



CITY OF STATESBORO
COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 15, 2021

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 Shari Barr gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jonathan McCollar	Mayor	Present	
Phil Boyum	Councilmember	Present Via Zoom	
Paulette Chavers	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Venus Mack	Councilmember	Present	
John Riggs	Councilmember	Present Via Zoom	
Shari Barr	Councilmember	Present	

Other staff present: City Manager Charles Penny, Public Information Officer Layne Phillips, City Attorney Cain Smith and City Clerk Leah Harden

3. Recognitions/Public Presentations

A) Presentation of a Proclamation for Amateur Radio Week.

Mayor Jonathan McCollar read a Proclamation recognizing the week of June 21-27 as Amateur Radio Week in the City of Statesboro.

Mayor Jonathan McCollar proclaimed Lucy Kemp, Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp's daughter, an Honorary Citizen of the City of Statesboro and presented her with a medal and plaque.

The presentation was made in memory of Lucy Kemp's boyfriend Harrison Deal, Bulloch County Commissioner Curt Deal's, son who was killed in a car crash on December 4th 2020.

Mayor Jonathan McCollar called for a five minuet recess.

4. Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

5. Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

a) 06-01-2021 Council Minutes

b) 06-01-2021 Executive Session Minutes

B) Consideration of a motion to approve Surplus and Disposition of the four 2011 Dodge Chargers in the Police Department that are past their service life.

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

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

6. Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve Application SE 21-04-03: Jamie Lynn Stowbridge requests a special exception to locate a trailer on a 0.3 acre property located in the R-10 (Single-Family Residential) zoning district on a property located on Lewis Street (Tax Parcel #S36 000001 000).

A Motion was made to open the Public Hearing.

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

Planning Director Kathy Field presented the application the Mayor and Council stating on May 4, 2021 the Planning Commission voted to deny the Special Exception. City staff also recommends denial.

No one spoke for or against the request.

A motion was made to close the Public Hearing.

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

A motion was made to support City Staff’s recommendation of denial of Application SE 21-04-03.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Councilmember Venus Mack

AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
NAYS:	

7. Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve Application SUB 21-05-01: Robbie Bell request preliminary PLAT approval for a 5-lot residential subdivision for the development of 5 single-family detached homes to complete the Northbridge Subdivision on 55.48 acres located on Highway 301 North (Tax Parcel #MS80000013 000).

A motion was made to open the Public Hearing.

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

Planning Director Kathy Field presented the application to Mayor and Council stating on June 1, 2021 the Planning Commission voted to approve the Preliminary Subdivision PLAT. City staff also recommends approval.

Wes Sherrod 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:	Councilmember Shari Barr
SECONDER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
NAYS:	

A motion was made to approve Application SUB 21-05-01.

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

8. Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve Application V 21-05-02: BVT Enterprises LLC requests a variance from Article XXX, Section 3005 (B) in order to place a mural exceeding 25% of the wall facade at 22 West Vine Street (Tax Parcel #S18 000035 000).

A motion was made to open the Public Hearing.

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

Planning Director Kathy Field presented the application to Mayor and Council stating on June 1, 2021 the Planning Commission voted to approve the requested variance. City staff also recommends approval.

No one spoke for or against the request.

A motion was made to close the Public Hearing.

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

A motion was made to approve Application V 21-05-03.

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

9. Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve Application V 21-05-03: Jake Dragan requests a variance from Article XI, section 1102(G) in order to allow the use of the pre-existing building located at 408 South Main Street (Tax Parcel #S20 000103 000).

A motion was made to open the Public Hearing.

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

Planning Director Kathy Field presented the application to Mayor and Council stating on June 1, 2021 the Planning Commission voted to deny the requested variance. City staff also recommends denial.

Jake Dragon spoke in favor of the request.

Allen Muldrew with the DSDA stated he supports City Staff’s recommendation of denial of this request.

A motion was made to close the Public Hearing.

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

A motion was made to approve **Application V 21-05-03** with staff recommendations, with an addition of a 120 day time period to meet those recommendations.

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

10. Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve Application RZ 21-05-04: Teramore Development LLC requests a zoning map amendment from the R20 (Single-Family Residential) Zoning District to the CR (Commercial Retail) Zoning District in order to develop a Dollar General at 959 North Main Street (Tax Parcel #MS58000022 000).

A motion was made to open the Public Hearing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Shari Barr

SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
NAYS:	

Planning Director Kathy Field presented the application to Mayor and Council stating on June 1, 2021 the Planning Commission voted to approve the requested Zoning Map Amendment with staff conditions. City staff also recommends approval.

Steve Rushing and Chris Qualheim 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:	Councilmember Shari Barr
SECONDER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
NAYS:	

A motion was made to approve **Application RZ 21-05-04**.

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

11. Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2021-24: A Resolution exempting certain vehicle from marking requirements for one year.

A motion was made to open the Public Hearing.

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

A motion was made to close the Public Hearing.

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

A motion was made to approve **Resolution 2021-24** exempting certain vehicles from marking requirements for one year.

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

12. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2021-25: A Resolution to adopt the Third Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2021 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 2021-25** adopting the Third Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2021 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 (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
NAYS:	

13. Consideration of a Motion to Approve Resolution 2021-26: A Resolution adopting the Statesboro Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Fines.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2021-26 adopting the Statesboro Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Fines.

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

14. Consideration of a Motion to award a contract for auditing services to Lanier, Deal, and Proctor in the amount of \$47,000.00 and \$5,000.00 for a Single Audit of FY 2021 with an option to extend the contract for FY 2022 and FY 2023 at the same prices. If approved, each yearly contract will be signed prior to the beginning auditing services. Auditing services are funded under the Finance Department in the General Fund.

A motion was made to award a contract for auditing services to Lanier, Deal, and Proctor in the amount of \$47,000.00 and \$5,000.00 for a Single Audit of FY 2021 with an option to extend the contract for FY 2022 and FY 2023 at the same prices.

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

15. Consideration of a Motion to Authorize the Mayor to execute a contract for services with the Statesboro Arts Council, Inc. to market downtown Statesboro by operating and managing the Averitt Center for the Arts, using proceeds from the Hotel/Motel Tax.

A motion was made to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract for services with the Statesboro Arts Council, Inc. to market downtown Statesboro by operating and managing the Averitt Center for the Arts, using proceeds from the Hotel/Motel Tax.

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

16. Consideration of a Motion to Authorize the Mayor to execute a contract for services with the Downtown Statesboro Development Authority/Main Street to market downtown Statesboro, using proceeds from the Hotel/Motel Tax.

A motion was made to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract for services with the Downtown Statesboro Development Authority/Main Street to market downtown Statesboro, using proceeds from the Hotel/Motel Tax.

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

17. Consideration of a Motion to Authorize the Mayor to execute a contract for services with the Statesboro Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc. to market Statesboro and Bulloch County, using proceeds from the Hotel/Motel Tax.

A motion was made to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract for services with the Statesboro Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc. to market Statesboro and Bulloch County, using proceeds from the Hotel/Motel Tax.

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

18. Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2021-27: A Resolution to accept the CJCC Grant for the City of Statesboro.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2021-27: A Resolution to accept the CJCC Grant for the City of Statesboro.

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

19. Consideration of a Motion to enter into a service agreement with Optim Sports Medicine for Athletic Trainer Services.

A motion was made to enter into a service agreement with Optim Sports Medicine for Athletic Trainer Services.

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

20. Consideration of a Motion to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract with Waste Management of Georgia, Inc. for a solid waste and wastewater sludge landfill disposal air rights contract.

A motion was made to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract with Waste Management of Georgia, Inc. for a solid waste and wastewater sludge landfill disposal air rights contract.

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

21. Consideration of a Motion to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract with Atlantic Waste Services, Inc. for a solid waste and wastewater sludge transportation contract.

A motion was made to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract with Atlantic Waste Services, Inc. for a solid waste and wastewater sludge transportation contract.

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

22. Consideration of a motion to award a contract to National Auto Fleet Group in the amount of \$55,318.00 for the purchase of one 30’ Mac Dump Trailer. Trailer to be purchased with 2013 SPLOST funds.

A motion was made to award a contract to National Auto Fleet Group in the amount of \$55,318.00 for the purchase of one 30’ Mac Dump Trailer.

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

23. Consideration of a motion to award a contract to McLendon Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of 3,956,569.90 for the Blue Mile Streetscape Improvements project. This project is paid by GDOT LMIG (grant) funds, 2018 SPLOST, 2013 SPLOST, and water, sewer, gas enterprise funds.

A motion was made to award a contract to McLendon Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$3,956,569.90 for the Blue Mile Streetscape Improvements project.

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

24. Consideration of a motion to purchase wetlands mitigation credits for \$66,600.00 as required by special conditions within the Corps of Engineers permit issued for the project. The purchase is to be paid from 2019 CDBG (grant) and 2013 SPLOST funds.

A motion was made to purchase wetlands mitigation credits for \$66,600.00 as required by special conditions within the Corps of Engineers permit issued for the project.

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

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

Councilmember John Riggs stated, “I feel that this issue is being overly rushed without ample discussions.”

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2021-23: initiating voter referendum to authorize issuance of licenses for the package sales of distilled spirits.

RESULT:	Approved 3-0
MOVER:	Councilmember Phil Boyum
SECONDER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack
NAYS:	Councilmembers John Riggs and Shari Barr

26. Other Business from City Council:

Councilmember Shari Barr announced that vaccine clinics will be available this Saturday June 19th from 9 am to 11 am. The location of these clinics will be Food Lion, Food World, and both Walmart’s.

27. City Managers Comments

City Manager Charles Penny stated we are not planning a Work Session for the month of July. City Manager Charles Penny thanked Mayor and City Council on behalf of City Staff, stating this will be our first Juneteenth holiday this Friday since it was voted in last June. Also, good progress is being made on the parks, however because of all the rain it has put construction behind on the opening of the parks. We are hoping to have a ribbon cutting ceremony by the middle of July.

28. Public Comments (General): None

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

No Executive Session was held.

30. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

Leah Harden, City Clerk