



CITY OF STATESBORO
COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 01, 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 Paulette Chavers gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDENCE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jonathan McCollar	Mayor	Present	
Phil Boyum	Councilmember	Present	
Paulette Chavers	Councilmember	Present	
Venus Mack	Councilmember	Absent	
John Riggs	Councilmember	Present Via Zoom	
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 to the Finance Department for receiving the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Award for the City of Statesboro FY 2021 Budget.

Mayor Jonathan McCollar presented to the City's Finance Department the Distinguished Budget Award for the City of Statesboro FY 2021 Budget. This Award is awarded through the Government Finance Officers Association.

B) Presentation to the Finance Department for receiving the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Mayor Jonathan McCollar presented to the City's Finance Department the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. This Certificate is awarded through the Government Finance Officers Association.

4. Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

5. Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

- a) **02-15-2022 Work Session Minutes**
- b) **02-15-2022 Council Minutes**
- c) **02-17-2022 Special Called Council Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

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

6. Consideration of a motion to award a contract to Everside Health for an onsite employee health clinic in the amount of \$286,123.00.

Councilmember John Riggs stated that at the last meeting he requested the employee feedback from the interviews conducted for the employee clinic and that he has received it but has not had the chance to review the information and requests that this item be tabled until March 15, 2022.

A motion was made to table this item until March 15, 2022.

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

7. Public Hearing & Consideration of a Motion to approve application for an alcohol license in accordance with The City of Statesboro alcohol ordinance Sec. 6-13 (a):

- A. The Station of Statesboro, LLC DBA The Station**
441 S Main St Unit 2B
Statesboro, Ga 30458
License Type: Restaurant

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

No one spoke for or against the request.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
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AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Riggs, Barr
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8. Consideration of a motion to approve an increase of the monthly limit for the City of Statesboro’s Purchasing Card Program with Synovus from \$300,000 to \$500,000.

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MOVER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember Venus Mack

9. Consideration of a motion to adopt the following resolutions, plans, policies, and resolves that they be utilized during the administration of its Housing Rehabilitation Program and authorizes the Mayor to execute all enumerated documents.

- 1. Project Budget Resolution**
- 2. Financial Management Resolution**
- 3. Housing Assistance Policy & Housing Forms (HSG. 01 – HSG. 25)**
- 4. Housing Construction Contract Award Policy**
- 5. Citizen Participation Plan**
- 6. Residential Anti-displacement and Relocation Assistance Plan**
- 7. Local Jobs Initiative (Section 3) Plan**
- 8. Code of Conduct**
- 9. Fair Housing Policy**
- 10. Procurement Standards**
- 11. Equal Opportunity Plan**

Councilmember Phil Boyum stated he has concerns regarding rehabilitation of investor owned properties and the advantage investors would have in the program.

City Manager Charles Penny states the policies before them today are for owner occupied properties only. We will come back with a set of polices for investor owned properties for approval.

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MOVER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember Venus Mack

10. Consideration of a motion to approve funding for the development and maintenance of a community garden.

A motion was made to approve funding for the development and maintenance of a community garden.

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

11. Second reading and consideration of a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-01: an Ordinance amending the Statesboro Code of Ordinances Chapter 6 Section 6-23 to regulate the licensure and operation of Package Stores.

City Attorney Cain Smith explained the two revisions are the prohibition of package stores within 100 yards to a building on a college camps and the removal of the 2200 square footage requirements.

Councilmember John Riggs stated he would like to add public safety to use of excise tax proceeds.

A motion was made to approve Ordinance 2022-01 amending the Statesboro Code of Ordinances Chapter 6 Section 6-23 to regulate the licensure and operation of Package Stores with the addition of Public Safety to subsection “g”.

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

12. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2022-06: A Resolution reclassify the GIS Administrator position to Facilities Manager and to reclassify the Telecommunications Specialist to Purchasing Coordinator.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2022-06 reclassifying the GIS Administrator position to Facilities Manager and to reclassify the Telecommunications Specialist to Purchasing Coordinator.

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

13. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2022-07: A Resolution to reclassify the Senior Human Resources Coordinator and Human Resources/Safety Coordinator positions in the Department of Human Resources to the position of Human Resources Generalist.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2022-07 reclassifying the Senior Human Resources Coordinator and Human Resources/Safety Coordinator positions in the Department of Human Resources to the position of Human Resources Generalist.

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

14. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2022-08: A resolution approving an application for funding from the Georgia EPD Nonpoint Source Implementation Grant, Section 319(h) of the Clean Water Act.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2022-08 approving an application for funding from the Georgia EPD Nonpoint Source Implementation Grant, Section 319(h) of the Clean Water Act.

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

15. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2022-09: A resolution approving grant application for the Georgia Department of Community Affairs Employment Incentive Program.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2022-09 approving grant application for the Georgia Department of Community Affairs Employment Incentive Program.

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

16. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2022-10: A Resolution to put into effect a six month moratorium on issuance of variances from Article XV of Appendix A of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2022-10 to put into effect a six month moratorium on issuance of variances from Article XV of Appendix A of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances.

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

17. Consideration of a motion to approve an Agreement with Georgia Power Company Lighting Services in the amount of \$224,900 for the Blue Mile Streetscape Improvements project.

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MOVER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember Venus Mack

18. Consideration of a motion to amend award of contract to National Auto Fleet Group in the amount of \$60,000 for the purchase of a MAC 30' dump trailer for the Public Utilities Department per updated Sourcewell contract pricing.

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19. Other Business from City Council:

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr stated that in conjunction with International Womens Day there’s an International Build and our local habitat is participating and asked that Marcus Toole announce the details for this Saturday.

Marcus Toole with Habitat for Humanity stated that this Saturday March 5, 2022 they will be hosting a Women Build from 8:30 am – 12:00 pm. This is a volunteer opportunity to construct two of their houses at 117 and 119 Green Street.

20. City Managers Comments

City Manager Charles Penny called their attention that in the FYI packet there was a financial audit finding memo which showed a finding regarding the funds received from SPLOST going into our General Fund which was a reimbursement from the county for the Radio System. Those fund will be reassigned to the SPLOST fund.

Mr. Penny also mentioned that we had a vaccine clinic this past weekend and we had thirty-two people who were vaccinated. We gave out twenty-five cards which leaves us with about thirty more cards give out. We will work with the department of public health to see if we can schedule another vaccination clinic until we give those cards completely out. He also stated we had two signs in front of City Hall announcing our clinic and someone came by and re-appropriated our signs so, since we are on Facebook live if you have our signs we would like for you to bring them back so we can reuse them.

Lastly, we had applied for some funding through Governor Kemp’s Water and Sewer Infrastructure Program for the Creek on the Blue Mile in the amount for about six million dollars however we were not successful in receiving that grant.

At 9:58 am a motion was made to recess the regular meeting.

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

At 10:46 am motion was made to reconvene the regular meeting.

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

21. Public Comments (General): None

A motion was made to remove from the table the creek planning and design project for approval in this meeting.

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

A motion was made to approve the planning and design of the creek project in the amount of \$2.65 million.

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

22. Consideration of a Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss “Potential Litigation” in accordance with O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(b).

No executive session was held.

City Manager Charles Penny announced that this Friday March 4, 2022 is employee appreciation day and that the City is providing lunch to all employees from 11 am – 1 pm on that day in the Municipal Court parking lot.

23. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

Leah Harden, City Clerk