



CITY OF STATESBORO  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
MAY 19, 2020

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**

Councilmember Phil Boyum 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, City Clerk Leah Harden and Public Information Officer Layne Phillips.

3. **Recognitions/Public Presentations**

A) **Presentation of a proclamation recognizing May 17-23, 2020 as National Public Works Week.**

Mayor Jonathan McCollar read a proclamation recognizing May 17-23, 2020 as National Public Works Week and presented it to John Washington Director of Public Works and Engineering.

4. **Public Comments (Agenda Item):** None

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

A) **Approval of Minutes**

a) **04-21-2020 Work Session Minutes**

b) **05-05-2020 Council Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda

**RESULT:**

Approved (Unanimous)

**MOVER:**

Councilmember Paulette Chavers

**SECONDER:**

Councilmember Venus Mack

**AYES:**

Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr

**NAYS**

**6. Public Hearing of First Reading and Consideration of a Motion to move forward with Ordinance 2020-03: An Ordinance revising Chapter 6 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances regarding Temporary Special Event Permits found in Sec 6-8(d) (3).**

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>NAYS</b>	

City Attorney Cain Smith reviewed with Mayor and Council the revisions to Sec. 6-8 (d) (3) of the City of Statesboro Alcohol Ordinance. He stated a) is revised and b) is a new section regarding who is eligible to apply for a Temporary Special Event Permit.

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

A question was asked about the cost for the permit. City Attorney Cain Smith stated a resolution would set the fee for the permit.

A motion was made to move forward for a second reading for Ordinance 2020-03 with the addition of servers would have to have their serving permit with them.

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

**7. Public Hearing of First Reading and Consideration of a Motion to move forward with Ordinance 2020-04: An Ordinance revising Chapter 6 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances regarding open container found in Sec. 6-17(d).**

A motion was made to open the public hearing

<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>NAYS</b>	

City Attorney Cain Smith presented a map outlining the downtown area that would allow for open container. He also stated the boundaries would be updated as suggested in the previous work session.

No one spoke for or against this 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>NAYS</b>	

Councilmember Phil Boyum suggested changing the cup ounce size from 16 to 20.

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

**8. Public Hearing of First Reading and Consideration of a Motion to move forward with an Ordinance revision to Chapter 6 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances by removing the restriction found in Sec. 6-7(i).**

A motion was made to open the public hearing

<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

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City Attorney Cain Smith stated this revision is to remove the entire provision found in Sec. 6-7(i).

A motion was made to close the Public Hearing.

**RESULT:**

Approved (Unanimous)
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**MOVER:**

Councilmember Paulette Chavers
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**SECONDER:**

Councilmember John Riggs
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**AYES:**

Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
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City Attorney Cain Smith stated this is a home rule. After doing a survey of other jurisdictions, he found that Athens Clarke County does not allow public employees to hold an alcohol license and Clayton County does not allow elected officials to hold an alcohol license.

Councilmember Phil Boyum suggested instead of removing the entire section to remove the wording of state and federal officials. That would allow individuals the ability to run for those offices.

Police Chief Mike Broadhead stated he would like police officers prohibited from holding an alcohol license.

Direction was given to remove elected officials and leaving the rest.

**RESULT:**

No action was taken on this item
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**MOVER:**

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**SECONDER:**

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**AYES:**

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**9. Public Hearing and Consideration for a Motion to Approve: Application V 20-04-01: Josh Whitfield requests a variance from Section 1509(C), Table 6 of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance for the installation of one (1) wall sign with a maximum height of eighteen (18) feet on 0.03 acres of property located at 19 Courtland Street within Sign District 4 and the CDB (Central Business District) (Tax Parcel #S28-000023-000).**

A motion was made to open the Public Hearing.

**RESULT:**

Approved (Unanimous)
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**MOVER:**

Councilmember Paulette Chavers
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**SECONDER:**

Councilmember John Riggs
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**AYES:**

Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
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Justin Pay owner of Divvy Desk spoke in favor of the request.

No one spoke against the request.

A motion was made to close the Public Hearing.

**RESULT:**

Approved (Unanimous)
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**MOVER:**

Councilmember Paulette Chavers
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**SECONDER:**

Councilmember Venus Mack
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**AYES:**

Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
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NAYS

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A motion was made to approve **Application V 20-04-01**: a variance from Section 1509(C), Table 6 of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance for the installation of one (1) wall sign with a maximum height of eighteen (18) feet on 0.03 acres of property located at 19 Courtland Street within Sign District 4 and the CDB (Central Business District) (Tax Parcel #S28-000023-000).

**RESULT:**

Approved (Unanimous)
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**MOVER:**

Councilmember
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**SECONDER:**

Councilmember
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**AYES:**

Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
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**10. Public Hearing and Consideration for a Motion to Approve: Application SE 20-04-02: Roberta Benique requests a special exception from Section 401(I) of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance to establish a Group Day Care in the R-20 (Single-Family Residential) district as a home occupation on 0.73 acres of property located at 109 Christie Lane (Tax Parcel #S34-000015-000).**

A motion was made to open the Public Hearing.

**RESULT:**

Approved (Unanimous)
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**MOVER:**

Councilmember Venus Mack
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**SECONDER:**

Councilmember Paulette Chavers
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**AYES:**

Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
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Roberta Benique owner of the daycare spoke in favor of the request.

No one spoke against the request.

A motion was made to close the Public Hearing.

<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>NAYS</b>	

A motion was made to **Application SE 20-04-02**: a special exception from Section 401(I) of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance to establish a Group Day Care in the R-20 (Single-Family Residential) district as a home occupation on 0.73 acres of property located at 109 Christie Lane (Tax Parcel #S34-000015-000).

<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>NAYS</b>	

**11. Consideration of a motion to approve a Development Agreement with JGR Development allowing an additional \$500,000 intermediate advance out of special fund to install public infrastructure within the Old Register TAD.**

A motion was made to approve a Development Agreement with JGR Development allowing an additional \$500,000 intermediate advance out of special fund to install public infrastructure within the Old Register TAD.

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

**12. Consideration of a Motion to approve a change order with Motorola Solutions, Inc. for the Dispatch Console Project to include proper grounding of Police Headquarters.**

A motion was made to approve a change order with Motorola Solutions, Inc. for the Dispatch Console Project to include proper grounding of Police Headquarters.

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

**13. Consideration of a motion to approve the purchase of nine PLCs with control panels, hardware and installation from Revere Control Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$86,500.00 with funds approved in the 2020 CIP Budget Item # WWD-176.**

A motion was made to approve the purchase of nine PLCs with control panels, hardware and installation from Revere Control Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$86,500.00 with funds approved in the 2020 CIP Budget Item # WWD-176.

<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 award a Professional services contract to Wood Engineering in the amount of \$58,000.00 for design, bidding and construction oversight services for a new Compressed Natural Gas filling station with funds approved as part of the 2020 CIP Budget item #NGD-58.**

A motion was made to award a Professional services contract to Wood Engineering in the amount of \$58,000.00 for design, bidding and construction oversight services for a new Compressed Natural Gas filling station with funds approved as part of the 2020 CIP Budget item #NGD-58.

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

**15. Consideration of a Motion to set the date for a Public Hearing for the City of Statesboro Fiscal Year 2021 Budget.**

A motion was made to set the date for a Public Hearing for the City of Statesboro Fiscal Year Budget 2021 on June 9, 2020 at 5:30 pm

<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>	

**16. Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2020-15: A Resolution establishing the Loan Loss Reserve fund for the benefit of the Statesboro Small Business Recovery Fund and appropriate \$250,000.00 in City enterprise funds to the Loan Loss Reserve.**

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2020-15: A Resolution establishing the Loan Loss Reserve fund for the benefit of the Statesboro Small Business Recovery Fund and appropriate \$250,000.00 in City enterprise funds to the Loan Loss Reserve.

<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>NAYS:</b>	

**17. Other Business from City Council: None**

**18. City Managers Comments**

City Manager Charles Penny stated the location for the work sessions for the budget review has been changed from Joe Brannen Hall to the Council Chambers.

He also stated all of the City of Statesboro Public buildings are opening to the public on June 1, 2020.

City Manager Charles Penny encourages everyone to be counted in this year’s census.

**19. Public Comments (General):**

**A) Alberta Deal address Mayor and Council about her concerns regarding a Church located at 410 S. Zetterower Street.**

George and Alberta Deal addressed Mayor and Council with their complaints about noise coming from a church located on the other side of their back yard fence. The church address is 410 S. Zetterower Avenue. They state the noise is too much and that this issue has been going on since 2014. They have talked with city staff about the issue over the years to no avail.

**20. 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)**

A motion was made to enter into Executive Session at 7:28 pm.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember John Riggs
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Paulette Chavers



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

A motion was made to exit Executive Session at 7:58 pm.

<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>NAYS</b>	

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

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

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting

<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 7:58 pm