

CITY OF STATESBORO COUNCIL MINUTES JUNE 21, 2022

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

Mayor Jonathan McCollar gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDENCE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jonathan McCollar	Mayor	Present	
Phil Boyum	Councilmember	Present	
Paulette Chavers	Councilmember	Present	
Venus Mack	Councilmember	Via Zoom	5:50 pm
John Riggs	Councilmember	Absent	
Shari Barr	Mayor Pro Tem	Via Zoom	

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. Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

4. Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

- A) Approval of Minutes
 - a) 06-07-2022 Council Minutes
 - b) 06-07-2022 Executive Session Minutes
- B) Consideration of a motion for approval of surplus and disposition of a 2005 Sullivan Palatek 10BP Air Compressor in the Public Works Fleet Division.
- C) Consideration of approval of <u>Resolution 2022-21</u>: A Resolution adopting the maximum tariff rates by towing and storage operators engaged in Non-Consensual Towing.
- D) Consideration of grant of utilities easement to Georgia Power to provide an electrical service line for the community garden located at 130 Parker Street.
- E) Consideration of a motion to approve a second amendment to the water tower lease agreement with Verizon Wireless, location A.J. Riggs Road (JIMPS) Water Tower.
- F) Consideration of grant of license for the package sale of distilled spirits, beer, and wine to Bootliquors located at 2823 Northside Drive West in accordance with City Ordinance 6-23(h).

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda with the addition of approving agenda items #8, #14, #15, #16, and #17.

RESULT:	Motion failed due to the lack of a second.
MOVER:	Councilmember Phil Boyum
SECONDER:	
AYES:	
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs, Councilmember Venus Mack

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

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

5. Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve Application RZ 22-05-02: Horizon Home Builders requests a Zoning Map Amendment from the CR/R-4 (Commercial Retail/High-Density Residential) to the PUD (Planned Unit Development) zoning district for the development of 172 unit townhome development on 17.78 acres at 7130 Veterans Memorial Parkway.

A motion was made to send agenda items #5 and #7 back to the planning commission for reevaluation after the adoption of the town home ordinance.

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

6. Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve <u>Application SE 22-05-03</u>: Quaiesha Oglesby requests special exception from Article XXVII, Section 2704, in order to establish a group daycare hosting 15 children on 0.57 acres at 102 Lee Street.

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

Quaiesha Oglesby 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 Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Councilmember Phil Boyum
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs, Councilmember Venus Mack

A motion was made to approve <u>Application SE 22-05-03</u>: Quaiesha Oglesby requests special exception from Article XXVII, Section 2704, in order to establish a group daycare hosting 15 children on 0.57 acres at 102 Lee Street.

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

7. Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve Application RZ 22-05-04: W&L Developers, LLC request a zoning map amendment from the R10(Single-Family Residential) zoning district to the PUD (Planned Unit Development) zoning district in order to construct a 48 unit townhome development on 14.05 acres at S&S Railroad Bed Road.

Action on this item was taken with agenda item #5 see above.

8. Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve <u>Resolution 2022-22</u>: A Resolution exempting certain vehicles from marking requirement for one year.

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

No one spoke for or against the request.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

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

A motion was made to approve **Resolution 2022-22**: A Resolution exempting certain vehicles from marking requirement for one year.

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

9. Consideration of a motion to approve <u>Resolution 2022-23</u>: A Resolution to adopt the second amendment to the fiscal year 2022 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

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

Councilmember Venus Mack joined the meeting via zoom.

10. Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2022-24: A Resolution to adopt the Fiscal Year 2023 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.

City Manager Charles Penny stated the budget has not changed from what was presented at the public hearing. Staff recommends approval of this budget \$87,209,068.00.

Councilmember Phil Boyum stated it was his intention to vote against the budget, for precisely the reason that we're going to require a millage rate increase. There is a forty to forty-five percent poverty rate in our community and the homeowners that do live in Statesboro are by large on fixed incomes. And as for my district there are a lot on a fixed income and that does not represent the interest of the people in that live in my district. With that being said I was going to vote no but I have a hard time doing that today since we only have three councilmembers present and would need all votes to pass the budget. But come September I will be vocally opposed to an increase to the millage rate. It is going to hurt the lowest income and fixed income folks in this community. Yes we have limited ways to generate revenue but we haven't looked at expanding any of those ways outside the liquor stores. We've got to be more aggressive with our economic development and ways to generate revenue inside the city that doesn't require us to raise the millage rate.

Mayor McCollar stated he echoes the concerns of Councilmember Boyum as he is also concerned about a millage rate increase, but we have to rely on staff that this is the budget that it takes to run our city. The City is doing more in our community with less and we are competing with cities with a much higher millage rate.

A motion was made to approve **Resolution 2022-24**: A Resolution to adopt he Fiscal Year 2023 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 Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs

11. Consideration of a Motion to Approve <u>Resolution 2022-25</u>: A Resolution adopting the Statesboro Schedule of Rates, Fees and Fines.

A motion was made to approve <u>Resolution 2022-25</u>: A Resolution adopting the Statesboro Schedule of Rates, Fees and Fines with the addition of an increased fee by \$10.00 for the community garden to Bulloch County residents and to be made available to them beginning August 1, 2022.

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

12. Consideration of a motion to approve <u>Resolution 2022 - 26</u>: A resolution establishing the policies and procedures for the Community Garden.

A motion was made to approve **Resolution 2022 - 26**: A resolution establishing the policies and procedures for the Community Garden.

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

13. Consideration of a motion to approve <u>Resolution 2022-27</u>: A Resolution approving application to the Transportation Alternatives (TA) set-aside Program for the Creek on the Blue Mile project.

A motion was made to approve <u>Resolution 2022-27</u>: A Resolution approving application to the Transportation Alternatives (TA) set-aside Program for the Creek on the Blue Mile project.

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

14. 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 Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs

15. 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 Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs

16. 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 Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs

17. Consideration of a motion to approve the Statesboro Police Department Towing Rotation and Wrecker Agreement for FY 2023.

A motion was made to approve the Statesboro Police Department Towing Rotation and Wrecker Agreement for FY 2023.

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

18. Consideration of Intergovernmental Contract between City and Bulloch County regarding commitment of matching ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds in the cumulative amount of one million dollars to assist with property acquisition and construction relating to new Food Bank facility.

A motion was made to approve Intergovernmental Contract between City and Bulloch County regarding commitment of matching ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds in the cumulative amount of one million dollars to assist with property acquisition and construction relating to new Food Bank facility.

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

19. Consideration of Memorandum of Understanding between City, Bulloch County, and Food Bank regarding provision of real property and construction funding to assist Food Bank with obtaining a new food pantry facility.

A motion was made to approve Memorandum of Understanding between City, Bulloch County, and Food Bank regarding provision of real property and construction funding to assist Food Bank with obtaining a new food pantry facility.

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

20. Consideration of a motion to award a contract extension to Assured Partners (Glenn Davis and Assoc.) for General Liability and Workers Comp brokerage services.

A motion was made to award a contract extension to Assured Partners (Glenn Davis and Assoc.) for General Liability and Workers Comp brokerage services.

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

21. Consideration of a motion to award and contract extension to NFP for health services brokerage services. If approved, this extension would terminate on December 31, 2023.

A motion was made to award and contract extension to NFP for health services brokerage services. If approved, this extension would terminate on December 31, 2023.

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

22. Consideration of a motion to award a purchase contract for bus stop shelters to Hasley Recreation in the amount of \$31,400.00. The project will be paid from 2018 TSPLOST funds.

A motion was made to award a purchase contract for bus stop shelters to Hasley Recreation in the amount of \$31,400.00. The project will be paid from 2018 TSPLOST funds.

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

23. Consideration of a motion to award a contract for engineering design of the East Grady Street Sidewalk Improvements project to T. R. Long Engineering PC in the amount of \$31,400.00. The project will be paid from 2018 TSPLOST funds.

A motion was made to award a contract for engineering design of the East Grady Street Sidewalk Improvements project to T. R. Long Engineering PC in the amount of \$31,400.00. The project will be paid from 2018 TSPLOST funds.

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

24. Consideration of a motion to approve the purchase of three (3) complete sets of TNT Hydraulic Extraction tools in the amount of \$24,000.00 (\$8,000.00 per set) from Ten-8 Fire & Safety LLC.

A motion was made to approve the purchase of three (3) complete sets of TNT Hydraulic Extraction tools in the amount of \$24,000.00 (\$8,000.00 per set) from Ten-8 Fire & Safety LLC.

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

25. Consideration of a motion to approve a contract with SAFEbuilt in the not to exceed amount of \$100,000 for building inspection, plan review, and permitting services.

A motion was made to table this item until the July 19, 2022 Council Meeting.

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

26. Consideration of a motion to award a contract to Sapp Engineering Inc. in the amount of \$36,000.00 for professional engineering services and project management for installation of natural gas main and regulator station to serve the Aspen Aerogels facility with funds proposed in the 2023 CIP Budget, Item # NGD-99.

A motion was made to award a contract to Sapp Engineering Inc. in the amount of \$36,000.00 for professional engineering services and project management for installation of natural gas main and regulator station to serve the Aspen Aerogels facility with funds proposed in the 2023 CIP Budget, Item # NGD-99.

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

27. Consideration of a motion to award the Akins Boulevard Phase 3B construction contract to Mill Creek Construction up to the amount of \$5,300,000.00. The project will be paid from GDOT HB 170 funds.

A motion was made to award the Akins Boulevard Phase 3B construction contract to Mill Creek Construction up to the amount of \$5,300,000.00. The project will be paid from GDOT HB 170 funds.

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

28. Consideration of a motion to approve Change Order 2 with McLendon Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$89,501.22 for the Blue Mile Streetscape Improvements Project.

A motion was made to approve Change Order 2 with McLendon Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$89,501.22 for the Blue Mile Streetscape Improvements Project.

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

29. Other Business from City Council:

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr stated she is joining this via zoom because she is isolating at home with COVID and she encourages everyone to continue to be careful and to wear their masks.

30. City Managers Comments

City manager Charles Penny stated he has two items that need to be added to the agenda. The first one is an emergency procurement for the Averitt Center HVAC replacement system. Staff recommend the purchase from Augusta Chiller Service to replace the HVAC unit on the second floor of the Averitt Center in the amount of \$493,500.00 to be paid out of fund balance.

A motion was made to approve an emergency purchase to Augusta Chiller Service to replace the HVAC unit on the 2nd floor of the Averitt Center for the Arts facility in the amount of \$493,500.00.

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

The second item is that TSPLOST is up for renewal and an IGA (Intergovernmental Agreement) needs to be considered this evening. If it is not considered this evening we will have to have a called meeting on July 1, 2022 in order for it to be placed on the November ballot. The allocations of the TSPLOST funds will remain the same with the city receiving 43% of the funds. Staff does recommend a change to the agreement to increase transit funding from \$450,000 to \$3 million.

Councilmember Phil Boyum stated that the County waiting until this time has put us in a pinch as we are hard pressed to have substantial discussions on this. As stated the last time we were negotiating the TSPLOST, everyone who lives in the county drives inside the city. I am not sure how many city residents are out there driving on the dirt roads but if we did a legitimate traffic study about how many county residents are driving on city roads and how many city residents are driving on county the number would be higher than 43%. This is primarily divided by population and that doesn't really reflect true traffic count and this year we are not even having a discussion which is disappointing.

A motion was made to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with Bulloch County, Register, Portal, and Brooklet regarding the use and distribution of 2023 TSPLOST fund.

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

Mr. Penny stated that the last day of Youth Connect is July 1, 2022 and that there will be a ceremony for all the participants at 3:30 pm in the council chambers. He also introduced Shay Paulk and Eryka Hoskins as the Mayor's interns and he also introduced his intern William Golden.

31. Public Comments (General):

Mary Sue Hodges a local business owner thanked Mayor and Council for their hard work and that she understands the problems the city is facing and businesses are facing the same problems, problems with employment, lack of employment, and people leaving. We have 39 restaurants and employ about 1000 people we are working hard to accommodate these people with salaries, bonuses, and all the things that they need. Mrs. Hodges stated they do not have the options of raising their prices and passing it on to the customer. We do the best we can with what we have. There are those of us who are struggling in business and the only healthy city is a city with healthy businesses.

Kevin Lewis an employee with Southern City Lounge stated he wants to address the issue of fairness. He stated they feel like they are being targeted sometimes. That the business of Southern City Lounge has been labeled as being a danger to the public and a threat to public safety. No one has been hurt at our establishment, however other establishments have had incidents and people have been killed and they are not getting the same targeting going to them as it is to us. He stated they just want to be treated fair and that they are the only minority run business in the area.

32. 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.

33. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)	
MOVER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers	
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr	
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Barr	
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs	
Γhe meeting was adjourned	at 6:49 pm ———————————————————————————————————	 /or
	Leah Harden, City Cle	 erk