

CITY OF STATHAM

Minutes

Statham Community Center

336 Jefferson Street, Statham, GA 30666



PUBLIC HEARING & WORK SESSION – May 7, 2024

6:30 P.M.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE- Councilmember Patterson led the Invocation. Mayor Krause led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Krause called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Mayor Krause and Councilmembers Bogenrieder, Burnette, Patterson, Penn, and Terilli.

Also Present: City Attorney Jody Campbell, City Administrator Cheryl Venable, Karine Brooms, JAT Consulting, Acting City Clerk Ashya Fambrough, and PD Personnel.

MINUTE APPROVAL

1. April 16, 2024 Regular Session.

Councilmember Bogenrieder made a motion to approve the April 16, 2024 Regular Session Minutes. Councilmember Terilli seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0 with Councilmembers Bogenrieder, Burnette, Patterson, Penn, and Terilli all voting yes.

REPORTS

1. Finance Department Report: Karine Brooms reviewed the Finance Report.
2. Police Department Report: Lt. Daniels reviewed the PD report and noted that citizens can request extra patrols of their home while they are travelling by completing a form at the police station.
3. Public Works Department Report: City Administrator Cheryl Venable reviewed the Public Works Report and noted that the downtown trash bins are paid for by the businesses in the area and are not for public use. The Hammond Rd. Project is expected to begin in two weeks.
4. Mayoral Report: Mayor Krause gave the Mayoral Report. She thanked the Council for a successful GA Cities Week. She has met with GDOT, Rep. Houston Gaines, and participated in the closing sale of the Public Works Building, as well as attended meetings on the county and state level.

5. Committee Reports:

- a. Tree & Beautification Committee: Councilmember Terilli reviewed the clean up day held on April 20th and noted that the local Girl Scout Troop will have a Bridging Ceremony on May 16th.
- b. Events Committee: Councilmember Bogenrieder recapped the Makers Market that hosted 23 vendors. Summer Kickoff is scheduled for June 1st and the Independence Day Celebration will be held on July 6th. Donations are being accepted towards fireworks. \$3,400.00 has been collected of \$5,950.00 pledged. The goal is \$10,000.00.
- c. Outreach: Councilmember Burnette thanked Statham PD and Statham Elementary for their partnership in the search and find event that taught students of the work performed by Officer Nora and Sgt. Russo.

PUBLIC HEARING

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. JP Home Builders, LLC, Modification Agreement as to Permanent Utility Easement.

Jody noted that this development is in out SDS but outside of the city limits. There is a utility easement that has a home built in the encroachment area. The builders are proposing a reduction and shift in the easement area. They will post a 4 year bond with the city. He had not spoken to the city's EMI consultant on the matter at this time and noted they will need to review before a decision can be made. A representative of JP Builders noted that the lots affected are lots 27 & 28 and they are asking for grace.

2. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF STATHAM, GEORGIA, FINANCIAL POLICY TO PROVIDE FOR RULES AND REGULATIONS REGARDING THE USE OF CREDIT CARDS OR PURCHASING CARDS ISSUED TO THE CITY.

Jody reviewed the ordinance and the need to be in line with state regulations. Councilmember Bogenrieder recommended that Council have cards as well and Cheryl agreed. Jody noted that will need a change to the financial policy as well. Councilmember Patterson recommended that purchases still be approved by the City Administrator first.

3. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF STATHAM, GEORGIA, CHAPTER 4 - "ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES", ARTICLE II -

“ALCOHOL,” TO AMEND SECTIONS 4-27 AND 4-57; TO ADD SECTION 4-66 – “OUTDOOR SPECIAL EVENTS”; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Jody reviewed the ordinance and explained that it will allow an entertainment area where alcoholic beverages can be served. Mayor Krause noted that it will only cover beer and wine. Councilmember Burnette asked about liability. Jody explained that the vendor/bartender will have insurance and bear the liability. Mayor Kruase opened the floor for public comment. Kristen Schibreu owns a mobile adult beverage company and feels this ordinance will allow for growth in events in Statham.

4. Tim Terilli – New Road Name.

Councilmember Terilli requested suggestions for street names the alley off of Elizabeth Street. Jody noted that the city owns the street based off of historical research. Mayor Krause recommended Calamit Village Way.

5. Special Event Policy

Jody noted that the city offers three types of events: City Events, Private Events (events held on public property by a private entity), and City/Private Partnership Events. City events will not need a policy, Private events should leave the city in a net neutral position, and city/private partnerships should have a detailed contract. Councilmember Bogenrieder noted that the pricing of the draft policy seems rather expensive for private parties.

Mayor Krase asked for a motion to add the 4th of July Event as item 6 of the agenda. Councilmember Patterson made a motion to add the 4th of July Event as item 6. Councilmember Bogenrieder seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0 with Councilmembers Bogenrieder, Burnette, Patterson, Penn, and Terilli all voting yes.

6. 4th of July Event

Councilmember Bogenrieder reviewed two quotes for the 4th of July fireworks. Jody noted that both contracts are approved as to form Mayor Krause asked if the fireworks will be ignited from Casto's and about their liability. Councilmember Bogenrieder noted that they are agreeable to the fireworks being ignited on their property. Jody recommended that the chosen vendors insurance policy specifically list Casto's on the policy in addition to the city.

CITIZEN INPUT

- Jason Martin thanked the PD and city for assisting his family with an issue. He asked for assistance with speeding neighbors and for information on rules concerning cameras and lights from neighboring properties.
- Gary Venable spoke on the Event Policy and asked Council to keep in mind small non-profits because it would be expensive/ near impossible to afford for the newly formed Statham Halloween non-profit.
- Betty Lyle noted that the Sunflower Festival's next meeting will be next Monday at 6:30 p.m. and she invited Council to attend.
- Tim Terilli asked for clarification on the Statham Halloween non-profit. Gary stated that Tim was in attendance at the meeting where it was decided to form and it was formed for transparency and to not put a burden on neighbors that did not want to be included. Also, the previous administration allowed non-profits to not pay event fees so that was a part of the decision.

Jody noted that there is no need for an Executive Session.

At 7:45 p.m., Mayor Krause asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Patterson made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Terilli seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0 with Councilmembers Bogenrieder, Burnette, Patterson, Penn, and Terilli all voting yes.

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.

ADJOURN