



CITY OF STATESBORO
COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 02, 2023

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

Allen Muldrew gave the invocation and Councilmember John Riggs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jonathan McCollar	Mayor	Present	
Phil Boyum	Councilmember	Present	9:08 am
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) Recognition of the 30th anniversary of the City of Statesboro's participation in the Tree City USA program and presentation of a flag by the Georgia Forestry Commission recognizing the City's participation in the Tree City USA program.

Robert Seamans with the Georgia Forestry Commission recognized and congratulated the City of Statesboro for 30 years of participation in the Tree City USA program and presented a flag to the Mayor and City Council commemorating the City's participation in the Tree City USA program.

B) Recognition of Wesley Parker, former Chair of the City of Statesboro Tree Board, for his 13 years of exemplary volunteerism.

Mayor Jonathan McCollar recognized and presented a plaque to Wesley Parker for his 13 years of service on the Statesboro Tree Board.

Councilmember Phil Boyum joined the meeting.

4. Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

5. Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

- a) **04-18-2023 Work Session Minutes**
- b) **04-18-2023 Council Minutes**
- c) **04-18-2023 Executive Session Minutes**

A motion was made to the consent agenda.

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

6. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2023-21: A Resolution responding to Service Delivery Strategies amendment request made by Bulloch County.

City Manager Charles Penny explained this resolution is in response to the SDS map amendment submitted by Bulloch County for water services in Southeast Bulloch County. The map amendment submitted by the county is contrary to the conversation we had during the joint meeting on November 29, 2022, as it marks the county water service area going beyond Hwy 67 on I-16, which would prevent the city from extending water infrastructure down Hwy 67 to I-16. The City of Statesboro is not opposed to the county operating a water system as long as such systems end no less than a mile east of Hwy 67 and I-16. In addition to the map amendment the city is adding the establishment of wastewater service area for the City of Brooklet.

A Motion was made to approve Resolution 2023-21: A Resolution responding to Service Delivery Strategies amendment request made by Bulloch County.

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 contract in the amount of \$24,567.40 with D. Lance Souther, Inc. for utility relocation with the West Main Street Drainage Improvements project. This project will be paid by 2018 TSPLOST funds.

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SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

8. Consideration of a motion to approve contract in the amount of \$260,170.18 with Y-Delta, Inc. for Lydia Lane/Hart Street stormwater drainage improvements. This project (STM-29) will be paid for with Stormwater Enterprise funds.

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AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

9. Consideration of a motion to award the purchase of 500 water Meter Boxes and fittings to Delta Municipal Supply in the amount of \$48,125.00. To be purchased with funds approved in the 2023 Operating Budget funded with system revenues.

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SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
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ABSENT	

10. Other Business from City Council:

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr called on Allen Muldrew with the Statesboro Downtown Development Authority to talk about what is going on this Friday downtown.

Mr. Muldrew stated this “First Friday” event is Fiesta De Mayo on the courthouse lawn and invites everyone to come enjoy the festivities.

Mayor Jonathan McCollar thanked Human Resource Director Demetrius Bynes and the One Boro Commission for a successful Longest Table event this past weekend.

11. City Managers Comments

City Manager Charles Penny reminded everyone of the Budget Work session next Tuesday May 9, 2023 at 2:00 pm in the Council chambers. Secondly Mr. Penny called to their attention a couple items in the FYI packet first is an email from Shontay Jones the Bulloch County Elections Supervisor regarding the Statesboro one precinct relocation. The Board of Elections has a meeting on May 8, 2023 at 1:30 pm at which time they will hopefully proceed with relocating the Statesboro Precinct to Luetta Moore Park as planned. The next item is in regards to an email received from Don Poe with Feed the Boro asking if the City would consider partnering with Feed the Boro to help with monthly food drops at Statesboro High School. Last year we did three or four food drops at \$1,500 apiece and Mr. Penny asked if Council would consider doing it again this year. The cost has gone up to \$2,500. Direction was given to move forward with an agreement with Feed the Boro for City sponsored food drops.

The last item has to do with the art park. Mr. Penny explained that staff has been working on this park for some time and it is now ready for the key focal point art piece which are the letters “BORO”. The cost for these letters is approximately \$40,000 and in order to place the order council would need to give authorization. Also DSDA is preparing a TAD application for this project to alleviate some of the cost.

A motion was made to authorize the City Manager Charles Penny to place the order for the “BORO” lettering for the art park in the amount of \$40,000.

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

12. Public Comments (General): None

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

At 9:35 am a motion was made to enter into executive session.

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

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

14. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 am

Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

Leah Harden, City Clerk