



Regular Council Meeting

APRIL 20, 2021

7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

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

Roll Call

Present: Vice Mayor McCormic and Councilmembers Lyle, Thrasher, Venable and Crawley

Absent: Mayor Piper

Also present: Sandra Bennett, City Clerk and Jody Campbell, City Attorney

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Mayor McCormic led the pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZEN INPUT: Citizen input is encouraged. The content of Regular Council Meeting Citizen Input should be limited to the voting items presented on the agenda. Citizen input is allotted up to five minutes for each registered speaker.

There was no citizen input.

VOTING ITEMS

- 1. R-21-02 Rezone:** Dwight and Carolyn Wall, applicants, Dwight Wall and Lisa Owen, property owners, seek to rezone 0.548 acre fronting 264.07 feet on the northwest side of Price Street 351 feet southwest of Atlanta Highway (Map/Parcel ST02/066) (361 and 365 Price Street) from SR-1 (Suburban Residential-1) to SR-2 (Suburban Residential-2). Proposed Use: Division of property into two residential lots.

Councilmember Venable made a motion to approve R-21-02. Councilmember Lyle seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- 2. V-21-04 Variance:** Dwight and Carolyn Wall, applicants, Dwight Wall and Lisa Owen, property owners, seek a variance to the Statham Unified Development Code, Section 2-205, "SR-2, Suburban Residential 2 District" to reduce the minimum lot width from 80 feet to 58.86 feet and to reduce the minimum heated floor area per dwelling unit from 1400 square feet to the size of the two existing structures on the lot (approximately 900 square feet) for 0.548 acre fronting 264.07 feet on the northwest side of Price Street 351 feet southwest of Atlanta Highway (Map/Parcel ST02/066) (361 and 365 Price Street). Proposed zoning: SR-2 (Suburban Residential-2). Proposed Use: Division of property into two residential lots.

Councilmember Crawley made a motion to approve V-21-04. Councilmember Lyle seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

3. **O-21-04 UDC Text Amendment:** Second reading. An Ordinance Amending the Unified Development Code of the City of Statham, Georgia, adopted June 30, 2020, to amend Article 15, "Subdivision of Land," Section 15-103, "Definitions," to amend the definitions of "major subdivision" and "minor subdivision;" to amend Section 15-301, "Preliminary Plat – When Required," to require that any major subdivision (i.e., more than five lots) require a preliminary plat; and to amend Section 15-602, "Process for review and approval of a final plat," to require City Council review and approval of a final plat for any major subdivision, and for other purposes.

Councilmember Venable made a motion to approve O-21-04. Councilmember Crawley seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4. **Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency (GIRMA): Sponsored by Accountant.** To approve the Mayor to sign an agreement with GIRMA for the new year's coverage of general liability, cyber, property, automobile and officials E&O with a \$25,000 deductible per occurrence. The policy begins May 1, 2021 through May 1, 2022. The cost is \$75,402, an increase of 6% from last year. After speaking with two additional insurance providers for cost estimates, the City Accountant recommends continuing coverage with GIRMA at this time.

Councilmember Venable made a motion to approve the renewal. Councilmember Crawley seconded the motion. Councilmembers Venable, Crawley and Thrasher voted to approve. Councilmember Lyle opposed. The motion passed 3-1.

5. **Blue Line Solutions Speed Detection Devices: Sponsored by Mayor Piper.** To discuss adding LIDAR speed detection devices in school zones to calculate speed. They are 100% accurate determining exactly which vehicle it is capturing, and in stationary cameras, a LIDAR (laser) beam is aimed into a single lane and vehicles drive through it, and captures several hundred data points determining the speed as the vehicle travels through the beam. Speed studies have been conducted and determined a speeding problem in Statham's school zone does exist. A 30-day warning period will be given to the public upon implementation, and after the period ends, citations may be issued automatically after the driver has been given multiple sign warnings. In most all cases, a reduction in speed in school zones decreases during the 30-day warning period. There will be no cost to the City to add these devices.

Councilmember Crawley made a motion to approve the Blue Line Solutions Speed Detection Devices. Councilmember Venable seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

6. **O-21-05, An Ordinance Reducing the Speed on Broad Street: Sponsored by Councilmember Crawley.** Second reading. An Ordinance to amend the City of Statham List of Roads to reduce the speed limit on Broad Street from the intersection of Dooley Town Road to Eighth Street to 25 miles per hour.

Councilmember Crawley made a motion to approve O-21-05. Councilmember Venable seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.


MINUTE APPROVAL

1. April 8, 2021 Public Hearing and Work Session Minutes

Councilmember Lyle made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2021 Public Hearing and Work Session with the changes wanted by council. Councilmember Crawley seconded the motion. Councilmember Venable abstain from voting as he did not attend the meeting. Councilmembers Lyle, Thrasher and Crawley approved the minutes with changes 3-0.

ADJOURN

At 7:15 p.m., Councilmember Thrasher made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Crawley seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.



Mayor Joe Piper
Vice-Mayor
Dwight McCormie
5-6-2021
Date





Sandra Bennett, City Clerk

These minutes approved at the May 6, 2021 council meeting.

