



CITY OF STATESBORO
COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 1, 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 Paulette Chavers gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

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. Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

4. Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

- a) **09-10-2024 Public Hearing Minutes 12:00 pm**
- b) **09-10-2024 Public Hearing Minutes 6:00 pm**
- c) **09-17-2024 Work Session Minutes**
- d) **09-17-2024 Council Minutes**

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

5. Public hearing and consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2024-26: A Resolution adopting the update to the Urban Redevelopment plan for the City of Statesboro.

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

No one spoke for or against the update to the Urban Redevelopment Plan.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

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

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

6. Consideration of a motion to award a contract for engineering technical services for Birds Pond Dam Temporary Repair and Inspection to Freese and Nichols, Inc. (FNI) in the amount not to exceed (NTE) \$40,842.00. The project work will be paid from Stormwater Fund Revenues.

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

7. Consideration of a motion to award a contract for On-Call Professional Engineering & Consulting Services to Atlas Technical Consultants, LLC (Atlas) to provide TSPLOST Program Management support to the city of Statesboro Engineering Department. The annual estimated amount of \$224,640.00 is anticipated for Engineering support services. The project work will be paid from the 2018 and 2023 TSPLOST funds.

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

8. Other Business from City Council

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr stated she is glad to see people here and that they made it through the storm. She appreciated Public Works, Georgia Power, all the County workers, rescue workers, and service workers. Also to all the individuals who stepped up and to lend a hand to those in need.

9. City Managers Comments

City Manager Charles Penny stated as a result of Hurricane Helene the city and the county have been adversely impacted with downed trees and power lines, As clean up continues the piles of debris will become more and more. In order to get that cleaned up we will not be able to do it with city staff. We do expect public assistance will come in from FEMA to provide financial support helping to get our city back together. Staff recommends a contract with Southern Disaster Recovery, LLC (SDR, LLC) for debris removal within the city limits. SDR, LLC has performed many disaster recovery around the Southeast and specifically in Georgia and is an approved FEMA vendor. Mr. Penny also stated anyone who has trees being removed by a contractor, the contractor will usually haul it off, but under these circumstances the trees may be placed on the side of the street for pick up. The contract is in the amount of \$1 million dollars but we do expect these funds to be reimbursed to us as a part of public assistance and under the emergency purchasing law, we are bringing this forward for your approval in order to mobilize this company in our community to help us get our city cleaned up.

A motion was made to approve a contract with Southern Disaster Recovery, LLC (SDR, LLC) for Hurricane Helene storm debris removal in the amount not to exceed \$1 million dollars.

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

Mr. Penny shared that the smoke alarm blitz the Statesboro Fire Department scheduled for this weekend has been postponed. In addition the city water/sewer information public meeting scheduled for last night was cancelled and is tentatively rescheduled for Monday, October 14, 2024. The ribbon cutting for the Art Park scheduled for Thursday October 3rd has been rescheduled to Thursday October 17, 2024 at 4:30 pm. Lastly Mr. Penny reminded everyone about the Public hearing for the millage rate this Thursday at 6:00 pm.

10. Public Comments (General):

Don Armel came forward and shared information about a resource he received from a Georgia Southern University alert. The notice says, beginning today they are offering the use of their showers at the RAC on the Statesboro campus, from 10 am to 5 pm through Sunday October 6th for students, faculty and staff. The dining facilities are also open for students and staff.

11. 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 9:29 am a motion was made to enter into Executive Session.

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

At 10:00 am a motion was made to exit executive session.

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

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

A motion was made to appoint Katie Mercer, Phillip Leroy, Adam Dean, Imani Lee, Cassie Duncan, and Alexis Meyers to the One Boro Commission and Michael Branch to the Keep Statesboro-Bulloch Beautiful Advisory Board.

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

12. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 am.

Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

Leah Harden, City Clerk

