



CITY OF STATESBORO
COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 17, 2020

Regular Meeting

50 E. Main St. City Hall Council Chambers

5:30 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Jonathan McCollar called the meeting to order

Invocation and Pledge

Councilmember Phil Boyum gave the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDENCE

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	Councilmember	Present	

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

Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

- a) 10-20-2020 Council Minutes
- b) 10-20-2020 Work Session Minutes
- c) 11-03-2020 Council Minutes

B) Consideration of a Motion for the surplus and disposal of vehicles and equipment in the Public Works Streets and Parks Division.

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

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

Second reading and consideration of a motion to approve **Ordinance 2020-09: An ordinance amending 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authority relating to workplace development, would cease to exist and all Code sections relating to it will need to be repealed as well.**

A motion was made to approve Ordinance 2020-09.

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

Consideration of a Motion to approve application per Sec.6-8 (3)b(3) for a Temporary Special Event Permit to sell alcohol:

- A) **Eagle Creek Brewing Company**
John Franklin Dismuke
Blue Christmas Extravaganza
441 S Main St
11/28/2020 10am-3pm
Serving beer

A motion was made to approve a temporary special event permit to sell alcohol to Eagle Creek Brewing Company for location of 441 S Main Street on 11-28-2020.

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

Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve:

- a. **Application V 20-10-01: Britt Parrish Statesboro LLC, requests a variance from Article XV: Section 1509, Table 5 of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance on 4.75 acres of property located on Veterans Memorial Parkway to place 336 aggregate square feet of signage in Sign District 3 (MS42000007 000).**
- b. **APPLICATION V 20-10-02: Britt Parrish Statesboro LLC, requests a variance from Article XV: Section 1509, Table 5 of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance on 4.75 acres of property located on Veterans Memorial Parkway to place 6 wall signs on a single elevation in Sign District 3 (MS42000007 000).**

- c. **APPLICATION V 20-10-03**: Britt Parrish Statesboro LLC, requests a variance from Article XV: Section 1509, Table 5 of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance on 4.75 acres of property located on Veterans Memorial Parkway to place two freestanding signs 15 feet in height in Sign District 3 (MS42000007 000).
- d. **APPLICATION V 20-10-04**: Britt Parrish Statesboro LLC, requests a variance from Article XV: Section 1509, Table 5 of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance on 4.75 acres of property located on Veterans Memorial Parkway to place freestanding signs in excess of 60 square feet in Sign District 3 (MS42000007 000).

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

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

A motion was made to approve applications V 20-10-01, V 20-10-02, V 20-10-03 and V 20-10-04.

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

Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION RZ 20-10-07: TBR, LLC requests a Zoning Map Amendment of approximately 0.26 acres of property located at 102 South Zetterower Avenue from the R-15 (Single-Family Residential) to the CBD (Central Business) zoning district to establish a commercial use on the property (S40 000003 000).

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

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

A motion was made to approve application **RZ 20-10-07**.

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

Consideration of a Motion to approve a one-time payment of \$500.00 to all City of Statesboro employees for pandemic hazard pay.

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RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
SECONDER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers

AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs

Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2020-31: A Resolution to adopt the second amendment to the Fiscal Year 2021 budget for each fund of the City of Statesboro, Georgia, appropriating the amounts shown in each budget as expenditures/expenses, adopting the several items of revenue anticipations, and prohibiting expenditures or expenses from exceeding the actual funding appropriated.

A motion was made to Resolution 2020-31: a resolution adopting the second amendment to the Fiscal Year 2021 budget.

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

Consideration of a motion to approve award of contract to Bleakly Advisory Group in the amount of \$45,720 and award of contract to the Coastal Regional Commission in the amount of \$15,000 (\$60,720 total) for collaborative work on a Comprehensive Citywide Housing Study. These funds will be paid from the CHIP Grant Revolving Loan Fund.

A motion was made to approve the award of contract to Bleakly Advisory Group in the amount of \$45,720.00 and award of contract to the Coastal Regional Commission in the amount of \$15,000.00 for work on a Comprehensive Citywide Housing Study.

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

Consideration of award of contract for the purchase of a Front Load Refuse Truck to New Way Trucks per Sourcewell contract in the amount of \$309,947.84. This item will be purchased with Solid Waste Collection revenue funds.

A motion was made to approve award of contract to New Way Trucks for the purchase of a Front Load Refuse Truck.

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

Other Business from City Council

Councilmember Paulette Chavers stated there will be a food give away on Saturday November 21st on Denmark Street. It will start at 11:00 am and last until the food is gone.

Councilmember Venus Mack stated at her business the Glam Bar Salon individuals can stop by and pick up food starting tomorrow at 10:45 am.

Councilmember Shari Barr announced there will be a public meeting held tomorrow in the Council Chamber starting at 5:00 pm for public input regarding the proposed maintenance code. It will also be aired Facebook live.

City Managers Comments

City Manager Charles Penny called on City Attorney Cain Smith to present the last item from the previous work session that covered alcohol licensing. House Bill 879, which allows for delivery of alcoholic beverages and allows package sales to commence at 11:00 am on Sundays. In order to roll back the time for Sunday package sales we would need to amend Chapter 6 section 7(n)(4). In addition, there is a prohibition against the delivery of alcoholic beverages in the city code. In order to allow for delivery an amendment needs to be made to Chapter 6 Section 7(v)(1) and strike that portion which does not allow for delivery. This section also has a prohibition on drive thru sales as well.

There was conversation regarding drive-thru sales of packaged alcohol and its prohibition. City Attorney Cain Smith stated the state allows for drive thru sales this is strictly a local rule.

Direction was given to move forward with first reading of amendments to Chapter 6 section 7(n)(4) rolling back the time for Sunday Package sales from 12:30 pm to 11:00 am and in section 7(v)(1) striking the delivery prohibition and the drive thru prohibition. First reading will take place at the first meeting in December.

City Manager Charles Penny gave an update on the assistance programs the city has created for rental/mortgage, utilities and small business. So far, the rental/mortgage assistance administered by the United Way received 129 applications. So far they helped 8 families from being evicted.

The utility assistance is administered by Action Pact when they opened up they helped about 8 families immediately. With the colder weather, moving in we will see more need for this assistance for gas.

The small business assistance administered by Business Innovation Group (BIG) has received 67 applications. The total number of completed applications is 51. Different types of business have been applying for this assistance. On average, the businesses that have applied have 3.9 employees with an average business revenue of \$160,000.00 per year.

Public Comments (General): None

Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to

RESULT:

Approved (Unanimous)

MOVER:

Councilmember

SECONDER:

Councilmember

AYES:

Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr

ABSENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 pm