



CITY OF STATESBORO
COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 16, 2021

Regular Meeting

50 E. Main St. City Hall Council Chambers

5:30 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Jonathan McCollar called the meeting to order

Invocation and Pledge

Councilmember John Riggs called on Marcus Toole to give the invocation.

Councilmember John Riggs 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

Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

- a) 02-12-2021 Executive Session Minutes
- b) 03-02-2021 Council Minutes
- c) 03-02-2021 Executive Session Minutes

B) Consideration of a Motion to declare equipment in the Public Works & Engineering Department as Surplus and approve disposition of said equipment.

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

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

Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve Application V-21-02-01: Jason McGibboney requests a variance from Article V, Section 503 (D) of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance on 1.03 acres of property located at 378 Savannah Avenue in order to construct a new addition to the existing office (Tax Parcel #S52 000021 000).

A Motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

No one spoke for or against the request.

A Motion was made to close the public hearing

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

Councilmember Shari Barr stated she has an ownership interest in property nearby so she recused herself from the discussion and vote on this and the next agenda item.

A Motion was made to approve Application V-2-02-01 with staff conditions.

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

Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve Application SE 21-02-02: Alivia Lloyd requests a special exception from Article IX Section 901 on 0.49 acres of property located at 372 Savannah Avenue in order to operate a retail tea shop in the existing building (Tax Parcel # S52 000020 000).

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

No one spoke for or against the request.

A Motion was made to close the public hearing.

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

Councilmember Phil Boyum asked if this special exception is applied to the property or the individual requesting it.

Planning Director Kathy Field stated the special exception is specific to the applicant. If someone else moves into that location, that business owner would have to apply for a special exception.

A Motion was made to approve Application SE 21-02-02 with staff recommendations.

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

Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve application for an alcohol license Sec. 6-5:

**Food Lion
325 Northside Drive E
Statesboro, GA 30458
Owner: Food Lion**

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember 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 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 the application for an alcohol license to Food Lion located at 325 Northside Drive East.

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

Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2021-13: A Resolution amending the job position classification and compensation to reclassify the position from Customer Service Representative to Utility Billing Clerk.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2021-13 amending the job position classification and compensation to reclassify the position from Customer Service Representative to Utility Billing Clerk.

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

Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2021-14: A Resolution approving application for funding in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the 2021 Cigarette Litter Stand request form – KAB Community Grant Application.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2021-14: approving application for funding in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the 2021 Cigarette Litter Stand request form – KAB Community Grant Application.

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

Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2021-15: A Resolution approving application for funding in the amount of \$2,500.00 - \$20,000.00 from the 2021 Cigarette Litter Prevention Program (CLPP) Keep America Beautiful Community Grant Application.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2021-15 approving application for funding in the amount of \$2,500.00 - \$20,000.00 from the 2021 Cigarette Litter Prevention Program (CLPP) Keep America Beautiful Community Grant application.

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

Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2021-16: A Resolution approving application for funding in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the 2021 UPS Community & Recovery Tree Planting – KAB Community Grant Application.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2021-16: A Resolution approving application for funding in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the 2021 UPS Community & Recovery Tree Planting – KAB Community Grant Application.

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

Consideration of a Motion to approve a contract with South Georgia Family Medicine Associates, P.C. (John Gerguis, M.D.) to serve as the Statesboro Fire Departments Physician (also referred to as Statesboro Fire Department Medical Director).

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

Consideration of a Motion to approve award of contract to GameTime in the amount of \$499,684.22 and authorize the Mayor to execute contract documents for installation of playground equipment at Luetta Moore Park and Grady Street Park.

A motion was made to approve an award of contract to GameTime in the amount of \$499,684.22 and authorize the Mayor to execute contract documents for installation of playground equipment at Luetta Moore Park and Grady Street Park.

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

Other Business from City Council:

Councilmember Shari Barr announced that there would be a food drop this Saturday March 20th at Statesboro High School.

City Managers Comments

City Manager Charles Penny deferred to the City Clerk.

City Clerk Leah Harden announced an opening for receiving applications for the Keep Statesboro-Bulloch Beautiful Advisory Board beginning March 22, 2021 and closing April 2, 2021 at 5:00 pm. The applications received will be presented for consideration at the April 6, 2021 Council Meeting.

City Manager Charles Penny introduced Elijah Beniman Williams, an eleventh grader at Statesboro High School who is very involved in student government. He will be spending time in different departments when he is not in school to learn about City government.

City Manager Charles Penny stated that we have completely expended all the funds for the rental assistance program, which was \$100,000.00. We are learning about the American Recovery Act to see what we can use those funds for. We are still waiting on the guidance from the feds. Our money will come through the state because we are a non-entitlement city but right now, we have about \$10 million earmarked for our community. There are people out there who still need help, but we need to know more about what those guidelines are going to be and we will report back to you when we find out more.

Public Comments (General): None

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

At 6:04 pm, a motion was made to enter into executive session.

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

At 6:14 pm, a motion was made to exit Executive Session.

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

Mayor Jonathan McCollar called the meeting back to order with not action taken in Executive Session.

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

Leah Harden, City Clerk