



**CITY OF STATESBORO
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES
September 17, 2019 4:00 PM**

A work session of the Statesboro City Council was held on September 17, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at Joe Brannen Hall, 58 East Main Street. Present was Mayor Jonathan McCollar; Council Members: Phil Boyum, Sam Lee Jones, Jeff Yawn, and Derek Duke. Also present was City Clerk Leah Harden, City Attorney Cain Smith, City Manager Charles Penny and Assistant City Manager Jason Boyles. Councilman John Riggs was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jonathan McCollar. Mayor McCollar explained these work sessions are to inform Council of things going on in the City and the status of projects. The following topics were discussed:

a) Financial Report

Director of Finance Cindy West presented an overview of the revenues and expenditures for Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019.

b) Creek on the Blue Mine Presentation

Chuck Perry with EMC Engineering, George Kelley Project manager, and Eric Nease, Reservoir design expert presented the Reservoir Environmental Feasibility study for the “Creek on the Blue Mile”. The primary goal of the project is for floodplain mitigation. This will be done in three phases, technical, environmental and permitting.

c) Transit Plan

Kiara Ahmad, civil engineer with the engineering department presented the Statesboro Transit Feasibility Study. She presented four route ideas along with the cost for each one and staff recommendations as to which route would best suit the City of Statesboro. She also stated we would apply for a Federal grant that would provide 80 percent of the cost, the City would do a 10 percent match and the State would do a 10 percent match as well. The grant application with GDOT are due in November.

d) Special Event Permit

Cain Smith explained Special Event Permits are required when there is selling of alcoholic beverages at an event. This allowance is governed by 6-8 (d)(3) locally and statewide by O.C.G.A 3-14-1. He explained City Code is more restrictive than that of the State. The reason for this presentation is due to citizen complaints regarding the permitting for Special Events where alcohol is sold.

e) Parks & Recreation

City Manager Charles Penny presented a review of parks and recreation in both the City and County. The County has more active parks where the City parks are more passive parks. The County cares for 11 parks and/or facilities of these 11 six of them are located within the city. We need to work collaboratively with the County for park improvements. Mr. Penny recommends obtaining a professional to evaluate the parks in the City to recommend improvements and enhancements.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm