

CITY OF STATESBORO COUNCIL MINUTES MARCH 07, 2023

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

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr gave the Invocation and Councilmember John Riggs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDENCE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jonathan McCollar	Mayor	Present	
Phil Boyum	Councilmember	Present	9:10 am
Paulette Chavers	Councilmember	Present	
Venus Mack	Councilmember	Absent	
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 the week of March 12-18, 2023 as AmeriCorp week.

Mayor Jonathan McCollar read and presented a proclamation recognizing the week of March 12-18, 2023 as AmeriCorp week.

B) Presentation to the Finance Department for receiving the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 2021 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

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.

Councilmember Phil Boyum joined the meeting.

C) Presentation by Richard Deal with Lanier, Deal, and Proctor on how the City financially ended Fiscal Year 2022.

Richard Deal with Lanier, Deal, and Proctor presented to Mayor and Council the highlights from the Fiscal Year 2022 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) 02-21-2023 Work Session Minutes
 - **b)** 02-21-2023 Council Minutes
 - c) 02-21-2023 Executive Session Minutes
 - B) Consideration of a motion to approve the City of Statesboro Fiscal Year 2022 Audit.

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 cancel the July 4, 2023 regularly scheduled council meeting.

A Motion was made to cancel the July 4, 2023 regularly scheduled council meeting.

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

7. Consideration of a motion to approve <u>Resolution 2023-12</u>: A Resolution requesting approval to apply for the FY 2023 Community Development Block Grant for the City of Statesboro, Georgia.

A motion was made to approve <u>Resolution 2023-12</u>: A Resolution requesting approval to apply for the FY 2023 Community Development Block Grant for the City of Statesboro, Georgia.

Approved (Unanimous)
Councilmember Phil Boyum
Councilmember Paulette Chavers
Boyum, Chavers, Riggs, Barr
Councilmember Venus Mack

8. Consideration of a motion to approve <u>Resolution 2023-13</u>: A Resolution approving application for funding from the Congressionally Directed Spending Program for the Creek on the Blue Mile Project.

Councilmember Phil Boyum asked if we have an updated cost estimate for this project, because over the past 18 months prices have gone up 40 percent. We were looking at a \$26 million project before, it is likely that the project is now closer to \$40 million.

City Manager Charles Penny stated at this time we do not have revised estimates. We are expecting to receive it within the next several months when we receive the 60 report from Freese and Nichols.

A motion was made to approve <u>Resolution 2023-13</u>: A Resolution approving application for funding from the Congressionally Directed Spending Program for the Creek on the Blue Mile Project.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
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 approve <u>Resolution 2023-14</u>: A Resolution approving application for the 2023 Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation (KGBF) BRACE Program Grant.

A motion was made to approve **Resolution 2023-14**: A Resolution approving application for the 2023 Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation (KGBF) BRACE Program Grant.

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

10. Consideration of a motion to approve <u>Resolution 2023-15</u>: A Resolution approving application for funding from the Congressionally Directed Spending Program supported by the Office of U.S. Senators Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock for the Statesboro Village Builders initiative.

A motion was made to approve <u>Resolution 2023-15</u>: A Resolution approving application for funding from the Congressionally Directed Spending Program supported by the Office of U.S. Senators Jon Ossoff and Raphael Warnock for the Statesboro Village Builders initiative.

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

11. Consideration of a motion authorizing the Mayor to execute a Georgia Department of Transportation temporary driveway construction easement at the Statesboro Bulloch County Airport.

A motion was made to approve authorizing the Mayor to execute a Georgia Department of Transportation temporary driveway construction easement at the Statesboro Bulloch County Airport.

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

12. Consideration of a motion to authorize the Statesboro Police Department to purchase upgraded firearms and related equipment for use by sworn officers in the amount of \$40,205.20.

A motion was made to authorize the Statesboro Police Department to purchase upgraded firearms and related equipment for use by sworn officers in the amount of \$40,205.20.

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

13. Consideration of a motion to reject all bids for wastewater treatment plant influent pumps and upgrades.

A motion was made to reject all bids for wastewater treatment plant influent pumps and upgrades.

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

14. Other Business from City Council:

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr stated that Ferstreaders of Bulloch County is having a fundraiser for program that sends books to Bulloch County preschoolers, helping to improve literacy and be better prepared for success in school. She stated that she and Councilmember Chavers are participating in the fundraiser. They are posting content across social media as a storybook character asking people to vote for them or for any one of the other three people who are running. Each vote is \$3 and buys a book for a child here in Bulloch County.

Councilmember John Riggs announced that he would like to change the name of Tillman Road to Snooky's Blvd, Snooky's Road, Snooky's Drive or Bruce Yawn Blvd, road or drive. It would be the portion of road from Hwy 301/South Main Street to Fair Road. He asked that if anyone has an issue or comment about this proposal to let him know.

15. City Managers Comments

City Manager Charles Penny stated advertising began yesterday for applications for the Youth Commission, where terms of the members have expired and the, Tree Board which has two vacancies.

Secondly, the Mayor and City Council will be at on a Council Retreat next week March 17-18 on Jekyll Island.

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr asked about the status of applications for the Youth Council.

Mr. Penny stated that we have received over 60 applications.

16. Public Comments (General): None

17. 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).

No executive session was held.

18. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Councilmember John Riggs
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember Venus Mack
The meeting was adjourned	1 at 9:34 am. ———————————————————————————————————
	Leah Harden, City Clerk