



CITY OF STATESBORO  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
JUNE 17, 2025

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**

City Manager Charles Penny gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ATTENDANCE**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jonathan McCollar	Mayor	Present	
Tangie Johnson	Councilmember	Present	
Paulette Chavers	Councilmember	Present	
Ginny Hendley	Councilmember	Present	
John Riggs	Councilmember	Present via Zoom	
Shari Barr	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	

Other staff present: City Manager Charles Penny, Assistant City Manager Jason Boyles, Public Affairs Manager Layne Phillips, City Attorney Cain Smith and City Clerk Leah Harden

**3. Recognitions/Public Presentations**

**A) Presentation of Life Saving Awards to Officer Anita Cannady, Sergeant Eric Simms, and Paramedic Lauren Karinshak.**

Statesboro Police Chief Mike Broadhead presented a life saving award to Officer Anita Cannady, Sergeant Eric Simms, and Paramedic Lauren Karnishak for their life saving actions on April 24, 2025.

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

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

**A) Approval of Minutes**

**a) 06-03-20205 Council Minutes**

**B) Consideration of a motion to approve the surplus and disposition of the following items from Public Utilities; 2004 Allmand TLB 425 Backhoe, Serial Number 007T42505, Mikasa MT-75HS Tamp, Serial Number K 6455, MBW Ground Pounder Tamp, and 2 Pallets and 1 wood crate of miscellaneous gas surplus and outdated products and old tools**

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

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

**6. Second reading and consideration of a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-03: an Ordinance amending Statesboro Code of Ordinances Section 18-105 regarding taxes for attorneys.**

A motion was made to approve Ordinance 2025-03: an Ordinance amending Statesboro Code of Ordinances Section 18-105 regarding taxes for attorneys.

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

**7. Public hearing and first reading of Ordinance 2025-01: An Ordinance amending the Unified Development Code.**

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 Tangie Johnson
<b>AYES:</b>	Johnson, Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT:</b>	

Marcus Toole spoke in favor of the request.

No one spoke against the request.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

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

A motion was made to approve the first reading of **Ordinance 2025-01**: An Ordinance amending the Unified Development Code.

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

**8. Public hearing and consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2025-12: A Resolution exempting certain vehicles from marking requirement for one year.**

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

A motion was made to approve **Resolution 2025-12**: A Resolution exempting certain vehicles from marking requirement for one year.

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

9. **Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2025-13: A Resolution to adopt the Fourth Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025 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 2025-13**: A Resolution to adopt the Fourth Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025 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.

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

**10. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2025-14: A Resolution to adopt the Fiscal Year 2026 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 2025-14: A Resolution to adopt the Fiscal Year 2026 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.

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

**11. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2025-15: A Resolution adopting the Statesboro Schedule of Rates, Fees and Fines.**

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

**12. 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.**

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

**13. 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.**

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

**14. 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.

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

- 15. Consideration of a motion to approve an award of contract to Lavender and Associates, LLC, in the amount of \$4,360,000.00 for the construction of Fire Station 3. It is also recommended an additional amount of \$440,000.00 be approved for this project for the purpose of unforeseen change orders and any needed furniture/fixtures. This would bring the, not to exceed, recommended approval amount to \$4,800,000.00 for the construction of Fire Station 3. This project will be funded out of 2019 SPLOST funds, 2025 SPLOST funds and other financing sources if required. This project is funded under CIP# FD-85.**

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

**16. Other Business from City Council:** None

**17. City Managers Comments**

City Manager Charles Penny shared that Statesboro will be making their presentation at the All American City competition on June 29, 2025 at 10:00 am in Denver Colorado. Mr. Penny stated at the last meeting he recognized partners who have donated funds to help pay for the trip and that he also wanted to recognize the Ogeechee Tech Foundation who also donated funds for the trip.

Mr. Penny announced there would be a groundbreaking ceremony at the Whitesville Park on Wednesday July 2, 2025 at 10:30 am.

Mr. Penny shared that the Bulloch County Commissioners this morning objected to a voluntary annexation on Old Register Road at the request of the Board of Education due to schools being over crowded. The county did reach out earlier stating they would not object to the annexation if the city would accept the road all the way to the Langston Chapel intersection.

Mr Penny addressed several items from the FYI packet, first was a press release about Georgia Power recognizing Statesboro as Retail Ready City they were impressed that the city has a small business recruiter.

The next item is a community conversation about the Gordon Street Neighborhood taking place on June 24, 2025 at 6:00 pm at the New Generation Worship Center located on Thomas Street.

City staff is working with GDOT on some new technology they have and are going to install at the intersection of SR 67 and the bypass. This is a high traffic intersection and this technology is designed to either extend the green phase or adjust the red clearance interval if a vehicle is detected in the “dilemma zone” an area where drivers may be uncertain whether to stop or proceed when the signal changes from green to yellow.

The last item Mr. Penny addressed was the Mutual Aid agreement for fire protection with Bulloch County. On June 30, 2025 at 11:59 pm the Mutual Aid Agreement with Bulloch County will cease. A new mutual aid agreement will be on the July 1, 2025 agenda for your consideration.

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr thanked the Averitt Center for hosting the last Downtown Live concert due to the weather. She shared that the next concert is Thursday June 26, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

**18. Public Comments (General):** None

**19. Consideration of a Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss “Personnel Matters”  
“Real Estate” and/or “Potential Litigation” in accordance with O.C.G.A 50-14-3(b).**

At 6:05 pm a motion was made to enter into executive session to discuss “Personnel Matters” in accordance with O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(b).

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

At 6:15 pm a motion was made to exit executive session.

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

A motion was made to appoint LaDawndra Robbs and Aspen Ransom to the Keep Statesboro Bulloch Beautiful Advisory Board.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Tangie Johnson
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mayor Pro tem Shari Barr
<b>AYES:</b>	Johnson, Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT:</b>	



A motion was made to approve a continuation of contract with Keith Barber as Municipal Court Judge.

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

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

A motion was made to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

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Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

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Leah Harden, City Clerk