



CITY OF STATESBORO
WORK SESSION MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 15, 2020

Mayor & Council Work Session

50 East Main Street

4:00 PM

A Work Session of the Statesboro City Council was held on September 15, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers, 50 East Main Street. Present was Mayor Jonathan McCollar; Council Members: Phil Boyum, Paulette Chavers, Venus Mack John Riggs and Shari Barr. Also present was City Clerk Leah Harden, City Attorney Cain Smith, City Manager Charles Penny, Assistant City Manager Jason Boyles and Public Information Officer Layne Phillips.

Mayor Jonathan McCollar called the meeting to order.

1. Non-Discrimination Ordinance

City Attorney Cain Smith reviewed with Mayor and Council the updated version of Chapter 80 Non-Discrimination Ordinance. Part 1 includes the reporting of hate crimes and training of law enforcement. Part 2 is about promoting non-discrimination in city purchasing and contracting. Part 3 is the equity provision as presented by One Boro.

Mayor Jonathan McCollar invited Reid Derr to speak regarding his concerns about this ordinance. Reid Derr a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church spoke of his concerns with regarding section 80-2 (a)(b)(c) and (f). Mr. Derr stated this is a very broad piece of legislation and proposed amendments to include conscientious objection.

After some discussion, direction was given to strike section 80-58 and set the percentage in section 80-56 to six (6) percent. A presentation for first reading will be at the next council meeting.

City Manager Charles Penny presented to Mayor and Council the Minority Vendor expense report. The percentage of MFBE vendors currently used by the City for operating expenses and capital expenses is eight (8) percent.

2. Street Renaming Ordinance

City Attorney Cain Smith presented the amendment to the street renaming ordinance, which includes the process for renaming of any streets in the City of Statesboro. It would be required to send letters to individuals and business impacted by a street name change. In addition, a required public hearing would be held two weeks prior to the adoption of street name change. This ordinance will move forward for first reading at the next Council Meeting.

3. Open Container Ordinance

City Attorney Cain Smith presented an amendment to Chapter 6 – 17 “Open Containers” allowing the approval to be done by the City Manager. This ordinance revision will be move forward for first reading at the next City Council meeting.

4. Property Management Code/Ordinance

5. Land Bank

6. Housing Authority

7. Amendment to Service Delivery Strategy

Agenda items 4, 5, 6, and 7 will be addressed during the regular meeting under “Other Business”.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:27 pm.