



CITY OF STATESBORO
COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

Regular Meeting

50 E. Main St. City Hall Council Chambers

9:00 AM

1. Call to Order

Mayor Jonathan McCollar called the meeting to order

2. Invocation and Pledge

Councilmember John Riggs called on Marcus Toole to give the invocation. Councilmember John Riggs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDENCE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jonathan McCollar	Mayor	Present	
Vacant	Councilmember	Vacant	
Paulette Chavers	Councilmember	Present	
Ginny Hendley	Councilmember	Present	
John Riggs	Councilmember	Present	
Shari Barr	Mayor Pro Tem	Present	

Other staff present: City Manager Charles Penny, Assistant City Manager Jason Boyles, Public Affairs Manager Layne Phillips, City Attorney Cain Smith, and City Clerk Leah Harden

3. Recognitions / Public Presentation:

A) Presentation of a Proclamation recognizing September 15th – October 15th as Hispanic Heritage Month.

Mayor Jonathan McCollar read the Proclamation recognizing September 15th – October 15th as Hispanic Heritage Month.

4. Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

5. Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

- a) 08-20-2024 Work Session Minutes
- b) 08-20-2024 Council Minutes
- c) 08-20-2024 Executive Session Minutes

B) Consideration of a motion to approve the surplus and disposition of vehicles and equipment in the Public Works and Engineering Department.

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

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

6. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2024-22: A Resolution calling for a temporary relocation of Statesboro 1 Precinct from Luetta Moore Park to the Statesboro Primitive Baptist Church for the City Special Election held on November 5, 2024 to fill the unexpired term of the vacant District 1 Council seat.

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MOVER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
AYES:	Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

7. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2024-23: A Resolution to accept the 2023 Fire Prevention & Safety Grant for the City of Statesboro, Georgia in the amount of \$8,095.23 with a 5% match in the amount of \$404.77. These fund will be used to purchase an inflatable fire safety house.

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MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
SECONDER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
AYES:	Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

8. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2024-24: A Resolution to adopt the First Amendment to the City of Statesboro Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Fines for Fiscal Year 2025.

A Motion was made to approve **Resolution 2024-24**: A Resolution to adopt the First Amendment to the City of Statesboro Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Fines for Fiscal Year 2025.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
SECONDER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
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ABSENT	

9. Consideration of a motion to approve the purchase of twenty-five (25) APX6000 portable radios, fifteen (15) spare batteries and five (5) shoulder microphones for the Statesboro Fire Department in the amount of \$156,047.70 from Motorola Solutions utilizing 2019 SPLOST funds.

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ABSENT	

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ABSENT	

12. Consideration of a motion to approve an award of contract for sidewalk installations and culvert improvement to HD Construction in the amount of \$1,766,456.50. The three (3) CIP projects included in this bid award are ENG-122c (funded by 2018 TSPLOST and GDOT LMIG), ENG-122k (funded by 2018 TSPLOST and Stormwater Operating funds), and STM-39 (funded by Stormwater operating funds).

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AYES:	Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

13. Consideration of a motion to approve the purchase of a Falcon Asphalt 4-Ton Patch Truck from Reynolds-Warren Equipment Co. per the Purchasing Cooperative of America (PCA) Contract #PCA OD-362-22, in the amount of \$234,950.00. This item will be purchased with 2023 TSPLOST funds.

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MOVER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
SECONDER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
AYES:	Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

14. Consideration of a motion to approve the purchase of an Aries Mobile Pathfinder UC3410, including camera, tractor, and controller from Aries Industry Inc., per the HGACBuy Contract #SC06-24, in the amount of \$126,119.00. This purchase, STM-31 will be paid from Stormwater Utility fees.

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AYES:	Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT	

15. Consideration of a motion to approve a sole source purchase for an updated software platform from CUES GraniteNet for the Water/Sewer Department to replace the obsolete, existing software from CUES Inc., in the amount of \$36,955.00 to be purchased with operating income.

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ABSENT	

16. Consideration of a motion to approve an award of contract to Cartee Construction and Utilities, LLC in the amount of \$1,483,574.26 for the installation of sanitary sewer infrastructure in Ramblewood Subdivision on Ramble Road to be paid for with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds approved in the FY2024 CIP Budget item #WWD-32-C.

A motion was made to approve an award of contract to Cartee Construction and Utilities, LLC in the amount of \$1,483,574.26 for the installation of sanitary sewer infrastructure in Ramblewood Subdivision on Ramble Road to be paid for with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds approved in the FY2024 CIP Budget item #WWD-32-C.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
SECONDER:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
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ABSENT	

17. Other Business from City Council

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr expressed sadness about the cancellation of the First Friday events for the remainder of the year however the last Downtown Live concert is next Thursday September 12, 2024 and she encouraged citizens to come out to support the concert and enjoy the festivities.

18. City Managers Comments

City Manager Charles Penny informed Mayor and Council that the city did not receive the CDBG grant for the Whitesville area.

Mr. Penny announced that the city will be hosting a public information session next Monday September 9, 2024 at 6:00 pm regarding the annexation and rezone request for the Burkhalter Village development. Then on Tuesday September 10, 2024 the City of Statesboro will be hosting two Public Hearings regarding the proposed 2024 millage rate. One meeting will take place at 12:00 pm with the second one at 6:00 pm. The third public hearing will take place on September 17th at 5:30 pm council meeting. The millage rate recommendation is 9.125.

Lastly Mr. Penny stated there has been a lot of misinformation in the community related to the city water system and so City staff will put together a presentation on how the system works and present it at the next work session. The City will also host a couple of public meetings so citizens can have a better understanding about the water system and how it works.

19. Public Comments (General):

Marshall Webster voiced his concerns about the New Georgia Project organization and the Mayors employment with them. He stated he believes it is a conflict of interest for the Mayor to work for such an organization.

20. 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 9:30 am a motion was made to enter into executive session.

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

At 10:20 am a motion was made to exit Executive Session.

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

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

21. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.

Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

Leah Harden, City Clerk