



CITY OF STATESBORO
COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 1, 2021

Regular Meeting

50 E. Main St. City Hall Council Chambers

9:00 AM

1. Call to Order

Mayor Jonathan McCollar called the meeting to order

2. Invocation and Pledge

Councilmember John Riggs 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	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Venus Mack	Councilmember	Present	
John Riggs	Councilmember	Present	
Shari Barr	Councilmember	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 Proclamation for Pride Month.

Mayor Jonathan McCollar read a proclamation recognizing June 2021 as Pride Month in Statesboro.

4. Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

5. Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

a) 05-18-2021 Work Session Minutes

b) 05-18-2021 Council Minutes

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

RESULT:

Approved (Unanimous)

MOVER:

Councilmember John Riggs

SECONDER:

Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers

AYES:

Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr

NAYS:

6. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2021-20: A Resolution to adopt the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget for each fund of the City of Statesboro, Georgia appropriating the amount shown in each budget as expenditures/expenses, adopting the several items of revenue anticipations and prohibiting expenditures or expenses from exceeding the actual funding available for appropriations.

A Motion was made to approve Resolution 2021-20: adopting the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget for each fund of the City of Statesboro, Georgia appropriating the amount shown in each budget as expenditures/expenses, adopting the several items of revenue anticipations and prohibiting expenditures or expenses from exceeding the actual funding available for appropriations.

RESULT:	Approved 4-1
MOVER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Barr
NAYS:	Councilmember John Riggs

7. Consideration of a motion to award a contract for banking services to Synovus for four one-year terms.

A motion was made to award a contract for banking services to Synovus for four one-year terms.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Shari Barr
SECONDER:	Councilmember John Riggs
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
NAYS:	

8. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2021-21: A Resolution adopting maximum tariff rates by towing and storage operators engaged in Non-Consensual Towing.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2021-21 adopting the maximum tariff rates by towing and storage operators engaged in Non-Consensual Towing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
NAYS:	

9. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2021-22: A Resolution requesting approval to apply for “Law Enforcement Mental Health Wellness Act Grant” for the City of Statesboro, Georgia.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2021-22 granting approval to apply for “Law Enforcement Mental Health Wellness Act Grant” for the City of Statesboro, Georgia.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Shari Barr
SECONDER:	Councilmember John Riggs
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
NAYS:	

10. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2021-23: A Resolution initiating voter referendum to authorize issuance of licenses for the package sale of distilled spirits.

City Attorney Cain Smith explained this resolution is to initiate a ballot referendum to authorize the issuance of licenses for liquor stores in Statesboro. The background emphasis for the recent amendment of O.C.G.A. 3-441 enacted on May 4, 2021, allows for a referendum elections to be initiated upon passage of a local resolution by the governing authority of any municipality or county.

Councilmember John Riggs voiced concerns about initiating a voter referendum for liquor stores, stating alcohol is the most divisive issue we will ever come across. We would need at least a year of work sessions in order to get input from the public before we think of putting this on the ballot.

Councilmember Shari Barr stated she has mixed feelings about this referendum and I don’t like doing things fast. Maybe not a year of work sessions but at least a few months to hear from people whether they are ready for this to come to a vote here in Statesboro.

Councilmember Venus Mack stated people are giving their money out to different counties, I think we should try to take a stab at this and let the voters vote.

Councilmember Phil Boyum stated we talk about wanting to hear what the people have to say, this referendum is a way for every voter in the City to have their voice heard.

Councilmember Paulette Chavers stated she does not think this should wait a long time but it should not be rushed either.

Cain Smith stated we have until the second Council meeting in July take action on this issue to get it on the November ballot.

Mayor Jonathan McCollar stated he was one of the Mayors who worked on getting the municipalities an option to be able to put this to a vote by a simple up or down vote by Council. The whole idea was to get public input and have work sessions so staff can present to Council what other communities are doing. The next time we can put this on the ballot is May 24, 2022. Staff does not have to be rushed and the people of the city will have an opportunity to participate in the process.

There was discussion about having the referendum on the May 24th ballot as that is when University students are away for the summer.

Councilmember Phil Boyum made a motion to approve Resolution 2021-23 initiating voter referendum to authorize issuance of licenses for the package sale of distilled spirits. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Venus Mack.

After further discussion Councilmember Phil Boyum withdrew his motion and made a new motion to table Resolution 2021-23 until the next City Council meeting on June 15, 2021.

RESULT:	Approved
MOVER:	Councilmember Phil Boyum
SECONDER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack
NAYS:	

Councilmember John Riggs stated this item needs to be on the next work session of June 15, 2021 before the regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

City Manager Charles Penny confirmed the inclusion of this item on the June 15, 2021 work session and stated the work session would begin at 3:00 pm.

11. Consideration of a motion to approve the purchase of Rescue-Q-Jack Stabilization Struts from Victory Steel, LLC in the amount of \$29,596.00.

A motion was made to approve the purchase of Rescue-Q-Jack Stabilization Struts from Victory Steel, LLC in the amount of \$29,596.00.

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

12. Consideration of a motion to award a contract to C & H Pipeline Inc. in the amount of \$96,990.00 to install approximately 3000’ of four inch PE gas main along Old Register Road. This project is funded as part of the 2021 CIP Budget, Item #NGD 87 with funds from system revenues.

A motion was made to award a contract to C & H Pipeline Inc. in the amount of \$96,990.00 to install approximately 3000’ of four inch PE gas main along Old Register Road.

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

13. Consideration of a Motion to approve award of contract to Frontier Communications in the amount of \$84,000.00 and authorize the Mayor to execute contract documents for utility relocation associated with the intersection improvement project at South Zetterower Avenue/Stillwell Street intersection.

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RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
NAYS:	

14. Consideration of a motion to award contract to Bulloch Solutions in the not to exceed amount of \$105,422.32 and authorize the Mayor to execute contract documents for telecommunications and security infrastructure for the Luetta Moore Park and Grady Street Park Improvements project.

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

15. Consideration of a motion to approve change orders 12 and 16 with Lavender & Associates, Inc. in the not to exceed amount of \$24,543.00 for the Luetta Moore Park and Grady Street Park improvements project and authorize the Mayor to execute contract document amendments.

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RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
NAYS:	

16. Consideration of a motion to award a contract to Sikes Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$985,876.75 for the annual resurfacing project and approval to spend up to the budgeted amount of \$1,063,686.32 for additional work based on unit prices in contractor’s bid. This project is paid by GDOT LMIG funds and 2018 TSPLOST funds.

A motion was made to award a contract to Sikes Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$985,876.75 for the annual resurfacing project and approval to spend up to the budgeted amount of \$1,063,686.32 for additional work based on unit prices in contractor’s bid.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
NAYS:	

17. Consideration of a motion to award a contract to Tim Lanier Construction for the Municipal Court Overflow/PD Parking Lot Expansion project in the base bid amount of \$92,868.00 and approval to spend up to \$111,000.00 for additional work based on unit prices in contractors bid. Project is to be paid from 2013 SPLOST funds.

A motion was made to award a contract to Tim Lanier Construction for the Municipal Court Overflow/PD Parking Lot Expansion project in the base bid amount of \$92,868.00 and approval to spend up to \$111,000.00 for additional work based on unit prices in contractors bid.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
NAYS:	

18. Other Business from City Council:

Councilmember Phil Boyum stated today is a day after a holiday and in the past we would push the council meeting from Tuesday to Wednesday following a Monday holiday. There are two more Tuesday meetings following a Monday holiday and I would like to push them back one day. The meetings are July 6th pushing it back to July 7th and September 7th pushing it back to September 8th that way there is a full workday before we have our council meeting and so staff doesn’t have to work on a holiday.

City Manager Charles Penny stated he appreciates the consideration however when we have Tuesday meetings at the holidays staff is prepared before we leave so we know we’re going to come in and we’re okay.

19. City Managers Comments

City Manager Charles Penny stated Youth Connect starts next week with 20 high school students. He also informed Mayor and Council that the June work session includes the Housing study report and will take approximately 90 minutes. Lastly, we are still learning about the American Rescue Plan, but hopefully in the next month we will be in a position to bring forward recommendations on how we should spend these funds. City Manager Charles Penny state we had a great meeting with Food Insecurities Committee last week regarding the food bank displacement because of the Senior Housing and we will keep you posted and share with you some of the discussions coming out of those meetings.

Councilmember Shari Barr congratulates all our area graduates. Squash the spread is still very active and there are vaccination clinics coming up and if you don't know where call me or call City Hall and we will point you in the right direction.

Mayor Jonathan McCollar stated on June 19th vaccination stations will be set up across the City.

The food bank and Rebecca's Café are hosting a vaccine clinic on Donnie Simmons Way next Thursday, June 10th from 10 am until noon. For individuals who show up at their clinic will receive a \$5 cash thank you for helping the whole community by getting vaccinated.

Councilmember Phil Boyum stated the vaccines are free so do not let money be an issue to not get your vaccination.

Councilmember Venus Mack announced that the School Board is giving out free lunches for kids.

20. Public Comments (General): None

21. Consideration of a Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss "Potential Litigation" in accordance with O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(b).

At 10:28 am, a motion was made to enter into Executive Session.

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

At 10:35 am a motion was made to exit Executive Session.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
NAYS:	

A motion was made to appoint Shawn Diddie and Brian Powell to serve on the Tree Board and Jed DeZelle and Jeff Vickers to serve on the Beautification Commission

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

22. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
NAYS:	

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am.

Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

Leah Harden, City Clerk