



CITY OF STATESBORO
COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 20, 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 Phil Boyum gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

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

Other staff present: Assistant City Manager Jason Boyles, Public Information Officer Layne Phillips, City Attorney Cain Smith and City Clerk Leah Harden. Absent was City Manager Charles Penny.

3. Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

4. Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

a) 07-06-2021 Council Minutes

B) Consideration of a motion for approval of surplus and disposition of Pac-Mac Knuckleboom loader body in the Public Works and Engineering Department.

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

RESULT:

Approved (Unanimous)

MOVER:

Councilmember Venus Mack

SECONDER:

Councilmember John Riggs

AYES:

Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr

ABSENT

5. Consideration of a motion to award a department owned firearm to retiring Lieutenant Scott Hutchens after 30 years of exemplary service.

A Motion was made to award a department owned firearm to retiring Lieutenant Scott Hutchens after 30 years of exemplary service.

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

6. Consideration of a motion to approve the City of Statesboro to have a Purchasing Card Program with Synovus Bank for a monthly limit of \$300,000 and approve Cindy West, Finance Director, to be the card administrator.

A motion was made to approve the City of Statesboro to have a Purchasing Card Program with Synovus Bank for a monthly limit of \$300,000 and approve Cindy West, Finance Director to be the card administrator.

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

7. Consideration of a motion to approve change order number 17 with Lavender & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$110,946.00 for the Luetta Moore Park and Grady Street Park improvements project and authorize the Mayor to execute contract document amendments.

A motion was made to approve change order number 17 with Lavender & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$110,946.00 for the Luetta Moore Park and Grady Street Park improvements project and authorize the Mayor to execute contract document amendments.

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

8. Other Business from City Council:

Councilmember Phil Boyum stated he has been asked about recycling and why we do not have recycling in our area. He asked if staff could present an overview of what has happened over the past 10 years in recycling, globally, state wide, and locally. And to include the history of local recycling efforts and what we could possibly do moving forward. Assistant City Manager Jason Boyles stated we would need about a month to get the information together. We could present this item at the August Work Session.

Mayor Jonathan McCollar stated we truly lost a Giant in our community with the passing of Reverend Julius Abraham.

9. City Managers Comments:

Assistant City Manager Jason Boyles announced that the City Clerk would be advertising the qualifying dates beginning next Tuesday July 27th for the upcoming election in November.

He also announced the ribbon cutting for Luetta Moore Park is set for Saturday July 31, 2021 at 1:00 pm.

Mr. Boyles reported the City received word from the Coastal Regional Commission that the transit buses are delayed due to manufacturing challenges. The earliest we may have them is mid-November but could possibly be January 2022.

Mr. Boyles presented a letter of support for the Community Navigator of the Coastal Empire grant application. The Business Innovation Group with Georgia Southern University is submitting this application. The goal with this grant is to promote entrepreneurship in underserved markets in our region with a comprehensive and coordinated strategy. There is no financial commitment from the City it is just a letter of support for BIG to submit with the grant application.

A motion was made to approve the above mentioned letter of support.

RESULT:

Approved (Unanimous)

MOVER:

Councilmember John Riggs

SECONDER:

Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers

AYES:

Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr

ABSENT

Councilmember Shari Barr shared that the Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a “Back to School Block Party” event in the Ag South parking lot this Saturday from 8am until 12pm. They will have backpacks and school supplies in addition there will be free on-site vaccines available for children 12 years of age and older.

10. Public Comments (General): None

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

At 5:51pm a motion was made to enter into Executive Session.

RESULT:

Approved (Unanimous)

MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

At 5:59 pm a motion was made to exit Executive Session.

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

Mayor Jonathan McCollar called the meeting back to order with no action taken in Executive Session.

12. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 pm.

Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

Leah Harden, City Clerk