

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



Regular Meeting

January 20, 2026

6:30 P.M.

I. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

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

II. CALL TO ORDER

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

AMEND AGENDA- Councilmember Terilli made a motion to amend the agenda to move the Resolution Amending Employee Handbook- PTO Accrual for Dept. Heads agenda item to IV.8 under voting items and move the other agenda items up.

Councilmember Patterson seconded the motion.

Terilli -Yes, Burnette-Yes, Patterson- Yes, Penn-Yes, Barton- Yes
Motion passed 5-0.

III. MINUTE APPROVAL

III.1 January 6, 2026 Public Hearing and Work Session

Councilmember Penn made a motion to approve the January 6, 2026 meeting minutes.
Councilmember Burnette second the motion.
Terilli -Yes, Burnette-Yes, Patterson-Yes, Penn-Yes, Barton- Yes
Motion passed 5-0.

IV. VOTING ITEMS

IV.1 Painting Bids- Hillman-Rainwater Building

Councilmember Patterson made a motion to award the bid, for
Painting- Hillman-Rainwater Building to CertaPro in the amount of \$7,218.83.
Councilmember Penn second the motion.
Terilli -Yes, Burnette-Yes, Patterson-Yes, Penn-Yes, Barton- Yes
Motion passed 5-0.

IV.2 Painting Bids- Robert Bridges Building

Councilmember Terilli made a motion to award the bid for
Painting Bids- Robert Bridges Building to CertaPro in the amount of \$6,552.64.
Councilmember Burnette second the motion.
Terilli -Yes, Burnette-Yes, Patterson-Yes, Penn-Yes, Barton- Yes
Motion passed 5-0.

IV.3 Flooring Bids- Robert Bridges Building

Councilmember Patterson made a motion to award the bid for
Flooring Bids- Robert Bridges Building to Southern Woods in the amount
of \$5,593.27.
Councilmember Penn second the motion.
Terilli -Yes, Burnette-Yes, Patterson-Yes, Penn-Yes, Barton- Yes
Motion passed 5-0.

IV.4 Tree Removal List

Councilmember Terilli made a motion to award the bid, for Tree Removal, to AKA Tree Service to not exceed \$25,000.00 and remove trees at:

1993 Broad St.
1989 Broad St.
1933 Broad St.
310 Jefferson St., two (2) trees at this address
1899 Broad St.
1895 Broad St.
249 Jefferson St.
Alley at 1969 Broad St & 1975 Broad St.
1348 Furr Ln.

Councilmember Burnette second the motion.

Terilli -Yes, Burnette-Yes, Patterson-Yes, Penn-Yes, Barton- Yes

Motion passed 5-0.

IV.5 Arbor Day 2026 Proclamation

Councilmember Terilli made a motion to approve the mayor to sign the Arbor Day 2026 Proclamation.

Councilmember Patterson second the motion.

Terilli -Yes, Burnette-Yes, Patterson-Yes, Penn-Yes, Barton- Yes

Motion passed 5-0.

IV.6 City of Statham Mass Notification System

Councilmember Patterson made a motion to award the bid, for City of Statham Mass Notification System to GoGov in the annual amount of \$4,900.00.

Councilmember Penn second the motion.

Terilli -Yes, Burnette-Yes, Patterson-Yes, Penn-Yes, Barton- Yes

Motion passed 5-0.

IV.7 Consideration of Mayor's Veto

Councilmember Terilli made a motion to override the Mayor's Veto for the City of Statham Personnel Policy.

Councilmember Patterson second the motion.

Terilli -Yes, Burnette-Yes, Patterson-Yes, Penn-Yes, Barton- Yes

Motion passed 5-0.

IV.8 Resolution Amending Employee Handbook- PTO Accrual for Dept. Heads

Councilmember Patterson made a motion to approve the Resolution Amending Employee Handbook- PTO Accrual for Dept. Heads.

Councilmember Terilli second the motion.

Terilli -Yes, Burnette-Yes, Patterson-Yes, Penn-Yes, Barton- Yes

Motion passed 5-0.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

V.1 Meeting to discuss or vote to authorize negotiations to purchase, dispose of or lease property as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(1)(B).

Councilmember Penn made a motion to enter into executive session at 6:47 p.m.

Councilmember Patterson second the motion.

Terilli -Yes, Burnette-Yes, Patterson-Yes, Penn-Yes, Barton- Yes

Motion passed 5-0.

Councilmember Penn made a motion to exit out of executive session at 5:24 p.m.

Councilmember Burnette second the motion.

Terilli -Yes, Burnette-Yes, Patterson-Yes, Penn-Yes, Barton- Yes

Motion passed 5-0.

Jody Campbell stated the Mayor and City Council adjourned into executive session to discuss matters exempt from the Open Meetings Act. Specifically, to discuss negotiations to purchase, dispose of or lease property. No decisions or votes were made during the executive session.

Councilmember Penn made a motion to approve a commercial lease agreement between the City of Statham and EDee's Place Bar B Que, LLC., at 342 Jefferson St. as presented.

Councilmember Terilli second the motion.

Terilli -Yes, Burnette-Yes, Patterson-Yes, Penn-Yes, Barton- Yes

Motion passed 5-0.

VI. ADJOURN

Councilmember Patterson made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting.

Councilmember Terilli second the motion to adjourn the regular meeting.

Terilli -Yes, Burnette-Yes, Patterson-Yes, Penn-Yes, Barton- Yes,

Motion passed 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AFFIDAVIT

Before an officer duly authorized to administer oaths appeared Debi Krause, who, after being duly sworn, deposes and on oath states the following:

- (1) I am competent to make this Affidavit and have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein.
- (2) Pursuant to my duties as Mayor, I was the presiding officer of a meeting of the Statham City Council held on the 20 day of January, 2026. A portion of said meeting was closed to the public.
- (3) It is my understanding that O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b) provides as follows:

When any meeting of an agency is closed to the public pursuant to subsection (a) of this Code section, the person presiding over such meeting or, if the agency's policy so provides, each member of the governing body of the agency attending such meeting, shall execute and file with the official minutes of the meeting a notarized affidavit stating under oath that the subject matter of the meeting or the closed portion thereof was devoted to matters within the exceptions provided by law and identifying the specific relevant exception.

- (4) The subject matter of said meeting, or the closed portion thereof, was devoted to matters within exceptions to public disclosure provided by law. Those specific relevant exceptions are identified as follows: (Using the list below as a guide list in the affidavit only the exceptions actually applicable to the specific closed meeting.)

 A. Meeting to discuss or vote to authorize the settlement of a matter covered by the attorney-client privilege as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-2(1) and 50-14-3(b)(1)(A). The subject discussed was _____.

 B. Meeting to discuss or vote to authorize negotiations to purchase, dispose of or lease property as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(1)(B).

 C. Meeting to discuss or vote to authorize the ordering of an appraisal related to the acquisition or disposal of real estate as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(1)(C).

 D. Meeting to discuss or vote to enter into a contract to purchase, dispose of, or lease property subject to approval in a subsequent public vote as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(1)(D).

 E. Meeting to discuss or vote to enter into an option to purchase, dispose of, or lease real estate subject to approval in a subsequent public vote as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(1)(E).

 F. Meeting to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(2).

 G. Meeting to interview one or more applicants for the position of the executive head of an agency as provided in Georgia Code section 50-14-3(b)(2).

 H. Pursuant to the attorney-client privilege and as provided by Georgia Code section 50-14-2(1), a meeting otherwise required to be open was closed to the public in order to consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the agency or any officer or employee or in which the agency or any officer or employee may be directly involved and the matter discussed was pending or potential litigation.

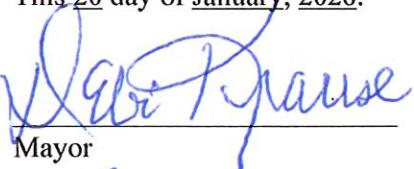
EXECUTIVE SESSION AFFIDAVIT

I. Staff meeting held for investigative purposes under duties or responsibilities imposed by law as provided by Georgia Code section 50-14-3(a)(1).

J. Meeting to consider records or portions of records exempt from public inspection or disclosure pursuant to Article 4 of Chapter 18 of Title 50 of the Georgia Code because there are no reasonable means to consider the record without disclosing the exempt portions.

This Affidavit is executed for the purpose of complying with the mandate of O.C.G.A. § 50-14-4(b) and is to be filed with the official minutes for the aforementioned meeting.

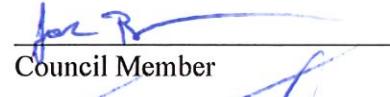
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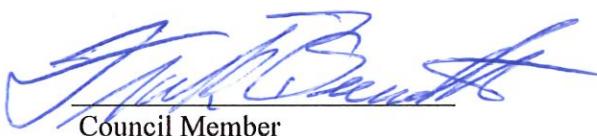
Mayor



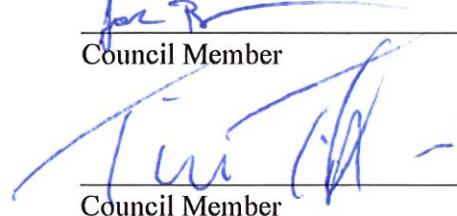
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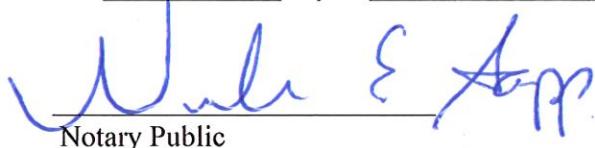
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City Attorney

Sworn to and subscribed before me

this 20 day of January, 2026



Notary Public



RESOLUTION OF THE STATHAM CITY COUNCIL

BE IT RESOLVED by the Statham City Council as follows: At the meeting held on the 20 day of January, 2026, the Council entered into closed session for the purpose of discussing real estate. At the close of the discussions, the Council did vote to re-enter into open session and herewith takes the following action in open session:

- (1) The actions of the council and the discussions of the same regarding the matter set forth for closed session purposes are hereby ratified.
- (2) Each member of this body does hereby confirm that to the best of his or her knowledge, based upon the advice of the City Attorney, the said subject matter of the meeting and of the closed session portion was devoted to matters within the specific relevant exception(s) as set forth above.
- (3) The Mayor, or the presiding officer, is hereby authorized and directed to execute an affidavit, with full support of this Council, in order to comply with O.C.G.A. §50-14-4(b).
- (4) The affidavit shall be included and filed with the official minutes of the meeting and shall be in a form as required by the statute.

Approved this 20 day of January, 2026.

Attest:

Wade E. App
City Clerk

Rebi Knauf
Mayor



(SEAL)

