

# CITY OF STATHAM

## CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Statham City Hall

327 Jefferson Street, Statham, GA 30666



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**REGULAR MEETING**

**SEPTEMBER 15, 2020**

**7:00 P.M.**

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

#### Roll Call

Council Members present: Crawley, Lyle, McCormic, Thrasher, Venable.

Also present: Sandra Bennett Asst. City Clerk, Jody Campbell City Attorney, Police Chief Ira Underwood.

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

**CITIZEN INPUT** None.

### **MINUTE APPROVAL**

1. September 3, 2020 Work Session Minutes

Councilman Venable approved the September 3, 2020 minutes. Councilmember Crawley seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **REPORTS**

- A. Mayor Piper

Mayor Piper provided an update on the Broad Street project; the road should reopen by the end of this week. He also updated council on the CARES Act Grant.

### **VOTING ITEMS**

1. Planning and Zoning Fee Schedule – Approve the new Planning & Zoning fee schedule. This item was tabled at the August 18, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

Councilmember Venable made a motion to approve the Planning & Zoning Fee Schedule. Councilmember Lyle seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Tree Ordinance – Second reading of a new tree and care standards ordinance presented by the Beautification and Tree Committee to enhance the quality of life; to ensure proper planting and care of trees within the city; to make provision for emergency removal of trees; and for other purposes.

Councilmember Venable made a motion to approve the Tree Ordinance. Councilmember McCormic seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 7:15 p.m., Mayor Piper asked for a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel, and there was no need to discuss pending or potential litigation. Councilmember McCormic made the motion, and Councilmember Crawley seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- A. 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.
- B. 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).

At 7:50 p.m., Councilmember McCormic made a motion to exit Executive Session. Councilmember Venable seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

At 7:51 p.m., Councilmember McCormic made a motion to appoint Sandra Bennett as City Clerk. Councilmember Venable seconded the motion. McCormic, Venable and Crawley voted yes. Councilmembers Lyle and Thrasher opposed. The motion passed 3-2.

### **ADJOURN**

At 7:55 p.m., Mayor Piper asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Venable made a motion to adjourn, and Councilmember McCormic seconded. The motion passed unanimously.