



CITY OF STATESBORO
COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 05, 2025

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| Regular Meeting | 50 E. Main St. City Hall Council Chambers | 9:00 AM |
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1. Call to Order

Mayor Jonathan McCollar called the meeting to order

2. Invocation and Pledge

Councilmember Tangie Johnson gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

| Attendee Name | Title | Status | Arrived |
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| Jonathan McCollar | Mayor | Present | |
| Tangie Johnson | Councilmember | Present | |
| Paulette Chavers | Councilmember | Absent | |
| Ginny Hendley | Councilmember | Present | 9:02 am |
| John Riggs | Councilmember | Present | |
| Shari Barr | Mayor Pro Tem | Present | |

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

3. Recognitions/Public Presentations:

A) Presentation of a Proclamation recognizing the month of May as Mental Health Awareness month.

Mayor McCollar presented a Proclamation to Pineland BHDD recognizing the month of May as Mental Health Awareness month.

B) Presentation of a Proclamation recognizing Love's Childcare Services for their 35 years of dedicated service in the City of Statesboro.

Mayor McCollar presented a Proclamation to Lorine Love owner of Love's Childcare Services honoring her for 35 years of dedicated service in the City of Statesboro.

4. Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

5. Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

- a) 04-15-2025 Work Session Minutes
- b) 04-15-2025 Council Minutes
- c) 04-15-2025 Executive Session Minutes

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

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

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

PSH Stadium

Owners: Darin Van Tassel & Netra Van Tassel

Located: 2704 Old Register Road

License Type: Event Venue

Councilmember Ginny Hendley recused herself from this item.

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

No one spoke for or against the request.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

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| RESULT: | Approved (Unanimous) |
| MOVER: | Councilmember John Riggs |
| SECONDER: | Councilmember Tangie Johnson |
| AYES: | Johnson, Riggs, Barr |
| ABSENT: | Councilmember Paulette Chavers |

A motion was made to approve and application for an alcohol license in accordance with the City of Statesboro Alcohol Ordinance Sec. 6-13 (a) issued to PSH Stadium, Owners: Darin Van Tassel & Netra Van Tassel, Located: 2704 Old Register Road, License Type: Event Venue.

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| RESULT: | Approved (Unanimous) |
| MOVER: | Councilmember John Riggs |
| SECONDER: | Councilmember Tangie Johnson |
| AYES: | Johnson, Riggs, Barr |
| ABSENT: | Councilmember Paulette Chavers |

7. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2025-07: A Resolution to adopt the Third Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget for each fund of the City of Statesboro, Georgia, appropriating the amounts shown in each budget as expenditures/expenses, adopting the several items of revenue anticipations, and prohibiting expenditures or expenses from exceeding the actual funding appropriated.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2025-07: A Resolution to adopt the Third Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget for each fund of the City of Statesboro, Georgia, appropriating the amounts shown in each budget as expenditures/expenses, adopting the several items of revenue anticipations, and prohibiting expenditures or expenses from exceeding the actual funding appropriated.

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

8. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2025-08: A Resolution reestablishing the Downtown Statesboro Incentives Program.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2025-08: A Resolution reestablishing the Downtown Statesboro Incentives Program.

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

9. Consideration of a motion to approve the application submitted by Evolve LLC for funding under the Security Enhancement Incentive Program in the amount of \$7,000.00 subject to the fulfillment of all eligibility requirements.

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| MOVER: | Councilmember Tangie Johnson |
| SECONDER: | Councilmember John Riggs |
| AYES: | Johnson, Hendley, Riggs, Barr |
| ABSENT: | Councilmember Paulette Chavers |

10. Consideration of a motion to approve award of contract to Chandler Roofing in the not to exceed amount of \$65,000.00 for roof replacement at the Statesboro Municipal Court. The project will be funded from 2019 SPLOST funds.

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| MOVER: | Councilmember John Riggs |
| SECONDER: | Councilmember Tangie Johnson |
| AYES: | Johnson, Hendley, Riggs, Barr |
| ABSENT: | Councilmember Paulette Chavers |

11. Consideration of a motion to approve a sole source purchase agreement with OptiRTC, Inc., in the amount of \$284,836.00 for Lake Sal infrastructure stormwater flood control hardware per project engineer's recommendation. This project is funded from 2013 SPLOST.

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

12. Other Business from City Council

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr shared that the City is preparing for the All American City Competition and appreciated Candice Bodkin and others who are putting together a package so we can go show off how great Statesboro is.

Mayor Jonathan McCollier stated he would like to clarify something within our community. Last time we were together, we created a mayoral ad hoc committee to address housing instability and homelessness within our community. The purpose of the committee is to study housing instability. There are families dealing with housing transition and some fall into a gap where they could potentially be without housing and how that connects to homelessness issues. Somehow, out of that conversation there has been some misinformation in regards to the City of Statesboro building a homeless shelter in downtown Statesboro. Mayor McCollier stated the City of Statesboro has no plans to build a homeless shelter in downtown Statesboro. This committee's purpose is to study to find out where we are so that we're able to address the needs of our community. Mayor McCollier thanked Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr and Councilmember Paulette Chavers for taking on the task of being a part of the committee.

13. City Managers Comments

City Manager Charles Penny introduced Brad Deal as the City's new Director of Public Works and Engineering he also thanked Marcos Trejos and David Moyer for their leadership during the transition.

Mr. Penny announced the retirement of Planning Director, Kathy Field effective June 1, 2025. He expressed appreciation for her five years of leadership and dedicated service to the City of Statesboro.

Mr. Penny appreciated Candice Bodkin and Edie Grace Grice for their leadership in applying for the All American City designation he also recognized and thanked Georgia Southern University President Kyle Marrero for his commitment of University staff and financial support to send representatives to Colorado for the final presentation.

The last item Mr. Penny addressed was the remaining CARES Act funds that were set aside for utility assistance through Action Pact. Mr. Penny stated he received an email from Alexander Smith asking if the city would be interested in using those funds for rental assistance as well. Staff recommends that we allow them to use the remaining funds for rental assistance. If approved we would tell Action Pact they could use up to \$250.00 for rental assistance.

A motion was made to approve the use of the remaining CARE Act funds to go toward rental assistance up to \$250.00.

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

14. Public Comments (General): None

**15. 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 9:44 am a motion was made to enter into executive session to discuss Personnel Matters.

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

At 9:52 am a motion was made to exit executive session.

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

Mayor McCollar called the regular meeting back to order.

A motion was made to appoint Charles Pell to the Statesboro Tree Board.

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

City Manager Charles Penny reminded everyone about the Budget Work Session next Tuesday May 13, 2025 at 2:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

16. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 am.

Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

Leah Harden, City Clerk