



CITY OF STATESBORO  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
MAY 16, 2023

Regular Meeting

50 E. Main St. City Hall Council Chambers

5:30 PM

**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Jonathan McCollar called the meeting to order

**2. Invocation and Pledge**

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

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	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) Presentation of a Certificate of Recognition from the Georgia Municipal Association to Councilmember Venus Mack.**

GMA's District 12 Member Services Representative, Pam Helton, represented a Certificate of Recognition to Councilmember Venus Mack for her completion of 42 hours of education training with the Georgia Municipal Association and the Carl Vinson Institute of Government.

Pam Helton recognized and presented a Municipal Revenue Administration Certificate to City Clerk Leah Harden.

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

Madeline Ryan Smith signed up to speak on agenda item 7. She stated that she is the chair of the Disability Caucus for the Democratic Party of Georgia. Ms. Smith read a statement she had written regarding disability rights and accessibility to facilities such as polling places amongst other public buildings.

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

**A) Approval of Minutes**

a) 05-02-2023 Council Minutes

b) 05-020-2023 Executive Session Minutes

**B) Consideration of a motion to set the date for a Public Hearing for the proposed City of Statesboro Fiscal Year 2024 Budget for June 06, 2023 during the regular scheduled Council Meeting.**

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

<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>ABSENT</b>	

- 6. **Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION RZ 23-03-04: Long Company Limited requests a Zoning Map Amendment from the CR (Commercial Retail) zoning district to the R-3 (Medium-Density Residential) zoning district on approximately 2.65 acres of property in order to construct approximately 7 triplexes at 310 Myrtle Crossing Drive.**

Applicant withdrew this application.

- 7. **Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2023-18: A Resolution of the City of Statesboro Mayor and Council to permanently change the polling place for the Statesboro One voting precinct from William James Educational Complex to the Luetta Moore building.**

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2023-18: A Resolution of the City of Statesboro Mayor and Council to permanently change the polling place for the Statesboro One voting precinct from William James Educational Complex to the Luetta Moore building.

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

- 8. **Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2023-22: A Resolution to approve application for the 2023 NOAA Planet Steward Grant.**

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2023-22: A Resolution to approve application for the 2023 NOAA Planet Steward Grant.

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

**9. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2023-23: A Resolution approving application for the 2023 Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation Sandra Webb Legacy Grant.**

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2023-23: A Resolution approving application for the 2023 Keep Georgia Beautiful Foundation Sandra Webb Legacy Grant.

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

**10. Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance 2023-04: An Ordinance amending Sections 2-81 and 2-83 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances in order to expand Youth Commission membership to twelve members and to incorporate the mission and scope of authority of the Healthy Boro mayoral ad hoc committee.**

Mayor McCollar stated he and Mayor Pro Tem Barr had a conversation with Healthy Boro and Stacy Smallwood, Chair of the One Boro Commission and based on grant opportunities concluded that Healthy Boro would be better under the umbrella of One Boro Commission instead of the Youth Commission.

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, Chavers, 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, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	

There was discussion regarding membership of the One Boro commission. Councilmember Phil Boyum stated that too many members on a commission get very cumbersome and with an even number of members there is a danger of gridlock and does not recommend going to twelve members

After further discussion a motion was made to expand the One Boro Commission membership to 16 and to incorporate the mission and scope of authority of the Healthy Boro Mayoral Ad Hoc committee; with the first reading at the June 6th Council Meeting.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved 4-1
<b>MOVER:</b>	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Venus Mack
<b>AYES:</b>	Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	
<b>NAYS:</b>	Councilmember Phil Boyum

**11. Consideration of a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Statesboro and Bulloch County for the Statesboro-Bulloch County Long Range Transportation Plan.**

A motion was made to authorize the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Statesboro and Bulloch County for the Statesboro-Bulloch County Long Range Transportation Plan.

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

**12. Consideration of a motion to approve a Water/Sewer Agreement with North Point Real Estate, Inc. (Developer) in order to serve 350 acres at Hwy 301 and Rocky Road outside the City limits.**

A motion was made to approve a Water/Sewer Agreement with North Point Real Estate, Inc. (Developer) in order to serve 350 acres at Hwy 301 and Rocky Road outside the City limits.

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

**13. Consideration of a motion to execute a Professional Services Agreement with Hussey, Gay, Bell Engineering, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$162,460.00 to provide design, bid, permit application and contract administration services for the construction of a new production well at the Bruce Yawn Commerce Park. To be paid for with 2013 SPLOST funds approved in CIP Project WWD #111.**

A motion was made to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Hussey, Gay, Bell Engineering, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$162,460.00 to provide design, bid, permit application and contract administration services for the construction of a new production well at the Bruce Yawn Commerce Park. To be paid for with 2013 SPLOST funds approved in CIP Project WWD #111.

<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>ABSENT</b>	

**14. Consideration of a motion to award a contract to Xylem Dewatering Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$96,352.40 for two NC100S Dri-Prime Pump with funds approved in the 2023 CIP Budget item# WWD-37, using funds from operating revenues.**

A motion was made to approve award of contract to Xylem Dewatering Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$96,352.40 for two NC100S Dri-Prime Pump with funds approved in the 2023 CIP Budget item# WWD-37, using funds from operating revenues.

<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>ABSENT</b>	

**15. Other Business from City Council:**

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr reminded everyone about the Farmer’s Market every Saturday and this Saturday the Greener Boro Commission has worked it out to have a repair café with Mary Marwitz. Ms. Marwitz will offer advice and help with simple alteration repairs. On Thursday June 1<sup>st</sup> the City is having a downtown live concert with The Tams as the performing artist. Ms. Barr also announced the Borofest event taking place on Saturday June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 3pm -9pm on East Vine Street right behind City Hall. Lastly a meeting for the HiLo Trail will be held on Friday June 19<sup>th</sup> starting at 10 am here in the Council Chambers.

Councilmember Phil Boyum stated that the Municipal Training Board approved a regional training class. It is designed for regional collaboration so if there is a topic pertinent to your area a request can be made to GMA and they will come and teach the class. Councilmember Boyum stated he would like for Statesboro to host a regional training on Managing Growth.

A motion was made to direct staff to set up at training a session with GMA on Managing Growth.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Phil Boyum
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	

### 16. City Managers Comments

City Manager Charles Penny announced the transit system will be operational beginning Monday June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 am. He also stated that the lettering for the Art Park has been ordered but the amount came in at \$55,000 rather than the original amount of \$40,000. DSDA is applying for TAD grant to help fund this project. Lastly Mr. Penny reviewed the process regarding salary increases for Mayor and Council and stated that the last increase took effect January 2006.

A motion was made to direct City Attorney Cain Smith to draft a report of the numbers discussed a couple of years back with Councilmember Venus Mack regarding salary increases for Mayor and Council.

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

### 17. Public Comments (General):

Annie Bellinger addressed Mayor and Council regarding her concerns about what children are being taught today.

**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 6:18 pm motion was made to enter into Executive Session to discuss Potential Litigation.

<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>ABSENT</b>	

At 6:42 pm motion was made to exit Executive Session.

<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>ABSENT</b>	

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

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

A motion was made to adjourn.

<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>ABSENT</b>	

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 pm.

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Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

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Leah Harden, City Clerk