



**November 03, 2020 9:00 am**

1. Call to Order by Mayor Jonathan McCollar
2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance by Councilmember Shari Barr
3. Public Comments (Agenda Item):
4. Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda
  - A) Approval of Minutes
    - a) 10-20-2020 Council Minutes
    - b) 10-20-2020 Executive Session Minutes
5. Public Hearing and First Reading of **Ordinance 2020-09**: An Ordinance amending Chapter 2 Article II Division 3 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances regarding the Commission on Diversity and Inclusion. Amendments would rename the Commission to One Boro Commission, increase membership to 12, and grant scope of authority relating to workforce development and violence prevention, as well as referencing duties created pursuant to adopted Chapter 80.
6. Presentation by Police Chief Mike Broadhead to discuss the rise of violent crime in the City of Statesboro.
7. Open Discussion on the need to hire additional police officers.
8. Discussion of the Open Container Ordinance adopted on June 16, 2020 and its impact.
9. Other Business from City Council
10. City Managers Comments
11. Public Comments (General)
  - A) Jeff Webster to speak regarding the Non-Discrimination ordinance.
12. 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)
13. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn



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CITY OF STATESBORO  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
OCTOBER 20, 2020

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Mayor & Council Work Session

50 East Main Street

3:30 PM

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A Work Session of the Statesboro City Council was held on October 20, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. in City Hall Council Chambers, 50 East Main Street. Present was Mayor Jonathan McCollar; Council Members: Phil Boyum, Paulette Chavers, John Riggs and Shari Barr. Also present was City Clerk Leah Harden, City Attorney Cain Smith, City Manager Charles Penny, Assistant City Manager Jason Boyles and Public Information Officer Layne Phillips. Absent was Councilmember Venus Mack.

Mayor Jonathan McCollar called the meeting to order.

**1. First Quarter Financial Report**

Director of Finance Cindy West presented the first quarter financial report, which included revenues and expenditures in the General Fund and compared SPLOST funds from 2019 to 2020. These funds are trending more than 2019. Hotel/Motel tax had decline earlier this year but is starting to rebound

Councilmember John Riggs joined the meeting.

**2. Food Truck Ordinance**

City Attorney Cain Smith presented the need for a food truck ordinance, as this is a growing business however, the city does not have any regulations or licensing for food truck vendors.

Fire Chief Tim Grams addressed the fire code regulations for food truck vendors. The National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) does address mobile/temporary cooking i.e. food trucks. The state has not adopted it as part of their fire code, which creates the need for local jurisdictions to adopt local regulations for these types of businesses. The proposed ordinance is based on similar ordinances from other municipalities and is in line with NFPA standards.

Councilmember John Riggs stated the ordinance needs to include wording prohibiting food trucks from parking in front of a restaurant.

**3. Health Insurance Recommendations**

Director of Human Resources Demetrius Bynes presented recommendations for employee health insurance. He reviewed the annual medical/rx claims for the past four years. Claims were trending upward in 2018 however due to a change in coverage 2019 came in lower. This year we are proposing two different health insurance plans for employees to choose from based on their needs. We will also be changing our prescription drug carve-out to CVS this change will save the city over half a million dollars in prescription drugs. The other items to be considered are amending the spousal coverage restrictions, amending the new hire waiting period and amending retiree coverage at it relates to eligibility.

**4. International Property Maintenance Code**

Director of Planning and Development Kathy Fields presented a comparison of the City's nuisance code to the proposed International Property Maintenance code. The City's existing Chapter 38, Article II (Nuisances) does not provide significant detail on which to base property code violations. The lack of specificity limits the

degree to which a case can be made to the court nor does it give adequate guidance to the violator for remediation. It is proposed to utilize the International Property Maintenance Code which provides greater specificity and will be less subjective than our current "Nuisance" code. This code has been accepted by the Department of Community Affairs and is used by other cities in the state. Our recommendation is to have this for consideration at the first council meeting in February 2021. Holding off until that time will allow for public outreach through public information meetings, press releases, website notifications, social media posts, educational videos and utility bill notifications. We will come back to January work session to update you on the educational progress.

### **5. Alcohol Licensing**

City Attorney Cain Smith stated the state enacted House Bill 879. The bill established a statewide application-processing portal, allows Sunday package sales to begin at 11:00 am, allows for the delivery of alcoholic beverages, and amended certain proximity requirements. The two considerations to be addressed by Mayor and Council are to amend our ordinance to allow Sunday package sales to commence at 11:00 am; it currently is set at 12:30 pm. The second consideration is Council may enact an ordinance or resolution barring alcohol delivery. No action would be necessary to allow for delivery under state law.

After some discussion, direction was given to present at the November 17<sup>th</sup> work session an amendment to the ordinance to allow for Sunday package sales to begin at 11:00 am and to allow for delivery of alcoholic beverages.

### **6. One Boro Proposals**

City Attorney Cain Smith explained the drafted ordinance revision. The revision includes the renaming of the Commission on Diversity and Inclusion to the One Boro Commission, One Boro would be responsible for convening meetings with shareholders to discuss anti-violence initiatives and report findings of such meetings to Mayor and Council. Under the proposed Chapter 80 Equity provision, One Boro would be responsible for monitoring the City's campaign for equity and giving input on diversity training for City employees. The proposal also includes dissolving the Statesboro Works Commission and transfer their scope of authority to One Boro.

After discussion, directions was given to move forward with the revisions to include an increase of membership to twelve.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:19 pm.



CITY OF STATESBORO  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
October 20, 2020

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**

Councilman John Riggs called on Reverend Sam Jones to give the Invocation and Councilmember John Riggs led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ATTENDENCE**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jonathan McCollar	Mayor	Present	
Phil Boyum	Councilmember	Present	
Paulette Chavers	Councilmember	Present	
Venus Mack	Councilmember	Via Zoom	
John Riggs	Councilmember	Present	
Shari Barr	Councilmember	Present	

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

3. **Recognitions/Public Presentations:**

**A) Recognition of Representative Jan Tankersley as a Champion of Georgia's Cities**

Mayor Jonathan McCollar recognized Representative Jan Tankersley as a GMA Champion of Georgia Cities. Representative Jan Tankersley was not able to attend the meeting to receive the award in person.

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

Mayor Jonathan McCollar read and presented a proclamation to Lisa Brannen with Safe Haven for the month of October being 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) **10-06-2020 Council Minutes**

b) **10-06-2020 Executive Session Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

**RESULT:**

Approved (Unanimous)

**MOVER:**

Councilmember John Riggs

<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
<b>NAYS:</b>	

6. **Public Hearing, Second reading and Consideration of a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-07: An ordinance creating Chapter 80: Non Discrimination and Equity. Chapter 80 consists of three articles: Non-Discrimination, Non Discrimination in Purchasing and Contracting, and Equity Provision.**

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

The following individuals spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance Nathan Palmer, Greg Brock, Diana Botnaru, Nancy Malcom, Jessica Orvis, Marcus Toole, Katherine Finch, Joe Rocheleau, Holly Freeman, Ann Henderson, Jacek Lubecki and Ted Brimeyer.

Sophie Bunce, spoke in opposition of the proposed ordinance.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

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

A motion was made to approve Ordinance 2020-07 to include wording in section II that this section will be revisited every four years starting June 2025.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved 4-1
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Phil Boyum
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember John Riggs
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Barr
<b>NAYS:</b>	Councilmember John Riggs

**7. Second reading and Consideration of a Motion to approve Ordinance 2020-10: An ordinance revising Chapter 58-9 to require public hearings to be held before renaming of existing roads by Mayor and Council.**

A motion was made to approve **Ordinance 2020-10**.

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

**8. Second reading and Consideration of a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-11: an ordinance revising Chapter 6-17(d) to allow City Manager or designee to review and approve applications for open container applications.**

A motion was made to approve **Ordinance 2020-11**.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved 4-1
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Venus Mack
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
<b>NAYS:</b>	Councilmember John Riggs

**9. Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION CUV 20-09-01: James Melton requests a Conditional Use Variance from Article VIII of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance for 0.17 acres of property located at 22 Bulloch Street to utilize a shipping container for additional storage and refrigeration facilities for a catering business in the CBD (Central Business) zoning district (Tax Parcel S19 000060 000).**

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

A motion was made to approve **Application CUV 2020-09-01**: a Conditional Use Variance from Article VIII of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance for 0.17 acres of property located at 22 Bulloch Street to utilize a shipping container for additional storage and refrigeration facilities for a catering business in the CBD (Central Business) zoning district (Tax Parcel S19 000060 000).

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

**10. Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve Application SE 20-09-02: Joseph Kropp request a Special Exception from Article V of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance for 0.52 acres of property located at 108 South Zetterower Avenue to utilize the entire structure as a mental health practice in the R15 (Single-Family Residential) zoning district (Tax Parcel S40 000006 000).**

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

Joseph Kropp 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>	Councilmember Shari Barr
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember John Riggs
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
<b>NAYS:</b>	

A motion was made to approve **Application SE 2020-09-02**: a Special Exception from Article V of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance for 0.52 acres of property located at 108 South Zetterower Avenue to utilize the entire structure as a mental health practice in the R15 (Single-Family Residential) zoning district (Tax Parcel S40 000006 000).

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

- 11. **Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to approve: Application RZ 20-09-04: Jerry Jennings request a Zoning Map Amendment for 13 acres of property located on Highway 301 North (aka East Parrish Street) to construct two 56,000 square foot warehouse buildings for commercial use on property currently in the HOC (Highway Oriented Commercial) and R-4 (High-Density Residential) zoning districts (Tax Parcel S47 000025 000).**

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

Jeremy Hart and Steve Rushing 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>	Councilmember Shari Barr
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
<b>NAYS:</b>	

A motion was made to approve **Application RZ 2020-09-04**: a Zoning Map Amendment for 13 acres of property located on Highway 301 North (aka East Parrish Street) to construct two 56,000 square foot warehouse buildings for commercial use on property currently in the HOC (Highway Oriented Commercial) and R-4 (High-Density Residential) zoning districts (Tax Parcel S47 000025 000).

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

**12. Consideration of a Motion to approve the purchase of six new patrol cars including “upfitting” with required equipment.**

A motion was made to approve the purchase of six new patrol cars including “upfitting” with required equipment.

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

**13. Consideration of a Motion to reject all bids for the West Main Street Drainage Improvements project.**

A motion was made to reject all bids for the West Main Street drainage improvements project.

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

NAYS:

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**14. Consideration of a Motion to award the East Main Street and Packinghouse Road Sidewalk Improvements contract to McLendon Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$1,701,253.50. The project will be paid from 2018 TSPLOST funds.**

A motion was made to award the East Main Street and Packinghouse Road sidewalk improvements contract to McLendon Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$1,701,253.50.

RESULT:

Approved (Unanimous)
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MOVER:

Councilmember Phil Boyum
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SECONDER:

Councilmember Paulette Chavers
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AYES:

Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
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NAYS:

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**15. Consideration of a Motion to award the Akins Boulevard construction contract to Mill Creek Construction in the amount of \$1,398,401.27.**

A motion was made to award the Akins Boulevard construction contract to Mill Creek Construction in the amount of \$1,398,401.27.

RESULT:

Approved (Unanimous)
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MOVER:

Councilmember John Riggs
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SECONDER:

Councilmember Phil Boyum
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AYES:

Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
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NAYS:

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**16. Other Business from City Council**

Police Chief Mike Broadhead presented crime statistics spanning over the past ten years. The statistics included violent crime, property crime, and burglary. Currently in 2020, robbery is down forty percent over 2019 and aggravated assault is down twenty-two percent so far this year. Due to COVID and lockdown, we had a span of two months with very little crime. Calls for service stayed up but serious crime really dropped. Chief Broadhead showed a graph of violent crime by rate based on a hundred thousand population of cities in the Sunbelt Conference to see how we are doing. We are second lowest on the chart. Property crime rates compared to the same cities we fall in at third to the lowest. Chief Broadhead explained his philosophy on policing, quoting Sir Robert Peel “The police are the public and the public are the police; the police being only members of the public who are paid to give full time attention to duties which are incumbent on every citizen in the interest of community welfare and existence.” Chief Broadhead continued stating the Bill of Rights was designed to protect the citizens from an overreaching, oppressive government, the police, as the visible representation of the government, always needs to be cognizant that the Constitution protects the people from the police, and it is our responsibility to always ensure that we are following Constitutional principles as we provide the policing service to our community. The police in our communities are in the best position to protect the people’s rights.

Lastly the Statesboro Police Department’s credo, Duty, Honor, and Community. These are not just words we put on the wall and business cards, this is a philosophy of how we conduct business.

City Manager Charles Penny presented information from United Way and DFCS regarding the increase of community assistance. We have been talking in the past about using some of the CARES Act funding from the state to help the community. We did receive the first draw of funding however; the second draw is not available. Mr. Penny recommended taking \$250,000.00 from the first draw to create COVID-19 relief assistance. The distribution of funds would be \$75,000.00 for utility assistance, \$75,000.00 for mortgage/rent assistance and \$75,000.00 for small business assistance and \$25,000.00 for administrative support. Mr. Penny presented a proposed resolution that would start the assistance process with local assistance programs providers such as United Way and Action Pac to process applications for assistance.

After some discussion, there was a consensus to move the funds set aside for administrative support to mortgage/rental assistance. The funds are now as follows, \$100,000.00 for mortgage/rental assistance, \$75,000.00 for utility assistance, and \$75,000.00 for small business assistance.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2020-30: A resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute documents with third party administrators to execute city funded COVID-19 relief.

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

**17. City Managers Comments**

City Manager Charles Penny reminded everyone about the Great American Clean-up this Saturday.

**18. Public Comments (General)**

Ann Gleason introduced herself and stated she is running for state representative district 158.

**19. 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 8:02 pm a motion was made to enter into executive session.

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

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

At 8:10 pm a motion was made to exit executive session.

<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>	

**20. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn**

A motion was made to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm

# CITY OF STATESBORO

## COUNCIL

Phillip A. Boyum  
Paulette Chavers  
Venus Mack  
John C. Riggs  
Shari Barr



Jonathan McCollar, Mayor  
Charles Penny, City Manager  
Leah Harden, City Clerk  
Cain Smith, City Attorney

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**To:** Charles Penny, City Manager and Leah Harden, City Clerk

**From:** Cain Smith, City Attorney

**Date:** October 27, 2020

**RE:** November 3, 2020 City Council Agenda Items

**Policy Issue:** *First reading of proposed amendment to the Statesboro Code of Ordinances Chapter 2 Article II Division 3 revising sections regarding the Commission on Diversity and Inclusion. Amendments would rename the Commission to One Boro Commission, increase membership to 12, and grant scope of authority relating to workforce development and violence prevention, as well as referencing duties created pursuant to adopted Chapter 80. Upon passage of these amendments the Works Commission, which currently has scope of authority relating to workplace development, would cease to exist and all Code sections relating to it will need to be repealed as well.*

**Recommendation:** N/A

**Background:** Mayor and Council voted to direct drafting of ordinance revision for First Reading at the October 20 2020 work session. This revision is necessary to reflect duties referenced in adopted Chapter 80 and streamline actions of Chapter 2 Commissions.

**Budget Impact:** None

**Council Person and District:** All

**Attachments:** Proposed redlined amended version of Chapter 2, Article II, Division 3

**Ordinance 2020-09:**

**DIVISION 3. – ONE BORO COMMISSION**

**Sec. 2-55. - Establishment; appointment; terms; compensation; removal.**

There is hereby created a board to be known as the One Boro Commission. The One Boro Commission shall consist of **twelve** members who shall be residents of Bulloch County. The term of office of each appointed member shall be two years, and the term shall begin on October 1st, and end at the stroke of midnight on September 30th. The initial term for initial members of the One Boro Commission shall end on September 30, 2020. The initial members of the One Boro Commission have been appointed at the time this chapter takes effect and shall hold office for the balance of their terms then remaining, and their successors shall be appointed by the Mayor and City Council for a term of two years. Vacancies on the One Boro Commission occurring other than by expiration of term shall be filled by an interim appointment for the unexpired term by the Mayor and City Council. The Mayor and City Council shall have the authority to remove any member of the One Boro Commission by a majority vote for cause, on written charges, after a public hearing. The Mayor and City Council in consultation with the One Boro Commission may appoint non-voting ex officio members to said commission to provide administrative support and/or subject matter expertise. All members shall serve without compensation.

**Sec. 2-56. - Chair; rules of procedure and bylaws; meetings; records.**

(a) The One Boro Commission shall elect a chair from among its members who shall serve for a term of one year and who shall be eligible for re-election as chairman.

(b) The One Boro Commission shall make its own bylaws and rules of procedure and shall determine its time and place of meetings.

(c) The transactions of the One Boro Commission are governed by the Georgia Open Meetings Act O.C.G.A. §§ 50-14-1 et seq., and it shall be the joint and several responsibility of the members to comply with the Georgia Open Meetings Act.

**Sec. 2-57. - Scope of authority.**

(a) The One Boro Commission shall have the authority to prepare studies and reports, strategies, education efforts and programs for the purpose of informing the governing body on policy matters related to promoting diversity, inclusion, and equity among the citizens of Statesboro connected to issues of poverty and prosperity.

(b) **The One Boro Commission shall have the authority to prepare studies and reports strategies, education efforts and programs for the purpose of informing the governing body on policy matters related to promoting an inclusive workforce where job seekers are able to maximize their career potential by developing skills and educational credentials to earn a living wage and businesses with the talent they need to prosper.**

(c) **Further scope of authority and responsibilities for the One Boro Commission are set out in Chapter 80 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances.**

**Sec. 2-58. - Finances.**

The One Boro Commission, in the performance of its duties, may, with the approval of the Mayor and Council, cooperate with and accept funds from federal, state or local public or semipublic agencies or private individuals or corporations, and may expend such funds for the purposes of the commission with the approval of the Mayor and Council. Any grants received will be done so pursuant to Resolution 2012-19 or any other subsequently adopted grant policy of the city. All purchases shall be made in compliance with the city's purchasing policy as set out in chapter 5 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances.

**Section 2-59 Violence Prevention.**

The One Boro Commission will be responsible for convening with stakeholders at least once per calendar year, with additional meetings as needed, to develop action items deemed necessary to respond to and prevent upticks in violence, which shall be reported directly to Mayor and Council. Stakeholders may include members of City Council, community members from districts disproportionately impacted by violence, clergy, members from violence prevention-related organizations, at least one youth representative, and representatives from the Statesboro Police Department, the Mayor's office, and the Bulloch County School District.