



CITY OF STATESBORO  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
MARCH 15, 2022

Regular Meeting

50 E. Main St. City Hall Council Chambers

5:30 PM

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Jonathan McCollar called the meeting to order

**2. Invocation and Pledge**

Mayor Jonathan McCollar 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 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 of an award to retiring Senior Detective James L. Winskey for his 25 years of service to the City of Statesboro.**

Mayor Jonathan McCollar recognized retiring Senior Detective James L. Winskey and presented him an award for this 25 years of service to the City.

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

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

**A) Approval of Minutes**

**a) 03-01-2022 Council Minutes**

**b) 03-01-2022 Work Session Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Venus Mack
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	

**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 asked if this contract includes the site of the employee clinic. City Manager Charles Penny answered no the contract does not include the location of the clinic. A proposal was presented to renovate the back portion of Joe Brannen Hall for the clinic. Councilmember Riggs stated he would like other locations looked at for consideration. Mr. Penny stated he had heard that some employees have concerns about the clinic being located next to City Hall. We do not take these concerns lightly and will look into other locations and come back in two weeks with a location recommendation.

A Motion was made to award a contract to Everside Health for an onsite employee health clinic in the amount of \$286,123.00.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Venus Mack
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	

**7. Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve APPLICATION SE-22-02-01: Roberta Benique requests a Special Exception from Article XXVII, Section 2704 of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance to allow for the placement of a daycare center at 1015 East Inman Street.**

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Venus Mack
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	

Roberta Benique the owner of the property spoke in favor of the request. Nicole Thaller a business owner adjacent to the subject property stated the property has been cleaned up and looks better than it has in a long time. She also stated that she and her husband Dr. Thaller will work with them on parking. Alex Smith with Action Pact spoke in favor of the request.

Donna Marie who lives right across the street spoke against the request and voiced her concerns with the possibility of increased traffic in the area. Danny Jones who owns a house next to the location spoke against the request for reasons of possible traffic and noise issues. Teresa Lowell who lives at 1017 E. Inman Street sent a letter with Mr. Jones to read to the Mayor and City Council stating her opposition of the request.

Allison Jackson spoke against the request.

Sarah Overlander who live across the street stated that the new property owners have done a wonderful job cleaning up the location and stated that a daycare is better than a rehab center.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Venus Mack
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	

Councilmember Shari Barr asked if approved does it change the zoning completely or just for this business. Director of Planning and Development Kathy Field stated that this would change the zoning completely.

A motion was made to approve **APPLICATION SE-22-02-01**: a Special Exception from Article XXVII, Section 2704 of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance to allow for the placement of a daycare center at 1015 East Inman Street.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Venus Mack
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	

**8. Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve APPLICATION V 22-02-03: HRK Properties requests a variance from Article VII, Section 1213 of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance to reduce the setback requirement and construct a building addition at 450 Mathews Road.**

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

No one spoke for or against the request.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Venus Mack
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	

A motion was made to approve **APPLICATION V 22-02-03**: a variance from Article VII, Section 1213 of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance to reduce the setback requirement and construct a building addition at 450 Mathews Road.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Venus Mack
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	

**9. Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve APPLICATION RZ 22-02-04: CFN Rentals requests a Zoning Map Amendment in order to amend a PUD (Planned Unit Development), and build an additional 5 residential duplexes (10 units) on a property located at Grove Circle/Stockyard Road.**

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

Julius Abraham who owns the adjacent property and had concerns with access to his property if this is developed.

Marsha Twiggs spoke against the request for reasons of possible increased traffic on Stockyard Road.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Venus Mack
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Paulette Chaves
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	

A motion was made to approve **APPLICATION RZ 22-02-04**: a Zoning Map Amendment in order to amend a PUD (Planned Unit Development), and build an additional 5 residential duplexes (10 units) on a property located at Grove Circle/Stockyard Road.

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

**10. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2022-11: A Resolution approving an application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, 2022 Community Development Block Grant Program.**

A motion was made to approve **Resolution 2022-11**: approving an application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs, 2022 Community Development Block Grant Program.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Venus Mack
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	

**11. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2022-12: A Resolution setting the license fee for Retail Package Sales of Distilled Spirits.**

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2022-12: setting the license fee for Retail Package Sales of Distilled Spirits.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Phil Boyum
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	

**12. Consideration of a motion to approve the award of a Department owed firearm to retiring Detective James Winskey.**

A motion was made to approve the award of a Department owed firearm to retiring Detective James Winskey.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Venus Mack
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	

**13. Consideration of a motion to approve an agreement with InVeris for the upgrade to the Decisional Shooting Simulator in the amount of \$113,510.71 to be paid from funds received from the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Grant.**

A motion was made to approve an agreement with InVeris for the upgrade to the Decisional Shooting Simulator in the amount of \$113,510.71 to be paid from funds received from the Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Grant.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Venus Mack
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	

**14. Consideration of a motion to the seventh lease amendment with New Cingular Wireless PCS (AT&T) regarding the Malecki Drive water tower.**

A motion was made to approve the seventh lease amendment with New Cingular Wireless PCS (AT&T) regarding the Malecki Drive water tower.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Venus Mack
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	

**15. Consideration of a motion to approve amendment of the contract with TSW to perform engineering and development related ordinance amendments.**

A motion was made to approve amendment of the contract with TSW to perform engineering and development related ordinance amendments.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Venus Mack
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	

**16. Consideration of a motion to award a contract for engineering design for the East Jones Ave. Sidewalk Improvements project to Parker Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$57,000.00. The project will be paid from 2018 TSPLOST funds.**

A motion was made to approve award a contract for engineering design for the East Jones Ave. Sidewalk Improvements project to Parker Engineering, Inc. in the amount of \$57,000.00. The project will be paid from 2018 TSPLOST funds.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Phil Boyum
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	

**17. Consideration of a motion to award the engineering design for the East Main Street Sidewalk Improvements contract to American Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$54,500.00. The project will be paid from 2018 TSPLOST funds.**

A motion was made to approve award the engineering design for the East Main Street Sidewalk Improvements contract to American Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$54,500.00. The project will be paid from 2018 TSPLOST funds.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Phil Boyum
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	

**18. Consideration of a motion to award a contract for engineering design for the West Main Street Sidewalk Improvements Project to American Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$42,500.00. The project will be paid from 2018 TSPLOST funds.**

A motion was made to approve award a contract for engineering design for the West Main Street Sidewalk Improvements Project to American Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$42,500.00. The project will be paid from 2018 TSPLOST funds.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Phil Boyum
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	

**19. Consideration of a motion to award the engineering design for the Brannen Street Sidewalk Improvements project to EMC Engineering Services, Inc. in the amount of \$20,050.00. The project will be paid from 2018 TSPLOST funds.**

A motion was made to approve award the engineering design for the Brannen Street Sidewalk Improvements project to EMC Engineering Services, Inc. in the amount of \$20,050.00. The project will be paid from 2018 TSPLOST funds.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Phil Boyum
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	



**20. Consideration of a motion to award a contract for engineering design for the Lydia Street / Hart Street Culvert Improvements contract to EXP US Services, Inc. in the amount of \$41,500.00. The project will be paid from Stormwater Operating Income funds.**

A motion was made to approve award a contract for engineering design for the Lydia Street / Hart Street Culvert Improvements contract to EXP US Services, Inc. in the amount of \$41,500.00. The project will be paid from Stormwater Operating Income funds.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Venus Mack
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	

**21. Other Business from City Council:**

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr state she would like to have created a new commission called the Greener Boro Commission.

A motion was made to direct City Attorney Cain Smith to draft an ordinance creating a new Greener Boro Commission.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Venus Mack
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	

**22. City Managers Comments**

City Manager Charles Penny stated that Aspen Aerogels will have a ground breaking for their new facility on March 31, 2022 in the afternoon.

Mr. Penny also stated that a vaccination clinic will be held on March 31, 2022 at the health department where we will give away gift cards to persons receiving their vaccination. There are 42 gift cards remaining.

Mr. Penny informed Mayor and Council about update COVID protocols for city buildings. Masks are no longer required in City Hall or other City building. We are encouraging our employees to wear them if they are in a large gathering.

Youth Connect Program applications are due this Friday March 18, 2022. So far we have received 34 applications.

In addition, in the FYI packet there was a press release from KSBB regarding a scheduled Cleanup on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**23. Public Comments (General):**

Annie Bellinger signed up to address Mayor and Council regarding her displeasure of flyers being placed on her door by the City.

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

At 7:10 pm a motion was made to enter into Executive Session to discuss “Potential Litigation” and “Real Estate”.

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

At 7:35 pm a motion was made to exit Executive Session.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Venus Mack
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	

Mayor Jonathan McCollar called the regular meeting back to order with no action taken in Executive Session.

A Motion was made to authorize the Mayor to sign documents to join with the Attorney General’s Opioid Settlement.

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

## 25. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Venus Mack
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 pm.

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Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

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Leah Harden, City Clerk