



CITY OF STATESBORO  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
APRIL 6, 2021

Regular Meeting

50 E. Main St. City Hall Council Chambers

9:00 AM

**Call to Order**

Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers called the meeting to order

**Invocation and Pledge**

Councilmember Shari Barr gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ATTENDANCE**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jonathan McCollar	Mayor	Absent	
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) 03-16-2021 Council Minutes**

**B) Consideration of a Motion to approval of surplus and disposition of equipment in the Public Works and Engineering Departments.**

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

**RESULT:**

Approved (Unanimous)

**MOVER:**

Councilmember Venus Mack

**SECONDER:**

Councilmember John Riggs

**AYES:**

Boyum, Mack, Riggs, Barr

**ABSENT**

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

- A. Food Mart**  
18 E Parrish St.  
Statesboro, GA 30458  
Owner: Sangitabahen Patel
- B. Go Market**  
2855 Northside Dr W Ste A  
Statesboro, GA 30458  
Owner: Parth Patel

A Motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

A motion was made to approve an alcohol license for Food Mart located at 18 E Parrish St., and Go Market located at 2855 Northside Drive W Ste. A.

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

**Consideration of a motion to approve the Statesboro Police Department Towing Rotation and Wrecker Agreement.**

A motion was made to approve the Statesboro Police Department Towing Rotation and Wrecker Agreement.

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

**Consideration of a motion to approve an Amendment of Lease agreement with GSU Business Innovation Group (Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia) to expand leased premises to include “Suite C” (former location of Cake) located at 58 East Main Street.**

A motion was made to approve an amendment of lease agreement with GSU Business Innovation Group (Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia) to expand leased premises to include “Suite C” (former location of Cake) located at 58 East Main Street.

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

**Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2021-17: A Resolution approving application for funding from the local Government Scrap Tire Abatement Reimbursement (STAR) program in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for a tire amnesty day event.**

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2021-17: approving application for funding from the local Government Scrap Tire Abatement Reimbursement (STAR) program in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 for a tire amnesty day event.

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

**Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2021-18: A Resolution approving application for funding from the Local Government Scrap Tire Abatement Reimbursement (STAR) program in an amount not to exceed \$6,000.00 for disposal of tires collected in public right of ways.**

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2021-18: approving application for funding from Local Government Scrap Tire Abatement Reimbursement (STAR) program in an amount not to exceed 6,000.00 for disposal of tires collected in public right of ways.

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

**Consideration of a motion to approve an amendment to the contract with Freese & Nichols in the amount of \$65,000.00 to perform hydraulic and hydrology modeling study of the flood plain for the Creek on the Blue Mile Project.**

A motion was made to approve an amendment to the contract with Freese & Nichols in the amount of \$65,000.00 to perform hydraulic and hydrology modeling study of the flood plain for the Creek on the Blue Mile Project.

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

**Other Business from City Council:**

Councilmember Shari Barr shared that Feed the Boro will be having a food drop this Saturday at 9:00 am at South East Bulloch High School. In addition, there will be a community memorial this Sunday at 4:00 pm at the Courthouse square, for everyone to come together and recognize the loss of the more than 110 people who died in the last year of COVID.

Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers announced the month of April as Autism Awareness Month. Be mindful of those who have been diagnosed with autism, let us learn more about autism, and how it affects individuals. Keep Little Lotts Creek in your prayers they have lost their homes, and we are trying to gather resources for them.

Venus Mack stated all of the families who have been effected by the fires in the last two weeks, let's just keep their families in our prayers.

**City Managers Comments**

City Manager Charles Penny reminded everyone of the Great American Clean Up this Saturday at 9:00 am. This event will begin at the Statesboro Convention and Visitors Bureau on South Main Street.

Mr. Penny also shared the City will be holding a vaccination session for its employees and their spouses on April 19, 2021.

Councilmember Phil Boyum congratulates GSU in their efforts with rolling out the vaccination. They vaccinated 1600 just on Friday and have already vaccinated 3400.

**Public Comments (General): None**

**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 9:25 am, a motion was made to enter into Executive Session.

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

At 9:33 am, a motion was made to exit Executive Session.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers called the meeting back to order with no action taken in Executive Session.

**Consideration of a motion to appoint three members to the Keep Statesboro-Bulloch Beautiful Advisory Board.**

A motion was made to appoint Alissa Sasser, Eddie Lott, and Jenn Morris as members to the Keep Statesboro-Bulloch Beautiful Advisory Board.

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

**Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn**

A motion was made to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 am

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Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

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Leah Harden, City Clerk