



CITY OF STATESBORO
COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 01, 2022

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 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	Councilmember	Present	
Venus Mack	Councilmember	Present	
John Riggs	Councilmember	Absent	
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. Public Comments (Agenda Item):

4. Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

a) 10-18-2022 Work Session Minutes

b) 10-18-2022 Council Minutes

B) Consideration of a grant of license for the package sale of distilled spirits, beer, and wine to LA Boyz, LLC DBA Whiskey Business located at 1410 Northside Drive East.

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

RESULT:

Approved (Unanimous)

MOVER:

Councilmember Venus Mack

SECONDER:

Councilmember Paulette Chavers

AYES:

Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Barr

ABSENT

Councilmember John Riggs

5. Second reading and consideration of a motion to approve 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 approve Ordinance 2022-06 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 Venus Mack
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs

6. Second reading and consideration of a motion to approve Ordinance 2022-07: An Ordinance amending Article XIV or Appendix A of City Code of Ordinances adding requirement of mixed use concurrency in Planned Unit Development (PUD's).

A motion was made to approve Ordinance 2022-07 amending Article XIV or Appendix A of City Code of Ordinances adding requirement of mixed use concurrency in Planned Unit Development (PUD's).

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

7. Consideration of a motion to approve commitment of funding in the amount of \$3250.00 from the City of Statesboro to the Hi-Lo Trail Organization for the development of a master plan of a bicycle trail from Athens to Savannah.

A motion was made to approve commitment of funding in the amount of \$3250.00 from the City of Statesboro to the Hi-Lo Trail Organization for the development of a master plan of a bicycle trail from Athens to Savannah.

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

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

**Jay Food Mart
500 E Main Street
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:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs

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, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs

A motion was made to approve application for an alcohol license in accordance with the City of Statesboro Alcohol Ordinance Sec. 6-13 (a) to - Jay Food Mart located at 500 E Main Street, 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, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs

**9. Public hearing and consideration of a motion to approve first reading of Ordinance 2022-08:
An Ordinance establishing the Statesboro Business Commission.**

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, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs

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:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs

There was council discussion about giving the Statesboro Chamber of Commerce an opportunity to appoint someone from the chamber as a member of the commission.

A motion was made to approve first reading of Ordinance 2022-08 establishing the Statesboro Business Commission and to include wording in Section 285 that the Statesboro Chamber of Commerce shall have the option to appoint a member for a two year term and if an appointment is not made by the Chamber then Mayor and Council would appoint that member.

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

10. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2022-38: A Resolution authorizing the destruction of certain Municipal Records.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2022-38 authorizing the destruction of certain Municipal Records.

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

11. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2022-39: A Resolution approving an application for the Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget Improving Neighborhood Outcomes in Disproportionately Impacted Communities Funding Grant Application.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2022-39 approving an application for the Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget Improving Neighborhood Outcomes in Disproportionately Impacted Communities Funding Grant Application.

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

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

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

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

13. Consideration of a motion to approve a contract with 120Water in the amount of \$32,882.00 to provide lead and copper water sampling services.

A motion was made to approve a contract with 120Water in the amount of \$32,882.00 to provide lead and copper water sampling services.

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

14. Other Business from City Council:

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr reminded everyone to get out and vote next Tuesday November 8th. She also thanked local organizations and local churches for providing places for children to celebrate Halloween.

Councilmember Venus Mack asked for more clarification as to why the bathrooms at the local parks are locked and asked what we can do to make sure this doesn't keep happening.

City Manager Charles Penny stated that the bathrooms have been vandalized more than three times since the restoration of the parks and when that happens it takes time to restore them to working use.

15. City Managers Comments

City Manager Charles Penny introduced the Assistant to the City Manager Olympia Gaines. He also shared that the city is submitting an application to the Department of Community Affairs for the Aspen Aerogels for a grant and that we are in the right position to receive \$750,000 to begin construction. Mr. Penny announced that a joint meeting with the Bulloch County Commissioners has been set for November 29th at 2:30 pm to talk about infrastructure. The location has not been set and will be announced at a later time.

16. Public Comments (General):

Wayne Alexander asked where we are on the zoning changes for tiny homes and where are we on the situation of the homeless?

Councilmember Phil Boyum stated that the city is currently working on revising the entire zoning code and tiny homes is certainly something that can be addressed.

Mayor Jonathan McCollar stated about five years ago the poverty rate was at 50%, currently we are at about 42%, so we are seeing it go down but this is a long term fight and takes time. With the growth that is coming to our area we need to find more strategic ways to address homelessness.

Councilmember Paulette Chavers stated that this is the second meeting in a row that someone has brought up homelessness and we need to be taking steps now to get ahead of the game. In addition the need to address homelessness is something I've been echoing since I got on council.

Mayor Jonathan McCollar spoke on his thoughts regarding the violence problems in our county and his concern about the normalization of bad behavior. We have got to do better we are in this community together and we can do better.

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

At 9:52 am a motion was made to enter into executive session.

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

At 10:18 am a motion was made to exit executive session.

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

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

18. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 am.

Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

Leah Harden, City Clerk