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CITY OF STATESBORO  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
JANUARY 21, 2020

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Mayor & Council Work Session      50 E. Main St. City Hall Council Chambers      4:00 PM

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A Work Session of the Statesboro City Council was held on January 21, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. at Joe Brannen Hall, 58 East Main Street. Present was Mayor Jonathan McCollar; Council Members: Phil Boyum, Paulette Chavers, Venus Mack, John Riggs and Shari Barr. Also present was City Clerk Leah Harden, City Attorney Cain Smith, City Manager Charles Penny.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jonathan McCollar.

**1) Park & Recreation Presentation**

Ronald Huffman with Wood group presented an outline and tentative schedule for the study of operations, maintenance staffing and programs at Grady Street Park, Luetta Moore Park and Memorial Park also known as Fair Road Park. Mr. Huffman explained there would be an analysis of existing conditions of the parks, and then needs a priority assessment, which would include operations, maintenance, staffing review, programs review, input from the public such as staff work sessions, stakeholder interviews, strategy session with City Council and a public open house. A master plan sketch for each park will be presented to Mayor and Council at a Work Session slated for March 17. The timeframe of this process would be approximately 2 months. Councilman Phil Boyum brought up other parks within the City asking what the plans are for them. Mayor McCollar explained we are starting with the three parks and work from there for improvements to other parks and possibly the creation of Pocket Parks in the City.

**2) Transit Presentation**

Civil Engineer, Kiara Ahmad presented the Statesboro Transit Implementation update. The Transit system is a flex service operated by the Coastal Regional Commission. The buses would run Monday thru Friday 6:00 am to 6:00 pm with a proposed fare rate of \$1.00 one way. The plan includes two flex routes with an average travel time of forty minutes round trip. The buses are Ford E-350 shuttle bus with wheelchair lift. Each bus has a capacity of ten passengers with two wheelchairs. Each flex route will have two buses. The cost for Capital expense for the City will be \$21,420.00, a 10 percent match from state funds and 80 percent from Federal Section 5311 grant funds. The operational costs for the City will be approximately \$161,100, a 50 percent match to State funds. The goal is to be operational July 2021.

**3) Road Resurfacing**

Director of Public Works and Engineering John Washington reviewed with Mayor and Council the Fiscal Year 2020 Street Resurfacing program Assessment process and Project List. The City receives funding from the Georgia Department of Transportation annually through the Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG). The process begins with the assessment of the roads, a rating of 1 – 5 is applied, one being the best and five being the worst. The funding for these improvements come from the LMIG funds with a local match and we have TSPLOST funds for resurfacing. A list of roads needing resurfacing presented to Council for approval in December 2019 is submitted to the Georgia Department of Transportation along with the LMIG application. We are able to expand the list based on the amount of funds received. At this time, we are looking at 6.42 miles of resurfacing for FY2020.

4) **Quarterly Financial Report**

Director of Finance Cindy West gave a report on the revenue and expenditures in the General Fund, Statesboro Fire Service Fund and Public Utility Fund, for the second quarter of the 2020 fiscal year. The city is right on track with its budget.

5) **Auditor Report and Brief Presentation**

Richard Deal with Lanier, Proctor and Deal presented the Financial Audit findings for Fiscal Year 2019 ending June 30, 2019 for the City of Statesboro. Mr. Deal showed the City had a total asset increase of six percent, total liability decrease of seven percent from the previous year. The General Fund balance represents forty-five percent of our annual expenditures and transfers out. Having a high fund balance percentage allows for a higher credit rating and we are able to borrow at a lower interest rate. He also reviewed the net position of SPLOST, TSPLOST, Proprietary Funds Enterprise Funds and Internal Service Funds.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm