



CITY OF STATESBORO
COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 19, 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

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Oath of Office Administered by Bulloch County Probate Judge Lorna Deloach to District 1 Council Member Tangie Johnson.

Bulloch County Probate Judge Lorna Deloach administered the Oath of Office to Tangie Johnson, District 1 City Councilmember.

ATTENDENCE

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jonathan McCollar	Mayor	Present	
Tangie Johnson	Councilmember	Present	
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.

4. Recognitions/Public Presentations

A) Presentation of a Citizen Commendation Award to Shadrach Frew.

B) Presentation of a Life Saving Award to SGT. Jennifer Strosnider, Officer Sara Leggett, and Officer David Blythe.

Police Chief Mike Broadhead presented a Citizen Commendation Award to Shadrach Frew for his life saving actions on September 14, 2024. Mr. Frew was at home when he heard a woman screaming on the street. He looked out and observed her yelling, "He thought it was cocaine" Mr. Frew immediately grabbed a dose of Narcan and went out on the street where he observed a male in a car not breathing. He quickly administered the Narcan to the subject. As officers arrived Mr. Frew remained engaged and administered a second dose of Narcan. Officers and EMS applied CPR along with a third dose of Narcan and the subject later recovered at the hospital.

Police Chief Mike Broadhead presented a Life Saving Award to Sergeant Jennifer Strosnider, Officer Sara Leggett and Officer David Blythe. The officers were dispatched to the area of Fletcher Drive regarding a possible overdose. As officers Leggett and Blythe arrived Sergeant Strosnider took charge of the scene and began to comfort the friend of the subject in an effort to keep her calm. Officers Leggett and Blythe were unable to find a pulse and began performing CPR. Officers were able to regain a weak pulse as EMS arrived to take over. Sergeant Strosnider later spoke with the emergency room physician who advised that good chest compressions saved the man's life. These officers are to be commended for their quick and effective action to save a life.

- 5. **Public Comments (Agenda Item):** None
- 6. **Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda**
 - A) **Approval of Minutes**
 - a) **11-05-2024 Council Minutes**
 - b) **11-05-2024 Executive Session Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

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

- 7. **Public hearing and consideration of a motion to approve APPLICATION V 24-10-01: David McLendon requests a variance from Article 2.5.2 (5i) of the Unified Development Code in order to remove the requirement for pervious pavers in the parking lot at 701 Gentilly Road (Tax Parcel MS73000003 000).**

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

David McLendon 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:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr
AYES:	Johnson, Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT:	

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

8. Public hearing and consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2024-32: A Resolution allowing city staff to apply to the Department of Community Affairs for the Community Home Investment Program (CHIP) in order to construct new housing in the Johnson Street neighborhood.

A motion was made to open the public hearing.

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

No one spoke for or against the request.

A motion was made to close the public hearing.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Councilmember John Riggs
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ABSENT:	

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ABSENT:	

9. Consideration of a motion to approve APPLICATION SUB 24-10-03: Haydon Rollins requests a Preliminary Subdivision PLAT on approximately 67.53 acres of property in order to develop an 84-unit single-family detached subdivision on Lakeview Road (Tax Parcel # MS58000037 000).

A motion was made to approve with staff conditions **APPLICATION SUB 24-10-03**: Haydon Rollins requests a Preliminary Subdivision PLAT on approximately 67.53 acres of property in order to develop an 84-unit single-family detached subdivision on Lakeview Road (Tax Parcel # MS58000037 000).

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

10. Consideration of a motion to approve APPLICATION SUB 24-10-04: Burbank Pointe LLC requests a Preliminary Subdivision PLAT on approximately 1.97 acres of property in order to construct 11 single-family homes on Zetterower Road (Tax Parcel # S06 000002 000).

A motion was made to approve with staff conditions **APPLICATION SUB 24-10-04**: Burbank Pointe LLC requests a Preliminary Subdivision PLAT on approximately 1.97 acres of property in order to construct 11 single-family homes on Zetterower Road (Tax Parcel # S06 000002 000).

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

11. Consideration of a motion to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Bulloch County and other municipalities for the use and distribution of proceeds from the 2025 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax (SPLOST) for capital outlay projects.

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

12. Consideration of a motion to approve the purchase of equipment to “upfit” 6 patrol cars in the Statesboro Police Department in the amount of \$263,971.48.

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

13. Consideration of a motion to award a contract to Xylem Dewatering Solutions, Inc. for the purchase of a Godwin 6 inch diesel backup pump (Model # NC150S) per the Florida Sherriff’s Association cooperative purchasing contract in the amount of \$64,930.80. This item to be purchased with funds approved in the 2025 CIP budget, item # WWD-37, funded by the 2019 SPLOST.

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

14. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2024-33: A Resolution to authorize City participation in amicus brief filed on behalf of City of Milton for a prior court ruling to be brought before and reversed by the Georgia Supreme Court.

A motion was made to approve Resolution 2024-33: A Resolution to authorize City participation in amicus brief filed on behalf of City of Milton for a prior court ruling to be brought before and reversed by the Georgia Supreme Court.

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

15. Other Business from City Council

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr shared that Village Builders is hosting a Family Fun Resource Day this Saturday, November 23, 2024 from 10:00am – 1:30 pm at the Morris Heights community. LaSara Mitchell, Village Builders Coordinator stated we will be serving the community with resources and fun for the children. We’re focusing on a thematic response of gratitude.

Councilmember John Riggs recognized Evan Taormina and asked that he come forward to share about his project in order for him to earn his Eagle Scout. Evan shared that his project is to “develop and lead others in performing a service project that will benefit the community long term.” The project is to place “Book Bins or Free Library” in key areas throughout the City of Statesboro, such as Mill Creek recreation center, Honey Bowen Recreation Center, Boys & Girls Club, and at one of the City’s bus stop locations. The idea is that books may be taken to read and then returned for others. The book bins will be able to sustain itself as books are replaced, returned, and donated by the community.

Direction was given for staff to follow up with Evan to assist him with this project and finding places for the Book Bins throughout the city.

16. City Managers Comments

City Manager Charles Penny stated that this year’s United Way Campaign is co-chaired by Police Chief Mike Broadhead and Fire Chief Tim Grams and that as of today they have raised \$47,611.00. The city is the largest giver to the United Way this year.

Mr. Penny invited Mayor and Council to the Employee Holiday Luncheon this Wednesday November 20, 2024 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm at the Statesboro Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Mr. Penny updated the Mayor and City Council about the debris removal from the city streets stating that as Southern Disaster Recovery (SDR) began debris removal it became apparent that the City had more debris material than originally estimated. The original estimate had the total debris at 50,000 cubic yards. The contractor has since revised that estimate to up to 70,000 cubic yards. An amendment will need to be made to the original contract in order to cover the removal, grinding, and disposal of all storm debris. Staff recommends an amendment in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000.

A motion was made to approve an amendment to the contract with Southern Disaster Recovery (SDR) to an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 from the original \$1,000,000 for debris removal caused by Hurricane Helene.

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

Mr. Penny continued stating that in addition an amendment with SDR an amendment will also need to be made to the “monitor” contract with Thompson Consulting. Staff recommends an amendment in an amount not to exceed \$625,000.

A motion was made to approve an amendment to the contract with Thompson consulting in an amount not to exceed \$625,000 from the original \$300,000 for, FEMA required monitoring services of the storm debris recovery company Southern Disaster Recovery LLC (SDR).

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

17. Public Comments (General): None

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

At 6:39 pm a motion was made to enter into executive session.

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

Councilman Riggs left the meeting 6:39pm

At 6:59 pm a motion was made to exit executive session.

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

A motion was made to appoint Audrey Jacobs to the Youth Commission and Victor Dickey to the Greener Boro Commission.

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

19. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn.

RESULT:	Approved (Unanimous)
MOVER:	Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr

SECONDER:

Councilmember Paulette Chavers

AYES:

Johnson, Chavers, Hendley, Barr

ABSENT:

Councilmember John Riggs

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 pm.

Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

Leah Harden, City Clerk