

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



Regular Meeting

August 19, 2025

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, Bogenrieder, Patterson, Penn and Burnette.
Also Present: City Attorney Jody Campbell, City Clerk Nicole Sapp,
City Administrator Cheryl Venable, and PD Personnel.

AMEND AGENDA - Councilmember Penn made a joint motion to amend the agenda to add executive session items V.1 Real Estate and V.2 Pending Litigation.

Councilmember Terilli seconded the motion.

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

III. MINUTE APPROVAL

III.1 August 5, 2025- Public Hearing & Work Session Meeting

Councilmember Penn made a motion to approve the August 5, 2025 meeting minutes.
Councilmember Patterson second the motion.
Terilli -Yes, Bogenrieder- Yes, Patterson-Yes, Penn-Yes, Burnette-Yes
Motion passed 5-0

IV. VOTING ITEMS

IV.1 Oak Springs, Kay Burnette

Councilmember Patterson made a motion to approve the dedication of the Oak Springs Subdivision roads.
Councilmember Penn second the motion.
Terilli -Yes, Bogenrieder- Yes, Patterson-Yes, Penn-Yes, Burnette- Abstained due to him residing in the Oak Springs Subdivision.
Motion passed 4-0-1

IV.2 Texaco, Salim Jiwani

Councilmember Penn made a motion to approve the new business licenses for Texaco, Salim Jiwani.
Councilmember Bogenrieder second the motion.
Terilli -Yes, Bogenrieder- Yes, Patterson-Yes, Penn-Yes, Burnette-Yes
Motion passed 5-0

IV.3 BatesCarter 2025 Audit Agreement

Councilmember Terilli made a motion to approve the Mayor signing the BatesCarter 2025 Audit Agreement.
Councilmember Patterson second the motion.
Terilli -Yes, Bogenrieder- Yes, Patterson-Yes, Penn-Yes, Burnette-Yes
Motion passed 5-0

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

V.1 EXECUTIVE SESSION- VI.1 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).

V.2 EXECUTIVE SESSION- V.2 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.

Councilmember Penn made a motion to enter into executive session at 6:33 pm.

Councilmember Burnette second the motion.

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

Councilmember Penn made a motion to exit out of executive session at 6:42 pm.

Councilmember Patterson second the motion.

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

Jody Campbell stated that all discussions held during the Executive Session are protected as Attorney/Client Privilege and no votes were conducted during the session.

Councilmember Penn made a motion to approve the contract for the City of Statham to purchase the property located on Baker Street (Tax Parcel ID No. ST04 011A) from Lunar Lodge, LLC. in the amount of \$79,500.00 and to authorize the Mayor to execute any and all closing documents for said property.

Councilmember Patterson second the motion.

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

VI. ADJOURN

Councilmember Penn made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting.

Councilmember Patterson second the motion to adjourn the regular meeting.

Terilli -Yes, Bogenrieder- Yes, Patterson-Yes, Penn-Yes, Burnette-Yes
Motion passed 5-0

Meeting adjourned at 6:43pm

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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 19 day of August, 2025. 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

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or any officer or employee may be directly involved and the matter discussed was pending or potential litigation.

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.

This 19 day of August, 2025

Debi Krause
Mayor

[Signature]
Council Member

[Signature]
Council Member

[Signature]
Council Member

[Signature]
City Attorney

Sworn to and subscribed before me

this 19 day of August, 2025

Nicole E. Sapp
Notary Public



RESOLUTION OF THE STATHAM CITY COUNCIL

19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Statham City Council as follows: At the meeting held on the day of August, 2025, the Council entered into closed session for the purpose of discussing litigation + 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 19 day of August, 2025.

Attest: Wade E. Lapp
City Clerk

Deb Krause
Mayor



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