



*City of Statesboro*  
*Department of Planning and Development Memorandum*

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**Statesboro Planning Commission**

**February 4, 2020**

**5:00 P.M.**

**City Hall Council Chamber**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Planning Commission Members: James W. Byrd, Sr., Carlos C. Brown Jr., Mary Foreman, Jamey Cartee, and Benjamin McKay, Sean Fox; **City of Statesboro Staff:** Assistant City Manager Jason Boyles, , and City Planner I Justin Williams

**I. Call to Order**

Commissioner Byrd called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

**II. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Approval of Minutes**

1.) January 7, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Cartee made a motion to approve the January 7, 2020 meeting minutes, seconded by Commissioner Brown.

**IV. New Business**

1. **APPLICATION V 20-01-01:** Josh Whitfield is requesting a variance from Article XV, Section 1509 (C) Table 6 of the *Statesboro Zoning Ordinance*, for the installation of 2 signs with a maximum height of 24 feet at the property located on 87 South College Street in Sign District 4 and the CBD (Central Business) zoning district (Tax Parcel # S19 000001 003).

Jason Boyles introduced the case, and explained the general history of the property. Josh Whitfield was present to provide any additional discussion related to the variance case. Commissioner Byrd requested information as to why the zoning causes additional restrictions, and Commissioner Cartee commented on the nature of growth within the City. Jason explained the initial intent of Sign District 4, and the general idea that it is currently in need of broader language to ensure that signage is not prohibited in circumstances where they are excessive and may cause continued variances. Questions related to the possibility of changing the West District to a Planned Unit Development were addressed at the behest of Commissioner Foreman. Specifically addressed was if it was feasible to make the area a PUD, to which Jason replied that it is currently being considered.

Motion to approve with conditions made by Commissioner Cartee and seconded by Commissioner Brown. The motion carried 6-0.

**V. Announcements**

Next Planning Commission will be held on March 3, 2020.

**VI. Adjourn**

Commissioner Cartee made a motion to adjourn. The Motion was seconded by Commissioner McKay and carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 5:14 PM.

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**Chair – James W. Byrd, Sr.**

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**Secretary – Jason Boyles**  
**Assistant City Manager**