



CITY OF STATESBORO  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 21, 2023

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**

Councilmember John Riggs 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	Absent	
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):**

Marshall Webster signed up to speak on agenda item #14 asking that this item not be approved.

Matt Gerig signed up to speak on agenda item #14 as a new member of the remembrance coalition spoke in favor of the historical marker.

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

**A) Approval of Minutes**

**a) 02-07-2023 Council Minutes**

**b) 02-07-2023 Executive Session Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

**RESULT:**

Approved (Unanimous)

**MOVER:**

Councilmember Venus Mack

**SECONDER:**

Councilmember John Riggs

**AYES:**

Boyum, Mack, Riggs, Barr

**ABSENT**

Councilmember Paulette Chavers

**5. Public Hearing and consideration of a motion to approve: APPLICATION RZ 23-01-01: Simcoe Investment Group requests a Zoning Map Amendment from the R-15 (Single-Family Residential) zoning districts to the R-2 (Townhouse Residential District) zoning district in order to develop a townhouse development at Cawana Road.**

A Motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

Director of Planning and Development Kathy Field stated there needs to be a correction to the original zoning map amendment it should read “from CR” not “from R-15”.

Alec Metzger with EMC representing the applicant spoke in favor of the request.  
No one spoke against the request.

A Motion was made to close the public hearing.

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

A Motion was made to approve APPLICATION RZ 23-01-01: Simcoe Investment Group requests a Zoning Map Amendment from the CR (Commercial Retail) zoning districts to the R-2 (Townhouse Residential District) zoning district in order to develop a townhouse development at Cawana Road.

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

**6. Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve: APPLICATION RZ 23-01-02: Simcoe Investment Group requests a zoning map amendment from the R15 (Single Family Residential) zoning districts to the R-2 (Townhouse Residential District) zoning district in order to develop a townhouse development at Cawana Road.**

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

Alec Metzger with EMC representing the applicant spoke in favor of the request.  
No one spoke against the request.

A Motion was made to close the public hearing.

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

A Motion was made to approve APPLICATION RZ 23-01-02: Simcoe Investment Group requests a zoning map amendment from the R15 (Single Family Residential) zoning districts to the R-2 (Townhouse Residential District) zoning district in order to develop a townhouse development at Cawana Road.

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

**7. Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve APPLICATION SUB 23-01-03: Woodford Station LLC, requests preliminary PLAT approval of a 3-Phase 172 lot townhouse subdivision on 17.78 acres on a property located at 7130 Veterans Memorial Parkway.**

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

Jeff with Maxwell Reddick spoke in favor of the request.  
No one spoke against the request.

A Motion was made to close the public hearing.

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

A Motion was made to approve APPLICATION SUB 23-01-03: Woodford Station LLC, requests preliminary PLAT approval of a 3-Phase 172 lot townhouse subdivision on 17.78 acres on a property located at 7130 Veterans Memorial Parkway.

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

**8. Consideration of a motion to acknowledge Council receipt of annexation petition by Woody Royal for 2.27 Acres of property located on Old Register Road (Tax Parcel# 079 000001 001) and to direct City Clerk to investigate and certify the sufficiency of the petition filed.**

A motion was made to acknowledge Council receipt of annexation petition by Woody Royal for 2.27 Acres of property located on Old Register Road (Tax Parcel# 079 000001 001) and to direct City Clerk to investigate and certify the sufficiency of the petition filed.

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

**9. Consideration of a motion to acknowledge Council receipt of annexation petition by S&K Investment for 1.72 acres of property located on Old Register Road (Tax Parcel# 076 000001 012) and to direct City Clerk to investigate and certify the sufficiency of the petition filed.**

A motion was made to acknowledge Council receipt of annexation petition by S&K Investment for 1.72 acres of property located on Old Register Road (Tax Parcel# 076 000001 012) and to direct City Clerk to investigate and certify the sufficiency of the petition filed.

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

**10. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2023-08: A Resolution to impose a six month moratorium on processing and consideration of sign variances requested pursuant to Article XV of Appendix A of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances.**

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2023-08: A Resolution to impose a six month moratorium on processing and consideration of sign variances requested pursuant to Article XV of Appendix A of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances.

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

**11. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2023-09: A Resolution amending the job position classification and compensation plan for Community Information Specialist in the Statesboro Police Department.**

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2023-09: A Resolution amending the job position classification and compensation plan for Community Information Specialist in the Statesboro Police Department.

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

**12. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2023-10: A Resolution amending the job position classification and compensation plan for Records Supervisor in the Statesboro Police Department.**

A Motion was made to approve Resolution 2023-10: A Resolution amending the job position classification and compensation plan for Records Supervisor in the Statesboro Police Department.

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

**13. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2023-11: A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Operational Service Agreement with the Coastal Regional Commission for public transportation services.**

A Motion was made to approve Resolution 2023-11: A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Operational Service Agreement with the Coastal Regional Commission for public transportation services.

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

**14. Consideration of a motion to approve grant of easement to Statesboro-Bulloch Remembrance Coalition to install a historical marker on City property adjacent to City Hall.**

A Motion was made to approve grant of easement to Statesboro-Bulloch Remembrance Coalition to install a historical marker on City property adjacent to City Hall.

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

**15. Consideration of a motion to approve acceptance of the 2021 Staffing of Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant which has been awarded to the Statesboro Fire Department.**

A motion was made to approve acceptance of the 2021 Staffing of Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant which has been awarded to the Statesboro Fire Department.

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

**16. Consideration of a motion to award a sole source purchase contract with Central Square software in the amount of \$21,450.00 to install onto the new Central Square infrastructure as the old infrastructure will soon run out of support.**

A Motion was made to award a sole source purchase contract with Central Square software in the amount of \$21,450.00 to install onto the new Central Square infrastructure as the old infrastructure will soon run out of support.

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

**17. Consideration of a motion to approve a contract with Vision Industrial Services in the amount of \$44,750.00 for railroad work with the East Jones Avenue and East Grady Street sidewalk projects. Funding is from 2018 TSPLOST fund.**

A Motion was made to approve a contract with Vision Industrial Services in the amount of \$44,750.00 for railroad work with the East Jones Avenue and East Grady Street sidewalk projects. Funding is from 2018 TSPLOST fund.

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

**18. Other Business from City Council:**

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr announced that today is the kickoff of a fundraiser by Ferst Readers, raising money for books for children in Bulloch County. This year the fundraiser consists of six contestants who post videos and pictures on Facebook and other social media platforms asking people to vote. Each vote is \$3 and provides a book for a child in the program.

**19. City Managers Comments**

City Manager Charles Penny reminded everyone that the Mayor will be giving the State of the City Address next Tuesday February 28, 2023 at 7:00 pm at the Carol Carter Recital Hall on the campus of Georgia Southern University.

Councilmember John Riggs left the meeting.

Mr. Penny presented a request for the need of an emergency purchase of a new generator at Fire Station 2 due to components of the automatic switch which cannot currently be replace or repaired due to the age of the generator.

A Motion was made to approve the purchase of a 60KW three phase generator from Generator Superstore to replace the current generator at fire station 2 in the amount of \$57,877.19.

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

Councilmember John Riggs rejoined the meeting.

**20. Public Comments (General):**

Annie Bellinger voiced her concerns of racial issues towards her that going on in her neighborhood and around the city.



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

At 6:30 pm a motion was made to enter into Executive Session.

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

At 6:58 pm a motion was made to Exit Executive Session.

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

Mayor Jonathan McCollar called the regular meeting back to order with no action taken in executive session.

A motion was made to direct City Attorney to enter into a negotiation settlement with plaintiff’s attorney regarding the annexation on Beasley Road.

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

A Motion was made to appoint Ronald Simmons to the Statesboro Planning Commission.

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

## 22. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 pm.

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Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

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Leah Harden, City Clerk