CITY OF STATHAM REGULAR MEETING MINUTES Statham City Hall 327 Jefferson Street, Statham, GA 30666



REGULAR MEETING May 18, 2021 7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:07 p.m. Mayor Piper called the meeting to order.

Present: Mayor Piper and Councilmembers McCormic, Venable, Thrasher and Lyle

Absent: Councilmember Crawley

Also present: Sandra Bennett, City Clerk and April Stephens, City Accountant

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Piper and all Veterans and their families were thanked for their service.

CITIZEN INPUT

Kurt Bogenrieder gave an update to the City on what the Beautification and Tree Committee had done recently including planting, mulching and weeding of the flower beds. He also agreed with Councilmember McCormic about the Beautification Committee requested budget of \$45,000 and what it would be towards. He also asked about projects that were in this year's budget that had not been completed. After giving his report, Mayor Piper answered some of the issues that had been brought up, stating that most were still be worked on, but that being "government" some things take time.

VOTING ITEMS

Attorney Campbell explained that due to Covid-19 there had been a delay with the bonds being issued, but that he was assured the City would have the funds in the next few weeks. Campbell then made the recommendation to approve the Mayor to sign the final plats as soon as the bonds were paid, and all other requirements had been met.

Councilmember McCormic made the motion to approve the Mayor to sign the Ellington Farms final plat with the conditions recommended by the City Attorney. Councilmember Venable seconded the motion. Councilmembers McCormic and Venable voted to approve. Councilmembers Lyle and Thrasher opposed. The motion was tied 2-2, with Mayor Piper breaking the tie with an approved vote. The motion to approve the Ellington Farms Final Plat with the conditions recommended by the City Attorney passed 3-2.

- 1. Ellington Farms Final Plat: To approve the final plat of Ellington Farms Subdivision.
- 2. Ellington Farms Subdivision Performance & Maintenance Bonds: To accept the following bonds and bond amounts: a) Maintenance of Roadway & Infrastructure Improvements, Two-year bond, \$24,945.00. b) Performance Bond for required sidewalks as shown on final plat, Four-year bond, \$45,120.00. c) Performance Bond for required cart

paths as shown on final plat, Four-year bond, \$41,340.00. Final bonds will be reviewed by city attorney.

MINUTE APPROVAL

1. May 6, 2021 Work Session Minutes

Councilmember Venable made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 6, 2021 Work Session. Councilmember Lyle seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Piper asked for the Agenda to be Amended to have added an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. The request was granted.

At 7:27 p.m., Councilmember Venable made a motion to enter Executive Session, and Councilmember Thrasher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

At 7:38 p.m., Councilmember Lyle made a motion to come out of Executive Session. Councilmember Thrasher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

At 7:39 p.m., Councilmember McCormic made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Thrasher seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Joe Piper

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Sandra Bennett, City Clerk

Date

These minutes will be approved at the June 3, 2021 city council work session