



CITY OF STATESBORO
COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 15, 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 Ginny Hendley 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	Absent	
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:

Presentation of a Proclamation honoring the 37th Anniversary of the Statesboro Food Bank.

Mayor McCollar read and presented a proclamation to Sheila Leach, Executive Director and members of the Statesboro Food Bank Board recognizing and honoring their 37th Anniversary.

Presentation of a Proclamation to Safe Haven recognizing October 2024 a Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Mayor Jonathan McCollar read and presented a proclamation to Kim Billings, Director of Public Relations/Legal Services at Safe Haven, recognizing October 2024 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Kim Billings extended an invitation to the Mayor and City Council as well as the to the public to attend Safe Haven’s “Stronger Together” luncheon on October 24th from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm at the Holiday Inn located at 455 Commerce Drive.

4. Public Comments (Agenda Item): None

5. Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

A) Approval of Minutes

- a) 09-26-2024 Public Hearing Minutes 12:00 pm
- b) 09-26-2024 Public Hearing Minutes 6:00 pm
- c) 10-01-2024 Council Minutes
- d) 10-01-2024 Executive Session Minutes
- e) 10-03-2024 Called Council Meeting Minutes
- f) 10-03-2024 Executive Session Minutes

B) Consideration of a motion to amend the due date for the City of Statesboro property tax bill from December 20, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

C) Consideration of a motion to for approval of surplus and disposition of items in the Public Work and Public Utilities Departments.

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

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

6. Public hearing and consideration of a motion to approve:

(A) APPLICATION AN 24-09-03: Dennis Rhodes requests annexation of approximately 5.22 acres of property in order to develop a residential subdivision on Cypress Lake Road & Veterans Memorial Parkway (Tax Parcel MS42000004A000).

(B) APPLICATION RZ 24-09-04: Dennis Rhodes requests a zoning map amendment from the R-40 (Single Family Residential) zoning district to the R-3 (Medium Density Residential) zoning district on approximately 5.22 acres of property in order to develop a residential subdivision on Cypress Lake Road (Tax Parcel MS42000004A000).

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

John Dotson with Maxwell Reddick 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:	Councilmember Paulette Chavers
SECONDER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
AYES:	Chavers, Hendley, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs

A motion was made to approve with staff conditions **APPLICATION AN 24-09-03**: Dennis Rhodes requests annexation of approximately 5.22 acres of property in order to develop a residential subdivision on Cypress Lake Road & Veterans Memorial Parkway (Tax Parcel MS42000004A000) and **APPLICATION RZ 24-09-04**: Dennis Rhodes requests a zoning map amendment from the R-40 (Single Family Residential) zoning district to the R-3 (Medium Density Residential) zoning district on approximately 5.22 acres of property in order to develop a residential subdivision on Cypress Lake Road (Tax Parcel MS42000004A000).

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

7. Consideration of a motion to approve APPLICATION SUB 24-09-02: Stephen Sauers requests a preliminary subdivision PLAT on approximately 14.05 acres of property in order to construct a 46-unit townhome development at 665 S&S Railroad Bed Road (Tax Parcel 107 000006A000 & 107 000007 000).

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SECONDER:	Councilmember Ginny Hendley
AYES:	Chavers, Hendley, Barr
ABSENT	Councilmember John Riggs

8. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2024-28: A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an FY25 Operational Service Agreement with the Coastal Regional Commission of Georgia for public transportation services in assistance with the Georgia Department of Transportation.

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

9. Consideration of a motion to approve the purchase of one (1) 2024 or newer Ford F-250 Superduty XL SRW 4X4 Crew Cab 6.8L V8 (or equivalent) and one (1) 2024 or newer Ford F-450 Superduty DRW 4X2 Supercab Chassis Cab 7.3L with a service body (or equivalent) at a cost not to exceed \$145,000.00. This purchase will be paid with funds approved in the 2025 CIP Budget, Project WTP-4 and Project WWD-138.

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

10. Other Business from City Council

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr reminded folks about getting all their yard debris to the right of way as soon as possible for it to be picked up.

11. City Managers Comments

City Manager Charles Penny stated that as of yesterday SDR has collected 10,000 cubic yards of debris. There is still a lot that needs to be picked up. The thing we need to do is make sure we stay within the 90 day window that the President

has authorized through FEMA so we can get 100% reimbursement for the work that's being done. Otherwise we would have to come up with about 20% to 25% of the cost.

The ribbon cutting for the Art Park will take place this Thursday October 17, 2024 at 4:30 pm and will be followed by a reception for former Councilmember Phil Boyum. The reception will be held at the Business Innovation Group expansion.

Mr. Penny invited the Mayor and City Council to join with city employees the United Way Campaign kickoff luncheon on Wednesday October 23, 2024 at Fire Station 1 located on West Grady Street.

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr shared that Recycle Fest will take place on Saturday October 26, 2024 from 2pm – 5pm at Mill Creek Park. Also Greener Boro is doing a Fix it Friday on October 25, 2024 at the Business Innovation Group expansion.

12. Public Comments (General):

Marshall Webster voiced his opinion about the comments that were made at the last tax hearing on October 3, 2024.

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

At 6:01 p.m. a motion was made to enter into executive session.

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

At 6:11 pm a motion was made to exit executive session.

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

14. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 pm.

Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

Leah Harden, City Clerk