



CITY OF STATESBORO  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
AUGUST 16, 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**

Councilmember Venus Mack 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	Present	
John Riggs	Councilmember	Via Zoom	
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 by Feed the Boro to Mayor and Council for the City's support.**

Don Poe with Feed the Boro thanked Mayor and City Council for their support over the past year for city sponsored food drops. He showed a short video of some food drops and the impact they have made in the community. Mr. Poe announced at the upcoming food drop this Saturday Feed the Boro will distribute its one millionth meal. He then presented a plaque to Mayor and Council.

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

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

**A) Approval of Minutes**

**a) 08-02-2022 Council Minutes**

**b) 08-02-2022 Executive Session Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

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

**6. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2022-28: A Resolution amending the Job Position Classification and Compensation Plan, adding the position of a Program Coordinator for the Statesboro Village Builders Initiative.**

Councilmember John Riggs stated he has to vote against this item because he is very concerned with the tax situation and the talk of raising taxes.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2022-28: amending the Job Position Classification and Compensation Plan, adding the position of a Program Coordinator for the Statesboro Village Builders Initiative.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved 3-2 (Against Councilmember John Riggs and Phil Boyum)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Venus Mack
<b>AYES:</b>	Chavers, Mack, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	

**7. 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 R-2 (Townhouse Residential) zoning district for the development of a 172 unit townhome development on 17.78 acres at 7130 Veterans Memorial Parkway.**

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

Steve Rushing a local attorney representing the applicant spoke in favor of the request.

No one spoke against the request.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr stated she will present at a later time that the Townhouse Ordinance be amended to increase the green space requirement. Stating she does not want to hold up this application or others and requested that wildlife observation deck be added on the retention pond.

A motion was made to approve **Application RZ 22-05-02**: a Zoning Map Amendment from the CR/R-4 (Commercial Retail/High-Density Residential) to the R-2 (Townhouse Residential) zoning district for the development of a 172 unit townhome development on 17.78 acres at 7130 Veterans Memorial Parkway with staff conditions and an additional condition to add a wildlife observation deck on the retention pond.

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

**8. 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 R-2 (Townhouse Residential) zoning district in order to construct a 48 unit townhome development on 14.05 acres at S&S Railroad Bed Road.**

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

Marcus Sack spoke in favor of the request.

No one spoke against the request.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr stated that just as in the previous application requests that a wildlife observation deck be added to the retention pond.

Councilmember Phil Boyum stated we should have a set of guidelines, so if that is something you want to put in, it should be something that is brought up during the development redesign. It is kind of inappropriate to do something like this to keep adding standards to it because you know the developers and property owners deserve to have a set of guidelines. It's the same for everybody and the way we're handing it right now is we keep tweaking and that's really not how we should operate.

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr stated I hear your concerns and I agree and so this was kind of my idea of a compromise to let these two, who were presented to us today that are coming back for the second time to ask them for this compromise to improve the green space for the residents and then work through the process to try to amend our ordinance to get more space in the future. So, that folks who are coming before us know what to expect.

A motion was made to approve **Application RZ 22-05-04**: a zoning amp amendment from the R10 (Single-Family Residential) zoning district to the R-2 (Townhouse Residential) zoning district in order to construct a 48 unit townhome development on 14.05 acres at S&S Railroad Bed Road with staff conditions and an additional condition to add a wildlife observation deck on the retention pond.

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

**9. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2022-29: A Resolution to impose a six month moratorium on processing and consideration of sign variances requested pursuant to Article XV of Appendix A of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances.**

A motion was made to approve **Resolution 2022-29**: imposing a six month moratorium on processing and consideration of sign variances requested pursuant to Article XV of Appendix A of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances.

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

**10. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2022-30: A Resolution approving the City of Statesboro's proposed FY 2023 Street Resurfacing Program, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the GDOT Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) application. Grant matching funds will be provide from 2018 TSPLOST funds.**

A motion was made to approve **Resolution 2022-30**: approving the City of Statesboro’s proposed FY 2023 Street Resurfacing Program, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the GDOT Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) application. Grant matching funds will be provide from 2018 TSPLOST funds.

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

**11. Consideration of a motion for Council to authorize the Mayor to execute the GDOT Local Administrated Projects (LAP) recertification application.**

A motion was made to authorize the Mayor to execute the GDOT Local Administrated Projects (LAP) recertification application.

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

**12. Consideration of a motion to approve the purchase of eleven new patrol vehicles and one detective vehicle including all required equipment and up-fitting. Funding is provided from 2019 SPLOST funds and CIP funds.**

A motion was made to approve the purchase of eleven new patrol vehicles and one detective vehicle including all required equipment and up-fitting. Funding is provided from 2019 SPLOST funds and CIP funds.

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

**13. Consideration of a motion to award a contract to Deere & Company in the amount of \$51,146.16 for the purchase of a John Deere 5075E Utility Tractor per Sourcewell Cooperative purchasing contract.**

A motion was made to award a contract to Deere & Company in the amount of \$51,146.16 for the purchase of a John Deere 5075E Utility Tractor per Sourcewell Cooperative purchasing contract.

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

**14. Other Business from City Council:**

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr stated that in the FYI packet there was a memo requesting an amendment to the ordinance to stagger the terms for the One Boro Commission members and asked if everyone agrees to direct staff to do that amendment. Direction was given to City Attorney Cain Smith to make that amendment to the ordinance for Council’s approval.

She also appreciated the individuals who made presentations in the previous work session on the city’s water/sewer infrastructure and then gave a shout out to Public Utilities Director Steve Hotchkiss and the folks who work at the wastewater treatment plant for making it function as well as it does. In addition the FYI packet contained the gas safety report which reported there were no problems and she thanked city staff for working to get the EPA grant so improvements could be made to Little Lotts Creek.

**15. City Managers Comments**

City Manager Charles Penny called their attention to the information in the FYI packet regarding the housing rehabilitation efforts. We received 83 applications for housing rehabilitation we are currently working and inspecting houses and preparing plans for owner occupied rehabilitation. We figured that the maximum amount of money we would spend on a house would be \$50,000 to renovate the home. We have discovered some homes are beyond that amount of money, in fact some of the houses are beyond repair. Hopefully within the next four weeks staff will be able to develop a recommendation that will come back to council to look at replacement housing.

**16. Public Comments (General): None**

**17. Consideration of a Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss “Real Estate” and “Potential Litigation” in accordance with O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(b).**

At 6:13 pm a motion was made to enter into Executive Session.

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

Councilmember John Riggs left the meeting.

At 6:44 pm a motion was made to exit Executive Session.

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

Mayor Jonathan McCollar called the regular meeting back to order.

### **18. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn**

A motion was made to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

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Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

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Leah Harden, City Clerk