



CITY OF STATESBORO
COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 06, 2022

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

City Manager Charles Penny gave the Invocation and Councilmember John Riggs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jonathan McCollar	Mayor	Present	
Phil Boyum	Councilmember	Present	9:03 am
Paulette Chavers	Councilmember	Present	
Venus Mack	Councilmember	Absent	
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. Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

4. Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

- a) 08-16-2022 Work Session Minutes
- b) 08-16-2022 Council Minutes
- c) 08-16-2022 Executive Session Minutes
- d) 08-30-2022 Public Hearing Minutes (9:00 am)
- e) 08-30-2022 Public Hearing Minutes (6:00 pm)

A motion was made to approve letter "A" of the consent agenda, approval of minutes.

RESULT:

Approved (Unanimous)

MOVER:

Councilmember Paulette Chavers

SECONDER:

Councilmember John Riggs

AYES:

Chavers, Riggs, Barr

ABSENT

Councilmember Venus Mack & Councilmember Phil Boyum

A motion was made to approve letter “B” of the consent agenda, approving the due date of December 20, 2022 for the City of Statesboro Property Tax Bills.

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

Councilmember Phil Boyum joined the meeting.

5. Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2022-31: A Resolution setting the millage rate for Ad Valorem (Property) Taxes for the 2022 calendar year for the City of Statesboro, Georgia at 7.308.

A Motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

No one spoke for or against the request.

A Motion was made to close the public hearing.

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

Councilmember Phil Boyum stated he has concern that for the last two years we have increased our spending without looking a corresponding increases in revenue. As a result we are almost \$1.8 million in the hole, if we continue at this pace we will be \$1.8 million in hole next year and we will have burned through our savings in less than five years. We have to figure out ways to increase revenue. He stated he is not a fan of millage rate increases because it increases the rate for individuals. He also stated he believes in growing the city and growing the revenue and that needs to be a serious

focus over the next twelve months otherwise we will have to raise the millage or cut services. We have to balance our budget by working within what we make.

A Motion was made to approve **Resolution 2022-31** setting the millage rate for Ad Valorem (Property) Taxes for the 2022 calendar year for the City of Statesboro, Georgia at 7.308.

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

6. Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance 2022-04: An Ordinance amending Section 2-55 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances regarding the terms of the members of the One Boro Commission.

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

City Attorney Cain Smith explained this amendment is to stager the terms of the One Boro Commission members enhancing the continuity of the commission’s membership.

No one spoke for or against the request.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

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

A motion was made to approve the first Reading of **Ordinance 2022-04** amending Section 2-55 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances regarding the terms of the members of the One Boro Commission.

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

7. Public Hearing & Consideration of a Motion to approve application for an alcohol license in accordance with The City of Statesboro alcohol ordinance Sec. 6-13 (a):

**RJ's Restaurant DBA Uncle Shugs Bar B Q Place
 434 S Main St
 Statesboro, Ga 30458
 License Type: Low Volume**

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

No one spoke for or against the request.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

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

A motion was made to approve an application for an alcohol license in accordance with The City of Statesboro alcohol ordinance Sec. 6-13 (a) to:

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

8. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2022-32: A Resolution approving application of a grant by the Police Department to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee for the FY 23 Law Enforcement Training Grant in the amount of \$98,127.00.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2022-3: approving application of a grant by the Police Department to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee for the FY 23 Law Enforcement Training Grant in the amount of \$98,127.00.

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

9. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2022-33: A Resolution approving application for the 2022 Georgia Tree Council Georgia ReLeaf Grant.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2022-33 approving application for the 2022 Georgia Tree Council Georgia ReLeaf Grant.

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

10. Consideration of a motion for award of contract to American Signal for the purchase of three (3) Advantage-S LED Portable Trailer Mounted Message Signs in the amount of \$40,000.00.

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

11. Consideration of a motion to approve Change Order No.1 to the contract with Y-Delta, Inc. for the Johnson Street Culvert Improvements Project in the amount of \$18,500.00.

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

12. Consideration of a motion to approve Change Order No. 3 with Y-Delta, Inc. in the amount of \$10,575.64 for the Stillwell Street and Zetterower Ave. Intersection improvements project.

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

13. Consideration of a motion to award a contract to Solid Waste Applied Technology (SWAT) in the amount of \$425,657.76 for the purchase of a New Way Automated Residential Side Arm Refuse Collection body with a 2024 Peterbilt 520 CNG Cab and Chassis for the Solid Waste Collection Division in the Public Works & Engineering Department per Sourcewell contract.

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SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember Venus Mack

14. Other Business from City Council:

Mayor Jonathan McCollar stated he and Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr was approached by Squashing the Spread about their desire of becoming a commission for the City of Statesboro. They have provided a tremendous service to your community during the COVID situation, this would be a great opportunity for us to not just be prepared for another pandemic to look at the overall health of our citizens. Mayor McCollar suggested to council that they direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance for the new commission.

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr invited Karen Naufel who is the chairperson for Squashing the Spread to come forward to share why they want to become a commission instead of a volunteer organization.

We have been working with the city for two years helping with the pandemic and we have seen with our resources how much we can expand to help the city and its citizens. We want to be part of the city so that way can be a formal branch where we can develop formal partnerships to use to recruit new members to help us and to help expand our outreach in ways that we can't do right now.

Councilmember Phil Boyum stated this needs to be presented at a work session to discuss and determine what their purpose and focus is. Public health is a very broad topic and one that cities aren't involved with a tremendous amount. Having a work session to discuss the purpose, goals, and to give direction, because that committee is going to have to have very specific directions. It's better to talk about that upfront then to try to do that while writing the well defined language of an ordinance.

After further discussion this item will be placed on the next Council Work Session on September 20, 2022.

15. City Managers Comments

City Manager Charles Penny announced today at 11:00 am there will be a ribbon cutting for the employee clinic. There will be prizes there for employees. Mr. Penny also called their attention to the two events going on Saturday September 10, 2022 the first one at 11:00 am is hosted by One Boro, having discussion related to Violence Prevention and will take place at the YMCA. The second event is the Statesboro Village Builders Initiative that will begin at 1:00 pm at the Honey Bowen Building.

16. Public Comments (General): None

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr shared that a piece of history fell in Statesboro this week during one of the recent storms a big red oak located in the front yard of former Mayor Bowen. It was estimated to be about 150 years old. Also we're having a very popular "Taste of the Boro" this Friday in downtown Statesboro. Lastly, the Farmers Market is still going on until early November.

Councilmember Phil Boyum announced the Statesboro Police Department is hosting a Citizens Academy and wants to encourage people to sign up. Most people think they know what the police do and they really don't and this program is a great way to just get a taste of what the police officers have to do. It is an eye-opening experience in a lot of different ways and as leaders of this community this is something every single one of us should do.

17. 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 9:36 am motion was made to enter into Executive Session.

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

At 9:53 am a motion was made to exit Executive Session.

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

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

18. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 am.

Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

Leah Harden, City Clerk