



CITY OF STATESBORO
COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 21, 2024

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 Paulette Chavers 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	
Ginny Hendley	Councilmember	Present	
John Riggs	Councilmember	Present	
Shari Barr	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	

Other staff present: City Manager Charles Penny, Assistant City Manager Jason Boyles, Senior IT Specialist Alan Schleder, City Attorney Cain Smith and City Clerk Leah Harden

3. Recognitions / Public Presentation:

A) Presentation of a Medal of Valor and a Purple Heart to Advanced Patrol Officer Joey Deloach.

B) Presentation of a Life Saving award to Officer Nicholas Sparks-Hoskins.

Statesboro Police Chief Mike Broadhead stated that on April 16, 2024 officers were dispatched to Copper Beech apartments for a reported car prowler. APO Deloach located the suspect in the act of unlawfully entering an auto and confronted the suspect. The suspect immediately began shooting at APO Deloach who fired back striking the suspect. The suspect fled but was arrested a few minutes later. APO Deloach was badly wounded with a wound to the femoral artery as well as a bullet in the left shoulder. Realizing he was losing a lot of blood APO Deloach attempted to place a tourniquet on himself but was unable due to the blood loss. Officer Nicholas Sparks-Hoskins was quickly on the scene and properly applied the tourniquet. Officer Sparks-Hoskins then helped APO Deloach into a patrol car to get him to the emergency room. Chief Broadhead presented Advance Patrol Officer Joey Deloach with a Medal of Valor and a Purple Heart for the sacrifice he made on behalf of the citizens of our community. Chief Broadhead then presented a Life Saving Award to Officer Nicholas Sparks-Hoskins for his life saving actions and his attention to duty and professional skill.

C) Presentation of a Proclamation recognizing May 12 – 18, 2024 as Police Week.

Mayor McCollar read and presented a proclamation to Police Chief Mike Broadhead, recognizing May 12-18, 2024 as Police Week in Statesboro.

D) Presentation of a Proclamation recognizing the month of May 2024 as National Cities, Towns, and Villages month.

Mayor McCollar read a proclamation recognizing the month of May 2024 as National Cities, Towns, and Villages month.

4. Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

5. Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

a) **05-07-2024 Council Minutes**

b) **05-07-2024 Executive Session Minutes**

B) Consideration of a motion to approve surplus and disposition of a 2003 sterling L7500 Vacuum Truck (Vin# 2FZAATAK43AK4607) and a New Holland TC24 Tractor/Trencher (Vin# UG31620)

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

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

6. Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve:

- a. **APPLICATION AN 24-03-06:** 3SD Investments, LLC requests the annexation of approximately 16.54 acres of property in order to develop a townhome subdivision on Cypress Lake Road (Tax Parcel# MS40000074A000).
- b. **APPLICATION RZ 24-03-07:** 3SD Investments, LLC requests a zoning map amendment from the R-40 (Single-Family Residential) zoning district to the R-2 (Townhouse Residential) zoning district in order develop a townhome development of approximately 101 units on Cypress Lake Road (Tax Parcel# MS40000074A000).

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
SECONDER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

Haydon Rollins with Hussey Gay Bell representing the applicant spoke in favor of the request and stated that after some discussion with concerned individuals the developer requests an added condition that there will be no access to Country Club Road from the development.

Rob Brannen who lives on Lakewood Drive requested that the access point to Country Club Road not be used by the development.

Susan Radovich who lives on Lakewood Drive voiced her concerns about stormwater runoff affecting their property as well as concerns with increased traffic.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

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

A motion was made to approve with staff conditions and with the additional condition that the development not use the access point to Country Club Road **APPLICATION AN 24-03-06:** 3SD Investments, LLC requests the annexation of approximately 16.54 acres of property in order to develop a townhome subdivision on Cypress Lake Road (Tax Parcel# MS40000074A000) and **APPLICATION RZ 24-03-07:** 3SD Investments, LLC requests a zoning map amendment from the R-40 (Single-Family Residential) zoning district to the R-2 (Townhouse Residential) zoning district in order develop a townhome development of approximately 101 units on Cypress Lake Road (Tax Parcel# MS40000074A000).

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Phil Boyum
SECONDER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

7. Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION V 24-04-01: Hartridge Realty, LLC request a variance from Section 1.1.4(C) – Transitional Provisions, of the Unified Development Code in order to complete construction of a previously reviewed Self-storage Facility on Henry Boulevard (Tax Parcel# MS84000102 07G).

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

Steve Rushing a local attorney representing the applicant spoke in favor of the request.
No one spoke against the request.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

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

A motion was made to approve with staff conditions **APPLICATION V 24-04-01**: Hartridge Realty, LLC request a variance from Section 1.1.4(C) – Transitional Provisions, of the Unified Development Code in order to complete construction of a previously reviewed Self- storage Facility on Henry Boulevard (Tax Parcel# MS84000102 07G).

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

8. Second reading and consideration of a motion to approve Ordinance 2024-03: An Ordinance amending Chapter 82 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances, Section 62(d) allowing the use of water utility master meters.

A Motion was made to approve **Ordinance 2024-03**: An Ordinance amending Chapter 82 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances, Section 62(d) allowing the use of water utility master meters.

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

9. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2024-13: A Resolution to adopt the third amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024 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 2024-13**: A Resolution to adopt the third amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024 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.

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

10. Consideration of a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Statesboro and Read 4 Unity to advance our work in expanding access to pre-K-12 grade NEW & DIVERSE books by BIPOC authors for students and community in Statesboro, GA and surrounding areas.

A motion was made to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Statesboro and Read 4 Unity to advance our work in expanding access to pre-K-12 grade NEW & DIVERSE books by BIPOC authors for students and community in Statesboro, GA and surrounding areas.

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

11. Consideration of a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Statesboro and Colgate-Palmolive Company to provide Bright Smile Bright Futures (BSBF) program events relating to oral health and wellness initiatives.

A Motion was made to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Statesboro and Colgate-Palmolive Company to provide Bright Smile Bright Futures (BSBF) program events relating to oral health and wellness initiatives.

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

12. Consideration of a motion to award a contract in the amount of \$188,000.00 to Sam Hunt and Sons, Inc. for repairs to the main driveway entrance and retaining wall at Station One of the Fire Department. This project, FD-89, is funded from the 2019 SPLOST Fund.

A motion was made to approve an award a contract in the amount of \$188,000.00 to Sam Hall and Sons, Inc. for repairs to the main driveway entrance and retaining wall at Station One of the Fire Department. This project, FD-89, is funded from the 2019 SPLOST Fund.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Phil Boyum
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

13. Consideration of a motion to award a contract for engineering technical services for a multimodal transportation study of the Brannen Street Corridor to Goodwyn Mills Cawood (GMC) in the amount of \$125,000.00. The project work, ENG-96, will be paid from 2018 TSPLOST Funds.

A motion was made to approve an award of contract for engineering technical services for a multimodal transportation study of the Brannen Street Corridor to Goodwyn Mills Cawood (GMC) in the amount of \$125,000.00. The project work, ENG-96, will be paid from 2018 TSPLOST Funds.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
SECONDER:	Councilmember Phil Boyum
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

14. Consideration of a motion to award the contract for \$313,355.00 with Tim Lanier Construction, LLC for Gentilly Road sidewalk improvements, project # ENG-122g. This project will be funded from the 2018 TSPLOST Fund.

A motion was made to approve award the contract for \$313,355.00 with Tim Lanier Construction, LLC for Gentilly Road sidewalk improvements, project # ENG-122g. This project will be funded from the 2018 TSPLOST Fund.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilmember Phil Boyum
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

15. Consideration of a motion to award a contract for engineering design services of the Fair Road Widening Improvements project (ENG-124f) to Atlas Technical Consultants LLC (Atlas) in the amount of \$385,634.00. This work will be paid from 2018 TSPLOST Funds.

At 6:43 pm Councilmember Ginny Hendley left the meeting.

A motion was made to approve award a contract for engineering design services of the Fair Road Widening Improvements project (ENG-124f) to Atlas Technical Consultants LLC (Atlas) in the amount of \$385,634.00. This work will be paid from 2018 TSPLOST Funds.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Phil Boyum
SECONDER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember Ginny Hendley

16. Consideration of a motion to award a contract for engineering design services of the Cawana Road Intersection Improvements project, ENG-123f, to American Engineers, Inc. (AEI) in the amount of \$212,500.00. The project work will be paid from 2018 TSPLOST Funds.

At 6:46pm Councilmember Ginny Hendley rejoined the meeting.

A motion was made to approve award a contract for engineering design services of the Cawana Road Intersection Improvements project, ENG-123f, to American Engineers, Inc. (AEI) in the amount of \$212,500.00. The project work will be paid from 2018 TSPLOST Funds.

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

17. Consideration of a motion to award a contract to Southern Utility Group Inc. In the amount of \$92,740.00, for the installation of natural gas facilities to serve DAS Manufacturing in the Metter Industrial Park. To be paid for with funds in the Natural Gas CIP budget item # NGD-11 and carry over funds.

A motion was made to approve award a contract to Southern Utility Group Inc. In the amount of \$92,740.00, for the installation of natural gas facilities to serve DAS Manufacturing in the Metter Industrial Park. To be paid for with funds in the Natural Gas CIP budget item # NGD-11 and carry over funds.

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

18. Other Business from City Council

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr shared that the next Family Resource Day will take place on Friday May 31st from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm on the Berkshire Village Lawn located at 220 Lanier Drive.

Councilmember Phil Boyum shared that he will be teaching part of a Planning and Zoning class at the GMA Annual Convention in Savannah in June.

Mayor McCollar announced the next Downtown Live will take place Thursday May 30th at 7:00 pm with the band Liquid Pleasure.

19. City Managers Comments

City Manager Charles Penny brought to Mayor and Councils attention a memo in the FYI packet regarding background information on the sewer usage fees, sewer tap fees, water tap fees, and aid to construction fees that were mentioned during the budget work session. Mr. Penny stated the first meeting in July is on the 2nd and asked if Council would like to cancel that meeting. Direction was given to place a cancellation motion on the June 4th agenda for consideration. The last item is a reminder that a public hearing for the FY 2025 budget will take place during the June 4th Council meeting with the adoption of the budget to take place at the June 18th Council meeting. Mr. Penny made Mayor and Council aware that he will not be present during the second meeting in June because he is participating in a Divided Community program in New York and will not be back until late that evening.

20. Public Comments (General):

Geoff del Forn Vice President of the Statesboro Police Foundation stated they have been working to find possible solutions to retaining and attracting new officers to our Police Department. We understand that the new growth heading to our community will require more Officers to protect and serve our citizens. One option the foundation has found is the Peace Officers Annuity Benefit Program.

City Manager Charles Penny stated that staff will need to do research on this and weigh out all the options and report back to council with their findings.

21. Consideration of a Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss “Real Estate” in accordance with O.C.G.A 50-14-3(b).

At 7:04 pm a motion was made to enter into executive session.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember
SECONDER:	Councilmember
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

At 7:17 pm a motion was made to exit executive session.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember
SECONDER:	Councilmember
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

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

22. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

Leah Harden, City Clerk