

# CITY OF STATHAM

## MINUTES

Statham City Hall

327 Jefferson Street, Statham, GA 30666



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REGULAR MEETING – April 18, 2023

7:00 P.M.

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**CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Piper called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 PD Personnel.

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

### MINUTE APPROVAL

1. April 12, 2023 Public Hearing and Work Session (Provided to Council April 17, 2023)
2. April 13, 2023 SCM- FY23 Budget Amendments (Provided to Council April 17, 2023)

Councilmember Krause made a motion to approve the April 12, 2023 Public Hearing and Work Session Minutes and the April 13, 2023 SCM- FY23 Budget Amendments Minutes. Councilmember Patterson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

### VOTING ITEMS

1. **V-23-01, Variance Request:** Victor M. Ramirez, applicant and property owner, seeks a variance from the requirement of the Statham unified development code, Article 3, “Specific Use Regulations,” Section 3-034, “Fence or Wall,” to increase the maximum height of a fence/wall in the front yard of a residential (SR-1, Suburban Residential) zoning district from 4 feet to 6 feet with a 7.5-foot tall entrance gate for approximately 1 acre (Map/Parcel ST02/046A) fronting on the northwest side of (447) Price Street approximately 510 feet south of its intersection with McCarty Road.

City Attorney Campbell explained that Council can deny, approve, or approve with conditions based on the staff report and the public hearing comments. Any conditions would need to be stated in the motion. Councilmember Venable made a motion to approve variance V-23-01 with the conditions that the cinder blocks must be covered with stucco and Mr. Ramirez must partner with the city to locate all utility lines. Councilmember Patterson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

2. **Steering Committee**

Mayor Piper has not made contact with the nominees. City Attorney Campbell explained that committee members can be added or removed at a later date. Councilmember Patterson nominated Tim Terilli who was present at the meeting also. Councilmember Venable made a motion to approve councilmembers Krause, Penn and Patterson and citizens Renee Lord and Tim Terilli to the Steering Committee. Councilmember Thrasher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 3. Statham Elementary 5K** will be held April 23, 2023 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Run route begins at the intersection of 3rd Street and Broad Street, and proceeds down Broad Street turning right onto 8<sup>th</sup> Street, proceed down 8<sup>th</sup> Street and turning right onto Railroad St., proceeding down Railroad St. to 1946 Railroad St. and turning around and reversing the entire route, at the intersection of Broad Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, turning right onto 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and ending in the Statham Elementary lot. No road closures will be needed. The Statham Police Department has been notified and will assist with traffic control during the race. A Certificate of Liability Insurance Coverage has been provided.

Councilmember Krause made a motion to approve the Statham Elementary 5K. Councilmember Venable seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

## **ADJOURN**

At 7:15 p.m., Mayor Piper asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Patterson made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Venable seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.