

CITY OF STATHAM

MINUTES

Statham City Hall

327 Jefferson Street, Statham, GA 30666



REGULAR MEETING – June 20, 2023

7:00 P.M.

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, Rachel Bembry of JAT Consulting, 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. June 8, 2023 Public Hearing and Work Session Minutes (Provided to Council June 12, 2023)
2. June 13, 2023 FY 24 Budget Public Hearing (Provided to Council June 16, 2023)

Councilmember Venable made a motion to approve the June 8, 2023 Public Hearing and Work Session Minutes and the June 13, 2023 FY 24 Budget Public Hearing Minutes. Councilmember Krause seconded the motion. Councilmember Patterson noted a correction to the FY 24 Budget Hearing to add that the \$3.42 tax increase is based on a FMV of \$150,000.00. Councilmember Penn made a motion to approve both minutes with the friendly amendment. Councilmember Venable agreed to the motion, Councilmember Patterson seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

VOTING ITEMS

1. **R-23-01 Rezoning:** 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 table this item to the next voting session. Councilmember Thrasher seconded the motion. Mayor Piper noted that the next voting session is July 18, 2023 and the motion to table passed unanimously.

2. **R-23-02 Rezoning:** R & D Realty, by Robert White, applicant, Brenda and Howard Bodkin, property owners, seek to rezone from SR-1 (Suburban Residential – 1 District) to O-I (Office-Institutional District) property (0.4 acre) (Map/Parcel ST02/073) (1835

Atlanta Highway SE) fronting on the south side of Atlanta Highway and the east side of Mulberry Street. Proposed use: office.

Councilmember Venable made to approve with the conditions recommended by staff. Councilmember Penn seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-1 with Councilmember Thrasher voting no.

- 3. Lighting Agreement:** to approve the signing of an agreement between Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and the City of Statham to obtain roadway lighting as part of the SR8/ SR316 @ Barber Creek Road Project.

City Attorney Jody Campbell noted corrections to the version that will be signed. The spelling of Statham was corrected in the title and the first paragraph, paragraph 4 added that both parties can terminate, and paragraph 5 added less depreciation to reimbursement costs. Councilmember Patterson made a motion to approve with the amendments. Councilmember Krause seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 4. Lighting Agreement:** to approve the signing of an agreement between Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and the City of Statham to obtain roadway lighting as part of the SR8/ SR316/ US 29 @ SR 211/ Bethlehem Road Project.

City Attorney Jody Campbell noted that the same amendments apply to this item. Councilmember Krause made a motion to approve with the noted changes. Councilmember Venable seconded the motion and the motions passed unanimously.

- 5. Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP):** to approve the signing of an agreement between the Georgia Department of Human Services, Division of Family and Children Services (“DHS-DFCS”) and The City of Statham (“Home Water Supplier) for the provision of federal funds to cover and/or reduce arrearages...for households eligible for the LIHWAP program.

Councilmember Penn made a motion to approve. Councilmember Patterson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 6. Resolution – R-23-02:** Resolution for the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Statham abandoning any interest in an unopened twenty-foot (20’) alleyway located between property commonly known as 277 Second St., Statham, GA.

City Attorney Jody Campbell noted that the motion will need to include the approval for the mayor to execute the quit claim deed. Councilmember Venable made a motion to approve the resolution and the execution of the quit claim deed. Councilmember Thrasher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 7. Future Land Use Map:** to accept the City of Statham Comprehensive Plan Committee’s Proposed Future Land Use Map

Councilmember Krause made a motion to approve the Proposed Future Land Use Map. Councilmember Patterson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 8. New World:** to approve the signing of an agreement with New World/ Tyler Technologies and the City of Statham for IT software for three annual payments of \$56,480.00.

Councilmember Venable made a motion to approve the purchase. Councilmember Krause seconded the motion. Councilmember Venable asked for confirmation that the first payment will come out of the FY 23 budget. Rachel Bembry confirmed that it would as long as the motion passes. The motion passed unanimously.

- 9. Leads Online:** to approve the signing of an agreement between Leads Online and the City of Statham in the amount of \$1,635.00.

Investigator Cocchiola reviewed the software and that it is a annual, year to year contract. Councilmember Venable asked if City Attorney Jody Campbell reviewed the contract. City Attorney Jody Campbell confirmed that he has reviewed the contract. Rachel Bembry explained that if paid in FY 23 then it will be a prepay item for FY 24. Councilmember Patterson made a motion to approve. Councilmember Thrasher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 10. EnviroSpark:** to accept the proposal from EnviroSpark for auto charging Stations.

Councilmember Venable asked for clarification on who pays the electricity. Mayor Piper said he will reach out for more information. Councilmember Venable made a motion to table to the July 11, 2023 Work Session. Councilmember Penn seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 11. Sale of 330 Jefferson St. Contract Addendum:** to extend the closing date to July 17, 2023.

Councilmember Patterson made a motion to approve. Councilmember Venable seconded the motion. Councilmember Krause asked why more time is needed to close. City Attorney Jody Campbell noted that it is taking longer to close and that is normal with commercial sales. The motion passed unanimously.

- 12. All About Asphalt:** to approve the proposal from All About Asphalt to pave Hayes Lake Road for \$21,293.00

Councilmember Thrasher asked if the entire street will be paved or just the holes. Mayor Piper noted it would be all of the city owned part of the street. Council Venable noted that the contract states 220 feet and asked if this will be paid out of the FY 23 budget. Rachel Bembry stated that it depends on the invoice and can be adjusted by a carryover

amendment. Councilmember Venable made a motion to approve. Councilmember Krause seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

13. FY 24 Budget Adoption: to adopt the proposed FY24 Budget.

Councilmember Venable made a motion to approve the FY 24 Budget. Councilmember Patterson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

At 7:27 p.m., Mayor Piper asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Krause made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Venable seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.