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**REGULAR MEETING – July 18, 2023**

**7:00 P.M.**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Piper called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Also Present: City Attorney Jody Campbell and City Clerk Ashya Fambrough

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.

**AGENDA AMENDMENTS:** Councilmember Krause made a motion to amend the agenda to include an Executive Session to discuss real estate as Item 6. Councilmember Patterson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### **MINUTE APPROVAL**

**1. July 11, 2023 Public Hearing and Work Session Minutes**

Councilmember Krause noted a typo in Citizen Input for Brian Craig that should be “thanked the Council for the work they do.” Councilmember Venable made a motion to approve the July 11, 2023 Public Hearing and Work Session Minutes with the noted correction. Councilmember Krause seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### **VOTING ITEMS**

**1. EnviroSpark (Tabled from June 20, 2023 Regular Meeting):** to accept the proposal from EnviroSpark for auto charging Stations.

Mayor Piper reviewed the different plans available. Councilmember Patterson asked who is responsible for technology updates. Mayor Piper noted that it depends on the plan selected if it will be upgraded / replaced by EnviroSpark or not. Councilmember Krause asked if vandalism has been an issue with the stations and if any stations are nearby. Mayor Piper stated that EnviroSpark will repair/ replace for 3 years and they don't really see much vandalism. Councilmember Patterson noted that there are stations in Watkinsville and along 316 in Bethlehem. Councilmember Venable questioned a 10-year term and if the technology becomes obsolete, the city needs to have the option for other companies to come in. City Attorney Jody Campbell stated that he has not seen a contract but any contract would have to be a one-year term according to the Charter. Councilmember Venable made a motion to table this item to the August 15, 2023 Regular

Meeting. Councilmember Krause seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 2. Quit Claim in Aid of Title:** to approve the mayor to sign the Quit Claim between James L. Ware, III and the City of Statham for the tract or parcel of land lying and being in the 1742nd District, GMD, City of Statham, Barrow County, Georgia, being that certain rectangular strip of land located at the intersection of that certain right-of-way known as Atlanta Highway and that certain right-of-way known as High Green Drive, running west from said intersection along the southerly side of said High Green Drive a distance of approximately 201.46', with a depth of approximately 25.85' (parcel ID ST 01 013).

City Attorney Jody Campbell stated that it is what is referred to as a ghost parcel and the right of way is not affected. Councilmember Venable made a motion to approve and authorize the mayor to sign the Quit Claim. Councilmember Krause seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-1 with Councilmember Thrasher voting no.

- 3. O-22-04 Wine Tasting Events Ordinance:** (*Tabled from the September 20, 2022 Regular Meeting*). To amend the Code of the City of Statham, Chapter 4, "Alcohol," Article VI "Retail Package Sales," to add Section 4-163.

City Attorney Jody Campbell stated that this allows for wine shops to do tastings with stipulations and is modeled after Snellville's ordinance. Councilmember Patterson made a motion to approve ordinance O-22-04. Councilmember Krause seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-1 with Councilmember Thrasher voting no.

- 4. R-23-01 Rezoning:** (*Tabled from the June 20, 2023 Regular Meeting*). JCD Enterprises, Inc., applicant and property owner, seeks to rezone 4.99 acres fronting approximately 275 feet on the south side of Atlanta Highway approximately 700 feet east of the intersection of Atlanta Highway and Hayes Lake Road (Map/Parcel ST06A/108) (2119 Atlanta Highway) from MH, Manufactured Housing District, to HB, Highway Business District. Proposed use: Office and storage.

Councilmember Patterson made a motion to deny Rezone R-23-01. Councilmember Thrasher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 5. R-23-03 Rezoning:** Sullins Engineering, applicant, RAC Properties by Rob Scott, property owner, seeks to rezone 5.19 acres (Map/Parcel ST02/082) fronting on the north side of Railroad Street, the south side of Broad Street, and the east side of Mulberry Street (1862 Railroad Street) from HB (Highway Business District) to SR-1 (Suburban Residential – 1 District). Proposed use: 8 single-family detached homes/lots.

Councilmember Venable made a motion to deny Rezone R-23-03. Councilmember Krause seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

**6. Executive Session: 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).**

At 7:33 p.m., Councilmember Krause made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss real estate. Councilmember Thrasher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The Executive Session ended at 7:42 p.m., with Councilmember Thrasher making the motion to exit. Councilmember Krause seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

City Attorney Campbell stated that all discussions held in Executive Session are protected as Attorney/Client Privilege and that no votes were conducted during the session.

**ADJOURN**

At 7:43 p.m., Mayor Piper asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Patterson made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Thrasher seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.