



**CITY OF STATESBORO
Council Minutes
October 17, 2017**

A regular meeting of the Statesboro City Council was held on October 17, 2017 at 5:30p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Present were Mayor Jan J. Moore, Council Members: Phil Boyum, Sam Lee Jones, Jeff Yawn and Travis Chance. Also present were City Manager Randy Wetmore, Deputy City Manager Robert Cheshire, City Clerk Sue Starling and City Attorney Cain Smith. Councilman John Riggs was absent.

The Meeting was called to Order by Mayor Jan J. Moore

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilman Travis Chance

Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

Mayor Moore presented a proclamation to Kim Billings of Safe Haven to recognize “Domestic Violence Awareness Month”.

Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

a) 10-03-2017 Council Minutes

B) Consideration of a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-36: A Resolution authorizing the destruction of certain municipal records that have met their retention.

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

Consideration of a Motion for Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) regarding participation of Bulloch County and payment of a portion of its tax increment to City of Statesboro TAD #1: Downtown TAD.

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) regarding participation of Bulloch County and payment of a portion of its tax increment to City of Statesboro TAD #1: Downtown TAD. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION # RZ 17-10-01: Paul D. Walsh requests a zoning map amendment for .7 acres of property located at Lanier Drive from R4 (High Density Residential District) to CR (Commercial Retail) zoning district to construct a mixed-use retail center (Tax Parcel # MS63 000010 000).

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

Sam Dipolito, representing the applicant, spoke in favor of the request.

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

Councilman Chance made a motion with staff recommendations, seconded by Councilman Boyum to approve APPLICATION # RZ 17-10-01: Paul D. Walsh requests a zoning map amendment for .7 acres of property located at Lanier Drive from R4 (High Density Residential District) to CR (Commercial Retail) zoning district to construct a mixed-use retail center (Tax Parcel # MS63 000010 000). Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION # RZ 17-09-02: Robert Byrd requests a zoning map amendment for .14 acres of property located at 204 Roundtree Street from R6 (Single-Family Residential) to CR (Commercial Retail) zoning district to construct a parking lot, farmer's market and community area (Tax Parcel # S09 000068 000).

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

Robert Byrd spoke in favor of the request.

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

Councilman Jones made a motion with staff recommendations, seconded by Councilman Boyum to Approve: APPLICATION # RZ 17-09-02: Robert Byrd requests a zoning map amendment for .14 acres of property located at 204 Roundtree Street from R6 (Single-Family Residential) to CR (Commercial Retail) zoning district to construct a parking lot, farmer's market and community area (Tax Parcel # S09 000068 000). Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION # V 17-10-02: Whitfield Signs requests a variance from Article XV Section 1509(C) Table 3 of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance for 8.24 acres of property located at 409 Clairborne Avenue regarding the maximum allowed for freestanding and building signs in Sign District 1 (Tax Parcel # S53 000001 000).

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

Josh Whitfield of Whitfield Signs, on behalf of the applicant and YMCA, spoke in favor of the request.

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

Councilman Chacne made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to Approve: APPLICATION # V 17-10-02: Whitfield Signs requests a variance from Article XV Section 1509(C) Table 3 of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance for 8.24 acres of property located at 409 Clairborne Avenue regarding the maximum allowed for freestanding and building signs in Sign District 1 (Tax Parcel # S53 000001 000). Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2017-35: A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of Statesboro to adopt the bylaws and letter of support for the Keep Statesboro-Bulloch Beautiful Commission (KSBBC).

Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to approve Resolution 2017-35: A Resolution of the Mayor and City Council of Statesboro to adopt the bylaws and letter of support for the Keep Statesboro-Bulloch Beautiful Commission (KSBBC). Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Mayor Moore thanked State Legislator Jan Tankersley for helping to get this project started up again with a previous grant.

Consideration of a motion to reject all bids for the "South College Street Headwall Construction" Project

Councilman Jones made a motion, seconded by Councilman Boyum to reject all bids for the "South College Street Headwall Construction" Project. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Discussion of TSPLOST and authorize the City Manager and staff to continue the preliminary negotiations regarding the City's participation.

After discussion, Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to authorize the City Manager and staff to continue the preliminary negotiations regarding the City's participation. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Other Business from City Council: None

City Managers Comments

City Manager Randy Wetmore updated Council on projects that were completed or on-going in various departments. The list included:

1. A report for the 1 percent millage rate increase for police salaries would be brought to Council in November. The raises would include a portion of the increase and would take effect on January 1, 2018.
2. The Right Start meetings are going well.
3. We have completed the customer service class.
4. The Police Department has the new website up and running
5. Customer Service is now part of the newly hired training orientation
6. Public Works is working on a facebook page and twitter
7. Planning and Zoning is cross training employees
8. Reviewing ordinances for updates
9. Implemented auto read meters
10. City Hall porch will be completed by November
11. Looking at a utility payment drop box off site
12. Utility applications on line
13. New City Hall hours to pay utility bills

Public Comments (General):

A citizen complimented Mayor and Council on how the meeting was conducted and that everything was nice.

Consideration of a Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss "Real Estate" and "Potential Litigation" in accordance with O.C.G.A.§50-14-3 (2012)

At 6:27 pm, Councilman Boyum made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to enter into Executive Session to discuss "Real Estate" and "Potential Litigation" in accordance with **O.C.G.A.§50-14-3 (2012)**. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

At 7:03 pm. Councilman Chance made a motion seconded by Councilman Jones to exit Executive Session. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

Councilman Chance made a motion, seconded by Councilman Yawn to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Boyum, Jones, Yawn and Chance voted in favor of the motion. The motion carried by a 4-0 vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm.