



CITY OF STATESBORO
Council Minutes
September 18, 2018 5:30 pm

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on September 18th, 2016 at 5:30p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Jonathan McCollar, Council Members: Phil Boyum, Sam Lee Jones, Jeff Yawn, John Riggs and Derek Duke. Also present were City Clerk Sue Starling and City Attorney Cain Smith. City Manager Randy Wetmore was absent.

The Meeting was called to Order by Mayor Jonathan McCollar.

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Jeff Yawn.

Recognitions/Public Presentations:

A) Proclamation recognizing September 17-23, 2018 as “Constitution Week”

Mayor McCollar presented the proclamation to Jane Yawn and Pat Long.

Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

- a) 09-04-2018 Council Minutes**
- b) 09-04-2018 Executive Session Minutes**

Councilman Yawn made a motion seconded by Councilman Duke to approve the consent agenda in its entirety, Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Duke voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0.

Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION RZ 18-07-02: Windward South requests a zoning map amendment of 19.2 acres from a 54.12 acre property located on S&S Railroad Bed Road from R-10/R-8 (Single Family Residential) to the PUD (Planned Unit Development) zoning district in order to develop a multifamily residential subdivision (Tax Parcel # 107 000009 000).

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Duke to open the public hearing. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Duke voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0.

Councilman Riggs joined the meeting at 5:45 pm.

Those who spoke in favor of the request were: John Dotson, Julie Sullivan, David Pearce and Barry Sullivan.

There were approximately 15 people who spoke against the request. Some of those were: Danny Gleeson, Bob Claxton, Jason Evans, Erin Arnesdn, Carolyn Altman, Robert Costomiris, Frank D'Arcangelo, Mike Rollins and Keely Fennell.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to close the public hearing. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Duke voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0.

Councilman Riggs made a motion to approve the request. There was no second to the motion. The motion dies due to no second. There was no action taken.

Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION RZ 18-08-02: BVT-AKINS, LP requests a zoning map amendment of 49.65 acres, a portion of a larger 225.45 acre tract located on Veterans Memorial Parkway and Old Register Road from R-40 (Single Family Residential) to the CR (Commercial Retail) zoning district in order to develop a commercial retail center (Tax Parcel 076 000001 000).

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to open the public hearing. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Duke voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0.

John Dotson and Darin Van Tassell spoke in favor of the request.

No one spoke against the request.

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to close the public hearing. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Duke voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0.

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to approve: **APPLICATION RZ 18-08-02:** BVT-AKINS, LP requests a zoning map amendment of 49.65 acres, a portion of a larger 225.45 acre tract located on Veterans Memorial Parkway and Old Register Road from R-40 (Single Family Residential) to the CR (Commercial Retail) zoning district in order to develop a commercial retail center (Tax Parcel 076 000001 000). Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Duke voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0.

Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION RZ 18-08-01: Deep South Properties requests a zoning map amendment of 13.96 acres of property located at 316 Fletcher Drive from the R-20 (Single Family Residential) to the R-4 (High Density Residential) zoning district in order to develop a multi-family triplex community for a combination of parcels addressed 316 Fletcher Drive and Fletcher Drive (Tax Parcel(s) S35 000009 001 & S35 000009 000).

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to open the public hearing. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Duke voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0.

David Hendrix of Maxwell Reddick representing the applicant spoke in favor of the request.

Numerous citizens spoke against the request. Among those were: Leo Sable, Bob Claxton, Lee Roundtree, JoAnn Newland, Geraldine Travis and Elaine Fowler,

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to close the public hearing. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Duke voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0.

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Duke to deny **APPLICATION RZ 18-08- 01**: Deep South Properties requests a zoning map amendment of 13.96 acres of property located at 316 Fletcher Drive from the R-20 (Single Family Residential) to the R-4 (High Density Residential) zoning district in order to develop a multi-family triplex community for a combination of parcels addressed 316 Fletcher Drive and Fletcher Drive (Tax Parcel(s) S35 000009 001 & S35 000009 000). Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Duke voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0 to deny.

Public Hearing and First Reading of an Ordinance 2018-12: An Ordinance Amending ARTICLE 31: SOLAR INSTALLATION AND OPERATION governing solar systems within the City of Statesboro.

Councilman Jones made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to open the public hearing. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Duke voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0.

No one spoke for or against the request.

Councilman Jones made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to close the public hearing. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Duke voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0.

There was no action taken.

Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance 2018-09: An Ordinance amending Article 2, Section 2 of the City of Statesboro Code of Ordinances to establish the Statesboro Commission on Diversity and Inclusion pursuant to City Charter 2-6.

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Jones to open the public hearing. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Duke voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0.

There were numerous citizens who spoke regarding this ordinance. Some of those people were: Marcus Toole, Elizabeth Hutton, Julie Pickens, Alex Hutton and Michael Woody.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Duke to close the public hearing. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Duke voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0.

Mayor McCollar asked Council to vote on this item even though it was first reading. Councilman Boyum stated the Ordinance was incomplete therefore he did not think a vote should be taken. Mayor McCollar and Councilman Boyum began a heated discussion. After the shouting for several minutes, Mayor McCollar stated that Ordinances 2018-09, 2018-10 and 2018-11 would be brought back at the second meeting in October but no vote was taken.

Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance 2018-10: An Ordinance Amending Article 2, Section 2 of the City of Statesboro Code of Ordinances to establish the Statesboro Youth Commission pursuant to City Charter Section 2-6

There was no motion to open the public hearing.

Lainie Jenkins, April Purcell, Derrick Solomon and Wayne Williams spoke in favor of Ordinance 2018-11.

Councilman Jones made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to close the public hearing. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Duke voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0.

Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance 2018-11: An Ordinance Amending Article 2, Section 2 of the City of Statesboro Code of Ordinances to establish the Statesboro Works! Commission pursuant to City Charter Section 2-6

Councilman Yawn made a motion, seconded by Councilman Riggs to open the public hearing. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Duke voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0.

Suzanne Shurling and Curtis Woody spoke in favor of Ordinance 2018-11.

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to close the public hearing. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Duke voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0.

Consideration of a Motion to approve the appointment of six (6) members to Alcohol Advisory Board.

Mayor McCollar appointed Gloria Goosby, Councilman Duke appointed Jim Lewis, Councilman Boyum appointed Stephen Minton, Councilman Jones appointed Shubert Lane and Councilman Riggs appointed Jim Thibodeau. Councilman Yawn will announce his appointment later.

Other Business from City Council

Councilman Boyum asked Frank Neal to look at starting the process for a review of Application RZ 18-07-02.

City Managers Comments: None

Public Comments (General)

Frank Waltz announced the 70th Anniversary of Human Rights and invited everyone to a pot luck dinner at his house on Saturday.

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

At 9:10 pm, Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to enter into Executive Session. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs and Duke voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 5-0.

At 9:18 pm, Mayor McCollar called the meeting back to order with no discussion or action taken in Executive Session.

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Riggs made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 pm.