



CITY OF STATESBORO  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
MAY 5, 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**

Councilman Shari Barr 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 Via Zoom	
Shari Barr	Councilmember	Present	

Other staff present was: City Manager Charles Penny, Assistant City Manager Jason Boyles, City Attorney Cain Smith, City Clerk Leah Harden and Public Information Officer Layne Phillips.

3. **Recognitions/Public Presentations:**

**A) Presentation of a Proclamation for International Firefighters Day.**

Mayor Jonathan McCollar read and presented a proclamation to Fire Chief Tim Grams of the Statesboro Fire Department for International Firefighters Day.

4. **Public Comments (Agenda Item):**

Sam Jones signed up to speak just before the meeting started regarding agenda item 12.

Mr. Jones spoke in regards to agenda item 12 regarding a proposal from Bleakly Advisory Group to conduct a study regarding the housing needs for the City of Statesboro, he suggested instead of having the study done to take this money and adding some to it to assist in down payments to help citizens in becoming homeowners.

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

**A) Approval of Minutes**

- a) **04-07-2020 Council Minutes**
- b) **02-04-2020 Executive Session Minutes**
- c) **03-03-2020 Executive Session Minutes**
- d) **03-17-2020 Executive Session Minutes**
- e) **04-07-2020 Executive Session Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

**RESULT:**

Approved (Unanimous)

**MOVER:**

Councilmember Shari Barr

<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
<b>NAYS:</b>	

**6. 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 Paulette Chavers
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Phil Boyum
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
<b>NAYS:</b>	

**7. Consideration of a Motion to direct the City Attorney to draft ordinance revision of City Ord 6-7(i) as it pertains to prohibition of alcohol licensing to public employees and officials.**

Mayor McCollar stated a discussion of alcohol licensing and/or permitting approval removed from mayor and council and placed administratively to city staff will be placed on the next work session.

A motion was made to direct the City Attorney to draft ordinance revision of City Ord 6-7(i) as it pertains to prohibition of alcohol licensing to public employees and officials by removing this subsection from the ordinance to reflect the state.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved 4-1 Councilmember Phil Boyum against
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Venus Mack
<b>AYES:</b>	Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
<b>NAYS:</b>	Phil Boyum

**8. Consideration of a motion to direct the City Attorney to draft ordinance revision of City Ord 6-17(d) as it pertains to exemptions to open container prohibition.**

A motion was made to direct the City Attorney to draft ordinance revision of City Ord 6-17(d) as it pertains to exemptions to open container prohibition which would allow open container in the City Center to be an identified geographical area.

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

NAYS

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**9. Consideration of a Motion to direct the City Attorney to draft ordinance revision of City Ord 6-8(d)(3)a as it pertains to temporary special event permits.**

A motion was made to direct the City Attorney to draft ordinance revision of City Ord 6-8(d)(3)a as it pertains to temporary special event permits changing the amount of days for application submission from 45 to 21 and allowing anyone the ability to obtain a permit for a temporary Special Event.

**RESULT:**

Approved 3-2

**MOVER:**

Councilmember Venus Mack

**SECONDER:**

Councilmember Paulette Chavers

**AYES:**

Chavers, Mack, Barr

**NAYS:**

Councilmember: Phil Boyum and John Riggs

**10. Consideration of a Motion to Approve Resolution 2020-13: A resolution approving co-application with the Downtown Development Authority for an Economic Development Administration Grant and Commitment of matching funds.**

A motion was made to Approve Resolution 2020-13: A resolution approving co-application with the Downtown Development Authority for an Economic Development Administration Grant and Commitment of matching funds.

**RESULT:**

Approved (Unanimous)

**MOVER:**

Councilmember Paulette Chavers

**SECONDER:**

Councilmember Venus Mack

**AYES:**

Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr

**ABSENT**

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**11. Consideration of a Motion to Approve Resolution 2020-14: A Resolution requesting approval to apply for the staffing for adequate fire and emergency response grant for the City of Statesboro, Georgia**

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2020-14: A Resolution requesting approval to apply for the staffing for adequate fire and emergency response grant for the City of Statesboro, Georgia

**RESULT:**

Approved (Unanimous)

**MOVER:**

Councilmember Shari Barr

**SECONDER:**

Councilmember Paulette Chavers

**AYES:**

Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr

**NAYS:**

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**12. Consideration of a Motion to authorize execution of any documents to accept a proposal from Bleakly Advisory Group to conduct an approximately 16 week long housing needs study for the City of Statesboro.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	No action was taken on this item
<b>MOVER:</b>	
<b>SECONDER:</b>	
<b>AYES:</b>	
<b>NAYS:</b>	

**13. Consideration of a Motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding & Agreement with Georgia Southern University for development of Akins Boulevard.**

A motion was made to approve a Memorandum of Understanding & Agreement with Georgia Southern University for development of Akins Boulevard.

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

**14. Consideration of a Motion to approve a Development Agreement with JGR Development LLC to reimburse the TAD Special Fund in the amount of \$500,000.00 in 2018 SPLOST funds allocated to improvements along Old Register Road.**

A motion was made to approve a Development Agreement with JGR Development LLC to reimburse the TAD Special Fund in the amount of \$500,000.00 in 2018 SPLOST funds allocated to improvements along Old Register Road.

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

**15. Other Business from City Council**

Councilmember Phil Boyum asked work done on estimates that reflects what the sales tax implications will be to the City from the past three months. Mr. Penny stated this may be answered when he gets to his report.

Councilmember Shari Barr thanks the citizens of Statesboro for doing the best they can to keep their distance and holding down the disease and encourages everyone to continue to wear their masks, wear their gloves and keep their distances.

**16. City Managers Comments**

City Manager Charles Penny stated we are working on next year’s budget and will set up four meetings for budget review with Mayor and Council. The dates for these meetings will be May 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> the times would be from 4-6 pm. We will set the date for the Public Hearing at the May 19<sup>th</sup> council meeting for the Fiscal Year 2021 budget.

**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)**

There was no Executive Session

**19. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn**

A motion was made to

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 am

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Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

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Leah Harden, City Clerk