



CITY OF STATESBORO
COUNCIL MINUTES
AUGUST 15, 2023

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	Councilmember	Present	
Venus Mack	Councilmember	Present	
John Riggs	Councilmember	Present	
Shari Barr	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	

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. Recognitions/Public Presentations:

A) Presentation of a retirement award to Debra Wiese (Administrative Assistant) who retired effective August 1, 2023 after 11 years of service.

Mayor Jonathan McCollar presented a retirement award to Debra Wiese after 11 years of service to the City of Statesboro.

4. Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

5. Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

a) 08-01-2023 Council Minutes

b) 08-01-2023 Executive Session Minutes

B) Consideration of a motion to approve the surplus of four (4) Dodge Chargers in the Statesboro Police Department that are past their service life.

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

RESULT:

Approved (Unanimous)

MOVER:

Councilmember Paulette Chavers

SECONDER:

Councilmember Venus Mack

AYES:

Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr

ABSENT

6. Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve: Application SE 23-06-01: Encore Capital Management LLC, requests a special exception form the R-3 (medium density residential) zoning district in order to allow for a real estate property office on approximately 4.399 acres of property located at 1301 Fair Road.

A Motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

Steve Rushing representing the applicant spoke in favor of the request.

Paul Newman spoke in favor of the request.

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

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

7. Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve Application V 23-07-01: Jarrett Walden requests a variance from Article XVI; Section 1601, in order to allow a parking facility without observing the three foot setback requirement for the expansion to the Walden Dental Facility located at 703 East Grady Street.

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

Evan Bennett representing the owner 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 John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

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

8. Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance 2023-07: An Ordinance amending Appendix A Zoning of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances in order to implement Article XXXII creating security requirements for apartment complexes, namely camera systems and controlled vehicular access.

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

City Attorney Cain Smith reviewed the ordinance stating the revision in 3201 remains the same and 3202 (b) is amended to read over 50 units.

No one spoke for or against the request.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

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

A Motion was made to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2023-07: An Ordinance amending Appendix A Zoning of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances in order to implement Article XXXII creating security requirements for apartment complexes, namely camera systems and controlled vehicular access.

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

9. Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance 2023-08: An Ordinance amending Chapter 18 Businesses of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances in order to implement Article XI creating licensing and operation requirement for event centers.

A motion was made to table this item until the 9-5-2023 Council Meeting.

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

10. Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve application for an alcohol license in accordance with the City of Statesboro alcohol ordinance Sec. 6-13(a):

**Go Market & Café
 2855 Northside Drive West
 Statesboro, Ga 30458
 License Type: Package Sales (Beer & Wine only)**

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

A Motion was made to close the public hearing.

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

A Motion was made to approve the application for an alcohol license in accordance with the City of Statesboro alcohol ordinance Sec. 6-13(a): Go Market & Café, 2855 Northside Drive West, Statesboro, Ga 30458, License Type: Package Sales (Beer & Wine only).

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

11. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2023-39: A Resolution to impose a six month moratorium on processing and consideration of sign variance requests pursuant to Article XV of Appendix A of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2023-39: A Resolution to impose a six month moratorium on processing and consideration of sign variance requests pursuant to Article XV of Appendix A of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances.

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

12. Consideration of a motion to approve a waiver of conflict to allow Jarrard and Davis to represent the City in the conveyance of City owned real property located at 3100 Northside Drive West to be conveyed to the Food Bank, Inc.

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

13. Consideration of a motion to approve the purchase of eight (8) new patrol vehicles for the Statesboro Police Department in the amount of \$370,000.00.

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

14. Consideration of a motion to approve an award of purchase of a 2023 Ford Bronco Sport to Woody Folsom Ford in the amount of \$36,530.00 for the Statesboro Fire Department. Funding if provided from the 2013 and 2019 SPLOST funds.

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

15. Consideration of a motion to approve an award of purchase of two (2) 2023 Ford F-150 trucks to J.C. Lewis Ford in the amount of \$67,596.00 for the Public Utilities Department. If approved these will be funding out of the FY 2013 CIP Funds.

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

16. Consideration of a motion authorizing the Mayor to execute purchase agreements for right-of-way acquisition on West Main Street for the West Main Street sidewalk project. Funding is provided from 2018 TSPLOST.

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

17. Consideration of a motion to award a contract to Southern Civil LLC, in the amount of \$1,993,705.00 for upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Blower Room. To be paid for with a combination of Operating and ATC funds approved in the FY2023 CIP Budget, item #WTP-24.

A Motion was made to award a contract to Southern Civil LLC, in the amount of \$1,993,705.00 for upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Plant Blower Room. To be paid for with a combination of Operating and ATC funds approved in the FY2023 CIP Budget, item #WTP-24.

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

18. Other Business from City Council:

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr welcomes back all students and teachers.

Councilmember Phil Boyum announced he will be submitting his resignation as District 1 councilmember effective December 31, 2023 and made a motion to call for a special election for District 1 on November 7th to run concurrently with the regular election.

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

19. City Managers Comments

a) Street renaming – West Grady Street Ext.

City Manager Charles Penny stated a request was brought forward by Councilmember Paulette Chavers about renaming West Grady Street Ext. to Loretta’s Way and that the process begins with authorization by Council to move forward with notification to the property owners of the proposed name change.

A motion was made to direct staff to begin the notification process to rename West Grady Street Ext. to Loretta’s Way.

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

Mr. Penny stated at the last meeting Yvonne Pryor spoke to council regarding a funding opportunity for a non-congregate homeless shelter which is available through the state and requested for a letter of support from the city to submit along with the application. A letter of support was prepared from the mayor and submitted to Ms. Pryor for the application. Mr. Penny reviewed from the FYI packet the setting of the public hearings for the millage rate to be held on September 12, 2023 at 12:00 pm and 6:00 pm and the final one on September 19, 2023 at 5:30 pm. Staff is recommending a two-mill increase to balance the budget. Mr. Penny continued stating from the first time he ever presented a budget to council he recommended an increase in the tax rate.

20. Public Comments (General):

Annie Bellinger addressed mayor and council stating she is being insulted and disrespected by city staff. Len Fatica addressed mayor and council about his concerns with the lime scooters.

21. 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 6:43 pm a motion was made to enter into Executive Session.

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

At 7:14 pm a motion was made to exit executive session.

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

Mayor McCollar called the regular meeting back to order with no action taken in executive session.

22. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 pm.

Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

Leah Harden, City Clerk