



CITY OF STATESBORO
COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 04, 2020

Regular Meeting

50 E. Main St. City Hall Council Chambers

9:00 AM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Jonathan McCollar called the meeting to order

2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE**

Councilman Shari Barr gave the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDENCE

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

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

3. **Recognitions/Public Presentations: None**

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

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

A) **Approval of Minutes**

a) **07-21-2020 Work Session Minutes**

b) **07-21-2020 Council Minutes**

c) **07-21-2020 Executive Session Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

RESULT:

Approved (Unanimous)

MOVER:

Councilmember John Riggs

SECONDER:

Councilmember Paulette Chavers

AYES:

Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr

ABSENT

Councilmember Phil Boyum

6. **Consideration of a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-06: An ordinance revising City Ord. 2-2.4 regarding ordinance revision procedure before Mayor and Council.**

A motion was made to approve **Ordinance 2020-06**: an ordinance-revising City Ord. 2-2.4 regarding ordinance revision procedure before Mayor and Council.

RESULT:	Approved 3-1
MOVER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Councilmember Sharri Barr
AYES:	Chavers, Mack, Barr
NAYS:	Councilmember John Riggs
ABSENT:	Councilmember Phil Boyum

7. **Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2020-23: A resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Statesboro Georgia to enter into a Grant Agreement with the State of Georgia in order to access the Coronavirus Relief Fund.**

A motion was made to approve **Resolution 2020-23**: A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Statesboro Georgia to enter into a Grant Agreement with the State of Georgia in order to access the Coronavirus Relief Fund.

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

8. **Consideration of a motion to approve the renewal of the City of Statesboro property, casualty and workers compensation insurance as follows per the recommendation of our insurance broker Glenn Davis and Associates:**

- A. Property Casualty Travelers Insurance
- B. Works Compensation Bitco Insurance
- C. Fire Dept. Property Ins. VFIS
- D. Cyber Security BCS Insurance

A motion was made to approve the renewal of the City of Statesboro property, casualty and workers compensation insurance as follows: A. Property Casualty – Travelers Insurance B. Workers Compensation – Bitco Insurance C. Fire Department Property Insurance – VFIS D. Cyber Security – BCS Insurance.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Councilmember John Riggs

AYES:	Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmemeber Phil Boyum

9. Consideration of contract with Wood Environmental and Infrastructure Solutions Inc., to provide design and environmental services for proposed upgrades to Luetta Moore and Grady Street Parks.

A motion was made to approve contract with Wood Environmental and Infrastructure Solutions Inc. to provide design and environmental services for proposed upgrades to Luetta Moore and Grady Street Parks.

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

10. Consideration of a Motion to award a contract to Tim Lanier Construction LLC in the amount of \$134,670.50 for sidewalk improvements to West Jones Avenue with approval to spend up to \$135,750.00 for additional work based on contractors unit bid process. This project is paid from 2018 TSPLOST funds.

A motion was made to award a contract to Tim Lanier Construction LLC in the amount of \$134,670.50 for sidewalk improvements to West Jones Avenue with approval to spend up to \$134,750.00 for additional work based on contractors unit bid process.

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

11. Discussion regarding the City of Statesboro’s participation in GMA’s 2020 Census Challenge.

A motion was made to approve the endorsement of the City of Statesboro’s participation in GMA’s 2020 Census Challenge.

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

12. Other Business from City Council

Councilmember Shari Barr stated she is pleased to announce approximately 45,000 masks have been handed out in Statesboro and Bulloch County by the “Squashing the Spread” group.

Mayor McCollar announced that flags will be flown at half-staff in memory of Coach Lee Hill. He stated we have lost a great giant due to COVID-19 and would like to pay tribute to Lee Hill and have Council approval to rename Lester Road to Coach Lee Hill Boulevard.

Councilmember Shari Barr stated she personally has no objections to this idea but has concerns about being too hasty in making this decision and would like the input from the public regarding this proposal.

City Attorney Cain Smith read the proposed resolution as follows, “Pursuant to City Ordinance 58-9, Mayor and Council hereby resolve to rename Lester Road particularly the stretch between Northside Drive and East Main as Coach Lee Hill Boulevard, retaining the street numbering that is now in place, Lee Hill Drive as it runs off of Denmark Road will be renamed Lester Drive.”

Mayor McCollar amended the resolution taking out the renaming of Lee Hill Drive stating we will deal with that at a later point.

Councilmember John Riggs stated he agrees with Councilmember Barr stating he would like to have more input on this.

A motion was made to approve a Resolution as amended renaming Lester Road from Northside drive to East Main Street to Coach Lee Hill Boulevard.

RESULT:	Approved 3-2
MOVER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
AYES:	Chavers, Mack, Mayor Jonathan McCollar – as the tiebreaker
ABSENT	Councilmember Phil Boyum
NAYS:	Councilmembers John Riggs and Shari Barr

13. City Managers Comments

City Manager Charles Penny needs to release one of the dates for the Council Retreat for March of 2021. The two dates we have available are March 5-6 or March 12-13. A consensus was to go with March 12-13.

14. Public Comments (General)

Reid Derr signed up to speak regarding concerns with the proposed discrimination ordinance. Mr. Derr stated he is a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church and has concerns of the proposed Article 80 Discrimination more specifically section 80-2 (f) as it refers to religion and feels it should be more specific in protecting religious rights and protecting the conscious’ of religious practitioners.

Mayor McCollar stated I appreciate you coming forward. There may be some misinformation that has been thrown out there in regards to what this legislation is about we invite you to be a part of the conversation. There is going to be another One Boro meeting on Tuesday August 11, 2020 at 5:30 via zoom and a Council work session on August 18, 2020 at 4:00 pm.

Council member Paulette Chavers stated I do not believe in any kind of discrimination but would like to hear more about these concerns. It is only right to hear what you have to say when we are making these certain Ordinances, please come and be a part of the conversation.

15. 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)

There was no Executive Session.

16. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:03 am.