



CITY OF STATESBORO
COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 7, 2020

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**

Councilmember John Riggs 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 was: City Manager Charles Penny, Assistant City Manager Jason Boyles, City Attorney Cain Smith Public Information Officer Layne Phillips 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) **03-17-2020 Work Session Minutes**

b) **03-17-2020 Council Minutes**

c) **03-22-2020 Special Called Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

RESULT:

Approved (Unanimous)

MOVER:

Councilmember Shari Barr

SECONDER:

Councilmember Venus Mack

AYES:

Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr

ABSENT

6. **Discussion of Emergency Measures relating to COVID-19.**

Mayor Jonathan McCollar stated the Governor issued a shelter in place order, recommends we take our current State of Emergency, and coincide that with the State of Georgia.

Councilmember Phil Boyum asked what the status of our hospital is.

City Manager Charles Penny stated he has spoken with Steve Pennington and he says they are holding their own. There is capacity at the hospital but we need to be cautious so they are not overrun. The hospital right now is handling cases in this county and some surrounding counties. Mr. Pennington feels good about where the hospital is at this point.

A Motion was made that the City of Statesboro align our State of Emergency with that of the State of Georgia.

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

7. Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2020-11: A Resolution for the City of Statesboro to remain a Georgia Certified City of Ethics.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2020-11 for the City of Statesboro to remain a Georgia Certified City of Ethics.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Shari Barr
SECONDER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

8. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2020-12: A Resolution approving application for funding in the amount of \$5558.14 from the Local Government Scrap Tire Abatement Program administered by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2020-12 approving application for funding in the amount of \$5,558.14 from the Local Government Scrap Tire Abatement Program administered by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division.

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

9. Consideration of a Motion to approve the sale of the following items that are surplus equipment Ten (10) Communications Headsets (manufactured by Peltor and Liberator), Twenty-seven (27) Motorola Portable Radios (11 are XTS 2500 and 16 are Model 5000) and Eight (8) Rifles (manufactured by Colt) with serial numbers A0137129 A0188963 A0206087 A0137056 A0137107 and A1089038.

A motion was made to approve the sale of items that are surplus equipment Ten (10) Communication Headsets, Twenty-seven (27) Motorola Portable Radios and Eight (8) Rifles.

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

10. Consideration of a Motion to approve the updated Automatic Aid Agreement between Bulloch County Fire Department and Statesboro Fire Department as submitted.

A motion was made to approve the updated Automatic Aid Agreement between Bulloch County Fire Department and Statesboro Fire Department as submitted.

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

11. Consideration of a Motion to Approve the Community and Improvements Agreement with LSSD Hartford, LLC for the Hartford Subdivision located along Packinghouse Road (Tax Parcel MS69 000003A 000).

This subdivision is under one ownership and will consist of 150 single family homes for rent. This agreement establishes how our infrastructure will be maintained. It also includes a warranty for a period of one year on our infrastructure after that is will be turned over to us.

Councilmember Phil Boyum asked if we have a moratorium in place apartment buildings.

City Manager Charles Penny stated a moratorium was never adopted.

Boyum stated he has a concern of these home being rented and not owner occupied. We need to be cautious of expanding our rental market.

Assistant City Manager Jason Boyles stated this agreement centers on the fact this development is going from a non-gated community to a gated community. The subdivision is approved and homes are under construction what this agreement does is protect the property owners and protect the City.

City Attorney stated the community agreement would be recorded at the land records office. There is a requirement particularly on the establishment of an HOA if these homes are sold for individual ownership. If a title search is done on this property this community this agreement will show up and it is very clear of the obligation of the developer.

A motion was made to approve the Community and Improvements Agreement with LSSD Hartford, LLC for the Hartford Subdivision located along Packinghouse Road.

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

Councilman John Riggs would like staff to look into some of the better practices for future apartment investors to help with the issues of apartment complexes in our community.

This item will discussed at the next work session in two weeks April 21, 2020.

12. Consideration of a Motion to Approve Award of Contract for “City of Statesboro Street Resurfacing FY2020” to Sikes Brothers Inc. in the bid amount of \$996,500.00 with approval to spend up to the budgeted amount of \$1,100,952.80 for additional work based on contractor’s unit bid prices.

A motion was made to award a contract for “City of Statesboro Street Resurfacing FY2020 to Sikes Brothers Inc.

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

13. Consideration of a Motion to Award a Contract to Atlantic & Southern Equipment LLC in the amount of \$55,909.75 for the purchase and installation of a tractor-mounted boom mower.

A motion was made to award a Contract to Atlantic & Southern Equipment LLC in the amount of \$55,909.75 for the purchase and installation of a tractor-mounted boom mower.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Phil Boyum

SECONDER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

14. Consideration of a Motion to Award a Contract to Yancey Brothers in the amount of \$157,841.00 for the purchase of a backhoe.

A motion was made to award a contract to Yancey Brothers in the amount of \$157,841.00 for the purchase of a backhoe.

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

15. Other Business from City Council

Councilmember Shari Barr asked what the state of local compliance with Social Distancing is.

Councilmember Phil Boyum stated for the most part 90% of individuals are practicing Social Distancing. Retailers are doing what they can to comply and stay open.

City Manager Charles Penny stated he would get a report from the Police Department and Fire Department on the efforts they have seen when doing compliance checks of local businesses regarding this matter.

Councilmember Phil Boyum acknowledged the loss of Senator Jack Hill. Boyum stated he was a great friend to the University and this Community, he was polite he was friendly he always had conviction and compassion, he will be missed.

Mayor McCollar announced that every flag be lowered to half-mast through the end of the week in honor of Senator Hill. We have lost a giant in our community; we send our condolences to his family, close friends and his colleges in Atlanta.

Mayor Jonathan McCollar announced the issuance of an executive order that is exactly like Governor Kemp’s order. By issuing this Executive Order, it will allow us to enforce what Governor Kemp passed. Mayor McCollar stated the best practice is to align what we do with what the Governor does.

16. City Managers Comments

City Manager Charles Penny stated there will be a virtual Open House with Ron Huffman from Wood for review and public input of the sketch plans for Luetta Moore Park, Grady Street Park and Memorial Park. This Open House will be held on April 14, 2020 at 6:00 pm. We will also have an in person meeting when this COVID-19 crisis is over.

He also announced that City Hall and the City’s other buildings will remain closed to the public through April 30th. The Statesboro Police Department has ordered some Personal Protective Equipment such as masks and gloves for City Staff.

17. Public Comments (General): None

18. 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 9:43 am a motion was made to enter into Executive Session

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

At 9:55 am a motion was made to exit Executive Session

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

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

19. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 am.

