

# CITY OF STATHAM



## CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Statham City Hall

327 Jefferson Street, Statham, GA 30666

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**REGULAR MEETING**

**AUGUST 18, 2020**

**7:00 P.M.**

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Piper called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

All council members and the mayor were present. Also present: City Attorney Jody Campbell and Asst. City Clerk Sandra Bennett.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Mayor Piper led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CITIZEN INPUT** None.

### **MINUTE APPROVAL**

A. July 21, 2020 Regular Council Meeting:

Councilmember Venable made the motion to approve. Councilmember McCormick seconded, and the motion approved unanimously.

B. August 6, 2020 Work Session:

Councilmember Venable made the motion to approve. Councilmember Lyle seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **REPORTS**

A. Mayor Piper

Mayor Piper spoke about the purpose of public office; to do the best job as possible for the citizens and City. He also dissolved the finance committee. The smoke testing is going well, with only a few minor problems that can be corrected easily.

B. Councilmember Crawley – would like to discuss the city clerk position; salary caps on certain employees; the finance committee and ethics board.

Councilmember Crawley spoke about positions and pay grade, and she also brought up the need to hire a City Clerk as soon as possible. Councilmember McCormick praised the hiring of Chief Underwood, explaining that you get what you pay for and Underwood had proven his worth. Councilmember Venable wants a pay scale in place with a top out. Councilmember Thrasher wants Council to be involved in the hiring process.

## **VOTING ITEMS**

1. Broad Street Repair – To authorize Mayor Piper to enter into an agreement to repair a drainage pipe and paving on Broad Street. Three proposals have been received by the City: Burge Construction \$178,900; McDaniel Utilities, Inc.\$81,410 and McDaniel’s Grading & Hauling \$91,875. Councilmember McCormic made a motion to hire McDaniel Utilities, Inc. for the emergency repair. Councilmember Thrasher seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Planning and Zoning Fee Schedule – Approve the new Planning & Zoning fee schedule. Councilmember Venable requested this item be tabled until the September council meeting. Mayor Piper stated that it had been discussed previously, and has been posted on our website for some time. Councilmember Venable made the motion to table until the September 3rd work session. Councilmember Lyle seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
3. CARES Act Grant Funding – A resolution to authorize the execution of the Coronavirus Relief Fund terms and conditions agreement. Councilmember Venable made the motion to approve. Councilmember McCormic seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A. Meeting to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee as provided in Georgia Code section 50- 14-3(b)(2).

- C. Pursuant to the attorney-client privilege and as provided by Georgia Code section 50-14-2(1), a meeting otherwise required to be open was closed to the public in order to consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the agency or any officer or employee or in which the agency or any officer or employee may be directly involved and the matter discussed was pending or potential litigation.

At 7:57 Councilmember Crawley made the motion to enter executive session. Councilmember Lyle seconded, and all were in favor. At 8:33 Councilmember Lyle made to motion to exit executive session, Councilmember Thrasher seconded, and all were in favor.

After executive session, Mayor Piper recommended that City employee Sam Powell be removed as Public Works Director, and Jordon McDaniel would be named as the Interim Public Works Director on a six-month trial basis. Councilmember McCormic made the motion to accept this recommendation. Councilmember Crawley seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

## **ADJOURN**

At 8:34 Councilmember Crawley made the motion to adjourn. Councilmember Thrasher seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.