

CITY OF STATHAM

MINUTES

Statham City Hall

327 Jefferson Street, Statham, GA 30666



REGULAR METING – March 21, 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 and PD Personnel.

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

MINUTE APPROVAL

1. March 9, 2023 Work Session Minutes (Provided to Council on March 14, 2023)

Councilmember Venable made a motion to approve the March 9, 2023 Work Session Minutes with the correction that the motion to move item up included Boo on Broad and the Sunflower Festival. City Clerk Ashya Fambrough stated that Councilmember Krause emailed her the correction on Friday also. Councilmember Patterson seconded the motion to approve with the noted correction and the motion passed unanimously.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

Councilmember Venable made a motion to amend the agenda to add Item 15: to change the date of the April Work Session. Councilmember Penn seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

VOTING ITEMS

1. **O-23-01 - Ordinances to Accept Dedication of Lakes of Statham Easements:** *Second reading.* To accept the dedication of sanitary sewer and water easements and related infrastructure from D.R. Horton, Inc. of +/- 0.726 acres of property on Providence Road.

City Attorney Jody Campbell explained that Jordan McDaniel discovered that the water line is outside of the easement and items 1-6 need to be tabled until the easements are corrected. Councilmember Venable made a motion to table this item to the April Work Session. Councilmember Thrasher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

2. **O-23-02 – Ordinances to Accept Dedication of Lakes of Statham Easements:** *Second reading.* To accept the dedication of sanitary sewer and water easements and related infrastructure from the Lakes of Statham Community Association, Inc. of +/- 0.726 acres of property on Providence Road.

Councilmember Patterson made a motion to table this item to the April Work Session. Councilmember Krause seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

3. **O-23-03 – Ordinances to Accept Dedication of Lakes of Statham Easements:** *Second reading.* To accept the dedication of sanitary sewer easements and related infrastructure from GDCI GA 7, LP of +/- 0.381 acres of property on Providence Road.

Councilmember Thrasher made a motion to table this item to the April Work Session. Councilmember Venable seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4. **Sanitary Sewer Easements and Bill of Sale & Assignment:** To approve the mayor to execute the Sanitary Sewer Easement and Bill of Sale between GDCI GA 7, L.P. and the City of Statham for easement areas on Providence Road and Lakes of Statham Open Space.

Councilmember Krause made a motion to table this item to the April Work Session. Councilmember Penn seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

5. **Sanitary Sewer and Water Easement and Bill of Sale & Assignment:** To approve the mayor to execute the Sanitary Sewer and Water Easement and Bill of Sale between Lakes of Statham Community Association, Inc., and the City of Statham for easement areas on Providence Road and Lakes of Statham Open Space, also known as portions of tax parcel number ST05C 001Z.

Councilmember Patterson made a motion to table this item to the April Work Session. Councilmember Thrasher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

6. **Sanitary Sewer Easement and Bill of Sale & Assignment:** To approve the mayor to execute the Sanitary Sewer Easement and Bill of Sale between D.R. Horton, Inc., and the City of Statham for easement areas on Providence Road, also known as portions of tax parcel numbers ST05C 071, 72, 73, 74, 75 and 76.

Councilmember Krause made a motion to table this item to the April Work Session. Councilmember Penn seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

7. **Contract for Auctioneer for the sale of 330 Jefferson St.:** To approve an auctioneer for the sale of 330 Jefferson St. Proposals were received from 3 agencies: Classic Realty and Auction Co., Bullseye Auction & Appraisal, and Piche' Auction & Realty. Staff recommends Classic Realty and Auction Co.

Councilmember Penn made a motion to approve Classic Realty & Auction Co. as the Auctioneer for the sale of 330 Jefferson St. Councilmember Patterson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

8. **Contract for Probation Supervision & Rehabilitation Services:** To authorize the mayor to sign a contract with Professional Probation Services, Inc. for the services and programs for the misdemeanor offenders placed on probation by the Statham Municipal Court. The agreement will begin April 1, 2023 and shall expire March 31, 2024; the contract will automatically renew for a total of four (4) one-year terms through March 31, 2028. Fees for basic services are set out in the Specifications for Probation Services, which fees are payable not by the City, but by sentenced offenders. No fees accrued pursuant to the Specifications for Probation Services shall be obligations of the City.

Councilmember Patterson made a motion to approve the signing of the contract for Probation Supervision & Rehabilitation Services. Councilmember Penn seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 9. Proclamation - Georgia Cites Week:** To authorize the Mayor to sign a proclamation recognizing Georgia Cities Week the week of April 23-29, 2023, and encouraging all residents to support the celebration and corresponding activities.

Councilmember Penn made a motion to authorize the signing of the proclamation recognizing Georgia Cities Week the week of April 23-29, 2023. Councilmember Krause seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 10. Proclamation - Month of April as Safe Digging Month:** To authorize the Mayor to sign a proclamation declaring the month of April as “Safe Digging Month,” and to help educate the public about the importance and safety of calling Georgia 811 before digging.

Councilmember Patterson made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a proclamation declaring the month of April as “Safe Digging Month.” Councilmember Krause seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 11. Tree City USA Arbor Day 2023:** To authorize the Mayor to sign a proclamation declaring April 28, 2023 as Arbor Day and to urge all citizens to protect our trees and woodlands.

Councilmember Venable made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign a proclamation declaring April 28, 2023 as Arbor Day. Councilmember Thrasher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 12. Statham Clean-Up Days:** Friday, May 5, 2023 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, May 6, 2023 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Councilmember Venable made a motion to approve Statham Clean- Up Days Friday, May 5, 2023 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, May 6, 2023 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Councilmember Thrasher seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 13. Boo on Broad 5K:** 5K will be held October 28, 2023 from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Run route begins at the intersection of 3rd Street and Broad Street, and proceeds down Broad Street turning right onto 8th Street, proceed down 8th 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 3rd Street, turning right onto 3rd Street and ending in the Statham Elementary lot. Road closures will be needed on Broad Street and Railroad Street. 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 Venable made a motion to approve the Boo on Broad 5K. Councilmember Penn seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- 14. Sunflower Festival:** The 2023 Sunflower Festival will be held on September 16, 2023 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Statham Police Department has been notified and will provide uniformed officers for pedestrian traffic control. Road closures for the event include 2nd Street between Broad St. and Railroad St., and Railroad Street from 2nd Street down to approximately 1946 Railroad Street. Jefferson Street will not be closed, and pedestrian traffic will be monitored.

Councilmember Venable made a motion for the City to continue with the same level of service for the Sunflower Festival, Halloween, and the 4th of July. Councilmember Patterson seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

15. Date Change for the April 2023 Work Session

Councilmember Venable made a motion to move the April work session to April 12, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. Councilmember Krause seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Krause referred to and discussed an email sent to Council on February 24, 2023 about the Comprehensive Plan for the County. It stated that the City would need to establish a Steering Committee and can accept the County's Future Land Use Map. Jerry Weitz suggested due to time constraints to go with the County's Land Use Map. Councilmembers Krause, Patterson, and Penn volunteered to be on the Steering Committee. Councilmember Krause recommended Casto's and Cable East for the committee also. Mayor Piper will have a full recommendation at the April Work Session.

ADJOURN

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