



CITY OF STATESBORO
COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 16, 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 Shari Barr 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. Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

4. Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

a) 11-02-2021 Council Minutes

B) Consideration of a motion for approval of surplus and disposition of 2001 Dodge Ram 1500 in the Fleet Maintenance Division of the Public Works and Engineering Department.

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

RESULT:

Approved (Unanimous)

MOVER:

Councilmember Venus Mack

SECONDER:

Councilmember John Riggs

AYES:

Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr

ABSENT

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

A) Bites on Brampton, LLC DBA Bites in the Boro

License Type: Restaurant
1302 Statesboro Place Circle
Statesboro, GA 30458
Owner: Ramy & Carmen Masry

B) Ruby Tuesday Operations, LLC BDA Ruby Tuesday #3191

License Type: Restaurant
195 Northside Drive East
Statesboro, GA 30458
Owner: Ruby Tuesday Operations, LLC

C) M2K2 Food Market, Inc. DBA Go Market

License Type: Package Sales (Beer & Wine)
2855 Northside Drive West
Statesboro, GA 30458
Owner: Anurag Dave

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

No one spoke for or against the requests.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

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

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 Owner: Anurag Dave

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

6. Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve APPLICATION RZ 21-10-01: Sabrina Dunaway requests a Zoning Map Amendment from the R-6 (Single-Family Residential) zoning district to the CR (Commercial Retail) zoning district in order to allow for additional uses at the existing Masonic Hall on 6 Carver Street.

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

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MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

7. Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve APPLICATION SUB 21-10-02: Robbie Bell request preliminary PLAT approval for a 16-lot residential subdivision for the development of 16 single-family detached homes to continue the Northbridge Subdivision on 58.48 acres located on Highway 301 North.

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

Wes Sherrod with Parker Engineering 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:	Councilmember Phil Boyum
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

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

8. Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve APPLICATION SE 21-10-03: Roosevelt Cone Jr. requests a Special Exception in order to locate a sports memorabilia shop in a shared building at 8 East Olliff Street.

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

A motion was made to approve **APPLICATION SE 21-10-03**: Roosevelt Cone Jr. requests a Special Exception in order to locate a sports memorabilia shop in a shared building at 8 East Olliff Street.

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

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

- a) **APPLICATION V 21-10-04: Renfroe Outdoor, LLC requests a variance from Article XV, Section 1511(H) of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance in order to place an LED billboard at the gateway of Highway 67 & Veterans Memorial Parkway.**
- b) **APPLICATION V 21-09-05: Renfroe Outdoor, LLC requests a variance from Article XV, Section 1511(B) of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance in order to place a tri-directional sign at the gateway of Highway 67 & Veterans Memorial Parkway.**

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

Matt Mathews spoke in favor of the request.

Police Chief Mike Broadhead stated this intersection is the highest crash site in the city.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

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

During Council, discussion concerns were raised about the billboard that included its size and its possible environmental impact. Another issue discussed is the fact the city is working to revamp the sign ordinance and was suggested to put in place a moratorium on sign variances until the new ordinance is complete.

After further discussion no action was taken on this item

A motion was made to place a moratorium on variances per Article XV as it relates to any freestanding signs until May 16, 2022.

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

10. Consideration of a motion to approve the proposed uses of the American Rescue Act Funds (ARPA) as follows:

Housing Rehabilitation	\$5,000,000.00
Infrastructure	\$6,000,000.00
Food Insecurities	\$500,000.00
Loss Revenue	\$806,220.00
Total	\$12,306,220.00.

A motion was made to approve the proposed uses of the American Rescue Act Funds (ARPA) as follows: Housing Rehabilitation \$5,000,000.00, Infrastructure \$6,000,000.00, Food Insecurities \$500,000.00 and Loss Revenue \$806,220.00 for a Total of \$12,306,220.00.

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

11. Consideration of a motion to award a contract to Y-Delta in the amount of \$54,708.00 to repair and replace the older section of the roof of Fire Station 1. This project will be funded out of the FY 2022 Fire Fund.

A motion was made to award a contract to Y-Delta in the amount of \$54,708.00 to repair and replace the older section of the roof of Fire Station 1.

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

12. Consideration of a motion to award a contract to DPR Architecture to provide architectural services for the redesign and remodeling of Fire Station 2 on Fair Road in the amount of \$26,500.00. This project will be funded out of the FY 2022 Fire Fund.

A motion was made to award a contract to DPR Architecture to provide architectural services for the redesign and remodeling of Fire Station 2 on Fair Road in the amount of \$26,500.00.

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

13. Consideration of a motion to approve an additional expenditure of \$38,086.00 from grant funds to Hawk Construction, LLC, for continued construction costs at the Range Facility.

A motion was made to approve an additional expenditure of \$38,086.00 from grant funds to Hawk Construction, LLC, for continued construction costs at the Range Facility.

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

14. Consideration of a motion to authorize the expansion of the Statesboro Police Department dispatch center to include the necessary staffing and equipment to provide response for Statesboro Fire Department calls.

A motion was made to approve authorize the expansion of the Statesboro Police Department dispatch center to include the necessary staffing and equipment to provide response for Statesboro Fire Department calls.

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

15. Consideration of a motion to approve a Sole Source purchase from Patrol PC and piggy-back contract purchase with West Chatham for the upfitting of four (4) new F-150 Police pursuit vehicles in the amount of \$109,000.

A motion was made to approve a Sole Source purchase from Patrol PC and piggy-back contract purchase with West Chatham for the upfitting of four (4) new F-150 Police pursuit vehicles in the amount of \$109,000.

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

16. Consideration of a motion to award a contract to Wade Ford for two (2) F-550 Service Trucks in the total amount of \$124,024.00 per the Georgia State Purchasing Contract for the Public Utilities Department.

A motion was made to award a contract to Wade Ford for two (2) F-550 Service Trucks in the total amount of \$124,024.00 per the Georgia State Purchasing Contract for the Public Utilities Department.

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

17. Consideration of award of contract to Y-Delta, Inc., for the Johnson Street Culvert Improvements Project in the amount of \$298,889.87. This project will be funded by 2013 SPLOST proceeds.

A motion was made to award a contract to Y-Delta, Inc., for the Johnson Street Culvert Improvements Project in the amount of \$298,889.87 to be funded by 2013 SPLOST proceeds.

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

18. Other Business from City Council:

Councilmember Shari Barr announced on November 23, 2021 during the shopping by Lantern light event downtown Squashing the Spread will have a tent set up to answer any questions folks may have about the vaccination in addition a vaccination clinic is scheduled that same evening from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm in the lobby at the Averitt Center. The first 42 eligible individuals who received the vaccine will also receive a \$50 gift card.

Councilmember John Riggs stated he will be pushing that the new tax revenue received from liquor stores all go to public safety, drug and addiction treatment, and violence suppression. He also stated that every year City employees receive a \$100 Christmas bonus and this year if employees received the vaccine will receive an additional \$250. However, some individuals are unable to get the vaccination and proposed that all City employees should receive \$250.

A motion was made to set the employee Christmas Bonus to \$250 instead of \$100.

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

Councilmember Shari Barr stated we are looking at having a vaccination clinic on Friday December 3, 2021 in conjunction with First Friday and may possibly need additional gift cards. Should we authorize the purchase of additional gift cards in case we run out before December 3rd?

A motion was made to authorize the purchase of up to 100 additional \$50 gift cards for vaccination incentives.

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

19. City Managers Comments

City Manager Charles Penny stated that at the last Council meeting you awarded a contract for the purchase of a John Deere Tractor and the amount was \$30 less than the bid price. So for the record you will need to approve the additional \$30 as reflected on the bid price for a total of \$39,663.33.

A motion was made to approve the additional \$30 for the purchase of a John Deere Tractor that was approved at the previous November 2, 2021 council meeting.

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

Mr. Penny stated because of the Census there is a requirement that we look at our districts. A couple of ways this can be done is we can work with the legislature to have them look at our districts or we can work with CRC and they can do it

at no cost for us. Another option would be to get a private contractor. The recommendation is to let CRC do the analysis of our districts.

Mr. Penny announced that our employee Christmas dinner would be held on December 15th on Georgia Sothern’s Campus.

20. Public Comments (General):

Todd Mackintosh asked about who will be involved on the Ad Hoc Committee mentioned in the previous work session and stated he would like to be considered to be a part of it as a business owner in the community.

Kara Jenkins stated her concerns of national public transportation not being available in Statesboro.

21. 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.

Mayor Jonathan McCollar announced he would appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to include some stakeholders and citizens to give some input for the creating of the package ordinance. We want to make sure we create policies that are good for the City of Statesboro and to make sure we are completely transparent. Myself and Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers will work together and announce at the first meeting in December the individuals who will be a part of that.

22. 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 7:06 pm.

Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

Leah Harden, City Clerk