



CITY OF STATESBORO  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
MARCH 17, 2020

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**

Councilmember Venus Mack gave the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

**ATTENDENCE**

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	
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.

3. **Recognitions/Public Presentations None**

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

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

A) **Approval of Minutes**

a) **03-03-2020 Council Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

**RESULT:**

Approved (Unanimous)

**MOVER:**

Councilmember Paulette Chavers

**SECONDER:**

Councilmember Venus Mack

**AYES:**

Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr

**ABSENT**

6. **Consideration of a motion to award a department owned firearm to retiring Lieutenant Mike Chappel after 33 years of exemplary service.**

A motion was made to award a department owned firearm to retiring Lieutenant Mike Chappel.

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

**7. Consideration of a Motion to approve the submission of a Grant Application by the Statesboro Police Department to the U. S. Department of Justice.**

A motion was made to approve the submission of a grant application by the Statesboro Police Department to the U.S. Department of Justice.

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

Mayor Jonathan McCollar stated all public hearings after agenda item #8 will be consolidated into one public hearing.

**8. Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve application for an Alcohol License Sec. 6-13 (a).**

- A) V & V Brothers LLC
- DBA: VIP Store
- 301 N. Main Street
- Naynaben Chaudhari

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>	

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 Shari Barr

<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	

A motion was made to approve the application for an alcohol license for V & V Brothers LLC DBA: VIP Store located at 301 N Main Street.

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

9. **Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION SE 20-02-01: Lufituaeb McCray Holloway requests a special exception for 0.14 acres of property located at 324 James Street to utilize a portion of the existing building as a beauty salon/barbershop in the R-6 (Single Family Residential) zoning district (Tax Parcel S09 000033 000).**
10. **Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION V 20-02-10: Frank Parker requests a variance from Article XXX, Section 3010(A) regarding the requirement to provide sidewalks along the public right-of-way in the Downtown District for 1.06 acres of property located at 239 South Main Street (Tax Parcel S19 000019 001).**
11. **Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION V 20-02-13: J.R. Hendley Foundation, Inc. requests a variance from Article XXX, Section 3010(A) regarding the requirement to provide sidewalks along the public right-of-way in the Downtown District for 2.44 acres of property located at 672 South College Street (Tax Parcel MS51 000024 000).**
12. **Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve:**
  - A) **APPLICATION V 20-02-04: Watkins Real Estate Group requests a variance from Article XV, Section 1509(C), Table 5 regarding the aggregate square footage allowed in Sign District 3 for approximately 49.65 acres of property located on Old Register Road (Tax Parcel 076 000001 000).**
  - B) **APPLICATION V 20-02-05: Watkins Real Estate Group requests a variance from Article XV, Section 1509(C), Table 5 regarding the number of free standing signs allowed in Sign District 3 for approximately 49.65 acres of property located on Old Register Road (Tax Parcel 076 000001 000).**
  - C) **APPLICATION V 20-02-06: Watkins Real Estate Group requests a variance from Article XV, Section 1509(C), Table 5 regarding the maximum square footage allowed for free standing signs in Sign District 3 for approximately 49.65 acres of property located on Old Register Road (Tax Parcel 076000001000).**
  - D) **APPLICATION V 20-02-07: Watkins Real Estate Group requests a variance from Article XV, Section 1509(C), Table 5 regarding the maximum height for freestanding signs allowed in Sign District 3 for approximately 49.65 acres located on Old Register Road (Tax Parcel 076 000001 000).**

E) **APPLICATION V 20-02-08: Watkins Real Estate Group requests a variance from Article XV, Section 1509(C), Table 5 regarding the maximum square footage allowed for building signs in Sign District 3 for approximately 49.65 acres located on Old Register Road (Tax Parcel 076 000001 000).**

F) **APPLICATION V 20-02-09: Watkins Real Estate Group requests a variance from Article XV, Section 1509(C), Table 5 regarding the maximum number of building signs allowed on a single elevation in Sign District 3 for approximately 49.65 acres located on Old Register Road (Tax Parcel 076 000001 000).**

A motion was made to open the public hearing for agenda items 9, 10, 11, & 12 A-F.

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

A motion was made to close the public hearing for agenda items 9, 10, 11, 12 A-F.

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

A motion was made to approve applications SE 20-02-01, V20-02-10, V 20-02-13, V 20-02-04, V 20-02-05, V 20-02-06, V 20-02-07, V 20-02-08, V 20-02-09.

<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>	

### 13. Other Business from City Council

Mayor McCollar called on City Attorney Cain Smith to speak to the revisions to Chapter 30 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances previously discussed at the Work Session.

City Attorney Cain Smith recapped the information regarding the revision/replacement of Chapter 30 from the previous work session. What this ordinance does is allow the Mayor to declare a local state of emergency. The declaration would need to be confirmed by Council either at a special called meeting or at a regular meeting. The one originally presented ordinance at the work session and upon recommendation by Councilmember Phil Boyum and approval by the present members of council there is a slight revision to Section 30-3 (f) which is the Continuance of a local state of emergency

adding to the last line, “No state of local emergency shall continue for longer than 30 days, unless renewed by the Mayor and confirmed by a majority of quorum of City Council.”.

Mr. Smith stated the typical ordinance presentation is that Council tells us to do it then we bring it back for first reading and then second reading for approval which would require three meetings under Section 2-2-4 of City code of Ordinances. However, upon recommendation of City Staff, which we are recommending, and unanimous vote of Council all those formalities can be waived which would allow this to be immediately effective.

A motion was made to approve revisions of Chapter 30 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances and waive the formalities of Sec. 2-2-4.

<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>	

**14. City Managers Comments; None**

**15. Public Comments (General) None**

**16. 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)**

At 5:49 pm a motion was made to enter into executive session.

<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>	

Mayor McCollar called the regular meeting back to stating no action was taken in executive session.

At 6:01 pm a motion was made to exit executive session.

<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>	

**17. Consideration of a Motion to appointments for the following Commissions and Boards**

- A) Keep Statesboro Bulloch Beautiful Advisory Board**
- B) Statesboro Tree Board**
- C) Statesboro Beautification Commission**
- D) Commission on Diversity and Inclusion**

City Clerk Leah Harden read names of individuals for each commission or board as follows:

**Keep Statesboro Bulloch Beautiful Advisory Board:**

Kathryn Kaufmann  
Donald Armel  
Ashely Sheffield

**Statesboro Tree Board**

Greg Brock  
James Thibudeau

**Statesboro Beautification Commission:**

Maurice Coley  
Rich chambers,  
Darius Deloach  
Adreinne Dobbs

**Commission on Diversity and Inclusion**

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Nandi Marshall.

A motion was made to approve these appointments as read.

<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 McCollar stated this is an interesting time for the City of Statesboro. We have to take care of ourselves our families and our Community. Any concerns you may have look to the CDC and Georgia Department of Public Health websites for up to date current information on the COVID-19. Continue to practice social distancing.

**18. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn**

A motion was made to adjourn.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Venue Mack
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Paulette Chavers

**AYES:**

Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
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**ABSENT**

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The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 pm