

# CITY OF STATHAM

## MINUTES

Statham City Hall

327 Jefferson Street, Statham, GA 30666



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REGULAR MEETING – November 15, 2022

7:00 P.M.

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**CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Piper called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Piper, and Councilmembers Krause, Patterson, Thrasher, and Venable.

Also Present: City Attorney Jody Campbell, City Clerk Ashya Fambrough and Police Personnel

Phone in: Councilmember Penn

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**- Mayor Piper led the Pledge of Allegiance and thanked all the Veterans and their families for their service.

### VOTING ITEMS

- 1. Building Permit Fee Schedule:** *(Tabled from October 18, 2022 Work Session)* To adopt an updated building permit fee schedule.

Councilmember Patterson made a motion to table this item to the January 5, 2023, Work Session. Councilmember Thrasher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 2. Update Facility Rental Rates:** *(Tabled from October 18, 2022 Work Session)* To approve a new rate schedule for rentals of City facilities, and tier rates based on location of residency. The updated rate schedule includes a 50% off discount for nonprofit, government, or veteran organizations. Based on research of rental applications, 86.11% of all facility rental agreements live outside of the city limits of Statham. For comparison purposes, between the years 2011-2013, the rental fee for 8 hours, all facilities, (Community Center, Hillman-Rainwater, Robert Bridges Park) was \$200.00 for inside city residents and \$425.00 for outside city residents. Between the years 2014-2016, the rental fee for 8 hours, all facilities, was \$200.00. Between 2017-2022, the rental fee for 8 hours was \$200.00 for the Community Center, and \$100.00 for Hillman-Rainwater and Robert Bridges Park. The proposed rates are as follows: \$250.00 for inside city residents for the Community Center, and \$400.00 for outside city residents; for Hillman-Rainwater and Robert Bridges Park, the fee for inside city residents is \$150.00, and \$250.00 for outside city residents.

Councilmember Thrasher made a motion to table this item to the January 5, 2023 Work Session. Councilmember Patterson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

3. **Ordinance – O-22-06:** *Second reading.* Ordinance to amend Chapter 2, Article VII, of the City of Statham, Ga Code of Ordinances; to clarify the duties and obligations of the Municipal officers of public records and information; to establish a document retention calendar for public records; to establish an effective date; and other purposes.

Councilmember Venable made a motion to approve Ordinance O-22-06 to amend Chapter 2, Article VII. Councilmember Krause seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4. **Resolution – R-22-03:** Resolution for the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Statham abandoning any interest in an unopened twenty-foot (20') alleyway located between properties known as 1951 Broad St and 1949 Broad St., Statham, GA.

Councilmember Venable made a motion to approve Resolution R-22-03 and the signing of the accompanying Quit Claim Deeds. Councilmember Patterson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

## 5. Year 2023 City Council Meeting Calendar

Councilmember Krause made a motion to approve the 2023 City Council Meeting Schedule. Councilmember Venable seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

## 6. Year 2023 Holiday Schedule

Councilmember Venable made a motion to approve the 2023 City Holiday Schedule. Councilmember Krause seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

7. **General Construction to City Hall:** To approve Sunrise Roofing, LLC for the construction and renovation to the front of City Hall office space as approved by City Council in the FY23 Budget. The allotted budget approved was \$46,000. This capital improvement was advertised per the City's Financial Policy in the legal organ for four (4) consecutive weeks (policy specifies to advertise for 2 weeks) and advertised on the City's website with no formal bids received. Due to no formal bids received, City staff solicited proposals receiving one (1) proposal in the amount of \$45,097.18.

Councilmember Patterson made a motion to table this item to the January 5, 2023, Work Session. Councilmember Thrasher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 8. Agreement for Reserved Sewer Capacity:** To sign an agreement for reserved sewer capacity with Owner and Developer, Sapphire Properties, LP, for 55 ERUs or 13,750 gallons per day. The total cost to the Developer to reserve 55 ERU's is \$247,500 which will be paid directly to the City. Upon receipt of full payment and execution of agreement, the City will purchase 55 ERUs from the Barrow County Water & Sewer Authority, which will be reserved for this development.

Councilmember Krause made a motion to approve the Agreement for Reserved Sewer Capacity with Sapphire Properties. Councilmember Venable seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

1. 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**.
2. Meeting to discuss or vote to enter into an option to purchase, dispose of, or lease real estate subject to approval in a subsequent public vote as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(1)(E).

City Attorney Jody Campbell stated there is no need for Executive Session as there is no additional information or changes from previous session.

#### **MINUTE APPROVAL**

1. November 3, 2022 Work Session Minutes (submitted to Council on November 8, 2022).

Councilmember Krause made a motion to approve the November 3, 2022 Work Session Minutes. Councilmember Venable seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

#### **ADJOURN**

At 7:15 p.m., Mayor Piper asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Patterson made a motion to adjourn and Councilmember Krause seconded. The motion passed unanimously.