



CITY OF STATESBORO
COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 20, 2021

Regular Meeting

50 E. Main St. City Hall Council Chambers

5:30 PM

Call to Order

Mayor Jonathan McCollar called the meeting to order

Invocation and Pledge

Councilmember Phil Boyum gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDENCE

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	Absent	
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

Recognitions/Public Presentations

A) Presentation by Richard Deal with Lanier, Deal, and Proctor on how the City financially ended Fiscal Year 2020.

Richard Deal with Lanier, Deal, and Proctor presented to Mayor and Council how the City financially ended Fiscal Year 2020.

B) Presentation to the Finance Department for receiving the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

Mayor Jonathan McCollar presented to the City's Finance Department the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. This Certificate is awarded through the Government Finance Officers Association.

Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

- a) 04-06-2021 Council Minutes
- b) 03-16-2021 Executive Session Minutes
- c) 04-06-2021 Executive Session Minutes

B) Consideration of a Motion for approval of the surplus of nine (9) vehicles in the Statesboro Police Department.

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

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

Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve Application RZ 21-03-01: Lindsay Martin requests a zoning map amendment from the R-15 (Single Family Residential) zoning district to the HOC (Highway Oriented Commercial) zoning district, on 2 acres of property in order to construct a multi-tenant commercial building at 141 Williams Road (Tax Parcel MS49000004 001).

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, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmembers Venus Mack and John Riggs

Planning Director Kathy Field presented the zoning map amendment stating staff recommends approval of the amendment with conditions.

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, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmembers Venus Mack and John Riggs

A Motion was made to approve **Application RZ 21-03-01** with staff conditions.

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

Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve Application V 21-03-02: Mohamed F Alshuaibi requests a variance from Article XV, Section 1509 (table 4) of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance in order to construct a building sign exceeding the allowed square footage on a 4.03 acre property located at 1825 Northside Drive East (Tax Parcel S38 000042 000).

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, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmembers Venus Mack and John Riggs

Planning Director Kathy Field presented the variance request stating staff recommends denial of the request. At the regularly scheduled meeting of the Planning Commission on April 6, 2021, the Commission recommended denial of this variance request. The position of staff is that the sign is just too big for the area.

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
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Councilmember Paulette Chavers asked so the only reason for the recommended denial is the size of the sign, it's not in support of the standard size of signs that goes in that particular area.

Planning Director Kathy Field stated yes for that zone the size of the sign is 60 square feet or 5 percent of the wall area. The requested variance is for 120 square feet in size for the sign. The other businesses in the shopping center have followed the 60 square feet in size signs.

Councilmember Shari Barr asked about the Sherwin Williams sign was it grandfathered in before variance requirement.

Kathy Field stated that is what staff believes as it was in existence way back before the rules came in for the size of signs.

Councilmember Phil Boyum stated we have given approval for expanded signs to various businesses throughout the City. If we can do it for the big corporations, why can't we do it for local business?

After further discussion, a motion was made to approve **Application V 21-03-02**: approving a variance from Article XV, Section 1509 (Table 4) of the Statesboro Zoning Ordinance to construct a building sign exceeding the allowed square footage on property located at 1825 Northside Drive East.

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

Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2021-18: A Resolution authorizing the destruction of certain Municipal Records.

A motion was made to approve **Resolution 2021-18** authorizing the destruction of certain Municipal Records.

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

Consideration of a motion to approve the proposed Statesboro Youth Connect Program and the authorization of an expenditure of \$25,000.00 to be used as stipends for the participants.

A motion was made to approve the proposed Statesboro Youth Connect Program and the authorization of an expenditure of \$25,000.00 to be used as stipends for the participants.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Phil Boyum
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers

AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmembers Venus Mack and John Riggs

Consideration of a motion to approve the purchase of 40 Scott Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Cylinders from Hydro-Stat, Inc. in the amount of \$34,886.40.

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MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Councilmember Shari Barr
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmembers Venus Mack and John Riggs

Consideration of a motion to approve the purchase of 20 Scott X3 Pro SCBA’s and 20 SCBA Mask under the Georgia State Contract #9999-SPD-SPD0000156 to Fisher Scientific in the amount of \$177,149.00.

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MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Councilmember Shari Barr
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmembers Venus Mack and John Riggs

Consideration of a motion to approve change orders # 1-6 with John Lavender & Associates for the Luetta Moore Park and Grady Street Park project in an amount not to exceed \$349,808.70 and to authorize the Mayor to execute contract document amendments to proceed with construction of services and products.

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RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers

SECONDER:	Councilmember Phil Boyum
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmembers Venus Mack and John Riggs

Consideration of a motion to award a contract to Xylm Dewatering Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$46,260.22 for installation of one lift station pump.

A Motion was made to award a contract to Xylm Dewatering Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$46,260.22 for installation of one lift station pump.

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

Consideration of a motion to award a contract to Y-Delta, Inc. in the amount of \$32,820.00 to replace windows at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

A Motion was made to award a contract to Y-Delta, Inc. in the amount of \$32,820.00 to replace windows at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Shari Barr
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Paulette Chavers
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Barr
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Other Business from City Council:

Councilmember Shari Barr commends John Washington and Amanda Clements and KSBB on some upcoming events. This Saturday KSBB is hosting a shred day. You can bring up to three boxes of paper you want shredded. This event will be from 9am – 12pm at the Statesboro Convention and Visitors Center. The other thing this week is Earth Day on Thursday April 22 and KSBB will be cleaning up the Creek between the Honey Bowen Building and Wendy’s.

City Managers Comments

City Manager Charles Penny shared with Mayor and Council that last week a need arose for an emergency purchase in the amount of \$48,482.00 for a rotary screen repair at the WWTP. This was a sole source purchase for that piece of equipment.

Mr. Penny stated a budget work session is scheduled for next Tuesday April 27, 2021 from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

Mr. Penny also shared that the second employee newsletter was sent out last week. He thanked Layne Phillips the City's Public Information Officer and the Statesboro Herald for getting it out.

Public Comments (General): None

Consideration of a Motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss "Personnel Matters" in accordance with O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(b).

At 6:14 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, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmembers Venus Mack and John Riggs

At 6:20 pm a motion was made to exit Executive Session.

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

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

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, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmembers Venus Mack and John Riggs

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

Leah Harden, City Clerk