



July 06, 2021 9:00 am

1. Call to Order by Mayor Jonathan McCollar
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Councilmember Phil Boyum
3. Recognitions/Public Presentations:
 - A) Recognition of the Youth Connect Participants
4. Public Comments (Agenda Item):
5. Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda
 - A) Approval of Minutes
 - a) 06-15-2021 Work Session Minutes
 - b) 06-15-2021 Council Minutes
 - B) Consideration of a motion for approval of surplus and disposition of a wheel loader and refuse truck in the Public Works and Engineering Department.
6. Consideration of a Motion to approve **Resolution 2021-28**: A Resolution requesting approval to apply for a Grant from the US Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing.
7. Other Business from City Council
8. City Managers Comments
9. Public Comments (General)
10. 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)
11. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn



CITY OF STATESBORO
WORK SESSION MINUTES
JUNE 15, 2021

Mayor & Council Work Session

50 East Main Street

3:00 PM

A Work Session of the Statesboro City Council was held on June 15, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers, 50 East Main Street. Present was Mayor Jonathan McCollar; Council Members: Paulette Chavers, Venus Mack, John Riggs and Shari Barr. Also present was City Clerk Leah Harden, City Attorney Cain Smith, City Manager Charles Penny, and Public Information Officer Layne Phillips. Absent was Councilmember Phil Boyum.

Mayor Jonathan McCollar called the meeting to order.

Housing Market Rate Study

Jonathan Gebler and Alex Steinberg with KB Advisory Group presented to Mayor and City Council the results to the Housing Study & Need Analysis for the City of Statesboro. The study includes demographic trends, peer city assessment, GSU's impact, housing supply assessment, housing demand analysis, opportunity gap analysis, and key finding and strategic recommendations. The City of Statesboro's population is growing faster than that of the State and college students dominate the population. The median income of Statesboro is lower than the county and the state and is attributable to the large student population. Renter occupied units have grown over the last decade only one quarter of Statesboro's units are owner-occupied. The City of Statesboro has a higher student population to municipal population compared to its peer cities of Albany, Valdosta, Hinesville, Carrollton, and Milledgeville. Georgia Southern University's presence in the city leads to a higher rate of rental housing, even compared to other Georgia College cities. Student housing makes up for the largest group of housing followed by single-family detached homes. Statesboro's housing market is relatively low-priced however; there is a lack of new housing accessible to lower-income families. The multifamily growth is taking place in the private student-housing sector rather than traditional multifamily housing development. A concentration of new residential development is located in a 3-mile radius outside of Statesboro City limits. The City of Statesboro has a consistent demand for single-family housing however very few are built within city limits. The Statesboro housing market for new housing units are price-pointed for middle-income households which leaves an opportunity gap at the highest and lowest ends of the housing market. The concentration of "poor" and "fair" housing conditions are in low-income neighborhoods located west and northeast of downtown Statesboro. There are few housing options in Statesboro that appeal to young and middle-class professionals.

Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers joined the meeting at 3:49 pm.

Recommendations include Incremental Development, Subdivision Incentives, Expansion of Housing Affordability, Redevelopment, and Place making.

Mayor Jonathan McCollar stated we have four pages of recommendations for the direction we should go in, when will that be ready for Council to take a look at that.

City Manager Charles Penny stated we are not through, this is the first facet and Council will have to adopt this report.

Planning Director Kathy Field stated the Affordable Housing Plan is coming next and we are planning to present that to Mayor and Council at the August Work Session. The presentation will include recommendations for the affordable housing end of this.

Package Sales Options

City Attorney Cain Smith stated the focus today is on the two considerations of putting forward the ballot referendum to allow package sales. One is examples of expected tax revenue from it. The other one is what is allowed and what has been done in other jurisdictions when it comes to how liquor store ordinances look. Zakia Daniel, the City Managers intern presented a spreadsheet of researched information from peer cities and some counties comparing population, median household and per capita income, the presence of a college or university, if liquor store sales are allowed, and how much alcohol revenues are collected each fiscal year.

Based on the 2021 population estimates, Statesboro is one of only two cities that do not have distilled spirits package sales. A survey of twenty-one comparable jurisdictions that allow package stores shows local ordinances range from the state minimum requirements in zoning standard to extremely regulated. Cities have an option of not regulating beyond compliance with state law or they can regulate zoning districts in which package stores can be licensed. A vast majority of surveyed jurisdictions do so in this manner. A couple of options done throughout the state include mandating the distance between package stores. Distance ranges from 1500 feet to a mile and a half but the most common mandate is 3000 feet. Cities may also limit the number of package stores allowed with a set number in population. Another option would be to mandate minimum size of retail space a licensee must maintain so that only large outlets are licensed.

Mayor Jonathan McCollar asked if anyone would like to make any comments.

Charlotte Spell with the Bulloch Alcohol and Drug Council stated research show that to be a dry community does not necessarily reduce underage drinking. Bulloch Alcohol and Drug Council recommends limiting the number licenses for package sales, mandate TIPS training for employees of off premise outlets, use the zoning ordinance to limit the number of stores and where they can be located, and lastly revive the Alcohol Advisory Board.

Marcus Toole stated this referendum needs to be on the ballot when GSU students are here.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 pm.

Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

Leah Harden, City Clerk



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 #MS5800022 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.

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.

CITY OF STATESBORO



COUNCIL

Phil Boyum, District 1
Paulette Chavers, District 2
Venus Mack, District 3
John Riggs, District 4
Shari Barr, District 5

Jonathan McCollar, Mayor
Charles Penny, City Manager
Leah Harden, City Clerk
I. Cain Smith, City Attorney

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STATESBORO, GEORGIA 30459-0348

To: Charles Penny, City Manager
Jason Boyles, Assistant City Manager

From: John Washington, Director - Public Works and Engineering

Date: June 29, 2021

RE: Asset Surplus and Disposition

Policy Issue: Purchasing Policy: Vehicle and Equipment Surplus and Disposition

Recommendation:

Staff recommends and request the consideration of a motion for council approval for disposing of surplus in the Public Works and Engineering Department, Sanitation and Stormwater divisions to include the following items listed below.

Background:

The equipment listed below has exceeded their useful life or met average run-time and needs to be declared surplus and approved for disposition:

1997 John Deere 444H Loader, VIN: DW44HX561714

1994 Ford L8000 chassis equipped with a rear load garbage body, serial #1FDZW82E6RVA36946.

The rear load garbage truck is outdated and is no longer used in our residential collection operation. The city has adopted more efficient CNG powered automated collection equipment, which saves on labor, fuel cost and potential hazards from employees riding on the outside rear of the L8000 rear loader. The John Deere loader is to be replaced by a loader that will be transferred to Streets from the landfill.

Budget Impact:

Reduce Maintenance Cost

Council Person and District:

N/A (citywide)

Attachment(s): None



STATESBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT

Ph 912-764-9911

25 West Grady Street, Statesboro, Georgia 30458

Fx 912-489-5050

TO: Charles Penny, City Manager

FROM: Mike Broadhead, Chief of Police *MB*

DATE: July 6, 2021

RE: Grant Application

POLICY ISSUE: Grant Application

RECOMMENDATION: That Council authorize the Mayor to sign a Resolution allowing the Police Department to apply for a grant through the United States Department of Justice (Office of Community Policing) in the amount \$1,000,000.

BACKGROUND: The United States Department of Justice, Office of Community Policing, is soliciting grant requests for the "furtherance of the COPS Office's goal of advancing public safety through community policing by funding additional, full-time career law enforcement positions to meet law enforcement agency's community policing strategies." Upon award of the grant, the City will have a five year period to hire as many as 8 sworn officer positions for three years. The City agrees to fund those positions in their entirety for the 12 months after the expiration of the grant funding.

BUDGET IMPACT: This is a 25% matching grant, which will require the City of Statesboro to fund a minimum of 25% of the starting salary and benefits for three years. During that three year time frame, the COPS office will fund 75% of the officer's salary and benefits, up to a maximum of \$125,000 per position. The commitment from the City is approximately \$585,441 over three years if all positions are awarded. Additionally, this grant does not cover the expenses of equipment, including vehicles, uniforms, etc (approximately \$600,000, see attached Budget Worksheet)

COUNCIL DISTRICT: All

ATTACHMENTS: (1) Resolution
(2) Grant Proposal
(3) Budget Worksheet

Resolution 2021-28: A Resolution to Apply for a Grant from the US Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing

Whereas the US Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing (hereafter referred to as the COPS office) is soliciting funding for additional sworn officers in communities across the United States to further the mission of community policing;

And, Whereas it is the desire of the Statesboro City Council to apply for funding for up to eight additional police officers through the COPS grant, for a maximum award of \$1,000,000;

And, Whereas the City Council agrees to contribute a minimum of 25% of the wage and benefits of these officers for three years, and to pay the full wage and benefit of these officer positions for a minimum of 12 months following the end of the grant funding;

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Statesboro in regular session this 6th Day of July, 2021 to hereby authorize the application for funding through the COPS office;

And Be it Further Resolved that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute all documents related to the application of said grant:

Adopted this 6th Day of July, 2021

City of Statesboro, Georgia

By: The Honorable Mayor, Jonathan McCollar

Attest: Leah Harden, City Clerk

STATESBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT



Police and Citizen Engagement Team
(PACE)

Mission

To establish a partnership with the community in order to create a safe and secure environment and improve quality of life and increase legitimacy and trust between Statesboro Police Department and the citizens.

Community policing is a partnership between the police and the community working together to define crime related to problems, determine their root causes, and then implement solutions which will permanently reduce or eliminate the problems. When the partnership can accomplish this, the benefits of community policing are realized. The police benefit by having ended a constantly recurring problem. The citizens benefit from an improvement in their quality of life.

Allowing individual citizens the opportunity to have a voice in how their community will be policed will result in the police having a more accurate understanding of the needs of that community. This close interaction between the citizens and the police will also enable the citizens to better appreciate the capabilities and limitations of their department. Increased citizen involvement should eventually result in a decrease in calls for service.

Community policing emphasizes the need for a problem-solving approach to reduce the incidence and fear of crime. In many instances, it will be more effective and efficient to spend several hours (or even several days) to thoroughly address and eliminate a problem than it will be to repeatedly dispatch cars to the same call day after day, week after week, month after month, and in some cases, year after year.

Problem-solving requires that officers be allowed to not only try the safe and proven traditional solutions, but also new, imaginative, and even unorthodox solutions. Not all solutions will be a success. With any solution, there is a risk of failure.

Risk taking is a necessity in community policing. Problem-solving requires that the agency not only accept "risk," but encourage it. Individuals should be commended for the successes and not chastised for their failures. Police managers and supervisors must actively encourage the taking of "calculated risks". A current axiom in community policing is "zero risk equals zero success."

Community policing reemphasizes the need for the police to be more conscious of their role as "Service Providers." The members of the community, both private citizens and members of the business community, finance the cost of providing police services. Unlike traditional businesses, the police usually have no competition. In most instances, the local law enforcement agency is established by legislation as the only authorized provider of police services. As a result of an increase in calls for service and a lack of competition, many agencies have lost their service orientation.

I. Program Vision, Goals, and Outcomes

I. A. Program Vision

The Statesboro Police Department's (SPD) PACE Team will be assigned to the Community Relations Unit (CRU) under direct supervision of the CRU Sgt. The PACE Team will build community partnerships to reduce crime and increase safety. The PACE Team will proactively fight crime through various programs aimed at prevention, early identification, and improving quality of life and reduction of violent crime.

I. B. Program Goal

Our goal is to provide a coordinated approach to crime reduction through active citizen involvement. The men and women of this team will strive daily to maintain a more personal, productive relationship with our residents and visitors through enhanced community policing.

II. Strategic Plan

“The mission of the Statesboro Police Department is to create a safe community by reducing crime, building trust, and ensuring the safety of our citizens within the framework of the United States Constitution.” The PACE Team is committed to the philosophy of community policing and problem solving with those that we serve. We are responsible and accountable to each other as well as the public we serve. We believe in the concept of continuous improvement in all our endeavors, always striving to the best we can be.

In order to accomplish this mission, the Statesboro Police Department created the PACE Team to cut down on the unforeseen rise of violent gun crimes, continue to build trust and legitimacy, and increase the availability of police-based crisis response team(s) among the community by focusing on community policing strategies, which include long term assignments..

In each application, Community Policing is what the individual Department and Community agree it to be. It can be said that community policing reflects both a philosophical change in police orientation and a corresponding stylistic change in how policing will be conducted. These changes are not new. In the most basic sense, they represent a return to the type of policing practiced by the "cop on the beat" of past generations. The law enforcement mission always remains the same. Community policing is not a substitute for the law enforcement missions of apprehension and arrest, the investigation of crimes, responding to radio calls or pleas for help or anything else traditionally carried out by the police. Community policing is a state of mind which occurs when the officer realizes that he/she does have the power to change a situation or correct a problem by means other than arrest and goes about developing a plan to solve that problem. A Thurmont Police Department Community Policing Page 10 plan that involves not only the officer but action on the part of those most affected by the problem, the citizens. This is community policing!

The rise of violent gun crimes in the community has been substantial. This has raised concern among the agency as well as the community. The PACE Team will be utilized and organized in a manner to address and alleviate the sharp increase of violent crimes in the city of Statesboro as well as provide an increase in the contact between the community and police. Additional police-community contact will positively correlate with ensuring the safety of our citizens.

III. Programs and Initiatives

III. A. Police and Community Together (PACT) Committee

Through the City's PACT (Police and Community Together) Committee, residents and police officers work together to identify issues in neighborhoods to prevent future crimes and clarify any misinformation about alleged criminal incidents.

PACT functions as a committee or council, where residents and the SPD work together for the prevention and detection of criminal activity within their neighborhood. Once an issue is determined or identified, the committee, together, develop a proposed strategy to deter the issue.

PACE Team officers acts as a liaison and develops a relationship with the neighborhoods, and ensure the proposed strategies are being implemented and monitor the successfulness of the strategies.

III. B. Community walks

Once a quarter the chief takes the command staff to the streets, along with the lieutenants, supervisors and officers within a specified neighborhood and go door to door to meet with residents. Also in tow are representatives from other governmental entities such as Public Works, Social Services, Public Utilities, and members of the local clergy, all in attendance to get an accurate depiction of the way things look from the ground and join in the SPD's problem solving matrix.

III. C. Analysis, Measurement and Evaluation

Conduct a thorough analysis to reveal the number of calls for service within a specific area which of those correlate with gun violence and other violent crime. Those calls will then be used to develop and maintain a new map of "hot zones" showing the target areas of violent crime and related quality of life calls. PACE officers will focus efforts on these areas.

The CRU & PACE Team will establish partnerships with local business community, residents, local schools, and other criminal justice agencies to further bolster effectiveness and community relations.

III. D. Karate with Cops

Focused on anti-bullying, confidence building & non-violent self-defense. Information to come

III. E. Women's Self Defense

Focused on women's self-defense, reinforcing awareness principles, risk assessment, and verbal and psychological strategies a woman can use to set safe boundaries with others – even if the perpetrator is someone she knows.

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Statesboro Police Department
Budget for DOJ (COPS Office) Grant

One Time Costs:

1. Uniform and Equipment (includes items such as body cameras, portable radio, body armor, Taser, Firearms, etc): \$13,000 (**X8= \$104,000**)
2. Patrol Car (Fully Equipped includes lights, computer, etc): \$62,000 (**X8= \$496,000**)

Total One Time Expenses for 8 officers: **\$600,000**

Salary/Benefits (Grant Share): Maximum \$125,000 per officer over three years:
(X8= \$1,000,000)

Salary/Benefits (City Share): \$24,393 per officer/year (X8= \$195,147/yr or **\$585,441** over three years). **See next page for formula

Total Maximum Cost to City: **\$1,185,441**

****Salary/Benefits Formula:** Entry level wage (new rate starting July 1): \$39,037-\$40,448.24 (enhancements up to a maximum of 10% for college, military, and previous L.E. experience). Top of range was used to show maximum potential financial liability to City:

Wage: \$40,448.24

Benefits: \$25,611.82 (includes costs of health insurance, social security, retirement, etc)

Total Wage + Benefits: \$66,060.08/officer/year

X8 Officers: \$1,585,441 (rounded)

Less Federal grant: \$1,000,000

Remainder for City: **\$585,441** over three years