



**1. Call to Order**

Mayor Jonathan McCollar called the meeting to order

**2. Invocation and Pledge**

Councilman Phil Boyum gave the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

**ATTENDENCE**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jonathan McCollar	Mayor	Present	
Phil Boyum	Councilmember	Present	
Sam Jones	Councilmember	Present	
Jeff Yawn	Councilmember	Present	
John Riggs	Councilmember	Absent	
Derek Duke	Councilmember	Present	

Other staff present was: City Manager Charles Penny, Assistant City Manager Jason Boyles, City Attorney Cain Smith and Records Manager Leah Harden. Absent was Councilman John Riggs.

**3. Recognitions/Public Presentations**

**A) Presentation of a Proclamation for Adult Education and Family Literacy Week.**

Samantha Smith, Dean of Adult Education at Ogeechee Technical College presented to Mayor and Council information about Adult Education and the impact it has on the community.

Mayor McCollar read a presented the Proclamation to Samantha Smith, Dean of Adult Education at Ogeechee Technical College.

**B) Recognition of the Finance Department for receiving the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the City of Statesboro's FY2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.**

Director of Finance Cindy West explained about this award stating this is the 14<sup>th</sup> year receiving this award.

Mayor McCollar presented the Finance Department with this award.

**C) Recognition of the Finance Department for receiving the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Award for outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting for the City of Statesboro's FY2018 Popular Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Report.**

Director of Finance Cindy West explained this award and this is our 3<sup>rd</sup> year receiving this award.

Mayor McCollar presented this award to the Finance Department.

**4. Public Comments (Agenda Item):** None

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

**A) Approval of Minutes**

a) **08-20-2019 Council Minutes**

b) **08-27-2019 Public Hearing Minutes (9:00 am)**

c) **08-27-2019 Public Hearing Minutes (6:00 pm)**

**B) Consideration of a Motion to approve the due date of December 20, 2019 for the City of Statesboro Property Tax Bills.**

**C) Consideration of a Motion to dispose of surplus equipment in accordance with the City's Purchasing Policy Section 3: Vehicle and Equipment Surplus and Disposal.**

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda

<b>RESULT:</b>	Unanimous
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Derek Duke
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilman Jeff Yawn
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Duke
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilman John Riggs

**6. Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve Resolution 2019-29: A Resolution setting the millage rate for Ad Valorem (Property) Taxes for the 2019 Calendar Year for the City of Statesboro at 7.308.**

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Unanimous
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Jeff Yawn
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilman Derek Duke
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Duke
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilman John Riggs

No one spoke for or against the resolution.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Unanimous
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Jeff Yawn
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilman Phil Boyum
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Duke
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilman John Riggs

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2019-29.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Unanimous
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Jeff Yawn
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilman Derek Duke
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Duke
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilman John Riggs

**7. Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to approve application for an alcohol license per Sec. 6-5**

**A) The Hangout  
Voncellies Allen  
67 Gata Drive  
Statesboro, Ga 30458**

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Unanimous
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Jeff Yawn
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilman Derek Duke
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Duke
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilman John Riggs

Mayor McCollar inquired of the Planning Department – no issues, Fire Department – no issues, Police Department – deny application due to events involving the Police Department personnel, City Attorney no legal bars but concurs with the Police Department assessment.

Voncellies Allen stated he does not agree with the Police Department assessment.

No one spoke against the request.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Unanimous
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Jeff Yawn
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilman Sam Jones
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Duke
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilman John Riggs

After discussion by Council,

A motion was made to deny the alcohol application

<b>RESULT:</b>	3-1
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Jeff Yawn
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilman Derek Duke
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Yawn, Duke
<b>NAYS:</b>	Jones
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Absent Councilman John Riggs

After further discussion regarding this item Councilman Jones made a motion to rescind the previous motion and to table this item until the next Council Meeting.

A motion was made to rescind and table this application.

<b>RESULT:</b>	3-2
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Sam Jones
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilman Phil Boyum
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Jones, Mayor McCollar as tie breaker
<b>NAYS:</b>	Yawn, Duke
<b>ABSENT</b>	Councilman John Riggs

Mayor McCollar voted in favor of the Motion the Motion passed. This item will be brought back on the next Council Meeting of September 17, 2019.

**B) Southern City Lounge  
Shyra Hunter/ Jason Williams  
25 West Main Street  
Statesboro, Ga 30458**

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Unanimous
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Jeff Yawn
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilman Derek Duke
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Duke
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilman John Riggs

Mayor McCollar inquired of approval from the Planning Department – no issues; Fire Department – no issues; Police Department – no issues and Legal Department – no issues.

No one spoke for or against the application request.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Unanimous
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Derek Duke
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilman Jeff Yawn
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Duke
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilman John Riggs

A motion was made to approve the alcohol application for Southern City Lounge.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Unanimous
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Jeff Yawn
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilman Sam Jones
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Duke
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilman John Riggs

**8. Public hearing and First Reading of Proposed Ordinance 2019-08: An Ordinance amending Chapter 38 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances adding Article VII and establishing the Community Redevelopment Tax Incentive Program.**

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Unanimous
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Jeff Yawn
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilman Derek Duke
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Duke
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilman John Riggs

City Attorney Cain Smith explained about this ordinance.

Marcus Toole and Cathy Jenkins with Habitat for Humanity spoke in favor the Ordinance.

No one spoke against.

A motion was made to close the Public Hearing.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Unanimous
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Jeff Yawn
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilman Phil Boyum
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Duke
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilman John Riggs

Mayor McCollar noted he very concerned about doubling taxes on properties that are already in areas of distress.

A motion was made to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2019-08

<b>RESULT:</b>	3-1
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Phil Boyum
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilman Derek Duke
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Jones, Duke
<b>NAYS:</b>	Councilman Yawn
<b>ABSENT</b>	Councilman John Riggs

Note: any significant changes between the first and second reading of this ordinance will revert it back to a first reading.

**9. Public Hearing and First Reading of Proposed Resolution 2019-30: A Resolution of the Mayor and Council of the City of Statesboro, Georgia to put in effect a six-month Moratorium on issuance of conditional use variances in order to exceed City Zoning Occupancy Limits and to Commission a six-month Comprehensive study on the Community Residences and Land Use Restrictions in the City.**

This item was changed from a Public Hearing and First Reading to Consideration of a Motion to approve.

A Motion was made to approve Resolution 2019-30

<b>RESULT:</b>	Unanimous
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Phil Boyum
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilman Jeff Yawn
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Duke
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Councilman John Riggs

**10. Other Business from City Council**

Councilman Derek Duke wants to know if City Manager Charles Penny has any concerns regarding the upcoming hurricane and the City’s capability to beat this. Mr. Penny he does not have any concern about the City being able to meet the demands from the storm. We do need to have a written plan for emergency operations so as staff changes, they can go to the plan and know how to roll out the Emergency Operations Center.

**11. City Managers Comments: None**

**12. Public Comments (General): None**

**13. 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)**

A motion was made to enter into Executive Session at 10:04 am.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Unanimous
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Phil Boyum
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilman Derek Duke
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Duke
<b>ABSENT</b>	Councilman John Riggs

A motion was made to exit Executive Session 10:26 am.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Unanimous
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Phil Boyum
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilman Derek Duke
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Duke
<b>ABSENT</b>	Councilman John Riggs

Mayor McCollar called the regular meeting back to order.

A motion was made to appoint Leah Harden as the new City Clerk for the City of Statesboro.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Unanimous
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Derek Duke
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilman Jeff Yawn
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Duke
<b>ABSENT</b>	Councilman John Riggs

Councilman Boyum wants for the City Manager to separate Utility Billing from the City Clerks department.

Mayor McCollar stated there will be a Council Work Session on September 14, 2019 at 7:30 am in the Council Chambers, another Council Work Session will be held on September 17, 2019 at 4:00 pm at Joe Brannen Hall.



#### 14. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 am.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Unanimous
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilman Jeff Yawn
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Councilman Phil Boyum
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Jones, Yawn, Duke
<b>ABSENT</b>	Councilman John Riggs