



CITY OF STATESBORO
COUNCIL MINUTES
DECEMBER 05, 2023

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 Paulette Chavers 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	Absent	
John Riggs	Councilmember	Present	
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. Recognitions / Public Presentation:

A) Presentation of a Proclamation Commemorating the first introduction of the Equal Rights Amendment.

Mayor Jonathan McCollar read the proclamation commemorating the 10th day of December 2023, as the Annual Day of Recognition of the Introduction of the Equal Rights Amendment.

4. Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

5. Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

a) 11-21-2023 Work Session Minutes

b) 11-21-2023 Council Minutes

B) Consideration of a motion to approve surplus and disposition of vehicles in the Public Utilities Department.

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

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

6. Public Hearing for the City of Statesboro Comprehensive Plan update.

A Motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

Director of Planning and Development Kathy Field stated a public hearing is a requirement by the Department of Community Affairs and is the beginning of the initiative to update the City of Statesboro's Comprehensive Plan. IN addition tomorrow evening there will be a public meeting with community stakeholders beginning at 5:30 pm in the Council Chambers. Two more public meetings are slated for January and February.

No one spoke for or against the City of Statesboro Comprehensive Plan Update.

A Motion was made to close the public hearing.

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

7. Public Hearing and First Reading of Ordinance 2023-20: An Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Article I of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances.

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

City Attorney Cain Smith explained the revision to Article I of Chapter 10 of the City's Animal Control Ordinance is before you today from direction given at the last work session. Bulloch County provides animal control services within the city. An update to the Intergovernmental Agreement is being negotiated and in order to make it easier for enforcement and prosecution of any violations a revision to the City's Ordinance is necessary to make it consistent with the County's.

No one spoke for or against the ordinance revision.

A Motion was made to close the public hearing.

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

A Motion was made to approve the first reading and move forward for a second reading of **Ordinance 2023-20**: An Ordinance amending Chapter 10, Article I of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances.

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

8. Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve application for an alcohol license in accordance with the City of Statesboro alcohol ordinance Sec. 6-13 (a):
Parkers #111
2216 Northside Drive East
Statesboro, Ga 30458
License Type: Package Sales – Beer and Wine Only

A Motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

No one spoke for or against the alcohol license consideration.

A Motion was made to close the public hearing.

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

A Motion was made to Approve application for an alcohol license in accordance with the City of Statesboro alcohol ordinance Sec. 6-13 (a) issued to Parkers #111 located at 2216 Northside Drive East, Statesboro, Ga 30458, License Type: Package Sales – Beer and Wine Only

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

9. Second Reading and Consideration of a Motion to Approve Ordinance 2023-19: An Ordinance amending Chapter 66, Article V Collection Practices of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances in order to amend the text in Sec. 66-91 (c)(1).

A Motion was made to approve Ordinance 2023-19: An Ordinance amending Chapter 66, Article V Collection Practices of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances in order to amend the text in Sec. 66-91 (c)(1).

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

10. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2023-50: A Resolution to adopt the Fourth Amendment to the City of Statesboro Schedule of Fees, Rates, and Fines for Fiscal Year 2024.

City Manager Charles Penny stated the amendment is to add a \$150.00 occupational tax for Mobile Public Vendor's and an increased fine from \$10.00 to \$25.00 for failure to remove polycarts from the curbside.

A Motion was made to approve Resolution 2023-50: A Resolution to adopt the Fourth Amendment to the City of Statesboro Schedule of Fees, Rates, and Fines for Fiscal Year 2024.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Riggs, Barr
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11. Consideration of a motion to approve the amendment to the contract for Tyler Technologies Software in regards to iCloud storage.

Mayor Jonathan McCollar stated this item has been removed from the agenda.

12. Consideration of a motion to approve the purchase of a 2023 Ford Maverick from Woody Folsom Ford in the amount of \$33,420.00 for the Statesboro Fire Department. This purchase will be paid utilizing 2019 SPLOST funds.

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

13. Consideration of a Motion to recess the regular meeting to enter into a work session.

At 9:15 am a motion was made to recess the regular meeting to enter into a work session.

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

At 10:42 am motion was made to reconvene the regular meeting.

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

14. Other Business from City Council

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr congratulated Matt Aycok on his promotion to Assistant Public Utilities Director and Justin Williams in the Planning Department for receiving his certificate.

Mayor McCollar announced that this is the fifth year of the annual Toy Drive which is going on right now and encourages anyone who would like to give to bring a new unwrapped toy to City Hall and make some child's Christmas a little bit better.

Councilmember Riggs stated on December 19th 1803 Governor John Milledge in the capital City of Louisville signed an act of the Georgia Legislature creating the town of Statesborough.

15. City Managers Comments

City Manager Charles Penny also congratulated the City's Planning and Housing Administrator Justin Williams for receiving his AICP Certificate and Matt Aycock for his promotion to Assistant Public Utilities Director.

Mr. Penny stated this year New Year's Eve falls on Sunday and on premise alcohol sales end at 11pm on Sunday's. He asked council to consider a resolution extending the hours for on premise alcohol sales to 1 am for this one Sunday.

A motion was made to approve a Resolution extending the hours of on premise consumption to 1:00 am on Sunday December 31, 2023.

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

16. Public Comments (General): None

17. 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.

18. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 am

Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

Leah Harden, City Clerk