



PUBLIC HEARING & WORK SESSION

July 7, 2026

6:30 P.M.

I. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Councilmember Burnette gave the invocation.
Vice Mayor Terilli led the Pledge of Allegiance

II. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Mayor Terilli called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
Present: Councilmembers Terilli, Burnette, Patterson, and Barton.
Also Present: City Attorney Jody Campbell, City Clerk Nicole Sapp,
Public Works Director Brett Day, City Accountant Rachel Bembry, and P.D. Personnel.
Absent: Mayor Krause, City Administrator Cheryl Venable, and Councilmember Penn.

III. MINUTE APPROVAL

III.1 June 16, 2026 Regular Meeting

III.2 June 24, 2026 Special Called Meeting

Councilmember Burnette made a joint motion to approve the June 16, 2026 and June 24, 2026 meeting minutes.

Councilmember Barton second the motion.

Burnette-Yes, Patterson-Yes, Barton- Yes

Motion passed 3-0.

IV. REPORTS

IV.1 Finance Department Report- Rachel Bembry gave the finance department report.

IV.2 Police Department Report- Lt. Hood gave the police department report.

IV.3 Public Works Department Report- Brett Day gave the public works report.

IV.4 Mayor Report- no report was given.

IV.5 Committee Reports- no reports were given.

V. PUBLIC HEARING

V.1 303 3rd Street Rezone

Councilmember Patterson made a motion to enter into the Public Hearing at 6:40 p.m.

Councilmember Burnette second the motion.

Burnette- Yes, Patterson-Yes, Barton- Yes

Motion passed 3-0.

Jody Campbell discussed the conditional use rezone application for the property located at 303 3rd Street.

Radu Bordea gave a short explanation and presentation on the plans for the proposed conditional use rezone at 303 3rd Street.

Councilmember Patterson asked what the water and sewage situation would be for the new proposed structure. Radu stated that he is currently on sewer so the new structure would be on sewer as well under one meter.

There were no additional questions or discussions regarding the 303 3rd Street Rezone Proposal.

Councilmember Burnette made a motion to exit out of the Public Hearing at 6:46 p.m.

Councilmember Barton second the motion.

Burnette- Yes, Patterson-Yes, Barton- Yes

Motion passed 3-0.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

VI.1 Millage Rate Adoption- Rachel Bembry spoke about the Millage Rate Adoption.

VI.2 Payroll Audit- Councilmember Terilli stated that there was no need for additional discussion regarding the Payroll Audit.

VI.3 1862 Railroad Rezone- Rob Scott, Councilmember Terilli, and Jody Campbell spoke about the 1862 Railroad Rezone.

VI.4 Finance Committee Ordinance- Councilmember Terilli and Jody Campbell spoke about the Finance Committee Ordinance.

VI.5 Bates, Carter & Co., LLP FY2025 Audit- Councilmember Terilli asked that the Bates, Carter & Co., LLP FY2025 Audit discussion item be moved to the August 4, 2026 Public Hearing and Work Session meeting.

VI.6 FY2027 Budget Amendment- Jody Campbell and Councilmember Patterson spoke about the FY2027 Budget Amendment

VII. CITIZEN INPUT

VII.1 Kay Burnette- spoke about the articles concerning Statham that she has read about in the newspaper.

VII.2 Cathy Bennett- spoke about the payroll audit, she also stated that she does not like the 1862 Railroad rezone, and she wants to volunteer to be on the finance committee.

VII.3 Joe Piper- spoke about impact fees, he also stated he did not like it when elected officials miss city meetings, and he questioned how much money the city had in the reserve account for emergencies.

VII.4 Denny Adams- spoke about transparency within the city and the citizens.

VII.5 Anne Rountre- spoke about speeding on Broad St.

VII.6 Shannon Patterson- spoke about the overtime issue at City Hall, she also praised the councilmembers on how hard they work for the citizens of Statham, and she spoke in opposition of the 1862 Railroad Road Rezone

VII.7 Gayle Steed- spoke in opposition to the 1862 Railroad rezone, she also spoke about actions that have taken place in the city that does not reflect well on the City of Statham, and she also had questions about the Police Department's FY27 budget.

VIII. ADJOURN

Councilmember Burnette a motion to adjourn the public hearing and work session meeting.

Councilmember Patterson second the motion.

Burnette- Yes, Patterson-Yes, Barton- Yes

Motion passed 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.