



CITY OF STATESBORO
COUNCIL MINUTES
DECEMBER 21, 2021

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 at 5:48 pm

2. Invocation and Pledge

Mayor Pro Tem 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	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	
Venus Mack	Councilmember	Absent	
John Riggs	Councilmember	Present	
Shari Barr	Councilmember	Present	

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

3. Recognitions/Public Presentations

A) Presentation of an award to Battalion Chief Derrel Melton on his retirement after 38 years of service.

Mayor McCollar presented an award to retiring Battalion Chief Derrel Melton for his 38 years of service.

4. Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

Councilmember John Riggs stated that three days ago, two hundred seventeen years ago Statesboro was founded.

5. Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

a) 12-07-2021 Council minutes

b) 12-07-2021 Executive Session Minutes

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

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

6. 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):

**El Jalapeno Bulloch LLC
711 S Main Street
Statesboro, Ga 30458
Owner: Derek Kidd**

A Motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

No one spoke for or against the request.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

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

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

7. Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve: APPLICATION V 21-11-01: Roy Patel requests a Variance from Article X: Section 1002 of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance in order to exceed the allowed height of a structure in the CR (Commercial Retail) district, to develop a boutique hotel on Veterans Memorial Parkway and Continental Road.

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

No one spoke for or against the request.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

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

8. Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve: APPLICATION V 21-11-02: Whitfield Signs requests a variance form Article XV: Section 1509 (Table 6) of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance in order to exceed the maximum allowed height for wall signage in Sign District 4 at 65 East Main Street.

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

No one spoke for or against the request.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

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

A motion was made to approve APPLICATION V 21-11-02: a variance form Article XV: Section 1509 (Table 6) of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance in order to exceed the maximum allowed height for wall signage in Sign District 4 at 65 East Main Street.

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

9. Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve: APPLICATION RZ 21-11-03: Daniel Long requests a zoning map amendment from CR (Commercial Retail) zoning district to the R4 (High-Density Residential) zoning district in order to construct a multi-family development at 131 Briarwood Court.

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

No one spoke for or against the request.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

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

Councilmember Shari Barr stated her concerns regarding the removal of so many trees, stating that we need to preserve as much green space as we can.

A motion was made to approve APPLICATION RZ 21-11-03: a zoning map amendment from CR (Commercial Retail) zoning district to the R4 (High-Density Residential) zoning district in order to construct a multi-family development at 131 Briarwood Court.

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

10. Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve: APPLICATION v 21-11-05: The Bulloch County Historical Society requests a variance from Article XXX, Section 3005 (B) of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance, in order to place a collage mural at 41 West Main Street.

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

Virginia Anne Franklin Waters with the Bulloch County Historical Society spoke in favor of the request. Mrs. Water’s stated the mural depicts the archaic period in Bulloch County. The mural consists of a collage of Native American life in Bulloch County at that time.

No one spoke against the request.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

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

Councilmember Phil Boyum brought up a concern he has the mural on a side of a city building and that there had not been any public input.

A motion was made to approve APPLICATION v 21-11-05: a variance from Article XXX, Section 3005 (B) of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance, in order to place a collage mural at 41 West Main Street.

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

11. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2021-45: A Resolution authorizing the waiver of any payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) by the Statesboro Housing Authority to the City of Statesboro for the 2020 tax year in the amount of \$25,263.55.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2021-45 authorizing the waiver of any payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) by the Statesboro Housing Authority to the City of Statesboro for the 2020 tax year in the amount of \$25,263.55.

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

12. Consideration of a motion to award a contract to MCCi, LLC for Laserfiche Cloud Professional Platform Software upgrade, in the amount of \$25,671.47 one-time first year payment with an annual support fee of \$13,041.10.

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

13. Consideration of a motion to approve change orders 25 & 26 and contract amendment with Lavender & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$19,854.96 for the Luetta Moore Park and Grady Street Park improvements project and authorize the Mayor to execute contract document amendments.

A motion was made to approve change orders 25 & 26 and contract amendment with Lavender & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$19,854.96 for the Luetta Moore Park and Grady Street Park improvements project and authorize the Mayor to execute contract document amendments.

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

14. Consideration of a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement between the city of Statesboro, Downtown Statesboro Development Authority, and Georgia Southern University for the City Campus Phase III Expansion project.

A motion was made to authorize the Mayor to execute a Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement between the city of Statesboro, Downtown Statesboro Development Authority, and Georgia Southern University for the City Campus Phase III Expansion project.

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

15. Consideration of a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Statesboro and the Downtown Statesboro Development Authority for the City Campus Phase III Expansion project.

A motion was made to authorize the Mayor to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Statesboro and the Downtown Statesboro Development Authority for the City Campus Phase III Expansion project.

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

16. Consideration of a motion to amend award of contract to Solid Waste Applied Technology for the purchase of a front load refuse truck in the amount of \$363,518.43 per revised Sourcewell contract pricing.

A motion was made to amend award of contract to Solid Waste Applied Technology for the purchase of a front load refuse truck in the amount of \$363,518.43 per revised Sourcewell contract pricing.

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

17. Consideration of a motion to approve the purchase of one (1) rotary fine screen for the wastewater treatment plant from Parkson, Inc. in the amount of \$55,253.00.

A motion was made to approve the purchase of one (1) rotary fine screen for the wastewater treatment plant from Parkson, Inc. in the amount of \$55,253.00.

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

18. Other Business from City Council:

Councilmember Shari Barr stated that “Squashing the Spread” would be hosting a virtual Town Hall meeting on January 11, 2022.

19. City Managers Comments

City Manager Charles Penny stated a vaccination clinic will be held on January 8, 2022 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm at City Hall.

Mr. Penny informed Mayor and Council that last week a contractor caused a water line break on Hill Street. As a result the street buckled and is in need of repair immediately. Currently the street is closed off and a makeshift bridge is in place for Courthouse parking. We are asking approval to spend \$266,700.00 to repair and conduct Geo-technic work on Hill Street. Funds for this project will be from 2018 SPLOST.

A motion was made to award a contract to McLendon Enterprises Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$266,700.00 for repairs to Hill Street. This project is to be paid from 2018 SPLOST funds.

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

Mr. Penny stated that the City of Statesboro United Way campaign was opened back up for one week due to additional interest to give. Pledged donations increased from \$20,254 to \$21,424. He also informed Mayor and Council about Recycle Fest hosted by Keep Statesboro Bulloch Beautiful. The event will take place on January 8, 2022 from 9 am – 1 pm at Mill Creek Regional Park.

20. Public Comments (General): None

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

At 6:53 pm a motion was made to enter into Executive Session.

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

At 7:07 pm a motion was made to exit Executive Session.

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

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

City Manager Charles Penny stated that the first meeting in January is an organizational meeting and that the first reading of the alcohol ordinance for package stores is moved to the second meeting in January. A presentation will be done at the work session prior to the Council meeting.

22. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 pm.

Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

Leah Harden, City Clerk