

CITY OF STATHAM

AGENDA

Statham City Hall

327 Jefferson Street, Statham, GA 30666



WORK SESSION – August 3, 2023

6:30 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Piper called the meeting to order at 8:30 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Also Present: City Attorney Jody Campbell, City Clerk Ashya Fambrough, and Rachel Bemby (JAT Consulting).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Mayor Piper led the pledge of Allegiance and thanked all the Veterans and their families for their service.

WORK SESSION

MINUTE APPROVAL

1. July 18, 2023 Administrative Appeal Public Hearing Minutes
2. July 18, 2023 Millage Rate and TSPLOST Public Hearing Minutes
3. July 18, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
4. July 25, 2023 TSPLOST Public Hearing Minutes

Councilmember Krause noted a correction in the second paragraph of the Administrative Appeal minutes correcting “he” to “be.” Councilmember Patterson made a motion to approved all minutes with the noted correction in the Administrative Appeal minutes. Councilmember Krause seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

1. Finance Department
2. Police Department
3. Public Works Department

Mayor Piper reviewed the Finance and Police Reports and noted that the Public Works report will be given at the Regular Meeting. Councilmember Venable expressed his appreciation of the Public Works department during the recent storm. Jordan McDaniel and Jimmy Jenkins both worked late into the night and returned the following morning to finish clean up. He acknowledged the Police Department for assisting also. Councilmembers Patterson and Krause expressed their gratitude as well.

Mayor Piper asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add item #2 under New Business: Bates and Carter Letter of Intent to conduct the city audit. Councilmember Venable made the motion to amend the agenda. Councilmember Krause seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Mayor Piper asked for a motion to add an Executive Session to discuss personnel. Councilmember Venable made a motion to amend the agenda to add an Executive Session to discuss personnel. Councilmember Thrasher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 1. ARPA:** to discuss projects funds will go towards

Mayor Piper noted that Council has until December 2024 to commit the funds but sooner is better. Councilmember Venable noted that they need the estimates of costs but feel that the oldest pipes that go to the school would be the best place to start. Councilmember Patterson agreed. Councilmember Krause inquired if any evaluations have been done to determine the best starting point or if a plan has been developed. Mayor Piper stated that the oldest pipes are on Broad St. between 6th St. and Jefferson St. and funds would need to be allocated for scoping. Scoping will cost around \$1,800.00 to come out and then a price per foot. Mayor Piper will have Jordan McDaniel get estimates. Rachel Bembry stated that when the funds are committed, it needs to be broad such as “improvements to water and sewer.”

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. 2012 Series Bond:** to discuss early payoff options.

Rachel Bembry has reviewed the 2012 Bond Agreement and determined that the SPLOST funds in the bank from 2012, 2018, and 2023 combined could be used to make an early payment for years 2028-2033. The cost to redeem is \$1,133,583.00. SPLOST funds as disbursed is projected to be enough to continue to cover payments for 2023-2027 as scheduled. The early payment will need to be approved at the August 15th Regular Meeting to ensure there is time to send notices and the payments can be made September 30th.

- 2. Bates & Carter Letter of Intent for FY23 Audit**

Mayor Piper stated that City Attorney Jody Campbell has reviewed the document and Bates & Carter have started gathering preliminary documents for the audit. This will be voted on at the August 15th Regular Meeting.

CITIZEN INPUT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. 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 8:46 p.m. Councilmember Thrasher made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel. Councilmember Krause seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The Executive Session ended at 8:46 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 8:46 p.m., Mayor Piper asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Krause made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Thrasher seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.