the right to attach communication facilities and related apparatus, fixtures, and appliances to said poles; the right to stretch communication or other lines within the Easement Area; the right to permit the attachment of the cables, lines, wires, apparatus, fixtures, and appliances of any other company or person to said poles for electrical, communication or other purposes; the right to assign this Easement in whole or in part; the right at all times to enter upon the Easement Area for the purpose of inspecting said lines and/or making repairs, renewals, alterations and extensions thereon, thereunder, thereto or therefrom; the right to cut, trim, remove, clear and keep clear of said overhead or underground lines, transformers, fixtures, and appliances all trees and other obstructions that may in the opinion of the Company now or hereafter in any way interfere or be likely to interfere with the proper maintenance and operation of said overhead or underground lines, transformers, fixtures, and appliances; the right of ingress and egress over the Property to and from the Easement Area; and the right to install and maintain electrical and communication lines and facilities to existing and future structure(s) within the Easement Area under the easement terms provided herein. Any timber cut on the Easement Area by or for the Company shall remain the property of the owner of said timber.

The Undersigned does not convey any land, but merely grants the rights, privileges and easements hereinbefore set out.

The Company shall not be liable for or bound by any statement, agreement or understanding not herein expressed.

[Signature(s) on Following Page(s)]

PARCEL 001 NAME OF 601 AIRPORT BLVD (BULLOCH COUNTY) DISTRIBUTION
 LINE/PROJECT: LINE

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Undersigned has/have hereunto set his/her/their
hand(s) and seal(s), this _____ day of _____, _____.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF STATESBORO
presence of:

Witness

By: _____ (SEAL)
Name: JONATHAN MCCOLLAR
Title: MAYOR

Notary Public

Attest: _____ (SEAL)
Name: LEAH HARDEN
Title: CITY CLERK

[CORPORATE SEAL]

Signed, sealed and delivered in the
presence of:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF ROADS AND REVENUES
OF BULLOCH COUNTY, GEORGIA

Witness

By: _____ (SEAL)
Name: DAVID BENNETT
Title: CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Notary Public

Attest: _____ (SEAL)
Name: VENUS MINCEY-WHITE
Title: COUNTY CLERK

[CORPORATE SEAL]

Exhibit "A"

Airport Blvd

BA 3626
20A-KS

40'-5"

IN: 6.30' L/OA/XNC

1188370
25-1
120/240V

130'
4/0UTA

130'
4/0UTA

IN: 9.30' L/OA/XNC

(Highway 301 North)
Tax Parcel # 105 000005 000

001

Mayor and City Council of Statesboro and the Board of Commissioners
of Roads and Revenues of Bulloch County, Georgia

(601 Airport Blvd)

Tax Parcel # 105 000004 000

1188371
25-1
120/240V

25'
4/0UTA

450'
4/0UTA

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To: Charles W. Penny, City Manager
Jason Boyles, Assistant City Manager

From: Brad Deal, P.E., Director of Public Works and Engineering
Marcos Trejo, P.E., Assistant Director of Public Works

Date: January 13, 2026

RE: Bid for construction of STM-46 Little Lott's Tributary Stream Restoration Project, from East Grady Street to East Jones Ave.

Policy Issue: Purchasing

Recommendation: Staff recommends approval of the low bid and award of a contract in the amount of \$354,414.20 to Mid Georgia Property Enhancements LLC.

Background: As part of the City Stormwater Master Planning initiatives, the City applied for a Federal Clean Water Act, Section 319(h) grant, and was awarded \$381,715.00 for the purpose of stream restoration of Little Lott's Creek Tributary between East Grady Street and East Jones Avenue. This project will assist in restoring this tributary to a natural state, including planting more native vegetation to improve aesthetics and reduce maintenance. The City contracted with Goodwyn Mills Cawood for design services for the project.

Budget Impact: The bid amount of \$354,414.20 is below the grant amount of \$381,715.00. The grant funding will fund the project construction. The city has met its grant match responsibilities during the design of the project.

Council Person and District: Paulette Chavers, District 2

Attachments: Bid from Mid Georgia Property Enhancements, LLC.

CC: Darren Prather, Director of Central Services
Cindy West, Director of Finance



December 1, 2025

City of Statesboro
50 East Main Street
Statesboro, GA 30458

Ref: STM 46: Little Lotts Tributary Stream Restoration Project – East Grady St to East Jones Ave

Darren Prather,

MGPE is giving a bid for the Little Lotts Tributary Stream Restoration Project. We will be providing the necessary equipment, workforce, and material as listed in the bid table to restore approximately 1,000 LF segment of the Little Lotts and build Creek Tributary along the blind Willie McTell Trail, and between East Grady St. and East Jones Ave. This area is approximately 1,000 LF of stream restoration, and 1.2 acres of flood plain and stream build. We will keep all work and material within the LOD, any area that MGPE disturbed will be returned to preexisting and/or better condition by the completion of the project.

\$ 354,414.20

Scope of Work:

1. Creating a new Bioswale
2. The First 499 LF of stream we will just install structures and remove the vegetation needed to install the structure.
3. Demo a small concrete pad blocking the new Bioswale.
4. Installation of two construction entrances and staging areas as needed.
5. Installation of a pump and check dam for pump around while working in the stream.
6. The second section of the stream build is approximately 520 LF and will require a full stream build with structures, flood plain, and an Offline Detention area.
7. Live stakes, temporary and permanent seeding. This is per the bid table.
8. Mobilization, moving equipment, supplies, installation of the two construction entrances, and moving crew to the Job.

Assumption's:

- 2/10th accuracy vertical and horizontal
- All material quantity is based on the provided quantity and type listed in the bid table.
- Materials bought and stored on-site will be billed along with the normal pay request.
- Ground control provided
- GPS files provided for GPS site controls.
- Invoices will be paid on a net 30 basis.

Exclusions:

- Contractor shall promptly, give a written notice to owners on encountering unforeseeable conditions, like rock, ground conditions, extreme weather conditions, and/or delays caused by other contractors and/or property owners that may adversely affect the work. Owners shall investigate the site conditions promptly after receiving notice. If the conditions cause an increase in cost to contractor or the time needed for performing any part of the work and were not reasonably foreseeable by an experienced contractor, a fair adjustment shall be made under this clause and the contract modified in writing accordingly.
- Material overages
- Construction barriers
- Special ground and/or Bank stabilization along the the edge of the building located on the south end of the stream build.
- Pulling permits from the Railroad for working near the rails
- Erosion, and/or water drainage problems from plugging an existing culvert.
- Installation of any RCP culverts
- Hauling off trash and/or debris left by others.

This bid is good for 30 days from the date listed above.

Thank for the opportunity to look at this project for you, please do not hesitate to call with any question and/or comments.

Phillip Bunn



Owner of MGPE (478) 808-0691

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