



CITY OF STATESBORO
COUNCIL MINUTES
October 06, 2020

Regular Meeting

50 E. Main St. City Hall Council Chambers

9:00 AM

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	9:03 am
John Riggs	Councilmember	Present	
Shari Barr	Councilmember	Present	

Other staff present was: City Manager Charles Penny, City Attorney Cain Smith Public Information Officer Layne Phillips and City Clerk Leah Harden

3. **Recognitions/Public Presentations**

A) **Proclamation of Georgia Cities Week**

Mayor Jonathan McCollar read the proclamation declaring October 4th – October 10th as Georgia Cities Week.

4. **Public Comments (Agenda Item):** None

5. **Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda**

A) **Approval of Minutes**

a) **09-15-2020 Work Session Minutes**

b) **09-15-2020 Council Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

RESULT:

Approved (Unanimous)

MOVER:

Councilmember John Riggs

SECONDER:

Councilmember Paulette Chavers

AYES:

Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr

NAYS:

6. Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance 2020-07: An Ordinance creating Chapter 80: Non Discrimination and Equity.

A motion was made to open the public hearing dividing this ordinance into three different topics first Non-Discrimination, second the vendor portion and third the equity package.

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

Mayor Jonathan McCollar stated this ordinance is in line with current State and Federal regulation and guidelines.

The following individuals spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance, Jeff Klaire, Ash Strickland, Brian Feltman, Elisabeth Malloy, Jane Page, Marcus Toole, John Tucker, Taylor Lewis Gutherie Hartman, Stacey Smallwood, Suzanne Shurling and Julie Pickens.

The following individuals spoke in opposition of the proposed ordinance, Reid Derr, James Byrd, Paul Whitlock,

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

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

Councilmember Phil Boyum stated he would like to modify Sec. 80-3(c) by adding the city would pay a part of the mediation up to 4 hours.

After some discussion, a motion was made to approve the first reading of Article I of Chapter 80 as is; and to direct the City Attorney and City Manager to look into how mediation can be done in the city.

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

A motion was made to open the public hearing for Chapter 80 Article II.

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

City Attorney Cain Smith reviewed with Mayor and Council Article II of Chapter 80 regarding purchasing and contracting.

No one spoke for or against the proposed Article II of Chapter 80.

A motion was made to close the public hearing for Article II of Chapter 80.

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

A motion was made to approve the first reading of Chapter 80 Article II removing section 57.

RESULT:	Motion died due to the lack of a second
MOVER:	Councilmember Phil Boyum
SECONDER:	None
AYES:	
NAYS:	

A motion was made to approve the first reading of Chapter 80 Article II as is.

RESULT:	Approved 4-1
MOVER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
AYES:	Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
NAYS:	Councilmember Phil Boyum

City Attorney Cain Smith reviewed with Mayor and City Council Article III of Chapter 80 regarding the equity provision.

Marcus Toole spoke in favor of the proposed Article III of Chapter 80.

Reid Derr spoke in opposition of the proposed Article III of Chapter 80.

A motion was made to approve first reading of Chapter 80 Article III

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

A motion was made to close line item 6.

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

A motion was made to approve line item six Articles I, II and III.

RESULT:	Approved 4-1 Councilmember Phil Boyum abstained from voting.
MOVER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
SECONDER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
AYES:	Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
NAYS:	

7. Public Hearing and First reading of Ordinance 2020-09: An Ordinance amending Chapter 2 Article II Division 3 sections regarding the Commission on Diversity and Inclusion renaming to One Boro Commission and grant scope of authority relating to workplace development currently held by Works Commission and violence prevention as well as referencing duties created under Chapter 80

At 10:55 am Councilmember John Riggs left the meeting.

A motion was made to table this item until the appointment of new members can be made and to discuss this ordinance revision during the next work session.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Phil Boyum

SECONDER:	Councilmember Shari Barr
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Barr
NAYS:	

8. Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance 2020-10: An Ordinance amending Chapter 58 section 9 to require public hearings before the renaming of existing roads by Mayor and Council.

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Phil Boyum
SECONDER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Barr
NAYS:	

At 10:58 am Councilmember John Riggs rejoined the meeting.

No one spoke for or against the proposed revision.

A motion was made to close the public hearing

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

A motion was made to approve the first reading of **Ordinance 2020-10** an ordinance amending the renaming of roads within the City amending the amount of days for a notice from 30 days to 45 days and the public hearing days changed from two weeks to 30 days prior to final consideration.

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

9. Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance 2020-11: An Ordinance amending Chapter 6 section 17(d) to allow the City Manager or designee to review and approve applications for open container exemptions.

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

City Attorney Cain Smith reviewed with Mayor and Council the amendment to this portion of Chapter 6 as it pertains to open container exemptions. The amendment would allow for the City Manager or his designee to review and approve applications for open container exemptions rather than each application needing approval by City Council.

No one spoke for or against the ordinance.

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
NAYS:	

Councilmember John Riggs stated he would like these applications to come before council every time.

A motion was made to approve first reading of **Ordinance 2020-11**: An Ordinance amending Chapter 6 section 17(d) to allow the City Manager or designee to review and approve applications for open container exemptions.

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

10. Consideration of a Motion to approve the Portfolio V Supplemental Contract and First Amendment to amend the Gas Supply Contract between the City of Statesboro and the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia.

A motion was made to approve the Portfolio V Supplemental Contract and First Amendment to amend the Gas Supply Contract between the City of Statesboro and the Municipal Gas Authority of Georgia.

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

11. Consideration of a Motion to award a contract to Resource + Land Consultants to provide environmental consulting services for the 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project. Funding is provided by Community Development Block Grant and 2013 SPLOST.

A motion was made to award a contract to Resource + Land Consultants to provide environmental consulting services for the 2019 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project.

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

12. Other Business from City Council

Councilmember John Riggs stated he would like to hear from Police Chief Mike Broadhead about the recent activity that has been going on in our community.

Councilmember Shari Barr asked for verification that a public hearing would be held when we have the second reading of the Non-Discrimination ordinance.

Councilmember Paulette Chavers inquired about where we are with the CARES Act funding. City Manager Charles Penny stated we are still waiting to hear from the state. No announcement about this funding has been made as of today.

13. City Managers Comments

City Manager Charles Penny stated a community clean-up is scheduled for October 24th from 9 am – 1 pm.

Mr. Penny reminded everyone the ceremony for the renaming of Lester Road to Coach Lee Hill Boulevard will be held at Statesboro High School this Saturday October 10th at 10:00 am.

Mr. Penny informed Mayor and Council he had spoken with Dr. John Gerguis letting him know we would not be contracting with him for COVID testing, but expressed his gratitude for his willingness to serve the city. The city currently has a contract with East Georgia Heath Care for this testing.

14. Public Comments (General)

A) Annie Bellinger

Annie Bellinger stated she feels she is being attacked by code enforcement when they come out to her property on Johnson Street. She says it is unfair as all the property along that street are in need of repairs.

B) William Headley

William Headley made comments of his concerns of the shortage of products and food in our area.

Councilmember Shari Barr stated she would like to hear from the local service providers regarding the number of people looking for service and how people are doing in general.

Councilmember Shari Barr announced there are three different plans she is aware of for trick or treat on October 31st. The Rec. department is doing a drive thru that morning at Mill Creek, the YMCA is having a type of drive thru event from 3-4, and the sheriff’s office will be doing something fair grounds from 4-6. For more information, you can look on “Squashing the Spread” Facebook page.

15. 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)

At 11:37 am a motion was made to enter into executive session.

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

At 12:22 pm a motion was made to exit executive session.

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

Mayor Jonathan McCollar called the regular meeting back to order with no action taken in executive session.

16. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to

RESULT:

Approved (Unanimous)

MOVER:

Councilmember John Riggs

SECONDER:

Councilmember Venus Mack

AYES:

Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr

NAYS:

The meeting was adjourned at 12:23 pm