



CITY OF STATESBORO
COUNCIL MINUTES
DECEMBER 20, 2022

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

Mayor Jonathan McCollar gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jonathan McCollar	Mayor	Present	
Phil Boyum	Councilmember	Absent	
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. Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

4. Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

a) 12-06-2022 Council Minutes

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

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

5. 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 an additional two years with no rent assessed.

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

6. Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION SE 22-11-01: Modestine Jones Harden requests a Special Exception from Article XXV of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance in order to place a manufactured home on 0.33 acres at 433 Mincey Street.

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

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 Paulette Chavers
AYES:	Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember Phil Boyum

A motion was made to approve **APPLICATION SE 22-11-01**: Modestine Jones Harden requests a Special Exception from Article XXV of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance in order to place a manufactured home on 0.33 acres at 433 Mincey Street.

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

7. Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION V 22-11-02: Habitat for Humanity of Bulloch County requests a Variance from Article VII-A, Section 703-A, Subsection A of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance to allow for the development of a single-family home on a 0.12 acre property located on West Inman Street.

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

Marcus Toole with Habitat 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 Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Councilmember Venus Mack
AYES:	Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember Phil Boyum

A motion was made to approve **APPLICATION V 22-11-02**: Habitat for Humanity of Bulloch County requests a Variance from Article VII-A, Section 703-A, Subsection A of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance to allow for the development of a single-family home on a 0.12 acre property located on West Inman Street.

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

8. Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION SE 22-11-03: Mike Crews request a Special Exception from Article IX, Section 901 of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance, in order to relocate the Lion’s Den barbershop to the existing building at 518 Gentilly Road.

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

No one spoke for or against the request.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

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

A motion was made to approve **APPLICATION SE 22-11-03**: Mike Crews request a Special Exception from Article IX, Section 901 of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance, in order to relocate the Lion’s Den barbershop to the existing building at 518 Gentilly Road.

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

9. Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION RZ 22-11-04: Ball Company LLC requests a Zoning Map Amendment from the R20/LI (Single-Family Residential/Light Industrial) zoning districts to the R-6 (Single-Family Residential) zoning district in order to construct approximately 69 single-family homes on 32.16 acres of property at Timber Road.

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

Evan Bennett with Hussy Gay Bell representing the applicant 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 Venus Mack
AYES:	Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember Phil Boyum

At 5:52 pm Councilmember John Riggs left the meeting.

A motion was made to approve APPLICATION **RZ 22-11-04**: Ball Company LLC requests a Zoning Map Amendment from the R20/LI (Single-Family Residential/Light Industrial) zoning districts to the R-6 (Single-Family Residential) zoning district in order to construct approximately 69 single-family homes on 32.16 acres of property at Timber Road.

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

At 5:53 pm Councilmember John Riggs rejoined the meeting.

10. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2022-42: A Resolution to approve an application for a grant by the Statesboro Police Department to the Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget, Public Safety and Violence Crime reduction strategies in the amount of \$514,493.00 for the purchase of technological equipment.

A motion was made to approve **Resolution 2022-42**: A Resolution to approve an application for a grant by the Statesboro Police Department to the Governor’s Office of Planning and Budget, Public Safety and Violence Crime reduction strategies in the amount of \$514,493.00 for the purchase of technological equipment.

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

11. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2022-43: A Resolution to approve an application for a grant by the Statesboro Police Department to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the purchase of Naloxone (Narcan).

A motion was made to approve **Resolution 2022-43**: A Resolution to approve an application for a grant by the Statesboro Police Department to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the purchase of Naloxone (Narcan).

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

12. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2022-44: A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) application for the East Main sidewalk project.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2022-44: A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute a Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) Local Maintenance & Improvement Grant (LMIG) application for the East Main sidewalk project.

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

13. Consideration of a motion to approve an agreement with the Bulloch County Fire Department for the use of the City’s Fire Training Facilities.

A motion was made to approve an agreement with the Bulloch County Fire Department for the use of the City’s Fire Training Facilities.

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

14. Consideration of a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement between the City of Statesboro and Bulloch County for the bus stop shelter installation project.

A motion was made to authorize the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement between the City of Statesboro and Bulloch County for the bus stop shelter installation project.

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

15. Consideration of a motion to approve an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Claxton to provide mutual aid assistance for natural gas services.

A motion was made to approve an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Claxton to provide mutual aid assistance for natural gas services.

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

16. Consideration of a Motion to approve a pay plan for the Statesboro Police Department and Compensation Adjustment for certified Public Safety employees and a \$3,000.00 pay adjustment for certified law enforcement and fire personnel and approve the use of \$818,844.00 in ARPA funds for the next 2 years.

A motion was made to approve a pay plan for the Statesboro Police Department and Compensation Adjustment for certified Public Safety employees and a \$3,000.00 pay adjustment for certified law enforcement and fire personnel and approve the use of \$818,844.00 in ARPA funds for the next 2 years.

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

17. Consideration of a motion to award a contract for engineering design of the N. College Street Sidewalk Improvements project to TR Long Engineering, P.C. in the amount of \$41,635.00. The project will be paid from 2018 TSPLOST funds.

A motion was made to award a contract for engineering design of the N. College Street Sidewalk Improvements project to TR Long Engineering, P.C. in the amount of \$41,635.00. The project will be paid from 2018 TSPLOST funds.

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

18. Consideration of a motion to award a contract for engineering design of the N. Zetterower Street Sidewalk Improvements project to TR Long Engineering, P.C. in the amount of \$42,380.00. The project will be paid from 2018 TSPLOST funds.

A motion was made to award a contract for engineering design of the N. Zetterower Street Sidewalk Improvements project to TR Long Engineering, P.C. in the amount of \$42,380.00. The project will be paid from 2018 TSPLOST funds.

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

19. Consideration of a motion to award a contract for engineering design of the Max Lockwood Drive Roadway Improvements project to TR Long Engineering, P.C. in the amount of \$47,440.00. The project will be paid from 2018 TSPLOST funds.

A motion was made to award a contract for engineering design of the Max Lockwood Drive Roadway Improvements project to TR Long Engineering, P.C. in the amount of \$47,440.00. The project will be paid from 2018 TSPLOST funds.

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

20. Consideration of a motion to award a contract to Jet-Vac Equipment Company Inc. for the purchase of a Jet Vac 900-ECO Truck Mounted Sewer Cleaning Truck per Sourcewell cooperative purchasing contract in the amount of \$440,000.01. This item to be purchased with funds approved in the 2023 CIP Budget, item #WWD-77, funded by system revenues.

A motion was made to award a contract to Jet-Vac Equipment Company Inc. for the purchase of a Jet Vac 900-ECO Truck Mounted Sewer Cleaning Truck per Sourcewell cooperative purchasing contract in the amount of \$440,000.01. This item to be purchased with funds approved in the 2023 CIP Budget, item #WWD-77, funded by system revenues.

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

21. Consideration of a motion to award the purchase of 300 Water Meter Boxes to Core & Main in the amount of \$73,173.00. To be purchased with funds approved in 2023 Operating Budget funded with system revenues.

A motion was made to award the purchase of 300 Water Meter Boxes to Core & Main in the amount of \$73,173.00. To be purchased with funds approved in 2023 Operating Budget funded with system revenues.

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

22. Other Business from City Council:

Councilmember Venus Mack wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
 Councilmember Paulette Chavers asked that when we purchase new vehicles what happens to the old ones.
 City Manager Charles Penny stated that the old vehicles are surplus with approval from council.
 Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr announced that the Healthy Boro Committee was able to work with Core to put on a vax clinic last Saturday at the Statesboro Library. They gave 8 new COVID vaccinations and 15 flu shots.

23. City Managers Comments

City Manager Charles Penny stated that there were two items removed from today’s work session, one was an update to the Art Park the other was a presentation regarding Hotel/Motel tax. Mr. Penny suggested having a work session immediately following the 9:00 am Council Meeting on January 3, 2023 in order to cover these two items. After some discussion it was decided to wait until after Mr. Penny’s meeting the Statesboro Convention and Visitors Bureau in the morning and if need be a work session would be scheduled following the January 3, 2023 regular meeting.
 Dominique Halaby with the Business Innovation Group introduced Alan Gross the new small business recruiter for the City of Statesboro.
 Mr. Penny brought to Mayor and Council’s attention that the FYI packet contains a memo with an update to the Fox Lake Subdivision sewer project and it also contains the map of the proposed utility infrastructure that was presented at the joint meeting with the county.
 Lastly, we have been doing a toy drive for three years and we have been working with the Omegas, the Deltas, the NAACP, the AKA’s and city staff to expand that program. This past weekend we did our toy drop. There were 50 families that registered and we had over 200 people who came through to pick up toys. There were private businesses and individuals that donated and we were able to raise over \$5000.00 to help families in our community.
 Mayor Jonathan McCollar commented we have a lot that’s happening in our community, but we have a lot of people that need help in our community. We need to be investing into our young people. We need to be deliberate because when we talk about cutting crime and having a good workforce those things cannot be done without investing into our children.

24. Public Comments (General):

Marcus Toole with Habitat for Humanity stated they have received at \$20,000 grant that will go into Habitat homes and any remaining will go to the rehabilitation housing that the city is working on. In addition we will be applying for a \$250,000 grant to hire a social worker to do minority homeowner retention to help families who are at risk of losing their homes.

25. Consideration of a Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss “Personnel Matters” in accordance with O.C.G.A 50-14-3(b).

At 6:46 pm a motion was made to enter into Executive Session to discuss “Personnel Matters” in accordance with O.C.G.A 50-14-3(b).

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

At 7:31 pm a motion was made to exit Executive Session.

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

Mayor Jonathan McCollar called the meeting back to order with no action taken in Executive Session.

A motion was made to A motion was made to appoint Quaeisha Oglesby, Larry Clark, Tom McKeithen, Alivia Lloyd, Maria Proctor, AJ Jetwani, Prince Preston, Gloria Struthers, and Maurice Hill to the Statesboro Business Commission.

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

A motion was made to direct City Attorney Cain Smith to remove the Chamber appointment wording from the Business Commission ordinance and to increase the membership from 7 to 9 members.

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

26. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

Leah Harden, City Clerk