



CITY OF STATESBORO  
COUNCIL MINUTES  
MARCH 2, 2021

Regular Meeting

50 E. Main St. City Hall Council Chambers

9:00 AM

**Call to Order**

Mayor Jonathan McCollar called the meeting to order

**Invocation and Pledge**

Councilmember Venus Mack 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	Via Zoom	
John Riggs	Councilmember	Via Zoom	
Shari Barr	Councilmember	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

**Recess for Urban Redevelopment Agency Meeting.**

At 9:01 am, a motion was made to recess the Council meeting for the Urban Redevelopment Agency Meeting.

**RESULT:**

Approved (Unanimous)

**MOVER:**

Councilmember Shari Barr

**SECONDER:**

Councilmember Phil Boyum

**AYES:**

Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr

**ABSENT**

At 9:18 am, a motion was made to reconvene the Council Meeting.

**RESULT:**

Approved (Unanimous)

**MOVER:**

Councilmember Shari Barr

**SECONDER:**

Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers

**AYES:**

Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr

**ABSENT**

**Recognitions/Public Presentations**

**a) Presentation of GMA certificate to Councilmember Phil Boyum**

Mayor Jonathan McCollar presented a GMA Certificate of Distinction plaque to Councilmember Phil Boyum.

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

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

**A) Approval of Minutes**

- a) 02-12-2021 Called Council Minutes
- b) 02-16-2021 Work Session Minutes
- c) 02-16-2021 Council Minutes

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda

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

**Second Reading and Consideration of a motion to approve Ordinance 2021-01: An Ordinance amending the Statesboro Code of Ordinances Chapter 38-26 adding the International Property Maintenance Code to applicable codes for determination of nuisance.**

City Manager Charles Penny stated at the last meeting Council approved the first reading of this ordinance the issue with this is when it was initially presented to Council it was presented with a grass height of 18 inches however the document that was approved for first reading stated a grass height of 12 inches and staff recommends the adoption at 18 inches.

City Attorney Cain Smith stated this would be considered a significant change to the ordinance and would have to revert to first reading.

Councilmember Phil Boyum stated if changing one number in a forty-page document reverts it back to first reading then I will make a motion to suspend the rules and then make a motion to include the change in there.

A motion was made to suspend the rules for ordinance adoptions.

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

Councilmember Shari Barr requests that at least until the end of COVID that we also include a show of hands on votes.

A motion was made to approve the second reading of **Ordinance 2021-01** with the single modification of changing the grass height from 12 inches to 18 inches per management request.

<b>RESULT:</b>	Approved 4-1
<b>MOVER:</b>	Councilmember Phil Boyum
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs
<b>NAYS</b>	Councilmember Shari Barr

**Consideration of a motion to approve a third lease agreement with T-Mobile regarding Makecki Drive water tower.**

A motion was made to approve a third lease agreement with T-Mobile regarding Melecki Drive water tower.

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

**Consideration of a motion to award a contract to John E Lavender & Associates in the amount of \$2,877,954.00 and authorize the Mayor to execute contract documents for the Luetta Moore Park and Grady Street Park improvements project.**

A motion was made to award a contract to John E Lavender & Associates in the amount of \$2,877,954.00 and authorize the Mayor to execute contract documents for the Luetta Moore Park and Grady Street Park improvements project.

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

**Consideration of a motion to award a contract to Wood Environment and Infrastructure Solutions in the not to exceed amount of \$33,560.00 and authorize the Mayor to execute contract documents for construction administration services for the Luetta Moore Park and Grady Street Park project.**

A motion was made to award a contract to Wood Environment and Infrastructure Solutions in the amount not to exceed \$33,560.00 and authorize the Mayor to execute contract documents for construction administration services for the Luetta Moore and Grady Street Park project.

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

**Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2021-11: A Resolution requesting approval to apply for the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant for the City of Statesboro, Georgia**

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2021-11 approving the request to apply for the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant for the City of Statesboro, Georgia.

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

**Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2021-12: A Resolution requesting approval for a grant through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the City of Statesboro, Georgia.**

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2021-12 approving the request for a grant through the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the City of Statesboro, Georgia.

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

**Consideration of a motion to award a contract to Hussey, Gay, Bell for professional services to conduct a Wastewater Treatment Plant Study in an amount not to exceed \$52,250.00.**

A motion was made to award a contract the Hussey, Gay, Bell for professional services to conduct a Wastewater Treatment Plant Study in an amount not to exceed \$52,250.00.

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

**Other Business from City Council:**

Councilmember Shari Barr announced that the folks who are eligible for SNAP or EBT benefits there is a state program to encourage healthy eating like fresh vegetables and fresh fruits. The program is where a person can buy \$20 worth of groceries and get another \$20 worth of fresh fruits and vegetables free. Our local main street farmers market is participating in this program. There is a kick off this evening for this program at the Outreach Center on Denmark Street from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm where eligible individuals can go to sign up to participate.

**City Managers Comments**

City Manager Charles Penny brought to Mayor and Councils attention in the FYI packet, he shared with them information as it relates to the Rental/Mortgage assistance program and as of yesterday over \$95,000.00 of the \$100,000.00 has been used. The Utility Assistance is still there and has spent just under \$9,000.00 of the \$62,000.00.

On Saturday morning March 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am, One Boro and the City will be hosting a session from 9 – 11 on “Secure Statesboro”. The Police Department, Sheriff’s Department, Georgia Southern University, and some of the agencies that provide assistance for domestic abuse and things of that nature will be there presenting information. This session is open to the public. We will be discussing what resources we have available in the City and what resources we need in order to secure Statesboro. It will be held at the Military Science Building on campus at Georgia Southern University.

March is very busy, this weekend we have the Secure Statesboro and next weekend City Council will be on a Council Retreat, March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> and that will be at Jekyll Island.

City Attorney Cain Smith announced that the Urban Redevelopment Agency this morning did approve a \$4.5 million Bond Resolution with Truist Bank with an interest rate of 1.47 percent with a maturity date of October 1, 2030. The first five years SPLOST funds will cover the amount and later on if SPLOST is not renewed then the City’s taxing authority would be on the hook to make those payments beyond that.

**Public Comments (General):** None

**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 9:45 am a motion was made to enter into Executive Session.

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

At 10:01 am a motion was made to exit Executive Session.

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

Mayor Jonathan McCollar called the meeting back to order with not action taken in Executive Session.

City Manager Charles Penny mentioned with the approval of the contract to begin work, our plan is that we will give a notice to proceed on March 12<sup>th</sup>. We would like to schedule a groundbreaking, since there are two parks what we would do is have one ceremony with speaking parks at Luetta Moore Park and then do a ceremonial ground breaking at Grady Street Park. We are looking at March 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm. The County has been put on notice of the plan and unless we just have a drenching rainfall the plan would be to move forward with that groundbreaking.

**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 Shari Barr
<b>AYES:</b>	Boyum, Chavers, Mack, Riggs, Barr
<b>ABSENT</b>	

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 am.