CITY OF STATHAM
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Statham Community Center
336 Jefferson Street, Statham, GA 30666

Regular Meeting

October 20, 2026 **6:30 P.M.**

I. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Councilmember Burnette gave the invocation.
Mayor Krause led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Krauser called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Present: Mayor Krause and Councilmembers Terilli, Burnette Patterson Penn and Barton. Also Present: City Administrator Cheryl Venable, City Attorney Jody Campbell.
Deputy City Clerk Joe Davis Absent:

Councilmember Barton made a motion to amend to add Agenda Item 6 Duplicating Products.
Lee Patterson second the motion.
Terilli – Yes, Burnette – Yes, Patterson – Yes and, Penn – Yes, and Barton – Yes.
Motion passed 5-0.

III. MINUTE APPROVAL

III.1 October 06, 2026, Meeting and Work Session.
Mayor Krause asked for a motion to approve October 6, 2026, meeting minutes. Councilmember Barton made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for
October 6, 2026. Councilmember Penn seconded the motion. Terilli – Yes,
Burnette – Yes, Patterson – Yes and, Penn – Yes, and Barton – Yes.
Motion passed 5-0.

IV. VOTING ITEMS

IV.1 CU-26-02 Conditional Use permit for a salvage yard in an LI (Light Industrial) zoning district. Parcels ST01A007 / ST01A008. Councilmember Terilli made a motion of denial, Councilmember Burnette second the motion. Councilmember Terilli stated I have struggled with this application for some time. I have thought long and hard about this property, the applicant, and the proposed use. Several factors have led me to the decision to deny. First is the impact of this use on adjacent properties. The adjacent properties that are located in unincorporated Barrow County are zoned AG and the property directly adjacent within the city limits is currently used as a single-family residence. Allowing this use would literally put a salvage yard in their backyard. Such an intense use, which regularly attracts pests and vermin and hazardous discharge like sound, smell and pollutants creates unique problems. Second is traffic and access. This property does not have any kind of road frontage along Dooley Town Road and relies entirely on a private easement for ingress and egress. In addition to problems with the size and shape of the access point, its location is a mere 200 feet from the intersection of Broad Street and less than 300 feet from the intersection of Atlanta Highway. Large trucks carrying junked motor vehicles present problems from a traffic and public safety perspective Third, is the specific location of this property. It goes without saying that this property is significant to the City of Statham for economic development purposes. This property is literally the first thing people see

when they enter the City limits coming west on Atlanta Highway. This Council has put an emphasis on attracting new growth and economic development to the city. They say you never get a second chance at a first impression, and having a salvage yard being the very first business that you see when you enter the city limits sets the wrong tone and approach for the City's economic development initiatives. The fact that pre-existing auto repair and sales businesses at the intersection of Dooley Town Road makes the use of this property even more important because we do not want to make a bad look even worse.
And while I recognize and appreciate the owner's attempt to offer conditions that would address some of these concerns, I just do not think there are conditions reasonable enough to address the above concerns. When the City Council amended the LI use table, we specifically made salvage yards conditional use because of the unique impacts such businesses have on surrounding properties and infrastructure. The City Council made a deliberate choice to make such uses subject to this process so that we could make sure that the specific location was appropriate and that restrictions could be placed to mitigate the negative impacts on neighboring properties. For the reasons stated above, I just do not think this property is an appropriate location for such a business, and no amount of conditions can make it so."
The motion was made by Councilmember Terilli for denial, Councilmember Burnette second the motion. Terilli - Yes, Burnette - Yes, Patterson - Yes, Penn - Yes, and Barton - Yes.
The motion to deny passed 5-0.

IV.2 R-26-04 Rezoning from SR (Suburban Residential 1 District) to HB (Highway Business) 1809 Atlanta Highway, Parcel ST01023. The applicant was represented by Stanton Porter and requested and consented to the application being tabled beyond the deadline imposed by the UDC. Councilmember Patterson made a motion to table the R-26-04 Rezone until November 17, 2026, Regular Council Meeting.
Councilmember Terilli second the motion. Terilli - Yes, Burnette - Yes, Patterson - Yes, Penn - Yes, and Barton- Yes.
Motion to table until R-26-04 Rezone until November 17, 2026, meeting, passed 5-0.

IV.3 Ordinance to Amend Chapter 10, Occupational Tax, License, and Regulatory Fees. Councilmember Penn made a motion for denial. Councilmember Patterson seconded the motion. Councilmember Terilli - Yes, Burnette-– Yes, Patterson - Yes and, Penn - Yes, and Barton - Yes.
The motion to deny passed 5-0.

IV.4 Amendment to the Personnel Policy - Holiday Pay. Second reading to adopt to remove from Section 5 Holiday and Leave and Benefits Page 24, of the City of Statham Personnel Policy Handbook / 6/16/2026 stating "An exempt employee who is assigned to a shift on an official City holiday would receive an additional 8 hours of holiday equalization pay regardless of whether they worked the holiday or not". Councilmember Terilli made a motion to approve the removal from Section 5 Holiday and Leave and Benefits Page 24, of the City of Statham Personnel Policy Handbook / 6/16/2026 stating "An exempt employee who is assigned to a shift on an official City holiday would receive an additional 8 hours of holiday equalization pay regardless of whether they worked the holiday or not". Councilmember Burnette seconded the motion.
Terilli - Yes, Burnette -Yes, Patterson - Yes and, Penn - Yes, and Barton - Yes.
The motion passed 5-0.

IV.5 Estimates for Chain Link Fence. Public Works Department Head Brett Day stated the following companies turned in estimates for the fence installation at the Public Works building. Athens Fence Company $17,356.21, Southern Outdoor Works $18,997.00, and JT Outdoors $20,150.00. Brett Day recommended Athens Fence Company to be awarded the job. Councilmember Penn made a motion to award the job to Athens Fence Company for $17, 356.21. Councilmember Barton seconded the motion. Councilmember Terilli - Yes, Burnette-Yes, Patterson - Yes, Penn - Yes, and Barton - Yes. The motion passed 5-0.

IV.6 Duplicating Products Agreement for Ricoh IM C4510. Councilmember Penn made a motion to approve and authorize the mayor to sign a new agreement with Duplication Products. Councilmember Patterson second the motion. Terilli- Yes, Burnette – Yes, Patterson-Yes, Penn-Yes, and Barton – Yes. Motion passed 5-0.

V. ADJOURN

Mayor Krause asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Terilli made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m. Councilmember Barton seconded the motion. Terilli- Yes, Burnette – Yes, Patterson-Yes, Penn-Yes, and Barton – Yes. Motion passed 5-0.