



CITY OF STATESBORO  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
APRIL 01, 2025

Regular Meeting

50 E. Main St. City Hall Council Chambers

9:00 AM

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Jonathan McColiar called the meeting to order

**2. Invocation and Pledge**

Councilmember John Riggs ask City Manager Charles Penny to give the Invocation and Councilmember Riggs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ATTENDANCE**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jonathan McColiar	Mayor	Present	
Tangie Johnson	Councilmember	Present	
Paulette Chavers	Councilmember	Present	
Ginny Hendley	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 Affairs Manager Layne Phillips, City Attorney Cain Smith and City Clerk Leah Harden

**3. Recognitions/Public Presentations:**

**A) Presentation of a Proclamation recognizing April 2025 as “Autism Awareness Month”.**

Mayor Jonathan McColiar read and presented a proclamation to Dr. Zeanah & Sharon Draeger with Behavioral Pediatrics and to Iota Iota Zeta Chapter, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., recognizing April 2025 as Autism Awareness and Acceptance month.

**B) Presentation of a Proclamation recognizing April 2025 as “Child Abuse Prevention Month”.**

Mayor Jonathan McColiar read and presented a proclamation to Lora Cooper, Executive Director of Positive Childhood Alliance Bulloch, recognizing April 2025 as Child Abuse Prevention month.

**C) Presentation of a Proclamation recognizing April 2025 as “Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month”.**

Mayor Jonathan McColiar read and presented a proclamation to the Teal House, recognizing April 2025 as Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention month.

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

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

**A) Approval of Minutes**

**a) 03-18-2025 Council Minutes**

**B) Consideration of a motion to approve surplus and disposition of equipment in the Public Works and Engineering Department.**

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember John Riggs
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
<b>AYES:</b>	Johnson, Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT:</b>	

**6. 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):**

**A. Nouria Energy Retail, Inc.**  
**d/b/a Nouria 1609 Fair Road**  
**Located: 1609 Fair Rd.**  
**License Type: Package Sales (Beer & Wine only)**

**B. Nouria Energy Retail, Inc.**  
**d/b/a Nouria 2298 Northside Drive West**  
**Located: 2298 Northside Dr. West**  
**License Type: Package Sales (Beer & Wine only)**

**C. Nouria Energy Retail**  
**d/b/a Nouria 17874 Highway 67**  
**Located: 17874 Hwy 67**  
**License Type: Package Sales (Beer & Wine only)**

Councilmember Ginny Hendley announced she is recusing herself from this item.

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 Tangie Johnson
<b>AYES:</b>	Johnson, Chavers, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT:</b>	

No one spoke for or against the applications.

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 Tangie Johnson
<b>AYES:</b>	Johnson, Chavers, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT:</b>	

7. A motion was made to approve application for an alcohol license in accordance with the City of Statesboro alcohol ordinance Sec. 6-13 (a): issued to Nouria Energy Retail, Inc. d/b/a Nouria 1609 Fair Road Located: 1609 Fair Rd. License Type: Package Sales (Beer & Wine only); Nouria Energy Retail, Inc. d/b/a Nouria 2298 Northside Drive West Located: 2298 Northside Dr. West License Type: Package Sales (Beer & Wine only) and Nouria Energy Retail d/b/a Nouria 17874 Highway 67 Located: 17874 Hwy 67 License Type: Package Sales (Beer & Wine only).

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

**8. Consideration of motion to approve a termination of corporate guaranty with Aspen Aerogels, Bulloch County, and Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA).**

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<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Tangie Johnson
<b>AYES:</b>	Johnson, Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT:</b>	

**9. Consideration of a motion to approve an updated contract for Municipal Court Software with Justice One. The previous contract, approved in June 2023, was for \$9 per paid citation (paid by the violator), or \$1500 per month. The new contract is for \$11 per paid citation (paid by the violator) or \$2000 per month, whichever is greater.**

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<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
<b>AYES:</b>	Johnson, Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT:</b>	

**10. Consideration of a motion to approve a Purchase Agreement for right-of-way property acquisition on West Main Street for the West Main Street/Johnson Street/Martin Luther King, Jr Drive intersection improvement project, ENG-123c. Funding is provided from 2018 TSPLOST.**

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<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
<b>AYES:</b>	Johnson, Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT:</b>	

**11. Consideration of a motion to approve a contract with Tidwell Traffic Solutions in the amount of \$74,030.25 for street pavement marking replacement. This project will be paid by 2018 TSPLOST funds.**

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<b>AYES:</b>	Johnson, Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT:</b>	

## **12. Other Business from City Council**

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr highlighted a few upcoming events, Taste of Downtown this Friday April 4 starting at 5:30 pm, the Statesboro Farmers Market is opening this Saturday April 5 at 9:00 am, the longest table event will take place this Saturday as well at 4:00 am in the BIG Alley and Downtown Live will have its first concert on Thursday April 10 with food trucks available at 6:00 pm and the concert starting at 7:00 pm.

Mayor Jonathan McCollar announced the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to study housing instability and homelessness in Statesboro. The committee will be chaired by Councilmember Paulette Chavers with Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr also serving. Other individuals appointed to the committee are Peggy Brown, Yvonne Pryor, Keith Wilkey, Corey Kemp, Monifa Johnson, Chad Reinbold, and Delia Mobley. The formation of this committee comes after a multi-agency discussion on homelessness held on the previous Thursday. The committee will make a report in 120 days. City Manager Charles Penny stated Olympia Gaines will serve as the committee's staff liaison.

## **13. City Managers Comments**

City Manager Charles Penny began his comments by honoring the passing of Georgia's Sothern's bald eagle mascot Freedom stating this is a big loss for our community.

Mr. Penny stated the GICH Committee came together to consider applicants for a low income tax credit project and voted to endorse Phase III of Bryant's Landing. A letter of support will be submitted to DCA from the GICH committee as well as the Mayor. The next item Mr. Penny shared was that the City will not be able to make the application for CDBG due to the lack of public participation in this year's target area. Staff is considering a new target area and will host public meetings to identify potential applicants.

The last item Mr. Penny addressed was the massage parlor ordinance acknowledging concerns with it being so outdated. Staff recommends coming back with an updated model ordinance to be presented in a future work session. In addition, stakeholders will be invited to give their feedback to the proposed changes.

Direction was given to move forward with amending this ordinance.

## **14. Public Comments (General):**

Kameron Mitchell, Public Affairs Specialist with the U.S. Small Business Administration shared that the deadline for SBA physical disaster loans has been extended to April 27, 2025 and the economies injury loan applications are due by June 30, 2025.

Marshall Webster expressed his criticism of the investigative committee's findings and as to how the committee met in pairs to avoid open meetings regulations.

Don Devine a licensed massage therapist and owner of Mind Hand Therapeutic Bodywork asked council to update ordinances regulating massage therapy.

Marcus Toole with Habitat for Humanity announced that the flag program would be expanding this year to include neighborhoods along Josh Deal Road.

**15. 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.

**16. 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 Paulette Chavers
<b>AYES:</b>	Johnson, Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT:</b>	

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 am.

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Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

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Leah Harden, City Clerk