



CITY OF STATESBORO
COUNCIL MINUTES
November 19th, 2019

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 Phil Boyum gave the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDENCE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jonathan McCollar	Mayor	Present	
Phil Boyum	Councilmember	Present	
Sam Jones	Councilmember	Present	
Jeff Yawn	Councilmember	Present	
John Riggs	Councilmember	Present	
Derek Duke	Councilmember	Present	

Other staff present was: City Manager Charles Penny, Assistant City Manager Jason Boyles, City Attorney Cain Smith and City Clerk Leah Harden.

3. **Recognitions/Public Presentations:** None

4. **Public Comments (Agenda Item):** None

5. **Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda**

A) **Approval of Minutes**

a) **11-05-2019 Council Minutes**

b) **11-05-2019 Executive Session Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda

RESULT:

Approved (Unanimous)

MOVER:

Councilman Jeff Yawn

SECONDER:

Councilman John Riggs

AYES:

Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke

ABSENT

6. **Second Reading and Consideration of a Motion to approve Ordinance 2019-11: An Ordinance amending Article XV of Appendix A of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances specifically amending 1506 (f) regarding illuminated signs in the downtown district.**

A motion was made to approve **Ordinance 2019-11: An Ordinance amending Article XV of Appendix A of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances.**

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman Phil Boyum
SECONDER:	Councilman Jeff Yawn
AYES:	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT	

7. **Public Hearing and First reading of proposed Ordinance 2019-12: An Ordinance amending Chapter 38 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances adding Article VII and establishing the Community Redevelopment Tax Incentive Program**

A motion was made to open the Public Hearing

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilman Phil Boyum
AYES:	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT	

City Attorney Cain Smith gave an overview of the Ordinance.

Marcus Toole with Bulloch County Habitat for Humanity spoke in favor of the Ordinance.
No one spoke against the request.

A motion was made to close the Public Hearing

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman Jeff Yawn
SECONDER:	Councilman John Riggs
AYES:	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT	

A motion was made to approve the first reading of Ordinances 2019-12 with Section 38-165 using the alternative method which is 3 years of decreased rate of taxation, also removing any reference to residential and commercial from Sections, 38-165, 38-162 replacing with “on all properties” and definitions for residential and commercial to be removed from Section 38-161

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman Phil Boyum
SECONDER:	Councilman Derek Duke
AYES:	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT	

8. Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION V 19-10-01: Brent Watts requests a variance from Article VIII, Section 801(P) regarding the placement of apartment units on the first floor of a building in the Central Business District for 0.20 acres of property located at 9 Hill Street (Tax Parcel S28 000005 000).

A motion was made to open the Public Hearing

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman Phil Boyum
SECONDER:	Councilman Derek Duke
AYES:	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT	

No one spoke for or against the application.

A motion was made to close the Public Hearing

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman Jeff Yawn
SECONDER:	Councilman Phil Bouym
AYES:	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT	

A motion was made to approve Application V 19-10-01:

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman Jeff Yawn

SECONDER:	Councilman Phil Boyum
AYES:	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT	

9. **Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION V 19-10-03: HSE Permit Solutions requests a variance from Article XV, Section 1509(C), Table 5 regarding the maximum square footage of building signs in Sign District 3 for 2.10 acres of property located at 427 South Main Street (Tax Parcel S21 000021 000).**

A motion was made to open the Public Hearing:

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman Jeff Yawn
SECONDER:	Councilman Derek Duke
AYES:	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT	

Ted Hasberk, general manager for Holiday Inn Express spoke in favor of the application request.
A motion was made to close the Public Hearing

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman Derek Duke
SECONDER:	Councilman John Riggs
AYES:	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT	

A motion was made to approve Application V 19-10-03:

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman Phil Boyum
SECONDER:	Councilman Jeff Yawn
AYES:	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT	

**10. Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION SE 19-10-04:
 Barbara W. Lee requests a special exception for 0.09 acres of property located at 380 Johnson Street to utilize a portion of the existing building as a beauty shop in the R-8 (Single Family Residential) zoning district (Tax Parcel MS40 000030 001).**

A motion was made to open the Public Hearing:

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman Derek Duke
SECONDER:	Councilman Jeff Yawn
AYES:	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT	

No one spoke for or against the application.

A motion was made to close the Public Hearing:

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman Jeff Yawn
SECONDER:	Councilman John Riggs
AYES:	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT	

A motion was made to approve Application V 19-10-04:

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman Sam Jones
SECONDER:	Councilman Derek Duke
AYES:	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT	

11. Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve:

- A) APPLICATION V 19-10-09: West District Development, LLC requests a variance from Article XXX, Section 3008(A)(e) regarding exterior building materials within the Downtown District for 0.166 acres of property located on South College Street (Tax Parcel S19 000001 002).**

- B) APPLICATION CBD 19-10-05: West District Development, LLC requests approval of the proposed architectural drawings submitted for 0.166 acres of property located on South College Street, which is located in the Central Business District (CBD). Per Article VIII, Section 803, development in the CBD zoning district requires a recommendation from City Council to affirm that the plans will keep in mind the integrity and harmony of the Central Business District (Tax Parcel S19 000001 002).**

A motion was made to open the Public Hearing:

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman Jeff Yawn
SECONDER:	Councilman John Riggs
AYES:	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT	

Josh Whitfield spoke in favor of the application request. No one spoke against.

A motion was made to close the Public Hearing:

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman Jeff Yawn
SECONDER:	Councilman Derek Duke
AYES:	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT	

A motion was made to Approve Applications V 19-10-09 & CBD 19-10-05:

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman Jeff Yawn
SECONDER:	Councilman Sam Jones
AYES:	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT	

12. Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve:

- A) APPLICATION V 19-10-10: West District Development, LLC requests a variance from Article XXX, Section 3008(A)(e) regarding exterior building materials within the Downtown District for 0.112 acres of property located on South College Street (Tax Parcel S19 000001 006).**

- B) APPLICATION CBD 19-10-06: West District Development, LLC requests approval of the proposed architectural drawings submitted for 0.112 acres of property located on South College Street, which is located in the Central Business District (CBD). Per Article VIII, Section 803, development in the CBD zoning district requires a recommendation from City Council to affirm that the plans will keep in mind the integrity and harmony of the Central Business District (Tax Parcel S19 000001 006).**

A motion was made to open the Public Hearing:

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman Jeff Yawn
SECONDER:	Councilman Phil Boyum
AYES:	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT	

No one spoke for or against the applications.

A motion was made to close the Public Hearing:

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilman Derek Duke
AYES:	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT	

A motion was made to approve Applications V 19-10-10 & CBD 19-10-06:

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilman Jeff Yawn
AYES:	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT	

13. **Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION CUV 19-10-07: Paula Becker requests a conditional use variance from Article VII-A of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance for 0.21 acres of property located at 109 Broad Street to utilize the property as an addiction recovery community residence in the R-6 (Single Family Residential) zoning district (Tax Parcel S29 000073 000).**

Mayor McCollar stated this agenda item has been removed from the agenda as the applicant has withdrawn this application.

14. **Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION V 19-10-08: Richard Haynes requests a variance from Article IV, Section 403(A) to reduce the minimum lot size requirements for property to be considered for the R-20 (Single Family Residential) zoning district in order to develop an additional single family residence on 0.82 acres of property located at 103 Niver Road (Tax Parcel MS50 000044 000).**

A motion was made to open the Public Hearing:

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilman Jeff Yawn
AYES:	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT	

No one spoke for or against the application.

A motion was made to close the Public Hearing:

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilman Derek Duke
AYES:	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT	

A motion was made to approve Application V19-10-08:

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman Sam Jones
SECONDER:	Councilman Phil Boyum
AYES:	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT	

15. Consideration of a Motion to Approve Resolution 2019-37: A Resolution Adopting a Language Access Plan for the 2019 Community Development Block Grant project.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2019-37 adopting a Language Access Plan for the 2019 Community Development Block Grant project.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman Sam Jones
SECONDER:	Councilman John Riggs
AYES:	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT	

16. Consideration of a Motion to approve Resolution 2019-38: A Resolution approving application for the Bloomberg Philanthropies Asphalt Art Innovative Grant Program.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2019-38 for application to the Bloomberg Philanthropies Asphalt Art Innovative Grant Program.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman Phil Boyum
SECONDER:	Councilman Jeff Yawn
AYES:	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT	

17. Consideration of a Motion to approve the positions of Public Information Officer and an Assistant to the City Manager.

A motion was made to approve the positions of Public Information Officer and an Assistant to the City Manager and to remove the position of the second Assistant City Manager.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman Jeff Yawn
SECONDER:	Councilman John Riggs
AYES:	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT	

18. **Other Business from City Council: None**

19. **City Managers Comments**

City Manager Charles Penny introduced to Mayor and Council the new Director for Public Work and Engineering John Washington and the new Director for Human Resources Demetrius Bynes.

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

21. **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).**

No Executive Session was held.

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

A motion was made adjourn the meeting.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilman John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilman Jeff Yawn
AYES:	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Riggs, Duke
ABSENT	

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

Leah Harden, City Clerk