



CITY OF STATESBORO  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

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 Shari Barr gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jonathan McCollar	Mayor	Present	
Phil Boyum	Councilmember	Absent	
Paulette Chavers	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Venus Mack	Councilmember	Present	
John Riggs	Councilmember	Present	
Shari Barr	Councilmember	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) 09-07-2021 Council Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember John Riggs
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers
<b>AYES:</b>	Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	Councilmember Phil Boyum

**5. Consideration of a motion to accept the high bid from GT Distributors of Georgia for a bloc of firearms to be sold as surplus.**

A Motion was made to accept the high bid from GT Distributors of Georgia for a bloc of firearms to be sold as surplus.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember John Riggs
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers
<b>AYES:</b>	Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	Councilmember Phil Boyum

**6. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2021-34: A Resolution approving the City of Statesboro’s proposed FY 2022 Street Resurfacing Program, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the GDOT Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) application. Grant matching funds will be provided from 2018 TSPLOST funds.**

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2021-34 approving the City of Statesboro’s proposed FY 2022 Street Resurfacing Program, and authorizing the Mayor to execute the GDOT Local Maintenance Improvement Grant (LMIG) application.

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

**7. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2021-35: A Resolution approving application to the Economic Development Administration for a grant for the Creek on the Blue Mile Project.**

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2021-35 approving application to the Economic Development Administration for a grant for the Creek on the Blue Mile Project.

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

**8. Consideration of a motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with a qualified 501(c)(3) charitable organization to administer raffle drawings for awarding of prizes provided through the City of Statesboro’s COVID-19 vaccination incentive program.**

City Manager Charles Penny stated at the first city sponsored a vaccination clinic a total of 68 \$50 gift cards were given away and at the second clinic 87 \$50 gift cards were given. The city is sponsoring three more clinics September 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 am – 1:00 pm at City Hall, October 9<sup>th</sup> at Luetta Moore Park and October 23<sup>rd</sup> at City Hall, gift cards will given away to anyone who receives the vaccination. However, incentives to receive vaccinations have not moved a lot of people to receive them. Based on that we will continue to give the gift cards but hold off on the lottery drawings. If the vaccination numbers increase at that time we would come back with an agreement with a qualified 501 (c)(3) charitable organization to administer the raffle drawing.

A motion was made to take no action on this item.

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

**9. Consideration of a motion to approve a contract with DPR Architecture in the not to exceed amount of \$73,050.00 for architectural design services for renovations to City Hall and Joe Brannen Hall.**

A motion was made to approve a contract with DPR Architecture in the not to exceed amount of \$73,050.00 for architectural design services for renovations to City Hall and Joe Brannen Hall.

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

**10. Consideration of a motion to award a contract to Raftelis Inc. in the amount of \$36,050.00 to perform a Water and Sewer Cost of Service Study and Development of Financial Pan for the Water and Sewer Funds.**

A motion was made to award a contract to Raftelis Inc. in the amount of \$36,050.00 to perform a Water and Sewer Cost of Service Study and Development of Financial Pan for the Water and Sewer Funds.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
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<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember John Riggs
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers
<b>AYES:</b>	Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	Councilmember Phil Boyum

**11. Consideration of a motion to award a contract to McLendon Enterprises in the amount of \$1,887,083.39 for the installation of water mains, sewer mains, and lift station to serve the area adjacent to Optim Orthopedics.**

A motion was made to award a contract to McLendon Enterprises in the amount of \$1,887,083.39 for the installation of water mains, sewer mains, and lift station to serve the area adjacent to Optim Orthopedics.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember John Riggs
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers
<b>AYES:</b>	Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	Councilmember Phil Boyum

**12. Other Business from City Council:**

Councilmember Shari Barr stated she appreciates the Mayor, Councilmember Riggs, and Councilmember Boyum for their willingness to serve the City of Statesboro again as all three have qualified for the upcoming election. In addition, she acknowledged that two other people have qualified for the upcoming election who are also willing to serve the City of Statesboro.

Mayor McCollar made two appointments to the Land Bank Authority. The first appointed member is Deloris Grooms Dickey, the second appointed member is Michael Summers.

**13. City Managers Comments**

City Manager Charles Penny announced a ribbon cutting ceremony will take place this Friday September 24, 2021 at 4:00 pm for the Rev. W.D. Kent Park also known as Grady Street Park.

Mr. Penny presented to mayor and council his proposal of vaccination incentives for city employees. Employees who receive the vaccine at this time receive one paid day off. The proposal is to offer a \$250 bonus to every employee who receives the vaccination. In addition, if 85% of employees get vaccinated an additional \$250 would be paid to those employees for a total of \$500. The incentive bonus will be distributed along with the \$100 Christmas bonus on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving.

There was discussion amongst Mayor and Council regarding the percentage of employees to be vaccinated before receiving the additional \$250 bonus.

A motion was made to accept the City Managers proposal of offering employees an incentive of an additional \$250 holiday bonus if they are vaccinated by November 15<sup>th</sup> and if we achieve by November 15<sup>th</sup> 80% of our employees vaccinated they will received an additional \$250 bonus for a total of \$500.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Shari Barr
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember John Riggs
<b>AYES:</b>	Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	Councilmember Phil Boyum

**14. Public Comments (General): None**

**15. Consideration of a Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss “Real Estate” and “Personnel Matters” in accordance with O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(b).**

At 6:18 pm a motion was made to enter into Executive Session.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	Councilmember Phil Boyum

At 6:40 pm a motion was made to exit Executive Session.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved (Unanimous)
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	Councilmember Phil Boyum

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

## 16. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn.

**RESULT:**

Approved (Unanimous)

**MOVER:**

Councilmember

**SECONDER:**

Councilmember

**AYES:**

Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr

**ABSENT**

Councilmember Phil Boym

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

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Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

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Leah Harden, City Clerk