



CITY OF STATESBORO
COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 18, 2024

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 Paulette Chavers gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDENCE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jonathan McCollar	Mayor	Present	
Phil Boyum	Councilmember	Present	5:58 pm
Paulette Chavers	Councilmember	Present	
Ginny Hendley	Councilmember	Present	
John Riggs	Councilmember	Absent	
Shari Barr	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	

Other staff present: Assistant City Manager Jason Boyles, Public Information Officer Layne Phillips, Attorney Tom Peterson IV, and City Clerk Leah Harden. Absent was City Manager Charles Penny and City Attorney Cain Smith.

3. Recognitions / Public Presentation:

A) Presentation by the Greener Boro Commission.

Lissa Legee Chairperson for the Greener Boro Commission gave an update as to the things the commission has been up to over the last two years. Their mission is to “Continue to grow a resilient, welcoming and health Statesboro in which wise planning meets the clean, air, water, and other livability needs of all, including future generations.” The commission did some data gathering on what Statesboro values. The top four items are recycling, biking and walking trails, pedestrian friendly cities, and solar initiatives. From this data the commission came up with several objectives to include reduce solid waste, reduce transportation emissions, increase public and private green space, conserve biological/environmental green space, improve energy efficiency in city buildings and provide education about home energy efficiency, and work towards sustainability enforcement within the city. In order to accomplish these objectives the commission is working to gather information from guest speakers such as city staff and local presenters on what Statesboro is doing. Also external speakers to learn how they are approaching problems. In efforts to reduce solid waste Greener Boro has come up with Fix it Fridays. Fix it Friday is done in partnership with BIG/Fab Lab and is part of the First Friday events so far 214 people have been engaged with the event and 105 items have been repaired. In addition they also developed a local reduced Solid Waste Local Resource Guide and made it available on the city’s website. In efforts to improve energy efficiency the commission solicited Georgia Power’s participation to promote residential efficiency retrofit program so far they have received 18 applications. Some new initiatives the commission is work on include waste reduction by having aluminum cups for city events, energy reduction by encouraging performance contract to increase sustainability through energy and water conservation, reduction in transportation emissions by mapping out all city bike paths, partnering with Keep Statesboro-Bulloch Beautiful Advisory Board for a Green Business Certification program, and finally a Climate Resiliency Plan done in two phases, phase I is a vulnerability assessment and phase II is the Climate Resiliency Plan. So, we as the commission encourage the city to move forward with some of these ideas and ask for feedback on these initiatives and what the focus of the commission should be in the next year.

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr stated she is in favor of all the initiatives and asked to hear what other councilmembers think.

Councilmember Paulette Chavers stated she is interested in the biking trails mapping initiative and the Fix it Friday initiative. She also stated her concern about the aluminum cups initiative for city events asking who would provide the cups.

Lissa Legee stated the idea is that the city would provide the cups. The city of Savannah is doing this and they've been very successful.

Mayor Jonathan McCollar stated his interest is in the walking paths initiative with an idea of finding a way to connect the Willie McTell trail to Georgia Southern Campus.

Councilmember Ginny Hendly stated she agrees that the two mentioned initiatives are the best ones to focus on.

4. Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

5. Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

a) 06-04-2024 Council Minutes

b) 06-04-2024 Executive Session Minutes

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

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

6. Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION SE 24-05-01: Sal Atta requests a Special Exception from Section 2.2.9 of the Statesboro Unified Development Code in order to allow for the establishment of a vehicle service station at 3101 Old Register Road (Tax Parcel # 076 00001 012).

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
SECONDER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
AYES:	Chavers, Hendley, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs and Phil Boyum

No one spoke for or against the request.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
AYES:	Chavers, Hendley, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs and Phil Boyum

A motion was made to approve with staff conditions **APPLICATION SE 24-05-01**: Sal Atta requests a Special Exception from Section 2.2.9 of the Statesboro Unified Development Code in order to allow for the establishment of a vehicle service station at 3101 Old Register Road (Tax Parcel # 076 00001 012).

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
SECONDER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
AYES:	Chavers, Hendley, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs and Phil Boyum

- 7. Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION RZ 24-05-02: The Young Men’s Christian Association of Coastal Georgia, Inc. requests a Zoning Map Amendment from the R-15 (Single-Family Residential) zoning district to the MX (Mixed-Use) zoning district on approximately 8.29 acres of property in order to add services for a future daycare and medical office to the existing Y at 409 Clairborne Avenue (Tax Parcel # S53 000001 000).**

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
SECONDER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
AYES:	Chavers, Hendley, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs and Phil Boyum

Mark Bruce spoke in favor of the request. No one spoke against the request.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
SECONDER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
AYES:	Chavers, Hendley, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs and Phil Boyum

A motion was made to approve with staff conditions **APPLICATION RZ 24-05-02**: The Young Men’s Christian Association of Coastal Georgia, Inc. requests a Zoning Map Amendment from the R-15 (Single-Family Residential) zoning district to the MX (Mixed-Use) zoning district on approximately 8.29 acres of property in order to add services for a future daycare and medical office to the existing Y at 409 Clairborne Avenue (Tax Parcel # S53 000001 000).

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
SECONDER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
AYES:	Chavers, Hendley, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs and Phil Boyum

At 5:58 pm Councilmember Phil Boyum joined the meeting.

- 8. Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION SUB 24-05-03: Mitchell Ball requests a Preliminary Subdivision PLAT on approximately 32.16 acres in order to amend a previously approved single-family detached subdivision by increasing the unit count by 12 units on Stockyard Road (Tax Parcel # MS38000068 001).**

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

Haydon Rollins with Hussey Gay Bell spoke in favor of the request. No one spoke against the request.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

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

A motion was made to approve with staff conditions **APPLICATION SUB 24-05-03**: Mitchell Ball requests a Preliminary Subdivision PLAT on approximately 32.16 acres in order to amend a previously approved single-family detached subdivision by increasing the unit count by 12 units on Stockyard Road (Tax Parcel # MS38000068 001).

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
SECONDER:	Councilmember Phil Boyum
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Hendley, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs

9. Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: APPLICATION SUB 24-05-04: Five Guys Development, LLC request a Preliminary Subdivision PLAT on 111.4 acres of property in order to develop approximately 185 units at 6922 Burkhalter Road (Tax Parcel # 108 000002 000).

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
SECONDER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Hendley, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs

Haydon Rollins with Hussey Gay Bell spoke in favor of the request.
No one spoke against the request.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
SECONDER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Hendley, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs

A motion was made to approve with staff conditions **APPLICATION SUB 24-05-04**: Five Guys Development, LLC request a Preliminary Subdivision PLAT on 111.4 acres of property in order to develop approximately 185 units at 6922 Burkhalter Road (Tax Parcel # 108 000002 000).

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Hendley, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs

10. Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve:

A. APPLICATION SE 24-05-05: CRE Impact BCM Southern Statesboro GA, LLC requests a Special Exception from Section 2.3.2 of the Statesboro Unified Development Code to allow for an approximately 1,000 square foot commercial space in a proposed multi-story apartment development located at 1701 Chandler Road (Tax Parcel # MS62 000001 000).

B. APPLICATION SU 24-05-06: CRE Impact BCM Southern Statesboro GA, LLC requests a Special Use Permit to allow for an increase in the allowed density of a proposed multi-story apartment development located at 1701 Chandler Road (Tax Parcel# MS62 000001 000).

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
SECONDER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Hendley, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs

Jeff Warwick spoke in favor of the request. No one spoke against the request.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
SECONDER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Hendley, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs

A motion was made to approve with staff conditions **APPLICATION SE 24-05-05**: CRE Impact BCM Southern Statesboro GA, LLC requests a Special Exception from Section 2.3.2 of the Statesboro Unified Development Code to allow for an approximately 1,000 square foot commercial space in a proposed multi-story apartment development located at 1701 Chandler Road (Tax Parcel # MS62 000001 000) and **APPLICATION SU 24-05-06**: CRE Impact BCM Southern Statesboro GA, LLC requests a Special Use Permit to allow for an increase in the allowed density of a proposed multi-story apartment development located at 1701 Chandler Road (Tax Parcel# MS62 000001 000).

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
SECONDER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Hendley, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs

11. Public Hearing and Consideration of a Motion to Approve: Resolution 2024-14: A Resolution Adopting the 2024 Comprehensive Master Plan Update.

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
SECONDER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Hendley, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs

No one spoke for or against the 2024 Comprehensive Master Plan update.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
SECONDER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Hendley, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs

A motion was made to approve **Resolution 2024-14**: A Resolution adopting the 2024 Comprehensive Master Plan Update.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Hendley, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs

12. Public Hearing and Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2024-15: A Resolution exempting certain vehicles from marking requirement for one year.

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

No one spoke for or against Resolution 2024-15.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

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

A motion was made to approve **Resolution 2024-15**: A Resolution exempting certain vehicles from marking requirement for one year.

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

13. Consideration of a Motion to Approve **Resolution 2024-16**: A Resolution to adopt the fourth amendment to the fiscal year 2024 budget for each fund of the City of Statesboro, Georgia, appropriating the amounts shown in each budget as expenditures/expenses, adopting the several items of revenue anticipations, and prohibiting expenditures or expenses from exceeding the actual funding appropriated.

A motion was made to approve **Resolution 2024-16**: A Resolution to adopt the fourth amendment to the fiscal year 2024 budget for each fund of the City of Statesboro, Georgia, appropriating the amounts shown in each budget as expenditures/expenses, adopting the several items of revenue anticipations, and prohibiting expenditures or expenses from exceeding the actual funding appropriated.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Hendley, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs

14. Consideration of a motion to approve **Resolution 2024-17**: A Resolution to adopt he Fiscal Year 2025 Budget for each fund of the City of Statesboro, Georgia, appropriating the amount shown in each budget as expenditures/expenses, adopting the several items of revenue anticipations, and prohibiting expenditures or expenses from exceeding the actual funding available for appropriations.

A motion was made to approve **Resolution 2024-17**: A Resolution to adopt the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget for each fund of the City of Statesboro, Georgia, appropriating the amount shown in each budget as expenditures/expenses, adopting the several items of revenue anticipations, and prohibiting expenditures or expenses from exceeding the actual funding available for appropriations.

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

15. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2024-18: A Resolution adopting the Statesboro Schedule of Rates, Fees and Fines.

A motion was made to approve **Resolution 2024-18**: A Resolution adopting the Statesboro Schedule of Rates, Fees and Fines.

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

16. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2024-19: A Resolution accepting road right of way of Fernhill Drive, Leather Leaf Way, Boston Fern Lane, Royal Fern Lane, Fire Apparatus Turnaround (2), and future road extension within the Fernhill Subdivision as public streets to be owned and maintained by the City of Statesboro.

A motion was made to approve **Resolution 2024-19**: A Resolution accepting road right of way of Fernhill Drive, Leather Leaf Way, Boston Fern Lane, Royal Fern Lane, Fire Apparatus Turnaround (2), and future road extension within the Fernhill Subdivision as public streets to be owned and maintained by the City of Statesboro.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Phil Boyum
SECONDER:	Councilmember Ginndy Hendley
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Hendley, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs

- 17. Consideration of a motion to approve Second Reading and consideration of a motion to approve:**
- A) **Ordinance 2024-06: An Ordinance amending Chapter 70 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances regulating the use of Shareable Dockless Mobility Devices.**
 - B) **Ordinance 2024-07: An Ordinance amending Chapter 78 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances amending Non-Motorized Devices.**

A motion was made to approve **Ordinance 2024-06: An Ordinance amending Chapter 70 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances regulating the use of Shareable Dockless Mobility Devices** and **Ordinance 2024-07: An Ordinance amending Chapter 78 of the Statesboro Code of Ordinances amending Non-Motorized Devices.**

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
SECONDER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Hendley, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs

- 18. Consideration of a Motion to Authorize the Mayor to execute a contract for services with the Statesboro Arts Council, Inc. to market downtown Statesboro by operating and managing the Averitt Center for the Arts, using proceeds from the Hotel/Motel Tax.**

A motion was made to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract for services with the Statesboro Arts Council, Inc. to market downtown Statesboro by operating and managing the Averitt Center for the Arts, using proceeds from the Hotel/Motel Tax.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
SECONDER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Hendley, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs

- 19. Consideration of a Motion to Authorize the Mayor to execute a contract for services with the Downtown Statesboro Development Authority/Main Street to market downtown Statesboro, using proceeds from the Hotel/Motel Tax.**

A motion was made to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract for services with the Downtown Statesboro Development Authority/Main Street to market downtown Statesboro, using proceeds from the Hotel/Motel Tax.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Hendley, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs

20. Consideration of a Motion to Authorize the Mayor to execute a contract for services with the Statesboro Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc. to market Statesboro and Bulloch County, using proceeds from the Hotel/Motel Tax.

A motion was made to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract for services with the Statesboro Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc. to market Statesboro and Bulloch County, using proceeds from the Hotel/Motel Tax.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Hendley, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs

21. Consideration of a motion to amend the West Main Street streetscape improvements project contract with Cranston by an additional amount of \$79,850.00 to provide professional design services along the East Main Street streetscape. This project, ENG-92, will be paid by 2018 TSPLOST funds.

A motion was made to amend the West Main Street streetscape improvements project contract with Cranston by an additional amount of \$79,850.00 to provide professional design services along the East Main Street streetscape. This project, ENG-92, will be paid by 2018 TSPLOST funds.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
SECONDER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Hendley, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs

22. Consideration of a motion to award contract to Hussey Gay Bell Engineering, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$76,900 to provide survey, design, permit, bid and contract administration services for sanitary sewer rehabilitation in the Fair Road, East Main Street and US Highway 80 areas. If approved, this project will be funded using operating income as approved in FY2024 CIP Projects WWD-187 & WWD-188.

A motion was made to award contract to Hussey Gay Bell Engineering, Inc. in the amount not to exceed \$76,900 to provide survey, design, permit, bid and contract administration services for sanitary sewer rehabilitation in the Fair Road, East Main Street and US Highway 80 areas. If approved, this project will be funded using operating income as approved in FY2024 CIP Projects WWD-187 & WWD-188.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Phil Boyum
SECONDER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Hendley, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs

- 23. Consideration of a motion to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with FS2 Land Holdings LLC, to cost share the construction of a Sewer Lift Station to serve Quail Run Subdivision. The City will contribute 20% of the cost, not to exceed \$149,602.00. This project, WWD-32, will be paid for with funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), which have been set aside for utility extension into unserved areas.**

A motion was made to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with FS2 Land Holdings LLC, to cost share the construction of a Sewer Lift Station to serve Quail Run Subdivision. The City will contribute 20% of the cost, not to exceed \$149,602.00. This project, WWD-32, will be paid for with funds from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), which have been set aside for utility extension into unserved areas.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Phil Boyum
SECONDER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Hendley, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs

- 24. Consideration of a motion to approve Task Order #9 in the amount of \$69,960.00 from Goodwyn, Mills, and Cawood (GMC) as part of the Stormwater Masterplanning Professional Services Agreement, to perform a stormwater study in the Whitesville area. This project will be paid through Stormwater Utility funds under STM-2 Drainage Basin H&H Modeling CIP.**

A motion was made to approve Task Order #9 in the amount of \$69,960.00 from Goodwyn, Mills, and Cawood (GMC) as part of the Stormwater Masterplanning Professional Services Agreement, to perform a stormwater study in the Whitesville area. This project will be paid through Stormwater Utility funds under STM-2 Drainage Basin H&H Modeling CIP.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Hendley, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs

25. Consideration of a motion to approve the use of \$250,000 from ARPA interest earnings to assist with the construction of the Food Bank Building.

A motion was made to approve the use of \$250,000 from ARPA interest earnings to assist with the construction of the Food Bank Building.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
SECONDER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Hendley, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs

26. Other Business from City Council

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr thanked city staff for a fabulous concert last week.

27. City Managers Comments

Assistant City Manager Jason Boyles brought to Mayor and Council’s attention a letter in the FYI packet we received from the Bulloch County Board of Commissioners regarding a request to meet and prepare for the renewal of the Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax referendum.

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr asked about one item in the FYI packet a letter, we received from GDOT regarding detours for the roundabout projects and their request for input from the city of the potential impact on our citizens in the community.

Assistant City Manager Jason Boyles stated he has not had a chance to work through this with engineering. The project does include some city funds however it is a GDOT project so we rely heavily on their recommendations that way if there are any issues its GDOT’s issue to figure out. The City Engineer is out this week so when he gets back we will go through this and see what we have and give you an update.

28. Public Comments (General):

Don Armel stated there is an ordinance he wants to bring to Mayor and Council’s attention that needs to be addressed. He began by stating under Part one, Charter and related laws, subpart A, Article two, Section 2-2 reads, “Vacancy declared in offices of mayor and council if officer changes residency to one outside city, the mayor and each member of the council of the city shall reside within the corporate limits of the city during their term in office. If any officer changes residency to one outside of the city, such officer’s office shall be declared vacant.” Mr. Armel then stated he believes District 1 has a vacant seat as Councilmember Phil Boyum does not have a residence in Statesboro or in District 1. He continued that with little effort using the white pages, he found there is a residence in Gainesville, Florida for Boyum. Mr. Armel also stated he did not come here to make a debate out of this but that it is something council should consider and look into, because the East Main residence shows, Mr. Boyum left that residence in 2023 and there is no other location currently.

Councilmember Phil Boyum stated he has not lived in Gainesville since 1998.

Annie Bellinger stated she has been a registered voter in Bulloch County for 65 years and that this year her voting rights and right to privacy been violated by the elections office.

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

At 7:00 pm a motion was made to enter into executive session.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
SECONDER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Hendley, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs

At 7:22 pm a motion was made to exit executive session.

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

Mayor Jonathan McCollar called the regular meeting back to order.

A motion was made to execute a purchase/sale agreement with Robbie Franklin Real Estate LLC for the purchase of property for a fire station. The project FD-85 will be funded from 2019 SPLOST funds.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
SECONDER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Hendley, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs

A motion was made to accept the resignation of Hannah Dugan from the Greener Boro Commission and to reappoint Lissa Legee to the commission.

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

A motion was made to approve a car allowance for the role of City Attorney and City Clerk in the amount of \$700.00 per month.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Hendley, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs

A motion was made to appoint Shiraya Robbs and Aaron Jump to the Keep Statesboro Bulloch Beautiful Advisory Board

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
SECONDER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Hendley, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs

30. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
AYES:	Boyum, Chavers, Hendley, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.

Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

Leah Harden, City Clerk