



CALL TO ORDER - Mayor Piper called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 Police personnel.

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

VOTING ITEMS

1. Building Permit Fee Schedule: To adopt an updated building permit fee schedule.

Councilmember Patterson made a motion to table this item to the November 3, 2022 Work Session. Councilmember Thrasher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Baba Sai, Inc. Alcohol License Extension: To approve Baba Sai, Inc., Niko Patel, applicant and owner, a two (2) month extension ending December 31, 2022, for the selling date of licensed products for the purpose of building construction. Per the December 21, 2021 Regular Council Meeting Minutes, a condition for approval of the alcohol license application stated in the event building construction was delayed, the applicant must return to Council and ask for an extension of the selling license. Prior to year ending 2022, Baba Sai, Inc. will apply for their alcohol license renewal for the year 2023 and requests a two (2) month extension for the selling date of licensed products for the purpose of building construction completion ending April 30, 2023.

Councilmember Venable made a motion to approve the Alcohol License Extension. Councilmember Krause seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Update Facility Rental Rates: To approve a new rate schedule for rentals of City facilities, and tier rates based on location of residency. The updated rate schedule includes a 50% off discount for nonprofit, government, or veteran organizations. Based on research of rental applications, 86.11% of all facility rental agreements live outside of the city limits of Statham. For comparison purposes, between the years 2011-2013, the rental fee for 8 hours, all facilities, (Community Center, Hillman-Rainwater, Robert Bridges Park) was \$200.00 for inside city

residents and \$425.00 for outside city residents. Between the years 2014-2016, the rental fee for 8 hours, all facilities, was \$200.00. Between 2017-2022, the rental fee for 8 hours was \$200.00 for the Community Center, and \$100.00 for Hillman-Rainwater and Robert Bridges Park. The proposed rates are as follows: \$200.00 for inside city residents for the Community Center, and \$450.00 for outside city residents; for Hillman-Rainwater and Robert Bridges Park, the fee for inside city residents is \$100.00, and \$300.00 for outside city residents.

Councilmember Venable made a motion to table this item to the November 3, 2022 Work Session. Councilmember Patterson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

MINUTE APPROVAL

1. October 6, 2022 Work Session (submitted to Council on October 10, 2022).

Councilmember Venable made a motion to approve the October 6, 2022 Work Session minutes with a clarification on item 2, line 6 that “he” is Mr. Patel. Councilmember Krause seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

2. October 11, 2022 Special Called Meeting (submitted to Council on October 12, 2022).

Councilmember Venable made a motion to approve the October 11, 2022 Special Called Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Krause seconded the motion. The motion passed with Councilmembers Krause, Patterson, Penn and Venable voting yea and Councilmember Thrasher abstaining due to not being present at the meeting.

ADJOURN

At 7:08 p.m., Mayor Piper asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Venable made a motion to adjourn and Councilmember Patterson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.