



January 15, 2019 5:30 pm

Nesmith Lane Conference Center GSU Campus 847 Plant Dr.

1. Call to Order by Mayor Jonathan McCollar
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Councilman Sam Jones
3. Recognitions/Public Presentations
 - A) Presentation of Run The `Boro 5K / Holiday Celebration Proceeds to the Statesboro YMCA
 - B) Presentation of “Key to the City” for Coach Chad Lunsford of Georgia Southern University
 - C) Jeff Klare request to give presentation regarding ‘Anti-Bullying Day’
 - D) Dr. Dominique Halaby with the Georgia Southern Business Innovation Group to update the council on the status of the Entrepreneur Zone
4. Public Comments (Agenda Item):
5. Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda
 - A) Approval of Minutes
 - a) 01-02-2019 Council Minutes
6. Consideration of a Motion to Approve a contract between the Business Management Consultant Firm of Joe Tanner & Associates and the City of Statesboro.
7. Consideration of a Motion to Approve Award of Contract to Ellis Wood Contracting in the amount of \$310,990.50 with approval to spend up to the budgeted amount of \$350,000.00 for additional work, as necessary, based on contractor's unit prices, for the West Grady Street/South College Street Intersection Improvements project. Funding is provided by 2013 SPLOST revenues.
8. Consideration of a Motion to Authorize the Mayor to sign an agreement for the Statesboro Police Department to join the State Certification process.
9. Consideration of a Motion to Approve **Resolution 2019-04**: A Resolution Calling for the Re-Establishment of the Downtown Statesboro Incentives Program.
10. Consideration of a Motion to Approve **Resolution 2019-05**: A Resolution Approving Application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs requesting \$750,000 for FY2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and approval of a City

financial commitment of \$500,000 (\$250,000 from the Stormwater Utility Fund and \$250,000 from the Water-Sewer Fund) as a local match.

11. Consideration of a Motion to Approve the appointment of Paulette Chavers and Annie Hill to the Diversity Commission.
12. Consideration of a Motion to Approve the funding of \$50,000.00 for the Blue Creek Coordinator position pending the Intergovernmental Agreement.
13. Other Business from City Council
14. City Managers Comments
15. Public Comments: (General)
16. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn



CITY OF STATESBORO
COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 2nd, 2019

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. Mayor McCollar stated Councilman Jeff Yawn will give the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Councilman Jeff Yawn gave the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDENCE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jonathan McCollar	Mayor	Present	
Phil Boyum	Councilmember		Absent
Sam Jones	Councilmember	Present	
Jeff Yawn	Councilmember	Present	
John Riggs	Councilmember	Present	
Derek Duke	Councilmember	Present	

Other staff present was: City Manager Randy Wetmore, City Attorney Cain Smith and City Clerk Sue Starling

3. **Recognitions/Public Presentations**

A) Presentation of Run The `Boro 5K / Holiday Celebration Proceeds to the Statesboro YMCA

Mayor McCollar tabled this item until a later time.

Dr. Melton and Dr. Ryan, Georgia Southern University, updated Mayor and Council on the progress and improvements of the City gym as they move forward to implements incentives for City employees.

4. **Public Comments (Agenda Item):** None

5. **Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda**

A) Approval of Minutes

a) 12-04-2018 Council Minutes

B) Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2019-01: A Resolution to Fix and Publish Qualifying Fees for the City of Statesboro November 5, 2019 General Election.

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda in its entirety as written.

RESULT:

Approved (Unanimous)

MOVER:

Councilman Jeff Yawn

SECONDER:

Councilman John Riggs

AYES:

Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke

ABSENT:

Phil Boyum

6. **Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION V 18-11- 01: Habitat for Humanity of Bulloch County requests a variance from Article IV, Section 403(A) to reduce the minimum lot size requirements for property to be considered for the R-20 (Single Family Residential) zoning district in order to develop a single family residence on 0.33 acres located at 7 Jef Road (Tax Parcel S24 00004 000).**

A motion was made to open the floor to the public and/or comments.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilman Derek Duke
AYES:	Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT:	Phil Boyum

Cathy Jenkins spoke in favor of the request.
No one spoke against the request.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman Derek Duke
SECONDER:	Councilman Jeff Yawn
AYES:	Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT:	Phil Boyum

A motion was made to approve Application V-18-11-01

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman Derek Duke
SECONDER:	Councilman John Riggs
AYES:	Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT:	Phil Boyum

7. **Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION V 18-11-02 : Milen Nikolov requests a variance from Article XV, Section 1509, Table 6 to increase the maximum height allowed for wall signage in the Commercial Business District in order to place signage on the currently operating Farmer’s Insurance storefront located at 45 East Main Street (Tax Parcel S28 000034 000).**

A motion was made to open the floor to the public and/or comments.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman Sam Jones
SECONDER:	Councilman Jeff Yawn
AYES:	Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT:	Phil Boyum

Milen Nikolov spoke in favor of the request.
No one spoke against the request.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilman Jeff Yawn
AYES:	Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT:	Phil Boyum

A motion was made to approve Application V-18-11-02

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman Jeff Yawn
SECONDER:	Councilman John Riggs
AYES:	Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT:	Phil Boyum

8. **Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION V 18-11-03 : Annlyn Williams requests a conditional use variance from Article IV of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance for 0.81 acres of property located at 208 Aldred Hills Road to utilize the property as a community living arrangement facility (Tax Parcel S14 000063 000).**

A motion was made to open the floor to the public and/or comments.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilman Jeff Yawn
AYES:	Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT:	Phil Boyum

Annlyn Williams spoke in favor of the request.
No one spoke against the request.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilman Jeff Yawn
AYES:	Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT:	Phil Boyum

A motion was made to approve **Application V-18-11-03**

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman Sam Jones
SECONDER:	Councilman Jeff Yawn
AYES:	Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT:	Phil Boyum

9. **Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION V 18-11-04: El Larry Dixon IV requests a variance from Article X, Section 1003(A) to reduce the minimum lot size requirements for property to be considered for the CR (Commercial Retail) zoning district in order to renovate an existing commercial building into a fresh seafood market and light convenience store on 0.16 acres of property located at 323 Johnson Street (Tax Parcel S11 000011 000).**

A motion was made to open the floor to the public and/or comments on Application V-11-18-04, V-11-18-05, V-11-18-06, V-11-18-07, V-11-18-08.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilman Derek Duke
AYES:	Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT:	Phil Boyum

El Larry Dixon spoke in favor of the request.

No one spoke against the request.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilman Derek Duke
AYES:	Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT:	Phil Boyum

A motion was made to approve Application V-18-11-04 with staff recommendations

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman Jeff Yawn
SECONDER:	Councilman Sam Jones
AYES:	Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT:	Phil Boyum

10. **Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION RZ 18-11-05 : El Larry Dixon IV requests a zoning map amendment of 0.16 acres located at 323 Johnson Street from R-8 (Single Family Residential) to the CR (Commercial Retail) zoning district in order to renovate an existing commercial building into a fresh seafood market and light convenience store (Tax Parcel S11 000011 000).**

A motion was made to approve **Application V-18-11-05.**

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilman Sam Jones
AYES:	Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT:	Phil Boyum

11. **Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION V 18-11-06 : El Larry Dixon IV requests a variance from Article XXIII, Section 2301 regarding the required left side yard landscape buffer between non-residential uses abutting a residentially zoned area and multi-family residences adjacent to single-family or two-family residences for 0.16 acres located at 323 Johnson Street (Tax Parcel S11 000011 000).**

A motion was made to approve **Application V-18-11-06.**

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman Jeff Yawn
SECONDER:	Councilman Sam Jones
AYES:	Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT:	Phil Boyum

12. **Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION V 18-11-07 : El Larry Dixon IV requests a variance from Article XXIII, Section 2301 regarding the required right side yard landscape buffer between non-residential uses abutting a residentially zoned area and multi-family residences adjacent to single-family or two-family residences for 0.16 acres located at 323 Johnson Street (Tax Parcel S11 000011 000).**

A motion was made to approve **Application V-18-11-07.**

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman Sam Jones
SECONDER:	Councilman Jeff Yawn
AYES:	Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT:	Phil Boyum

13. **Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION V 18-11-08 : El Larry Dixon IV requests a variance from Article XXIII, Section 2301 regarding the required right side yard landscape buffer between non-residential uses abutting a residentially zoned area and multi-family residences adjacent to single-family or two-family residences for 0.16 acres located at 323 Johnson Street (Tax Parcel S11 000011 000).**

A motion was made to approve Application V-18-11-08.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman Sam Jones
SECONDER:	Councilman John Riggs
AYES:	Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT:	Phil Boyum

14. **Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2019-02: A Resolution to appoint Russell Rosengart to the Statesboro Planning Commission for a four year term.**
15. **Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2019-03: A Resolution to appoint Sean Fox to the Statesboro Planning Commission for a four year term.**

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2018-02 and Resolution 2018-03.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman Jeff Yawn
SECONDER:	Councilman John Riggs
AYES:	Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT:	Phil Boyum

16. **Consideration of a Motion to Approve Award of Contract to Parker Engineering for Professional Services for Installation of Sidewalk along West Jones Avenue. Funding is provided by TSPLOST funds.**

A motion was made to approve award of contract to Parker Engineering.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman Jeff Yawn
SECONDER:	Councilman John Riggs
AYES:	Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT:	Phil Boyum

17. Consideration of a Motion to Approve Award of Contract to Parker Engineering for Professional Services for Installation of Sidewalk along Gentilly Road. Funding is provided by TSPLOST funds.

A motion was made to approve award of contract to Parker Engineering.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman Sam Jones
SECONDER:	Councilman Jeff Yawn
AYES:	Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT:	Phil Boyum

18. Consideration of a Motion to Approve Award of Contract to Parker Engineering for Professional Services for Installation of Sidewalk along Herty Drive and South Edgewood Drive and Installation of a Pedestrian Bridge along the trail in Edgewood Park. Funding is provided by TSPLOST funds.

A motion was made to approve award of contract to Parker Engineering.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman Jeff Yawn
SECONDER:	Councilman John Riggs
AYES:	Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT:	Phil Boyum

19. Consideration of a Motion to Approve Award of Contract to Maxwell-Reddick and Associates for Professional Services for Installation of Sidewalk and Roadway Improvements along East Main Street and Packinghouse Road. Funding is provided by TSPLOST funds.

A motion was made to approve award of contract to Maxwell-Reddick and Associates.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman Derek Duke
SECONDER:	Councilman John Riggs
AYES:	Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT:	Phil Boyum

20. Consideration of a Motion to Approve Award of Contract to Maxwell-Reddick and Associates for Professional Services for Roadway and Intersection Improvements along Stillwell Street. Funding is provided by TSPLOST funds.

A motion was made to approve award of contract to Maxwell-Reddick and Associates.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman Jeff Yawn
SECONDER:	Councilman Derek Duke
AYES:	Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT:	Phil Boyum

21. Consideration of a Motion to approve a contract between the City of Statesboro and Joe Tanner and Associates.

A motion was made to table this item until the January 15th, 2019 Council meeting.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilman Derek Duke
AYES:	Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT:	Phil Boyum

22. Other Business from City Council

Mayor McCollar stated the next Council meeting will be held January 15th 2019 at the Nesmith Lane Conference Center on the Georgia Southern University Campus at 5:30 pm.

23. City Managers Comments

City Manager Randy Wetmore stated the TSPLOST funds would be used for the next 4 years as construction continues within the City.

Assistant City Manager Frank Neal stated the public hearings for the Comprehensive Plan have been scheduled for January 28th and 29th.

24. Public Comments (General) None

25. 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 was no Executive Session held.

26. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn the council meeting.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilman Derek Duke
AYES:	Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT:	Phil Boyum

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 am.

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Travis L. Chance, District 5

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To: Randy Wetmore, City Manager
Sue Starling, City Clerk

From: Jason Boyles, Interim Assistant City Manager
Marcos Trejo, Interim City Engineer
Kiara Ahmed, Civil Engineer

Date: 01/07/2019

RE: Recommendation of Low Bidder for "West Grady Street at South College Street Intersection Improvements"

Policy Issue: Purchasing

Recommendation:

Staff recommends award of contract to Ellis Wood Contracting in the amount of \$310,990.50 and requests approval to spend up to the budgeted amount of \$350,000 for additional work, based on contractor's unit bid prices.

Background:

The West Grady Street/South College Street intersection project will provide significant turning radii improvements for traffic movements in all directions, improvements to thru traffic movements and will provide traffic signals enhancements. The scope of work includes installation of curb and gutter, concrete sidewalk, milling and inlay of asphalt, and new pavement markings.

Sealed bids were solicited and the results are as follows:

Ellis Wood Contracting	\$310,990.50
Y-Delta	\$322,265.34
A.D. Williams	\$337,555.50
Sikes Brothers	\$351,904.50

The low bidder, Ellis Wood Contracting, meets the requirements of the bid package and submitted an acceptable bid bond.

Budget Impact:

The low bid submitted by Ellis Wood Contracting is below the budgeted amount of \$350,000. The project is to be paid for by 2013 SPLOST funds.

Council Person and District: Councilman Sam Jones, District 2

CC: Darren Prather, Director of Central Services

Resolution 2019-04: Resolution Calling for the Re-Establishment of the Downtown Statesboro Incentives Program.

WHEREAS, the Downtown Statesboro Development Authority demonstrated to the Mayor and City Council of Statesboro that the growth and development of Downtown Statesboro suffered significantly during the recent period of economic recession; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Statesboro Development Authority proposed that development incentives be enacted by the City of Statesboro to encourage growth, revitalization, housing, business development, and revitalization within the jurisdiction of the Downtown Statesboro Development Authority; and

WHEREAS, the City of Statesboro adopted the recommended incentive program on October 19, 2010; and renewed and amended said program on July 9, 2011, and July 3, 2012 and again on February 2, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Statesboro Development Authority finds that the incentive program adopted on said dates contributed significantly toward new growth, development, and revitalization in both residential and commercial sectors of the economy within the boundaries of the Downtown Statesboro Incentive Program; and

WHEREAS, the term of the Downtown Statesboro Incentive Program expires on February 2, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Development Authority finds that sufficient need for growth and revitalization still exists in the downtown area; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Development Authority finds that the previously enacted Downtown Incentive Program contributed significantly to the growth, development, and revitalization of the Downtown jurisdiction while effective; and

WHEREAS, the Downtown Development Authority finds that that the re-establishment of the Downtown Incentive Program is essential to continued growth and development of the downtown area;

NOW THEREFORE, the City of Statesboro adopts the findings of the Downtown Statesboro Development Authority as stated herein; and

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Statesboro that the Downtown Statesboro Incentives Program be re-established to continue encouragement of development of additional business and housing opportunities within the Downtown Statesboro Development Authority; and adopts the following Downtown Incentive Program:

1. The boundaries of the Downtown Statesboro Incentives Program shall be as follows: starting at the intersection of Tillman Road and South College Street, then heading northeast on Tillman Road to South Zetterower Avenue, then heading north on South Zetterower to Northside Drive East/ US Highway 80 East, then west on Northside Drive East/ US Highway 80 East to Northside

Drive West / US Highway 80 West to its intersection with North College Street, then south on North College Street to West Main Street, then west on West Main Street to Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, then south on Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard to West Grady Street, then east on West Grady Street to South College Street, then south on South College Street and ending at Tillman Road.

Incentive application shall apply to lots fronting on either side of the roads named within this boundary description.

2. Applicable fees, taxes, and other cost that are not expressly waived or reduced herein shall be applied as directed within the latest Schedule of Fees as adopted by the City of Statesboro Mayor and Council.
3. The Downtown Incentives Program shall expire three (3) years from the date of adoption of this Resolution.
4. The following fees and taxes shall be waived for all new businesses which locate within the Downtown Statesboro Incentive Program boundaries, which begin operation after the adoption of this resolution:
 - a. Occupational Taxes and Administrative Fees for the initial year of operation;
 - b. Building Permit Fees up to \$1,000 per project in total fees (not including inspections);
 - c. Fees for the initial connection of Natural Gas Connection services;
 - d. Initial tap fees, including but not limited to water, sewer, fire and irrigation taps, up to \$25,000 per project; and
 - e. Alcohol license fees for the initial year of operation.
 - f. Waiver of fees shall not include fees associated with Land Disturbance Activity Permit Application (also known as a grading permit) fees, building inspections, or Aid to Construction fees.
5. The following fees shall be waived for the renovation, rehabilitation, or construction of residential structures, to include loft structures and single family residences within the Downtown Incentive Program boundaries:
 - a. Demolition Permit Fees;
 - b. Building Permit Fees up to \$1,000 per project in total fees (not including inspections);
 - c. Fees for the initial connection of Natural Gas services;
 - d. Initial tap fees, including but not limited to water, sewer, fire and irrigation taps, up to \$25,000 per project; and
 - e. Waiver of fees shall not include fees associated with Land Disturbance Activity Permit Application (also known as a grading permit) fees, building inspections, or Aid to Construction fees.

6. To further aid in the economic recovery, redevelopment, and sustainability of the Downtown Statesboro Incentive Program, projects meeting the objectives, visions, and goals of the 2011 Downtown Statesboro Master Plan and the 2014 City of Statesboro Comprehensive Plan, may be considered for additional incentives by the Mayor and City Council for the City of Statesboro. A request for the waiver of additional fees, and the justification for the additional waiver, shall be submitted on a per project basis to the Downtown Statesboro Development Authority and the City of Statesboro Director of Planning & Development or review and presentment of recommendation to the Mayor and City Council of Statesboro.

So Adopted this 15th day of January, 2019.

Jonathan M. McCollar, Mayor

Attest:

Sue Starling, City Clerk

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To: Randy Wetmore, City Manager
Sue Starling, City Clerk

From: Jason Boyles, Interim Assistant City Manager
Frank Neal, Interim Assistant City Manager

Date: January 9, 2019

RE: FY2019 Community Development Block Grant

Policy Issue: Grant Application

Recommendation:

Staff recommends application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs requesting \$750,000 for FY2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and approval of a City financial commitment of \$500,000 (\$250,000 from the Stormwater Utility Fund and \$250,000 from the Water-Sewer Fund) as a local match.

Background:

The City previously applied for and received \$500,000 in 2016 CDBG funds for roadway, stormwater, water and sewer improvements to Kent Street, Lovett Street, Bryant Street, James Street and Floyd Street. Unfortunately, there weren't enough funds available at the time to fully fund the scope of work and both James Street and Floyd Street were postponed. That project is currently underway and the City has passed the required minimum 2 year waiting period to reapply for CDBG funds. The proposed scope of work under a FY2019 CDBG application will include James Street and Floyd Street in addition to Carver Street, Rountree Street and related drainage improvements in the vicinity.

Budget Impact:

\$250,000 in Stormwater funds for FY2020 and FY2021
\$250,000 in Water-Sewer funds for FY2020 and FY2021

Council Person and District: Citywide

Attachments: CDBG Application Resolution

RESOLUTION 2019 -05: A RESOLUTION APPROVING APPLICATION FOR THE FY2019 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FOR THE CITY OF STATESBORO, GEORGIA AND COMMITTING MATCHING FUNDS

THAT WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have found that the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is necessary and desirable in order to improve the living conditions of low and moderate income persons living in the City of Statesboro, Georgia; and,

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council desire that the 2019 CDBG application be submitted to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs for funding under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, City staff shall prepare a CDBG grant application to provide funding for an amount up to the eligible award of \$750,000 in grant funds to be utilized for improvements to roadways, drainage, water, sewer, and other utility infrastructure improvements for James Street, Floyd Street, Carver Street, and Rountree Street in addition to other related drainage improvements; and,

WHEREAS, the City previously applied for a 2016 Community Development Block Grant to include funding for improvements on James Street and Floyd Street but was unable to fully fund said improvements from the grant award; and,

WHEREAS, said application requires a minimum 5% local match, however, competitive points are awarded based on additional local funds being provided as “leverage” to the CDBG application; and,

WHEREAS, City Departments, including Public Works & Engineering and Public Utilities, shall propose \$500,000 in total local funds to commit to the project in the grant application over a period of fiscal years FY2020 and FY2021; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and City Council of Statesboro, Georgia as follows:

Section 1. That the Mayor and City Council hereby authorize the submittal of a 2019 Community Development Block Grant application to the Georgia Department of Community and such supporting collateral material as necessary.

Section 2. That the Mayor and City Council hereby pledge \$500,000 in local funds toward a CDBG award of \$750,000.

Section 3. That the Mayor and City Manager are hereby authorized to execute all documents related to the application of said grant.

Adopted this 15th day of January, 2019.

STATESBORO, GEORGIA

By: Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

Attest: Sue Starling, City Clerk

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To: Mayor and City Council

From: Randy Wetmore, City Manager *RW*
Jason Boyles, Interim Assistant City Manager *JB*

Date: January 14, 2019

RE: Agreement with the Blue Mile Foundation to fund 50% of a position that will work on the Blue Creek Project

Policy Issue: The Blue Mile Foundation has requested that the City help partially fund a position in the amount of \$50,000 for one year that will be dedicated to coordinating different aspects of the Blue Creek project.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the execution of this contract be contingent upon the approval of an Intergovernmental agreement with either the Bulloch County Development Authority or the Blue Mile Foundation or both regarding aspects of the reservoir and creek project and assurance of the funding from State grants and loans.

Standard indemnification/hold harmless and cancellation clauses will be included as well as other details of how the process will work, accounting, monitoring, reporting, etc.

It is my understanding that the Blue Mile Foundation will be contributing a like amount to fund this position.

Background: Below is a list, not all inclusive, of what the person in this position will be responsible for as envisioned by the Blue Mile Foundation:

1. Make sure all efforts and plans for the new linear park, The Creek on the Blue Mile and The Blue Mile along South Main Street remain coordinated with all parties working together. Client will identify each party they wish to be included and the contact information for said party.
2. Prepare a timeline showing deadlines that must be met in order to get all of the aspects of this project built out and ready for public use in a timely manner. Client acknowledges that Contractor will only be able to provide a timeline but not enforce the time in which work is done by the Georgia Department of Transportation, City of Statesboro, or Bulloch County.
3. Coordinate and guide all The Creek on the Blue Mile (COTBM) Commission and/or Committees. Client will inform Contractor of the committees they wish to have in place and the members that shall serve on said committees or commission.

4. Coordinate the approval process of the downtown Statesboro TAD in regards to the COTBM.
5. Be the liaison between City of Statesboro and Bulloch County (County Recreation Department) in regards to the Municipal Ball Fields being included in the future development plans of the COTBM and Linear Park.
6. Coordinate possible project fundraising through naming rights and grant opportunities to specifically include possible DNR funding for the new Park around the new reservoir/lake.
7. Coordinate GDOT involvement in any facets of these projects.
8. Investigate, coordinate and apply for any additional opportunities for additional funding for any and/or all of the differ facets of these projects.
9. Market lot sales of City property along new creek.
10. Coordinate water features and fountain design and placements along all parts of this project.
11. Work with all public entities involved in this project.
(Ex. DSDA, City, County, BCDA, SCVB, BMF, GSU, TOC, TAD, BOE, etc.)
12. Work closely with any existing creek front, potential creek front or park investors.
13. Work with City of Statesboro in any property acquisitions that may be needed to secure all property needed for this project.
14. Assist in special City zoning if necessary for this project to be successful.
15. Assist in creating specific project covenants, construction guidelines and schedules needed to be sure all involved parties are kept informed and assist if they ask for help.

Budget Impact: Budget impact for the coming twelve months is \$50,000.

Council Person and District: Applies to all.

Attachments: None