

CITY OF STATHAM

MINUTES

Statham City Hall

327 Jefferson Street, Statham, GA 30666



REGULAR MEETING

December 21, 2021

7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Present; Mayor Joe Piper and Councilmembers, Lyle, Thrasher, McCormic, Crawley and by phone, Councilmember Venable.

Also present: City Clerk, Sandra Bennett and City Attorney Jody Campbell.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Piper, and all veterans and their families were thanked for their service.

VOTING ITEMS

- 1. Alcohol License Application:** Baba Sai, Inc. owner and applicant, Niko Patel, has applied for a City of Statham alcoholic beverage license for retail sales of beer, wine and distilled spirits located at 0 Bethlehem Road, Statham, GA 30666, Map and Parcel Number ST05 012, also known as Niko's Fine Wine & Spirits.

Councilmember McCormic made a motion to approve the Alcohol License application for Baba Sai, Inc. with a condition of extending the selling date of licensed products up to 10 months or no later than October 31, 2022 for the purposes of building construction. In the event there are delays in construction, the applicant must return to council to ask for an extension.

Councilmember Crawley seconded the motion. Councilmembers Crawley, McCormic and Venable voted yay. Councilmembers Thrasher voted no. Councilmember Lyle abstained with no reason provided for abstaining. The vote passed 3-2.

- 2. Rezone R-21-10:** Thomas Holcombe, applicant and property owner seeks to rezone from SR-2 (Suburban Residential -2 District) to MFR (Multiple Family Residential District) 0.532 acre (map/parcel ST04/078) fronting 112.75 feet on the south side of Jefferson Street west of its intersection with Village Pass and fronting 99.93 feet on the north side of 3rd Street. Proposed use: division of property for two single-family detached dwellings.

Councilmember McCormic made a motion to approve the Rezone R-21-10 with the conditions set forth by staff. The following conditions apply to this approval:

- 6. Workers' Compensation Coverage:** To approve the City to remain with their current Workers' Compensation carrier, Georgia Municipal Association (GIRMA, Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency) for the calendar year 2022 beginning January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022. Staff obtained five (5) policy quotes: 1. GIRMA - \$31,526 2. BITCO - \$30,986 3. National Liability and Fire Insurance Company - \$29,777 4. Travelers Insurance Company - Declined 5. Amtrust Insurance Company - Declined. Each proposal is an estimated premium, and final adjustments will be made after the annual W/C audit. The City Accountant will budget for potential adjustments, which is based on payroll. Staff's recommendation is to stay with GMA for longevity purposes and benefits offered by GMA not offered by other carriers.

Councilmember Crawley made a motion to continue with Georgia Municipal Association (GIRMA, Georgia Interlocal Risk Management Agency) for year 2022. Councilmember Thrasher seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- 7. Axon Agreement for Police Protection Equipment:** To authorize the Mayor to sign an updated agreement with Axon for new and upgraded tasers for police officers. The updated agreement includes cartridges, and the new tasers have the latest technology. The current agreement does not include the expense of taser cartridges, and the technology of the tasers currently used is outdated by approximately 10 years. The total cost of the agreement is \$18,580.96, or \$3,716.19 per year for five years, and the City will pay Axon \$2,212 to capture the remaining value owed from the previous hardware. This will require an amendment to the budget to reflect the increased cost to the agreement.

Councilmember Crawley made a motion to approve the Axon Agreement for police protection equipment. Councilmember Venable seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.


8. New Year 2022 City Council Meeting Calendar

Councilmember McCormic made a motion to approve the 2022 City Council meeting calendar. Councilmember Thrasher seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

9. New Year 2022 Holiday Schedule

Councilmember Venable made a motion to approve the 2022 holiday schedule. Councilmember McCormic seconded the motion. Councilmembers Venable, McCormic, Crawley and Thrasher voted yea. Councilmember Lyle voted no. The motion passed 4-1.

At 7:38 p.m., Councilmember Crawley made a motion to adjourn. Councilmember Thrasher seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.



Mayor Joe Piper



Sandra Bennett, City Clerk

1/6/2022
Date



These minutes will be approved at the January 6, 2022 City Council Work Session.