



CITY OF STATESBORO
COUNCIL MINUTES
FEBRUARY 16, 2021

Regular Meeting

50 E. Main St. City Hall Council Chambers

5:30 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers called the meeting to order

Invocation Pledge

Reverend Taylor Lewis Guthrie Hartman with First Presbyterian Church gave the Invocation.

Mayor Jonathan McCollar delivered the State of the City Address.

Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers stated we would have a 10-minute recess.

At 6:01 pm Mayor Jonathan McCollar called the meeting back to order.

Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jonathan McCollar	Mayor	Present	
Phil Boyum	Councilmember	Present	
Paulette Chavers	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Venus Mack	Councilmember	Present	
John Riggs	Councilmember	Present	
Shari Barr	Councilmember	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

Recognitions/Public Presentations

A) Presentation of a proclamation recognizing Arbor Day

Mayor Jonathan McCollar read and presented a proclamation declaring February 19th as Arbor Day to Wesley Parker with the Statesboro Tree Board and Amanda Clements with Keep Statesboro Bulloch Beautiful

B) Presentation by the Georgia Forestry Commission recognizing the City's participation in the Tree City USA Program

Alex Ballard with the Georgia Forestry Commission presented a flag to Mayor, City Council, and the Tree Board for the City of Statesboro being a Tree City USA.

Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

- a) **02-02-2021 Council Minutes**
- b) **02-02-2021 Executive Session Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

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

Public Hearing and Consideration to approve First Reading of Ordinance 2021-01: An Ordinance amending the Statesboro Code of Ordinances Chapter 38-26 adding the International Property Maintenance Code to applicable code for determination of nuisance.

A Motion was made to open the public hearing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

Marcus Toole with Habitat for Humanity spoke in favor of the Ordinance.
No one spoke against the Ordinance.

A Motion was made to close the public hearing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

A Motion was made to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2021-01.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Councilmember Phil Boyum
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION RZ 21-01-02: Matthew Lovett requests a Zoning Map Amendment from the CR (Commercial Retail) zoning district to the O (Office) zoning district for 3.2 acres of property located at 16303 Highway 80 West to establish a mortuary (Tax Parcel MS37000023A000).

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

Matthew Lovett 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:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

A Motion was made to approve **Application RZ 21-01-02** with staff recommendations.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr

ABSENT

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Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION RZ 21-01-03: Beyond JPR Properties requests a Zoning Map Amendment from the HOC (Highway Oriented Commercial) zoning district to the R4 (High-Density Residential) zoning district for 0.848 acres of property located at 231 South Main Street & 232 South Walnut Street to develop multi-family residential housing (Tax Parcels S19 000018 000 & S19 000020 000).

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

RESULT:

Approved (Unanimous)

MOVER:

Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers

SECONDER:

Councilmember Venus Mack

AYES:

Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr

ABSENT

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John Dotson 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:

Councilmember Venus Mack

SECONDER:

Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers

AYES:

Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr

ABSENT

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A Motion was made to approve **Application RZ 21-01-03** with staff recommendations.

RESULT:

Approved (Unanimous)

MOVER:

Councilmember Phil Boyum

SECONDER:

Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers

AYES:

Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr

ABSENT

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Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION V 21-01-04: Beyond JPR Properties requests a variance from Article VII, Section 703(B) 1 of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance to allow for the construction of an additional 12 dwelling units on the property located at 231 S Main Street & 232 S Walnut Street (Tax Parcels S19 000018 000 & S19 000020 000).

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Councilmember John Riggs
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

No one spoke for or against the request.

A Motion was made to approve close the public hearing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Councilmember John Riggs
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

A Motion was made to approve **Application V 21-01-04** with staff recommendations.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Councilmember John Riggs
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

Consideration of a motion to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with Bulloch county committing SPLOST funds for improvements to Grady Street and Luetta Moore parks.

A motion was made to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with Bulloch County committing SPLOST funds for improvements to Grady Street and Luetta Moore parks.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
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MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Councilmember Phil Boyum
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

Consideration of a Motion to Approve Resolution 2021-07: A Resolution to authorize reimbursement of City incurred capital costs undertaken prior to closing on Parks Improvements bond from the proceeds of the bond.

A motion was made to approve **Resolution 2021-07** to authorize reimbursement of City incurred capital costs undertaken prior to closing on Parks Improvements bond from the proceeds of the bond.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Councilmember Phil Boyum
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

Consideration of a Motion to Approve Resolution 2021-08: A Resolution authorizing bond issuance by the Urban Redevelopment Agency.

A motion was made to approve **Resolution 2021-08** authorizing bond issuance by the Urban Redevelopment Agency.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Councilmember Phil Boyum
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

Consideration of a motion to approve an Intergovernmental Contract between City and Urban Redevelopment Agency regarding the issuance of a bond to finance improvements to Luetta Moore and Grady Street parks.

A motion was made to approve an Intergovernmental Contract between City and Urban Redevelopment Agency regarding the issuance of a bond to finance improvements to Luetta Moore and Grady Street parks.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Councilmember Phil Boyum
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

Consideration of a Motion to Approve Resolution 2021-09: A Resolution requesting approval to apply for the 2021 Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant for the City of Statesboro, Georgia

A motion was made to approve **Resolution 2021-09** approval of request to apply for the 2021 Firehouse Subs Public Safety Foundation Grant for the City of Statesboro, Georgia.

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

Consideration of a Motion to Approve Resolution 2021-10: A Resolution requesting approval to apply for the 2020 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant for the City of Statesboro, Georgia

A motion was made to approve **Resolution 2021-10** approval of request to apply for the 2020 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant for the City of Statesboro, Georgia.

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

Consideration of a motion to award a contract to Y-Delta Inc. in the amount of \$512,869.00 for the purchase and installation of a CNG fueling station and approval not to exceed \$684,000.00 in total expenditures to perform other related improvements. Funds are approved in the FY2021 CIP Budget, Item# NGD-58.

A motion was made to award a contract to Y-Delta Inc. in the amount of \$512,869.00 for the purchase and installation of a CNG fueling station and approval not to exceed \$684,000.00 in total expenditures to perform other related improvements.

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

Consideration of a motion to award a contract to JC Lewis Ford for the purchase of two Ford F150 Pickup Trucks in the total amount of \$49,548.56 (\$24,774.28 each). Both vehicles will be paid from GMA Lease Pool.

A motion was made to award a contract to JC Lewis Ford for the purchase of two Ford F150 Pickup Trucks in the total amount of \$49,548.56.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

Consideration of a motion for award of contract to American Signal for the purchase of three (3) Advantage-S LED Portable Trailer Mounted Message Signs per the Houston-Galveston Area Council (H-GAC) purchasing cooperative contract in the amount of \$40,000.00. This equipment will be paid from TSPLOST funds.

A motion was made to award a contract to American Signal for the purchase of three (3) Advantage-S LED Portable Trailer Mounted Message Signs in the amount of \$40,000.00.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

Other Business from City Council:

Councilmember Shari Barr stated she attended the recognition of Mical Whitaker on Sunday at the Averitt Center where he was presented with the distinction of Averitt Center Legend of the Arts.

Councilmember Shari Barr announced there would be a City sponsored Food drop on Saturday February 20th from 9 am until noon at the Statesboro High School.

Councilmember John Riggs announced there would be a Crime Prevention meeting on March 6th at the Military Science Building at Georgia Southern University.

City Managers Comments

City Manager Charles Penny brought to Mayor and Council’s attention a memo in the FYI packet regarding P25 Radio System, which includes a memo from County Manager Tom Couch. Mr. Penny stated he is in support of the recommendation by Mr. Couch to exclude some of the users from the capital recovery cost, because if some of the users decide to walk away from the system, the operational costs will increase for the remaining users. There will be more discussions about this radio system in the near future and there is going to need to be an intergovernmental agreement for the radio system.

Public Comments (General): None

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 pm

Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

Leah Harden, City Clerk