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CITY OF STATESBORO  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
MAY 19, 2020

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Mayor & Council Work Session      58 E. Main Street Joe Brannen Hall      4:00 PM

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A Work Session of the Statesboro City Council was held on May 19, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. at Joe Brannen Hall, 58 East Main Street. Present was Mayor Jonathan McCollar; Council Members: Phil Boyum, Paulette Chavers, Venus Mack, John Riggs and Shari Barr. Also present was City Clerk Leah Harden, City Attorney Cain Smith, City Manager Charles Penny Assistant City Manager Jason Boyles and Public Information Officer Layne Phillips.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jonathan McCollar.

**1) Quarterly Financial Report**

Director of Finance Cindy West reviewed with Mayor and Council the third Quarter financial report, which includes revenues and expenditures in the General Fund and Enterprise funds.

**2) Alcohol Ordinance & State Law**

City Attorney Cain Smith presented to Mayor and Council the city alcohol ordinance and state law OCGA 3-3-2. State law gives authority to local governments to set standards pertaining to alcohol permits and licenses. He also reviewed the Mayor and Council powers and duties contained in Chapter 6. He also went over Mayoral powers, 6-7(y), which includes suspension of sales citywide during civil emergency, such as a curfew. Cain Smith went over what is needed for a temporary suspension of alcohol licensure when something needs to be done right then and there is no time to bring in a judge. This action requires a recommendation of the police chief and the approval of the City Manager with the Mayors permission.

A map of the purposed open container exemption zone was presented to Mayor and Council showing the boarders, which include the north at Proctor Street, to include Simmons shopping center and Courtland St., the East by Mulberry, the South on Cherry St. and the West by MLK. It is to be determined the certain hours that would be exempt from open container. Councilmember Shari Barr stated the map would need to go out to Bulloch Street to include the West District. Cain stated that he would amend the map to include Bulloch Street encompassing the West District.

**3) Ordinance Presentation Process**

City Attorney Cain Smith presented to Mayor and Council the process for ordinance presentations. The ordinance presentation was adopted December 2018. Before this ordinance the City Attorney was directed to draft an ordinance by either the Mayor or 2 councilmembers. This was designed to formalize the process and

make it so the directives to compose an ordinance or provision would be made in an open meeting instead of the way it was done in the past. A provision or ordinance should be brought up as an agenda item at a regularly scheduled meeting. The person requesting the provision presents explanation and reasoning for making the provision, suggestions for provisions should only be made by Mayor and Council or city staff. Mayor Jonathan McCollar believes one council member should be able to bring policy changes forward without the approval of two other persons.

After some discussion, direction was given to City Attorney Cain Smith to bring back to the next work session some points to be discussed regarding this ordinance.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 pm