CITY OF STATHAM
CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
Statham Community Center
336 Jefferson Street, Statham, GA 30666

PUBLIC HEARING & WORK SESSION **NOVEMBER 3, 2026** **6:30 P.M.**

I. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Councilmember Patterson gave the invocation.
Mayor Krause led the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Krause called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
Present: Mayor Krause and Councilmembers Terilli, Burnette, Patterson, Penn, and Barton. Also present: City Administrator Cheryl Venable, City Attorney Jody Campbell, Director of Public Works Brett Day, JAT accountant Karine Brooms, Major Steven Daniels, Planning Consultant Dr. Jerry Weitz, and Deputy City Clerk Joe Davis.

III. MINUTE APPROVAL

III.1 October 20, 2026 Regular Meeting

Mayor Krause asked for a motion to approve the October 20, 2026 regular meeting minutes. Councilmember Terilli made a motion to approve. Councilmember Burnette seconded the motion. Terilli – Yes, Burnette – Yes, Patterson – Yes, Penn – Yes, and Barton – Yes. Motion passed 5-0.

IV. REPORTS

IV.1 Finance Department Report

JAT accountant Karine Brooms gave the Finance Report.

IV.2 Police Department Report

Major Steven Daniels gave the Police Report.

IV.3 Public Works Department Report

Director Brett Day gave the Public Works Report.

IV.4 Mayor Report

Mayor Krause gave the Mayor Report.

IV.5 Committee Reports

Councilmember Terilli spoke of the Tree Committee's Tree Sale.

V. PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Krause asked for a motion to enter the Public Hearing. Councilmember Patterson made a motion to enter the Public Hearing. Councilmember Penn seconded the motion. Terilli – Yes, Burnette – Yes, Patterson – Yes, Penn – Yes, and Barton – Yes. 5-0. Attorney Campbell went over the procedures for the Public Hearings involving rezoning and variances.

V.1 R-26-03 Rezoning from LI (Light Industrial District) to HB (Highway Business District)

V.2 V-26-01 Variance to the City of Statham Unified Development Code, Article 3, "Specific Use Provisions" Section 3-038, "Gasoline Service Station", to reduce the minimum area required from 1.0 acre to 0.861 acre.

R-26-03 and V-26-01 were being handled as one since they are the same address. Dr. Jerry Weitz spoke as the City's Planning Consultant and recommended approval. Applicant Yusuf Kutan (present) was represented by Attorney Jeffrey DeLoach. Attorney DeLoach presented the details of the rezone and variance requests and answered Council's questions along with Jerry Weitz and City Attorney Campbell. The following citizens spoke in opposition to the requests: Kim Castang, Cathy Bennett, Elaine Wright, Joe Piper, and Denny Adams. Applicant's attorney, Jeffrey DeLoach offered a rebuttal with his remaining time.

V.3 R-26-05 Rezoning: Larry Baker, applicant, Larry and Debra Baker, property owners, seeks to rezone from LI (Light Industrial District) to RR (Rural Residential District) 1.54 acre fronting on the east side of Pleasant Hill Road and the north side of Atlanta Highway SE (Map/Parcel ST01/003) (408 Pleasant Hill Church Road). Proposed use: residential.

City Planning Consultant Dr. Jerry Weitz presented the application and recommended approval. The applicant and property

Owner, Larry Baker, shared he was not aware when his property was zoned Light Industrial District and was requesting that the property be changed back to Rural Residential District. He further shared that he didn't understand why he was required to pay the $500.00 rezone application fee when it was the City of Statham that changed the zoning initially. No one else spoke in favor or opposition to the application.

V.4 Application for Distance Waiver Permit for sale of alcohol by Fajita Mex Grill located at 1916 Railroad Street, Statham, Georgia 30666.

City Administrator Cheryl Venable spoke of the application due to the church next door and relayed the church did not oppose. This permit application must be submitted annually.

Mayor Krause asked for a motion to come out of the Public Hearing. Councilmember Penn made a motion to come out of The Public Hearing. Councilmember Burnette seconded the motion. Terilli – Yes, Burnette – Yes, Patterson – Yes, Penn – Yes, and Barton – Yes. Motion passed 5-0.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

VI.1 Dr. Jerry Weitz discussion of impact fees.

Dr. Weitz shared his thoughts on impact fees and Unified Development Codes. Dr. Weitz also introduced his newest Associate, David Webb, a certified planner.

VII. CITIZEN INPUT

Each speaker shall speak clearly and shall provide their name and address prior to addressing Council. Citizen comments shall be limited to a maximum of five minutes per person, and no speaker may speak more than once. Speakers shall address the City Council as a body rather than to any particular member and shall refrain from personal attacks against any other person. The presiding official may limit or refuse a speaker the right to continue if the speaker continues to violate these rules of decorum.

Cathy Bennett spoke about the loss of Lt. Hood, the reboot of the Finance Committee, thanked the Halloween Committee, and questioned the notification system.

Joe Piper spoke about the acoustics in the Community Center and his thoughts on impact fees.

Denny Adams spoke about the lack of a newsletter and shared that he felt officials should be talking to citizens.

Christine Bogenreider spoke about the notification system and asked the Mayor to push for it's use.

Shannon Patterson spoke about bicycle racks, the notification system, the Finance Committee, Lt. Hood's resignation, and the Halloween event.

Tony Womack spoke about Lt. Hood's resignation.

VIII. ADJOURN

Mayor Krause asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Patterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Burnette seconded the motion. Terilli – Yes, Burnette – Yes, Patterson – Yes, Penn – Yes, and Barton – Yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Krause adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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