



CITY OF STATESBORO
COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

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 Paulette Chavers gave the Invocation and 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	Present	
Shari Barr	Councilmember	Present	

Other staff present was: 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) 08-18-2020 Work Session Minutes
- b) 08-18-2020 Council Minutes
- c) 08-18-2020 Executive Session Minutes
- d) 09-08-2020 Public Hearing Minutes (9:00 am)
- e) 09-08-2020 Public Hearing Minutes (6:00 pm)

B) Consideration of a Motion to the due date of December 20th 2020 for the City of Statesboro Property Tax Bills

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda

RESULT:

Approved (Unanimous)

MOVER:

Councilmember John Riggs

SECONDER:

Councilmember Venus Mack

AYES:

Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr

ABSENT

5. Public Hearing & Consideration of a Motion to approve application for Sec.6-17(d) exemptions to open container prohibition:

**A) The Blue Room
9/19/2020
12pm-1:30 am**

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

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, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

A motion was made to approve application of exemption to open container for the Blue Room on 9-19-2020 from 12pm -1:30am.

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

6. **Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2020-25: A Resolution setting the millage rate for ad valorem (property) taxes for the 2020 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 Phil Boyum
SECONDER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

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 John Riggs
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2020-25: setting the millage rate for ad valorem (property) taxes for the 2020 calendar year for the City of Statesboro, Georgia at 7.308.

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

7. **Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2020-26: A Resolution authorizing the waiver of any payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) by the Statesboro Housing Authority to the City of Statesboro for the 2019 tax year in the amount of \$25,182.93.**

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2020-26 authorizing the waiver of any payment in lieu of taxes (PIOLT) by the Statesboro Housing Authority to the City of Statesboro for the 2019 tax year in the amount of \$25,182.93.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Phil Boyum

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

8. **Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2020-27: A Resolution to adopt the first amendment to the six-year Capital Improvements Program for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 through 2025-2026 for the City of Statesboro, Georgia.**

A motion was made to approve **Resolution 2020-27** adopting the first amendment to the six-year Capital Improvements Program for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 through 2025-2026 for the City of Statesboro, Georgia.

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

9. **Consideration of a Motion approve Resolution 2020-28: A Resolution to adopt the first amendment to the Fiscal Year 2021 budget for each fund of the City of Statesboro, Georgia, appropriating the amounts shown in each budget as expenditures/expenses, adopting the several items of revenue anticipations, and prohibiting expenditures or expenses from exceeding the actual funding appropriated**

A motion was made to approve **Resolution 2020-28**: adopting the first amendment to the Fiscal Year 2021 budget for each fund of the City of Statesboro, Georgia, appropriating the amounts shown in each budget as expenditures/expenses, adopting the several items of revenue anticipations, and prohibiting expenditures or expenses from exceeding the actual funding appropriated

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

10. **Consideration of a Motion to Approve Resolution 2020-29: A Resolution accepting Right-of-Way of Tormenta Way as a public street to be owned and maintained by the City of Statesboro, Georgia.**

A motion was made to Approve **Resolution 2020-29**: accepting Right-of-Way of Tormenta Way as a public street to be owned and maintained by the City of Statesboro, Georgia.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs

SECONDER:	Councilmember Phil Boyum
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

11. Consideration of a Motion to approve the amended Development Agreement with JGR Development allowing for final disbursement of \$1,155,404.10 for paid or outstanding invoices with an additional \$250,000 retained by City for payment of final costs as approved by City Manager.

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

12. Consideration of a motion to approve a Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of Swainsboro regarding Fire Protection.

A motion was made to approve a Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of Swainsboro regarding Fire Protection.

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

13. Other Business from City Council

Mayor Jonathan McCollar stated the items remaining from the previous work session will be addressed at this time.

Planning Director Kathy Fields presented a draft preventative maintenance ordinance, which would allow for detailed evaluation of buildings that are unfit for human habitation or current business use.

The next item addressed was the incorporation of the Statesboro-Bulloch County Land Bank into our code of ordinances. This authority promotes affordable housing, assembles tracts for public parks or other public purposes and promotes commercial ventures. The Land Bank Authority allows the City to acquire property or receive donated property including tax delinquent properties.

Kathy also addressed the adding of the Statesboro Housing Authority to the City's code of ordinances. The Statesboro Housing Authority has access to Federal Funds for public-private partnerships for new development and rehabilitation. The use of these funds can be used for new development and can re-invigorate neighborhoods. A partnership with the Housing Authority would help to maximize housing opportunities in the City of Statesboro.

Lastly, the Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) needs to be amended in order to apply for the next round of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The proposed amendment includes the addition of the Land Bank and Housing Authority as new entities providing services to the City and the addition of the Housing and Urban Redevelopment.

Mayor Jonathan McCollar introduced Dorsey Baldwin as the new chairperson for the Statesboro Housing Authority. Dorsey Baldwin stated the Statesboro Housing Authority will have its regular monthly meetings on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm. Ms. Baldwin stated there will be a retreat this Saturday in the City Hall Council Chambers for the members of the Housing Authority.

Phil Boyum suggested using some of the CARES Act funding to expand internet opportunities throughout the City.

Mayor McCollar asked about an executive order regarding the expansion of spaces for bars and restaurants to serve more patrons. The order would coincide with the Governors order as it pertains to public gatherings. The executive order would be in place for 60 days and revisited at that time.

14. City Managers Comments

City Manager Charles Penny updated Mayor and Council about the CARES Act funding stating we were able to pull down the first round of funding. We have not received any indication from the State if the next round of funding is available.

Mr. Penny informed mayor and Council of additional testing that began last Thursday at Luetta Moore Park by East Georgia Health Center. Testing at the park will be done on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Mr. Penny announced a ceremony for the renaming of Lester Road to Coach Lee Hill Boulevard would be held on October 10th at 10:00 am in the Statesboro High School parking lot.

15. Public Comments (General)

A) Reid Derr to address Mayor and Council regarding concerns with the proposed Anti-Discrimination Ordinance.

Reid Derr did not address his concerns at this time, as he was able to speak at the previous work session regarding this proposed ordinance.

B) Marsha Twiggs to speak about her concerns about the ditch along Stockyard Road.

Marsha Twiggs addressed her concerns of safety along Stockyard Road due to the ditch. Ms. Twiggs stated she has to step into the road to get her mail. The traffic in the area is increasing and there is no room to walk on the side of the road. Ms. Twiggs says she is requesting a covered ditch with dirt or a covered ditch with a paved sidewalk.

City Manager Charles Penny stated we need to staff to find out how much the project would be to fix this area as the ditch is there to alleviate the flooding on the road from going to houses that sit lower than the road. Currently the funding we have for drainage projects is committed. We will report to council and Ms. Twiggs with what we believe the cost will be for the project.

16. 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)

No Executive Session was held.

17. 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 6:27 pm.