



CITY OF STATESBORO  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
JUNE 04, 2024

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 Ginny Hendley 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, Public Information Officer Layne Phillips, City Attorney Cain Smith and City Clerk Leah Harden

**3. Recognitions / Public Presentation:**

**A) Presentation of a Proclamation recognizing June 10-14, 2024 as Municipal Court Clerks Week.**

Mayor Jonathan McCollar read the Proclamation recognizing June 10-14, 2024 as Municipal Court Clerks Weeks and presented it to Clerk of Municipal Court Clerk Haylie McGlamery and Deputy Municipal Court Clerks Jasmine Perkins and Amy Reed.

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

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

**A) Approval of Minutes**

- a) 05-14-2024 Budget Work Session Minutes
- b) 05-21-2024 Work Session Minutes
- c) 05-21-2024 Council Minutes
- d) 05-21-2024 Executive Session Minutes

**B) Consideration of a motion to approve the cancellation of the July 2, 2024 regularly scheduled Council Meeting.**

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

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

## **6. Public Hearing to solicit input on the proposed FY2025 budget for the City of Statesboro.**

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

City Manager Charles Penny reviewed the FY 2025 Budget highlighting that the proposed budget is \$108,973,791 which is a decrease from last year's budget. Part of that decrease is due to the use grant money for several projects. Included in the budget are all of the capital projects, SPLOST and TSPLOST. The total operating budget is about \$55 million which is the General Fund budget. As to the recommendation of a tax increase, it will take \$1.7 million to balance the budget, which can be done using the General Fund however in doing so would decrease the fund below the 25% which is in violation of the City's policy. Between now and September when you have to set the millage rate we will have received the tax digest at which time we will see what kind of growth we have in our tax revenue. It is possible the city may not need a millage rate increase and still be able to maintain the 25% required in the General fund. This year we will have the impact of a whole year of the implementation of the new comp plan another thing affecting the City's budget is the fire fund although we receive 2.3 million from the county for the Fire District the budget still falls short a little over a million dollars which is paid from the General fund. During the budget presentation staff recommended to the council having an analysis done on the feasibility of a fire rate.

No one spoke for or against the proposed FY 2025 budget for the City of Statesboro.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

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

Councilmember Phil Boyum stated that the property tax revenue is less than 8% of the overall budget, the rest is through the services the city provides.

Councilmember Paulette Chavers expressed her disappointment that council did not approve the larger millage rate increase last September and now being faced with the possibility of another increase this year.

Councilmember Phil Boyum stated with all the growth and increased evaluations there is a possibility we may not have to raise taxes at all.

City Manager Charles Penny stated it will be a raise in taxes if we do not roll our rate back. The question is will the growth be sufficient to cover all the costs, which we will not know until we receive the digest from the county.

## **7. Public hearing and consideration of a motion to approve first reading of:**

- A) Ordinance 2024-06: An Ordinance amending Chapter 70 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances regulating the use of Sharable Dockless Mobility Devices.**
- B) Ordinance 2024-07: An Ordinance amending Chapter 78 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances amending Non-Motorized Devices.**

A motion was made to open 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, Hendley, 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
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	

Councilmember Phil Boyum inquired about delaying the second reading until the first meeting in august in order to get input from GSU students as this will affect them the most.

City Manager Charles Penny stated before this came before you, even before the work session presentation we hosted public information sessions where GSU students were present and participated in that. It is fine if you want to wait until August but they did have an opportunity to have input in that process.

A Motion was made to approve the first reading and move forward for adoption **Ordinance 2024-06**: An Ordinance amending Chapter 70 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances regulating the use of Sharable Dockless Mobility Devices and **Ordinance 2024-07**: An Ordinance amending Chapter 78 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances amending Non-Motorized Devices.

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

**8. Consideration of a motion to approve the Statesboro Police Department Towing Rotation and Wrecker Agreement for FY 2025.**

A motion was made to approve the Statesboro Police Department Towing Rotation and Wrecker Agreement for FY 2025.

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

**9. Consideration of a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Youth Career Commission to provide residential development opportunities to underserved juvenile and young adult citizens of the City of Statesboro.**

A motion was made to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Youth Career Commission to provide residential development opportunities to underserved juvenile and young adult citizens of the City of Statesboro.

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

**10. Consideration of a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Statesboro and Lake Sal Home Owners Association for access to Lake Sal infrastructure for stormwater maintenance.**

A motion was made to authorize the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Statesboro and Lake Sal Home Owners Association for access to Lake Sal infrastructure for stormwater maintenance.

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

**11. Consideration of a motion to award a contract for \$237,207.00 with Swindell Construction Company, Inc. for North College Street sidewalk improvements, project #ENG-122i. This project will be funded from the 2018 TSPLOST Fund.**

A motion was made to approve an award of contract for \$237,207.00 with Swindell Construction Company, Inc. for North College Street sidewalk improvements, project #ENG-122i. This project will be funded from the 2018 TSPLOST Fund.

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

**12. Other Business from City Council**

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr gave a shout out to staff for another great concert last Thursday stating it was well attended. She also shared that there is another concert next Thursday June 13, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Mayor McCollar gave a shout out to staff for the success of the Village Builders resource day that was held on campus and it too was well attended.

Councilmember Phil Boyum pointed out that when we talk about things and spending money the services we provide such as water/sewer, sanitation, fire, and police, we are fortunate to have good people and we need to keep at the top of our minds.

**13. City Managers Comments**

City Manager Charles Penny shared that Youth Connect began on May 28<sup>th</sup> with 35 student working throughout the city. We did increase their salary this year by \$1.00. Mr. Penny introduced his intern Logan Josey who will be here for the summer. He is in the MPA program at Georgia Southern. He also introduced his grandson Hunter Preston Penny who will be shadowing him a couple of days this week.

Mr. Penny stated that there is enough interest from the ARPA funds to reconstruct 3 or 4 more homes if council is inclined to do so. There will not be a work session in July and the work session in June will have one item which is a report from the Greener Boro Commission.

Councilmember Phil Boyum stated that the Greener Boro could present their information under the presentation section of the agenda instead of having a work session.

Council was agreeable to this suggestion. No work session will be held in June or July.

Mr. Penny continued with an update to the Art Park stating that Olympia has been leading the effort to get art. We are planning a ribbon cutting in early to mid-August. He stated that Olympia has been working with a group of folks from the community to select the art.

The last item is congratulations to Councilmember Paulette Chavers, she will be installed as First Vice President of GMA District 12 at the GMA 2024 Annual Convention in Savannah at the end of June.

#### **14. Public Comments (General):**

Marcus Toole, Community Outreach Coordinator with Habitat for Humanity spoke to Mayor and Council about their Community Flag Program. The program is currently serving residential areas and they have recently acquired business portion of the program and planning to expand to downtown trying to get close to 100% participation from downtown businesses. That would require inserting the poles on East and West Main Street where there is no dirt between the businesses and the roadway. We want to ask the city for permission. Another possibility is if the City participated in the Flag program directly. It would be the American flag for 6 US Federal Holidays, and the GSU flags for every home game and graduation ceremonies.

#### **15. Consideration of a Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss “Personnel Matters” in accordance with O.C.G.A 50-14-3(b).**

At 9:53 am a motion was made to enter into executive session.

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

At 10:19 a motion was made to exit executive session.

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

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

A motion was made to appoint David Warren, Don Armel, Jill Gerig, Andrew Michaud, Robert Prior to the Greener Boro Commission, Lauren Porter to the KSBB advisory Board, Walter Gibson to the Tree Board, and Michelle Lammers, Katherine Parks, and Dan Rea to the Youth Commission.

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

#### **16. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn**

A motion was made to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.

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Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

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Leah Harden, City Clerk