



CITY OF STATESBORO  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
MARCH 21, 2023

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 Phil Boyum 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	
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 retirement award to Kevin L Span (Chief Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator) who is retiring effective April 1, 2023 after 30 years of service.**

Mayor Jonathan McCollar presented a retirement award to Kevin L. Span after 30 years of service to 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) **03-07-2023 Council Minutes**
- B) Consideration of a motion for approval of surplus and disposition of equipment in the Public Works & Engineering Department**
- C) Consideration of a motion to acknowledge Council receipt of annexation petition by Bel Air Estates, Inc. for 36.55 acres of property located on Beasley Road (Tax Parcel# Ms91000013 000) and to direct City Clerk to investigate and certify the sufficiency of the petition filed.**

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

<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>	

- 6. Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve APPLICATION AN 23-02-04: S&K Investments of GA LLC, requests annexation by the 100% method of approximately 1.72 acres of property located at 3101 Old Register Road (Tax parcel # 076 000001 012).**
- 7. Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve APPLICATION RZ 23-02-05: S&K Investments if GA LLC, requests a Zoning Map Amendment from the R-40 (Single Family Residential) zoning district to the CR (Commercial Retail) zoning district on approximately 1.72 acres of property in order to construct a commercial development at 3101 Old Register Road (Tax Parcel # 076 000001 012)**

Mayor Jonathan McCollar announced at agenda Items 6 and 7 will be combined.

A Motion was made to open the public hearing.

<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>	

John Dotson with Maxwell Reddick spoke on behalf of the applicant in favor of both requests. No one spoke against either request.

A Motion was made to close 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>	

A Motion was made to approve **APPLICATION AN 23-02-04**: S&K Investments of GA LLC, an annexation by the 100% method of approximately 1.72 acres of property located at 3101 Old Register Road (Tax parcel # 076 000001 012) and **APPLICATION RZ 23-02-05**: S&K Investments if GA LLC, Zoning Map Amendment from the R-40 (Single Family Residential) zoning district to the CR (Commercial Retail) zoning district on approximately 1.72 acres of property in order to construct a commercial development at 3101 Old Register Road (Tax Parcel # 076 000001 012)

<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>	

**8. Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve APPLICATION CUV 23-02-06: Vernon Howard requests a Conditional Use Variance on a 0.28 acre property in order to establish a recovery home at 378 Johnson Street (Tax Parcel # MS40 000030 000).**

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

Thomas Howell spoke on behalf of the applicant in favor of the request.  
No one spoke against the request.

A Motion was made to close 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>	

A Motion was made to approve **APPLICATION CUV 23-02-06**: Vernon Howard requests a Conditional Use Variance on a 0.28 acre property in order to establish a recovery home at 378 Johnson Street (Tax Parcel # MS40 000030 000).

<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>	

**9. 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):**

**Blue Mile Catering  
 454 South Main Street  
 Statesboro, Ga 30458  
 License type: Low volume**

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>	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Venus Mack
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	

A Motion was made to approve application for an alcohol license in accordance with the City of Statesboro alcohol ordinance Sec. 6-13 (a):

Blue Mile Catering  
454 South Main Street  
Statesboro, Ga 30458  
License type: Low volume

<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>	

**10. 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):**

**Gokul 2023 INC DBA Sparker**  
**3348 Northside Dr. West**  
**Statesboro, Ga 30458**  
**License type: Package sales - beer and wine only**

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 for an alcohol license in accordance with the City of Statesboro alcohol ordinance Sec. 6-13 (a):

Gokul 2023 INC DBA Sparker  
 3348 Northside Dr. West  
 Statesboro, Ga 30458  
 License type: Package sales - beer and wine only

<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 2023-16: A Resolution requesting approval to apply for assistance to firefighters - fire prevention and safety grant for the City of Statesboro, Georgia.**

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2023-16: A Resolution requesting approval to apply for assistance to firefighters - fire prevention and safety grant for the City of Statesboro, Georgia.

<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>	

**12. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2023-17: A Resolution amending the job position classification and compensation plan to classify the Fire Apparatus Operator to Administrative Captain-FD.**

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2023-17: A Resolution amending the job position classification and compensation plan to classify the Fire Apparatus Operator to Administrative Captain-FD.

<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. Consideration of a motion to approve the Statesboro Fire Department to sell 3 fire apparatus and other equipment in the amount of \$90,000 to the Emanuel Fire Department**

A motion was made to approve the Statesboro Fire Department to sell 3 fire apparatus and other equipment in the amount of \$90,000 to the Emanuel Fire Department

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

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

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr gave an update on the FerstReaders fundraiser stating that today is the last day to vote. Each vote is \$3.00 which buys a book for a Bulloch County child.

**15. City Managers Comments**

City manager Charles Penny stated that the transit system is getting closer to starting up in Statesboro. The buses have arrived and are being wrapped. One has been completed so far with three more to follow.

Mr. Penny notified the Mayor and City Council that the precinct where individuals go to vote at the old William James is being recommended to be relocated to Luetta Moore Park. Before the change can take place the city will run an ad in the paper for two consecutive weeks about the proposed relocation. The relocation recommendation will then be placed on the agenda of the second meeting in April for consideration.

**16. Public Comments (General): None**

Marshall Webster, Jay Braswell, Michael Mull, and Randall Moon signed up to speak before the Mayor and City Council. They each voiced their opposition to the placement of the recently approved historical marker by the Statesboro-Bulloch Remembrance Coalition sponsored by the Equal Justice Initiative.

Sue Palmer signed up to speak before the Mayor and City Council. Ms. Palmer spoke about a piece of property owned by MBRE Holding LLC located at 97 Lee Street stating it is deteriorating. There is a big mud puddle out front and cars sitting in the yard. This is not the image we want to project.

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

At 6:27 pm a motion was made to enter into 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>	

At 6:56 pm a motion was made to exit Executive Session.

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

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

A Motion was made to appoint Pat Homer to the Statesboro Tree Board and to appoint Lakesha Hill, Caitlin Brady, LaShai Campbell, Kristina Patterson and Debbie Vives to the Statesboro Youth Commission for a two year term and to appoint Grace Brack, Shay Paulk, Michelle Lammers, and Blake Robinson the Statesboro Youth Commission for a one year term and to appoint India James to the Statesboro Youth Commission as an ex-officio member.

<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 Pro Tem Shari Barr announced the extension of the Tree Board application process until March 31, 2023.

### 18. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn.

<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>	

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 pm.

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Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

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Leah Harden, City Clerk