



CITY OF STATESBORO
COUNCIL MINUTES
DECEMBER 06, 2022

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

Mayor Pro Tem 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	Councilmember	Present	
Venus Mack	Councilmember	Present	
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 Presentations:

A) Presentation of a retirement award to Tammy Rushing (Administrative Assistant) who is retiring effective January 1, 2023, after 30 years of service.

Mayor Jonathan McCollar presented a retirement award to the City of Statesboro Public Works Administrative Assistant, Tammy Rushing, who is retiring after 30 years of service.

4. Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

5. Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

a) 11-15-2022 Council Minutes

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

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

6. Public Hearing and consideration of a motion to approve an alcohol license in accordance with the City of Statesboro alcohol ordinance Sec. 6-13 (a):

**Patel 3190 LLC d/b/a OK Food Mart
3190 Northside Drive West
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 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:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
SECONDER:	Councilmember John Riggs
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

A Motion was made to approve an alcohol license in accordance with the City of Statesboro alcohol ordinance Sec. 6-13 (a): issued to Patel 3190 LLC d/b/a OK Food Mart 3190 Northside Drive West Statesboro, GA 30458 License Type: Package Sales – Beer and Wine Only.

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

7. Consideration of a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-40: A Resolution accepting the right of way of “Quail Run Drive” as a public street to be owned and maintained by the City of Statesboro.

A motion was made to adopt **Resolution 2022-40**: A Resolution accepting the right of way of “Quail Run Drive” as a public street to be owned and maintained by the City of Statesboro.

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

8. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2022-41: A Resolution approving the submission of a Community Home Investment Program (CHIP) grant application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and commitment of matching funds.

A motion was made to approve **Resolution 2022-41**: A Resolution approving the submission of a Community Home Investment Program (CHIP) grant application to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs and commitment of matching funds.

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

9. Consideration of a motion to approve a lease agreement to provide office space to Representative Rick Allen for an additional two years with no rent assessed.

A Motion was made to approve a lease agreement to provide office space to Representative Rick Allen for additional two years with no rent assessed.

RESULT:	Motion Failed due to the lack of a second
MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
SECONDER:	
AYES:	
ABSENT	

Councilmember Paulette Chavers asked why this lease agreement is free.

Councilmember Phil Boyum stated that is a reasonable question and wants to know if Representative Rick Allen is receiving free resources across the district.

City Manager Charles Penny stated that is an excellent question and that the lease does not expire until January 2, 2023 and we have another meeting in two weeks. We can certainly get those answers and report back.

A motion was made to table this item until the December 20th Council meeting.

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

10. Consideration of a motion to award a contract to Y-Delta Inc. in the amount to \$1,632,370.04 for the installation of water and sewer mains at the Bruce Yawn Commerce Park to serve Aspen Aerogels. To be paid for with funds approved in the FY2023 CIP Budget item #WWD-154, using system revenue and grant proceeds.

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

11. Other Business from City Council:

Councilmember Phil Boyum made a comment on the last award stating he wants to be clear as we're talking about Hyundai and the growth of this region. We need to be absolutely clear that Aspen does not come without utilities, roads connected to that site. Without it they would not be coming, you have got to have utilities. It is literally step one of economic development. When we talk about the growth and opportunities in our community, water, sewer, natural gas, roads, railroads are all important. Without those basic utilities we don't have commercial retail, big residential developments or industrial developments. These are long term projects that started years ago. We are faced with similar decisions that will grow over the next 10 to 15 years but those decisions need to be in just the next few months. We have to collaborate and work together as a community.

Councilmember Venus Mack announced that the applications are open for the Statesboro Business Commission. If any business owner who is registered with the City of Statesboro is interested, applications are available until December 16th at 5pm.

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr congratulated and thanked Allen Muldrew and Elaina McLendon for another fabulous holiday celebration at the First Friday event last Friday. She also announced that the Healthy Boro Committee will have a pop up vaccination clinic at the Statesboro Regional Library on December 17, 2022 from 10 am – 12 pm.

Councilmember Phil Boyum asked how we could get a road sign for the edge of town recognizing Tormenta FC for winning the National Championship. He also stated that it may be time for us to revisit raising the Hotel/Motel tax from 6 percent to 8 percent. However we can't just pass it, it has to go to the state legislature and we don't need to get this to our local representatives in the spring. We have a work session coming up and the SCVB has a presentation they could present at that time.

Mayor Jonathan McCollar encourages everyone to get out and vote today.

12. City Managers Comments

City Manager Charles Penny introduced Village Builder Coordinator LaSara Mitchell. He also announced the kick off for the Toy Drive. The toys will be distributed from the Boys and Girls Club on Sunday December 18th. We will accept gifts at City Hall through the 15th and on the 16th and 17th we will prepare them from distribution.

13. Public Comments (General): None

14. 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.

15. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

Councilmember Phil Boyum commented for people to check out the big chair that was installed at the beginning of the Willie McTell trail across the street. It was built by the Business Innovation Group and donated it to the City. It was installed during the Christmas parade.

A motion was made to adjourn.

RESULT:

Approved (Unanimous)

MOVER:

Councilmember Venus Mack

SECONDER:

Councilmember Paulette Chavers

AYES:

Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr

ABSENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36 am.

Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

Leah Harden, City Clerk