



CITY OF STATESBORO  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
OCTOBER 19, 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 Venus Mack 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	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. Recognitions/Public Presentations**

**A) Presentation of an award to retiring Lieutenant Tony Gore for his 26 years of service to the City of Statesboro.**

Mayor Jonathan McCollar stated that Lieutenant Tony Gore was unable to be here today however Deputy Police Chief Rob Bryan is here to receive the award in his place.

**B) Presentation of a Proclamation to Safe Haven for Domestic Violence awareness month.**

Mayor McCollar read and presented a Proclamation to Safe Haven proclaiming October 2021 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) 10-05-2021 Council Minutes**

**B) Consideration of a motion for approval of surplus and disposition of vehicles and equipment in the Public Utilities Department.**

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

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

- 6. Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve an application for an alcohol license in accordance with the City of Statesboro Alcohol Ordinance Sec. 6-13(a):  
Dolan's Bar-B-Que  
239 S Main Street  
Statesboro, Ga 30458  
Owner: Mary Beth Brown & Jacquelyn Brown Oglesby**

A Motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

No one spoke for or against the request.

A Motion was made to close the public hearing.

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

A Motion was made to approve an application for an alcohol license for Dolan’s Bar-B-Que located at 239 S Main Street.

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

**7. Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve a distance waiver in accordance with the City of Statesboro Code of Ordinance Chapter 6-5(o) and approve an application for an alcohol license in accordance with the City of Statesboro Alcohol Ordinance Chapter 6-13(a):**

**Vino 1910  
22 W Main Street  
Statesboro, Ga 30458  
Owner: David Michael Blackmon**

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

David Blackmon spoke in favor of the request. No one spoke against the request.

A Motion was made to close the public hearing.

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

A Motion was made to approve the distance waiver and the application for an alcohol license to Vino 1910 located at 22 W Main Street.

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

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

- a. **Application V 21-09-01:** Bob Isaacson requests a variance from Article XV Section 1509 (Table 5) of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance in order to place a wall sign exceeding the maximum square footage for wall signs on a property located at 807 South Main Street.
- b. **Application V 21-09-02:** Bob Isaacson requests a variance from Article XV Section 1509 (Table 5) of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance in order to place a signage exceeding the aggregate square footage of all signs on a property at 807 South Main Street.

The applicant withdrew Application V 21-09-01 and Application V 21-09-02.

**9. Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve Application V 21-09-03:** David Hoyle request a Variance from Article XV Section 1609 (Table 6) of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance in order to place a wall sign above the 12 feet on a property located at 19 South Main Street.

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

No one spoke for or against the request.

A Motion was made to close the public hearing.

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

A Motion was made to approve Application V 21-09-03.

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

**10. Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve Application V 21-09-05: Mohamed Alshuaibi requests a variance from Article XV Section 1509 (Table 4) of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance in order to place a freestanding sign in front of an existing building located at 1825 Northside Drive East.**

The applicant withdrew Application V 21-09-05.

**11. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2021-38: A Resolution authorizing the Statesboro Police Department to apply for a grant through the State of Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC).**

A motion was made to approve **Resolution 2021-38** authorizing the Statesboro Police Department to apply for a grant through the State of Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC).

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

**12. Consideration of a motion to approve the award of a Department owned firearm to retiring Lieutenant Tony Gore.**

A motion was made to approve the award of a Department owned firearm to retiring Lieutenant Tony Gore.

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

**13. Consideration of a motion to authorize the mayor to execute a contract with Quality Tire Recycling, LLC for renewal of a used tire disposal contract.**

A motion was made to authorize the mayor to execute a contract with Quality Tire Recycling, LLC for renewal of a used tire disposal contract.

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

**14. Consideration of award of contract to Solid Waste Applied Technology (SWAT) for the purchase of a Front Load New Way Refuse Truck per Sourcewell contract in the amount of \$346,209.43. This item will be purchased with Solid Waste Collection revenue funds.**

A motion was made to award of contract to Solid Waste Applied Technology (SWAT) for the purchase of a Front Load New Way Refuse Truck per Sourcewell contract in the amount of \$346,209.43.

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

**15. Consideration of a motion to approve the purchase of nine PLC’s with control panels, hardware and installation from Revere Control Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$85,300.00 with funds approved in the 2022 CIP Budget item #WTP-9-R.**

A motion was made to approve the purchase of nine PLC’s with control panels, hardware and installation from Revere Control Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$85,300.00 with funds approved in the 2022 CIP Budget item #WTP-9-R.

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

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

Councilmember Shari Barr encourages everyone to exercise his or her right to vote this November 2, 2021. In addition, a vaccine clinic will be held at City Hall this Saturday October 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.

**17. City Managers Comments**

City Manager Charles Penny stated that on November 10, 2021, as there will be an industrial announcement, which is good news for Statesboro and Bulloch County.

Mr. Penny stated a meeting is scheduled for Monday October 25, 2021 at 6:30 pm for the Downtown Master Plan the meeting will take place at the First United Methodist Church on South Main Street.

We have had conversations about a Community Garden and I have tasked the assistant City Manager Jason Boyles to talk with staff to identify property that can be used for a community garden and to put together a plan for implementation and to create a budget for annual operation.

Mr. Penny reported that 46% of the City’s workforce has reported that they have been vaccinated.

Mr. Penny reiterated what Councilmember Shari Barr announced about the vaccine clinic this Saturday October 23, 2021 8:30 am to 12:30 pm here at City Hall. This clinic is in conjunction with the “Scare on the Square” event. In addition we still have about 120 \$50 gift cards left for vaccination incentives.

We submitted a couple of letters of support for the Business Innovation Group for a project to bring technology to underserved areas. If the project is funded, there will be some monthly maintenance fees we will have to provide.

The City has conducted three public meetings regarding the ARPA funding and we plan to come back to you at the second meeting in November about moving forward with the recommendation that we had. In the meantime, there is opportunity for citizens to submit their comments about how we use those ARPA funds. There is a form on our website they can fill out and submit.

Mr. Penny commented that Mayor and Council should be proud of the \$4.5 million dollars that was spent on Luetta Moore Park and Grady Street Park. It’s exciting to see individuals playing basketball all day long.

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

**19. Consideration of a Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss “Potential Litigation” in accordance with O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(b).**

No Executive Session was held.

## 20. 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 6:01 pm.

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Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

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Leah Harden, City Clerk