



CITY OF STATESBORO
WORK SESSION MINUTES
JUNE 16, 2020

Mayor & Council Work Session 50 E. Main St. Council Chambers City Hall

4:00 PM

A Work Session of the Statesboro City Council was held on March 17, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 50 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) Storm Water Presentation

Marcos Trejo, Stormwater Manager reviewed with Mayor and Council the background of the Stormwater program, masterplan and CIP program. The first task order included conducting an inventory and placing it on GIS to identify problem areas. Then compiling a list of areas with most needed attention. The second task was project solutions. Task order three of the Stormwater master plan includes the Lake Sal Basin which was of the second highest priority of problem areas.

Rob Brown with G M C and project manager for the Statesboro Stormwater Master Plan presented task order 3. Mr. Brown gave background of the work done by the former Ecological Planning Group for storm water. The first phase of the Stormwater Master Plan was an inventory, assessment and CIP development. There are 59 projects identified with an estimated \$6 million to complete. There are a lot of drainage issues and deficiencies throughout the City. The first phase included prioritizing the Capital Improvement Projects and seeing how many were in each basin and the rankings of each of these projects. The highest priority basin was "MKL West" in the northwestern portion of the City. Six projects were identified in this basin with an estimated cost of \$1 million of drainage improvements. A hydrologic and hydraulic study is done in these areas. Hydrologic study is looking at the flow across the landscape and hydraulic is the flow of water through pipes or closed systems. The second highest priority basin is "Lake Sal" watershed. This basin had three CIP projects ranked in the top 15 of the 59 identified. The results of the studies done in this area are to identify areas with drainage deficiencies. The first project is Zetterower Road Improvements and Regional Detention this includes 825 linear feet of pipe improvements and a 1.5 acre detention pond. The second project is Carter Drive Regional Detention that includes a 0.5 acre detention pond. The third project is the Lake Sal inlets and outlets with a recommendation of a new concrete spillway. This project has two other options that include regrading the roadside ditch along Northlake Drive and create a defined channel around the back of the dam.

City Manager Charles Penny stated we need to put some planning in place to accelerate these projects so we can affect many neighborhoods in the near future.

2) Temporary Special Event Permits

City Attorney Cain Smith reviewed the revision of this ordinance and presented the proposed fees for these permits. The state of Georgia has a permit like this that is good for 72 hours that is a three-day permit. That is the maximum allowed under state law. The State of Georgia breaks the fees down to the beverage type \$50.00 for beer, \$50.00 for wine and \$100.00 for distilled spirits. The proposed fees are as follows, anyone

holding a City issued alcohol license \$100.00 for day one; all other applicants would be \$200.00 for day one and \$50.00 each day for any additional days up to two days. The proposed fees include all beverage types. The reason for the difference in fees is for staff review of the applicant and review of the location of the event. These two proposals are on the agenda for consideration at the regularly scheduled meeting at 5:30 pm today.

3) Section 2.2-4 Ordinance Presentation

City Attorney Cain Smith reviewed with Mayor and Council the provisions of Section 2.2-4 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances. As it currently stands, in order to direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance for first reading requires that it be made at a regular meeting of Council and an affirmative vote by a quorum of Council to do so. This ordinance as it stands now has been on the books for roughly two years.

Phil Boyum stated he has no problem recommending modifying the ordinance to give council the ability to direct the City Attorney in a City Council Meeting or in an officially scheduled work session. In the interest of maintaining Councils full transparency and making sure, we are involving the public as much as we can recommending we keep the three step process. It assures all council members are involved in crafting the legislation, as well as guaranteeing a minimum of thirty days between presenting an idea and passing an ordinance. That would ensure that the public is engaged in this process.

Mayor McCollar stated his proposal is to allow two councilmembers or the mayor at any time to be able to instruct the City Attorney regarding ordinance revisions. It would then be presented at the next work session. If so desired the first reading of the proposed ordinance would take place at the first meeting of the following month.

Councilmember Riggs stated he would like to have ideas brought up at a work session or a meeting and if agreed upon instruct the City Attorney to draft the changes.

After more discussion and clarification, the Mayor gave a recommendation to have the City Attorney draft revision to this ordinance to include any two City Councilmembers have the ability to have a policy written and presented at a work session for review by the entire elected body as well as the mayor being able to have that capacity.

4) Proposed Park Improvement Plan

City Manager Charles Penny shared with Mayor and Council the sketches and cost for park improvements to Luetta Moore Park and Grady Street Park. Mr. Penny stated the cost includes engineering, construction, surveying and contingency. The total cost for both parks is \$3,982,243.75

Mr. Penny recommends an agreement with Bulloch County regarding their financial commitment to these park improvements, then we can authorize Wood to proceed with design work we would also need to discuss financing options with a financial advisor. Mr. Penny stated he would get with the County Manager and come back with a report of their commitment to these park projects.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm