



CITY OF STATESBORO
COUNCIL MINUTES
DECEMBER 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 Tangie Johnson gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

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

3. Recognitions/Public Presentations:

- A) Presentation of retirement award to Bernard Tracy Pless (Senior Landfill Heavy Equipment Operator) who is retiring effective December 1, 2024, after 11 years of service.**

Mayor Jonathan McCollar presented a retirement award to Bernard Tracy Pless who retired from the City of Statesboro on December 1, 2024 after 11 years of service.

4. Public Comments (Agenda Item):

5. Consideration of a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda

- A) Approval of Minutes**
 - a) 11-19-2024 Work Session Minutes**
 - b) 11-19-2024 Council Minutes**
 - c) 11-19-2024 Executive Session Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda.

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

6. Public hearing and consideration of a motion to approve an application for an alcohol license in accordance with the City of Statesboro Alcohol Ordinance Sec. 6-13(a):

Two Guys Foodmart
Owner: Ankit M. Patel
Location: 520 Fair Road, Ste. 410
License type: Package Sales (Beer and Wine only)

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:	

No one spoke for or 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:	Johnson, Chavers, Hendley, Riggs, Barr
ABSENT:	

A motion was made to approve an application for an alcohol license in accordance with the City of Statesboro Alcohol Ordinance Sec. 6-13(a): issued to Two Guys Foodmart, Owner: Ankit M. Patel, located at: 520 Fair Road, Ste. 410 for license type: Package Sales (Beer and Wine only).

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

7. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2024-34: A Resolution pledging to practice and promote civility within the City of Statesboro governing body.

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

8. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2024-35: A Resolution approving an application and authorizing the Mayor to execute the Project Framework Agreement (PFA) with the Georgia Department of Transportation for the Creek on the Blue Mile project.

City Manager Charles Penny informed Mayor and Council that at the next meeting we will be bringing forward an action for the council that we end the relationship with the consulting firm Freese and Nichols. Part of it is us getting into this process and the cost escalated because of the requirements of the Federal Grant. We were looking at a possible addition of \$4 million which is a bit much to increase their contract. So, we will need to go out with a request for qualifications and hopefully it will come in a lot less than \$4 million. Freese and Nichols has been a good firm to work with. They did our feasibility study and design work and they have agreed to work with us through this transition it's just the cost is something we could not agree on.

A motion was made to approve **Resolution 2024-35**: A Resolution approving an application and authorizing the Mayor to execute the Project Framework Agreement (PFA) with the Georgia Department of Transportation for the Creek on the Blue Mile project.

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

9. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2024-36: A Resolution approving the submission of an application for the Georgia Reads Community grant.

A motion was made to approve **Resolution 2024-36**: A Resolution approving the submission of an application for the Georgia Reads Community grant.

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

10. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2024-37: A Resolution to approve the submission of an application for the Youth and Community Violence Prevention Action Teams (VPAT) program grant.

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

11. Consideration of a motion to approve Resolution 2024-38: A Resolution to adopt the First Amendment to the FY 2025 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.

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

12. Consideration of a motion to approve a contract with InvoiceCloud for additional software for utility billing customers.

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

13. Consideration of a motion to approve an award of contract with the Coastal Regional Commission to provide grant writing and administration for the Community Home Investment Program grant.

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

14. Consideration of a motion to approve the City of Statesboro & Bulloch County 2045 Long Range Transportation Plan prepared by Goodwyn Mills Cawood (GMC).

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

15. Consideration of a motion to award a contract to Southeast Pipe Survey, Inc. in the amount of \$609,467.50, with approval to spend up to \$1,200,000.000, to rehabilitate approximately 6,500’ of sewer main and associated manholes located along East Main Street, Fair Road, and Northside Drive. This project was funded as part of the 2024 and 2025 CIP budget (Item #WWD 14, 187, and 188) with funds from the 2019 SPLOST and Water-Sewer Fund operating income.

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

16. Consideration of a motion to award a contract with Y-Delta, Inc. in the amount of \$1,404,569.65 for the installation of a sanitary sewer infrastructure in the Quail Run Subdivision. Project to be paid for with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds approved in the FY2025 CIP Budget item #WWD-32-H.

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

17. Consideration of a motion to award a design/build contract to Great Southern Recreation in an amount not to exceed \$1,200,000.00 for park improvements to the Whitesville Park. Funding will be from ARPA funds.

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

18. Consideration of a motion to award contract in the amount of \$36,100.00 with Georgia Safe Sidewalks for sidewalk improvements. This project, STS-31, will be paid by 218 TSPLOST funds.

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

19. Other Business from City Council

Mayor Pro Tem Shari Barr shared that the Humane Society will be hosting Chili Town this Friday evening at the Market venue on South Main Street. In addition there will be a parade downtown on Saturday.

20. City Managers Comments

City Manager Charles Penny announced that the Toy Drive is going on right now at City Hall and that the toys will be distributed December 22nd at the Boys and Girls club on a first come first serve basis.

Mr. Penny commended John Washington, Director of Public Works and Engineering and Kiera Ahmed, Civil Engineer for the two additional bus stops one at the Summit on North Main Street and one at the Food Bank on Miller Street.

Lastly Mr. Penny informed Mayor and Council that the Bulloch County Commissioners has an item on their agenda about the Fire District Agreement. The Fire District is a five mile radius around the City and consists of 96 square miles. The agreement was entered into in 2020 and will automatically renew next year for an additional 5 years. So if the county has any interest of not renewing this is the time for them to let the City know.

21. Public Comments (General): None

22. 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).

There was no need for executive session.

23. Consideration of a Motion to Adjourn

A motion was made to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 am.

Jonathan McCollar, Mayor

Leah Harden, City Clerk