



CITY OF STATESBORO
COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 18, 2022

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 Paulette Chavers gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jonathan McCollar	Mayor	Present	
Phil Boyum	Councilmember	Present	
Paulette Chavers	Councilmember	Present	
Venus Mack	Councilmember	Present	
John Riggs	Councilmember	Present	
Shari Barr	Mayor Pro Tem	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. Recognitions/Public Presentations:

A) Presentation of a Key to the City to First Baptist Church of Statesboro for 140 years of ministry in our community.

Mayor Jonathan McCollar presented a key to the City to the First Baptist Church of Statesboro recognizing them for their 140 years of ministry.

B) Presentation of an award to retiring Water and Sewer Crew Leader, Jimmy Murray for his 21 years of service to the City of Statesboro.

Mayor Jonathan McCollar recognized Water and Sewer Crew Leader, Jimmy Murray for his 21 years of service to the City of Statesboro and presented him with a retirement award.

C) Presentation of a 3CMA Savvy Award to Public Information Officer Layne Phillips for the City's employee newsletter the 'Boro Bulletin.

Mayor Jonathan McCollar recognized Public Information Officer, Layne Phillips and presented the Savvy award she received from 3CMA for the 'Boro Bulletin.

D) Presentation of a Proclamation to Safe Haven recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Mayor Jonathan McCollar read and presented a Proclamation to Kim Billings with Safe Haven, recognizing October 2022 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

4. Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

5. Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

a) 10-04-2022 Council Minutes

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

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

6. Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve application for an alcohol license in accordance with the City of Statesboro alcohol ordinance Sec. 6-13 (a):

Family Dollar #20383

2538 Northside Dr W

Statesboro, Ga 30458

License Type: Package Sales – Beer and Wine Only

A Motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

No one spoke for or against the request.

A Motion was made to close the public hearing.

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

A Motion was made to approve the application for an alcohol license in accordance with the City of Statesboro alcohol ordinance Sec. 6-13 (a) to Family Dollar #20383 located at 2538 Northside Dr. W Statesboro, Ga 30458 License Type: Package Sales – Beer and Wine Only.

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

7. Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve Application RZ 22-09-02: Jarret Walden requests a Zoning Map Amendment from the R-15 (Single-Family Residential) zoning district to the O (Office) zoning district to expand the existing dental office on 0.24 acres of property located at 703 East Grady Street.

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

Jerret Walden spoke in favor of the request.

No one spoke against the request.

A Motion was made to close the public hearing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

A Motion was made to approve **Application RZ 22-09-02**: a Zoning Map Amendment from the R-15 (Single-Family Residential) zoning district to the O (Office) zoning district to expand the existing dental office on 0.24 acres of property located at 703 East Grady Street.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

8. Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve:

- A) **Application AN 22-09-03**: The Parker Companies request Annexation of the three properties totaling 3.8 acres in order to construct a Parker’s Kitchen located on the intersection of Burhalter and Highway 67, commonly known as 17241 GA Highway 67.
- B) **Application RZ 22-09-04**: The Parker Companies requests a Zoning Map Amendment from the R-40 (Single-Family Residential) zoning district to the HOC (Highway Oriented Commercial) zoning district in order to construct a Parker’s Kitchen located on the 3.8 acres of property at the intersection of Burkhalter and Highway 67, commonly known as 17241 GA Highway 67.

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
SECONDER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

Brian Clouser a representative for Parker Companies spoke in favor of both requests. No one spoke against the requests.

A Motion was made to close the public hearing.

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

Councilmember Phil Boyum asked what kind of impact from a traffic standpoint going to be on this intersection. The city currently has one corner of this intersection with this annexation we will be on the other side of the road as well so what responsibility would the City have for improvements of this intersection?

Mr. Penny stated that before any project could be done the developers will have to conduct a traffic impact analysis. So any improvements that need to be made should be part of their development costs. Mr. Penny also stated that we are behind as in road improvements and infrastructure and it's something that we need to be in serious consultation and conversation with the county.

A Motion was made to approve application **AN 22-09-03**: Annexation of the three properties totaling 3.8 acres in order to construct a Parker's Kitchen located on the intersection of Burhalter and Highway 67, commonly known as 17241 GA Highway 67.

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

A Motion was made to approve application **RZ 22-09-04**: a Zoning Map Amendment from the R-40 (Single-Family Residential) zoning district to the HOC (Highway Oriented Commercial) zoning district in order to construct a Parker's Kitchen located on the 3.8 acres of property at the intersection of Burkhalter and Highway 67, commonly known as 17241 GA Highway 67.

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

9. Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2022-06: An Ordinance amending Article XXV-A of the City Code of Ordinances Section 2506-A revising amount of amenity space required and the types of outdoor areas that qualify as such.

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
SECONDER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

No one spoke for or against the request.

A Motion was made to close the public hearing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
SECONDER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

A Motion was made to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2022-06: An Ordinance amending Article XXV-A of the City Code of Ordinances Section 2506-A revising amount of amenity space required and the types of outdoor areas that qualify as such.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
SECONDER:	Councilmember John Riggs
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

10. Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2022-07: An Ordinance amending Article XIV of Appendix A of City Code of Ordinances adding requirement of mixed use concurrency in Planned Unit Developments (PUD’s).

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

No one spoke for or against the request.

A Motion was made to close the public hearing.

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

A Motion was made to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2022-07: An Ordinance amending Article XIV of Appendix A of City Code of Ordinances adding requirement of mixed use concurrency in Planned Unit Developments (PUD’s).

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

11. Other Business from City Council: None

12. City Managers Comments

City Manager Charles Penny stated that Mary Charles Howard with the Hi-Lo Trail Organization is requesting funding from the City in the amount of \$3250.00 for the development of a master plan for the trail. The trail will be a connective trail from Athens to Savannah and is routed through eight counties. Ms. Charles is soliciting \$15,000 from each county along the route to help create the master plan. So far in Bulloch County she has received commitments of \$7500 from Morris Bank for the Bulloch County Board of Commissioners, \$1650 from the Development Authority of Bulloch County and \$1650 from the Statesboro Convention and Visitors Bureau, she is seeking the remaining \$3250 from the City of Statesboro. Mr. Penny stated that the city does not have this money set aside and will need a vote of approval in order to participate.

Councilmember Phil Boyum stated he would like to know how many cities along the route have donated. This item will be placed on the next council agenda for consideration.

Benji from the Bulloch County Development Authority sent out an email about the Hyundai community celebration next Tuesday. If you haven't RSVP'd and would like to attend let us know and we can assist you in that.

City Manager Charles Penny stated that at the last work session there was a safety audit presentation for Fair Road and Northside Drive. GDOT is looking for some concurrent from the city and if we don't respond to GDOT with authorization they will move on and we will miss out on the project improvements. We are asking for approval to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter saying that we concur with the improvements and that we will include funding in our CIP to take care of that right turn lane for both projects.

A motion was made to authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of approval of the GDOT road audits for Fair Road and Northside Drive and to add funding in the CIP for a right turn lane on both projects.

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

Mr. Penny announced that a joint work session with the Bulloch County Commissioners will take place on November 29, 2022 at 3:30 pm. The work session is to discuss infrastructure.

13. Public Comments (General):

Blake Robinson from Civic Engagement stated they are trying to become more of a voter friendly campus through the voter-friendly campus initiative. As well as invited Mayor and Council to come join in watching the debate on October 30th from 6 pm – 9pm in the Russell Union Building on campus and to attend an election night watch party in the IT building on campus November 8th from 6pm – 9pm.

Councilmember Venus Mack encouraged all students to get out and vote.

14. 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).

No Executive session was held.

15. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:38 pm

Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

Leah Harden, City Clerk