



CITY OF STATESBORO
COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 02, 2024

Regular Meeting 50 E. Main St. City Hall Council Chambers 9:00 AM

1. Call to Order

Mayor Jonathan McCollar called the meeting to order

2. Invocation and Pledge

Dr. John Waters gave the invocation and Councilmember John Riggs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDENCE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jonathan McCollar	Mayor	Present	
Phil Boyum	Councilmember	Present	9:20 am
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, Senior IT Specialist Alan Schleder, City Attorney Cain Smith, and City Clerk Leah Harden

3. Recognitions / Public Presentation:

A) Presentation of a Proclamation recognizing April 2024 as Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Mayor Jonathan McCollar read and presented a proclamation to Lora Cooper, Executive Director of PCA Bulloch, recognizing April 2024 as Child Abuse Prevention month.

4. Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

5. Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

a) 03-19-2024 Council Minutes

B) Consideration of a motion to approve the “surplus” of vehicles in the Statesboro Police Department that are past their service life or are not useable.

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
AYES:	Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember Phil Boyum

6. Public hearing, second reading and consideration of a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-01: An Ordinance amending Section 6-7(e) of the City of Statesboro Code of Ordinances removing proximity requirements for on-premises consumption alcohol licenses in a delineated section of downtown.

A Motion was made to open the public hearing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
AYES:	Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember Phil Boyum

John Waters, Lead Pastor at First Baptist Church located at 108 North Main Street in downtown Statesboro came forward and expressed his appreciation for Mayor and Council for their work and service to the community thanked city staff for the informational meeting they held last Tuesday evening regarding this Ordinance.

No one spoke against the Ordinance.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

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

A motion was made to approve **Ordinance 2024-01**: An Ordinance amending Section 6-7(e) of the City of Statesboro Code of Ordinances removing proximity requirements for on-premises consumption alcohol licenses in a delineated section of downtown.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
AYES:	Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember Phil Boyum

7. Public hearing and consideration of a motion to approve application for an alcohol license in accordance with the City of Statesboro alcohol ordinance Sec. 6-13 (a):

**Vino 1910 Wine Bar, LLC
 22 West Main Street
 Statesboro, Ga 30458
 License Type: Bar with Kitchen**

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
SECONDER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
AYES:	Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember Phil Boyum

No one spoke for or against the application.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
SECONDER:	Councilmember John Riggs
AYES:	Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember Phil Boyum

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 Vino 1910 Wine Bar, LLC located at 22 West Main Street Statesboro, Ga 30458 for License Type: Bar with Kitchen.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
SECONDER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
AYES:	Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember Phil Boyum

Councilmember Phil Boyum joined the meeting.

8. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2024-07: A Resolution requesting approval to apply for the Assistance to Firefighter – Fire Prevention and Safety Grant for the City of Statesboro, Georgia.

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RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

9. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2024-08: A Resolution approving the City of Statesboro’s proposed amendment of the FY2024 Street Resurfacing Program, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the supplemental GDOT Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG). There are no matching funds required.

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MOVER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
SECONDER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

10. Consideration of a motion to award a contract in the not to exceed amount of \$57,775.00 with Cranston for professional design services for the Anderson Street pavement project. This project will be paid by TSPLOST funds.

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SECONDER:	Councilmember Phil Boyum
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

11. Consideration of a motion to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Hussy, Gay, Bell Engineering, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$49,000.00 to provide design, bid, surveying and contract administration services for the extension of 2,250 LF of water main on Broad St. To be paid for with funds from operating revenue, approved in CIP Budget Item #WWD-166.

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

12. Consideration of a motion to approve the purchase of a knuckle-boom grapple trash collection truck with a 2024 Freightliner M2 Chassis and Pac-Mac body per Source well contract from Solid Waste Applied Technology (SWAT) in the amount of \$222,000.00.

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MOVER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Councilmember Phil Boyum
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

13. Consideration of a motion to approve Change Order #1 in the amount of \$56,742.00 for the Blower and Pump Upgrades Project at the WasteWater Treatment Plant. To be paid for with funds included in the project budget #WTP-24, that was approved by council on 8-9-23.

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MOVER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

14. Other Business from City Council

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr announced “First Friday” is being held this Friday evening and encouraged people to come and join in the festivities.

15. City Managers Comments

City Manager Charles Penny stated the Downtown Live concert series begins April 18th at 7:00 pm with the Tams. Mr. Penny reviewed a couple of items from the FYI packet, first is an annexation memo of a property located on the western side of the city on Cypress Lake Road at the intersection of Country Club Road. The second item is a notice of a public meeting for the residents of the Ramble Road neighborhood regarding the upcoming Sewer Project. The meeting is set for April 9, 2024 at 6 pm in the Council Chambers. The project is to connect Ramble Road properties to the City’s public sewer collection system. The meeting will inform the residents of the neighborhood of the sewer project and to answer any questions. Lastly Mr. Penny introduced the new Keep Statesboro Bulloch Beautiful Coordinator, Charly Kinship.

16. Public Comments (General):

Charlotte Spell, the Executive Director of Let’s Be Clear Georgia, which focuses on marijuana prevention education, addressed Mayor and council about her concerns with the vape shops, smoke shops, and dispensaries in Statesboro. As well as the lack of regulation on the sales of cannabis products making it easily accessible to kids and teenagers.

There was council discussion as to what authority the city may regarding the regulation of these products. City Attorney Cain Smith stated with the passing of the 2018 Farm Bill by Congress essentially making legalizing the product Ms. Spell is referring to. Any regulatory authority would need to be given by Congress.

17. 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 9:57 am a motion was made to enter into Executive Session.

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

Councilmember John Riggs left the meeting during executive session.

At 10:16 am a motion was made to exit Executive Session.

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

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

18. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 am.

Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

Leah Harden, City Clerk