



CITY OF STATESBORO
COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 1, 2022

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

Councilmember Phil Boyum gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jonathan McCollar	Mayor	Present	
Phil Boyum	Councilmember	Present	
Paulette Chavers	Councilmember	Present	
Venus Mack	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. Recognitions/Public Presentations:

A) Presentation of a Proclamation recognizing February 18th, 2022 as Arbor Day.

Mayor Jonathan McCollar read and presented the Proclamation recognizing February 18th 2022 as Arbor Day to Wesley Parker Chairman of the Tree Board.

B) Presentation of a flag by the Georgia Forestry Commission recognizing the City's participation in the Tree City USA program.

Robert Seamans with the Georgia Forestry Commission presented to Mayor and Council along with the Tree Board a flag for the City's participation in the Tree City USA program.

C) Presentation by Richard Deal with Lanier, Deal, and Proctor on how the City financially ended Fiscal Year 2021.

Richard Deal with Lanier, Deal, and Proctor presented to Mayor and Council the highlights from the Fiscal Year 2021 audit they performed for the City of Statesboro.

4. Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

5. Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

- a) 01-18-2022 Work Session Minutes
- b) 01-18-2022 Council Minutes
- c) 01-18-2022 Executive Session Minutes

B) Consideration of a motion to approve the City of Statesboro Fiscal Year 2021 audit.

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

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

6. Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2022-01: An ordinance amending the Statesboro Code of Ordinances Chapter 6 Section 6-23 to regulate the licensure and operation of Package Sales.

A Motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

Al Chapman spoke in favor of the request stating the college campus proximity provision should be removed. Kristina Patterson spoke in favor of the request specifically to letter “g” use of excise tax proceeds. No one spoke against the request.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

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

There was Council discussion regarding letter “g” use of excise tax proceeds as to whether it should remain or be removed. Discussion also included the proximity requirements to college campuses being reduced from 200 yards to 100 yards or removed altogether.

A motion was made to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2022-01 with the removal of letter “g” uses of excise tax proceeds.

RESULT:	Motion failed due to the lack of a second
MOVER:	Councilmember Phil Boyum
SECONDER:	Councilmember
AYES:	
ABSENT	

A motion was made to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2022-01 with the removal of the 200 yard proximity requirement to college campuses.

RESULT:	Approved 4-1
MOVER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Councilmember Shari Barr
AYES:	Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

7. Consideration of a motion to approve the Downtown Master Plan for the City of Statesboro Georgia.

A motion was made to table this item until the second meeting in February.

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

8. Other Business from City Council: None

9. City Managers Comments

City Manager Charles Penny stated that the City previously partnered with Feed the Boro to conduct food drops in January 2021 to help mitigate the effects of COVID-19 and presented to Mayor and Council for their consideration a Memorandum of Understanding between the City and Feed the Boro for five food drops in 2022.

A motion was made to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Feed the Boro to allocate ARPA funding in the amount of \$7,500 for five food drops.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Shari Barr
SECONDER:	Councilmember Phil Boyum
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember Venus Mack let the meeting briefly

Mr. Penny stated that the last vaccine clinic held on January 29th vaccinated 66 individuals with 57 of those individuals receiving a \$50 gift card. That leaves us with 43 remaining. He also announced the Mayor’s State of the City Address will be held on February 22, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the Statesboro High School’s auditorium.

10. Public Comments (General): None

11. 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 10:23 am a motion was made to enter into executive session.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
SECONDER:	Councilmember John Riggs
AYES:	Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember Phil Boyum left the meeting briefly

At 10:34 am a motion was made to exit executive session.

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

Mayor Jonathan McCollar called the meeting back to order with no action taken.

12. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 am.

Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

Leah Harden, City Clerk