### CITY OF STATHAM

# CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Statham Community Center 336 Jefferson Street, Statham, GA 30666



#### **PUBLIC HEARING & WORK SESSION**

September 2, 2025

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 6:30 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, Public Works Director Brett Day,

Asst. City Accountant Karine Brooms, and PD Personnel.

**AMEND AGENDA** - Councilmember Patterson made a joint motion to amend the agenda to add a discussion item to announce the first reading of Ordinance O-25-08 and a discussion item to review the proposed purchase of a golf cart, for City use. Councilmember Penn seconded the motion.

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

### III. MINUTE APPROVAL

III.1 August 19, 2025 Regular Meeting

III.2 2025 Strategic Planning Retreat August 27 & 28, 2025 meetings

Councilmember Penn made a motion to approve the August 19, 2025 and

the 2025 Strategic Planning Retreat August 27 & 28, 2025 meeting minutes.

Councilmember Burnette second the motion.

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

# IV. REPORTS

IV.1 Finance Department Report- Karine Brooms 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 department report.

IV.4 Mayor Report- Mayor Krause gave the mayor report.

IV.5 Committee Reports-

- a. Statham Tree & Beautification- Councilmember Terilli gave the report.
- b. Statham Events- Councilmember Bogenrieder gave the report.
- c. Statham Community Outreach- Councilmember Burnette gave the report.

### V. PUBLIC HEARING:

V.1 Rezoning Application- R-25-01

Councilmember Penn made a motion to enter into the Public Hearing at 6:41pm.

Councilmember Patterson second the motion.

Terilli -Yes, Bogenrieder- Yes, Patterson-Yes, Penn-Yes, Burnette-Yes

Motion passed 5-0.

Jody Campbell discussed the rezone application for the property located on Atlanta Highway (Tax Parcel ID No. ST06A 106) by applicant SPG + Engineers, by Bailey Taylor. The proposal is to rezone the property from SR1 to HB.

Councilmember Penn asked Jody Campbell if the rezone were approved could the council place conditions on the types of business that would be allowed to be in the retail space.

Jody Campbell stated that there is already a table of approved uses, but the council can place conditions on certain businesses that are not permitted. Councilmember Patterson asked Jody Campbell how long the council has to produce a list of businesses not permitted and Jody stated two weeks, by the September 16<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

Council had no additional questions at this time. Jody Campbell opened the floor for the applicant of the rezone to speak.

Chad Fambrough, owner and operator of American Fabrication Corporation spoke about the rezone application.

Councilmember Bogenrieder asked about the timeline of the buildout of the property.

Chad Fambrough stated that the building completion and move from the current company location is planned to take a couple of years.

Councilmember Burnette asked if the retail space would be one large space or smaller, divided spaces.

Chad Fambrough stated that the current plan is to have the option for multi-use or one large use, depending on the needs of the business(es) that would be in that space.

Councilmember Penn made a statement that he is not against retail stores, he just does not want to see the same types of stores Statham currently has or vape stores going into that location.

Chad Fambrough agreed.

Councilmember Patterson asked if there was a timeframe for the stages of building.

Chad Fambrough stated that if everything is approved, he would need to get the paperwork in order and hopes to start building in a few years.

Councilmember Burnette asked about the type of product the company uses and the purposes of the product.

Chad Fambrough gave details on the description of their product and how those items are used by other businesses that purchase from them

Councilmember Terilli asked how many employees are currently employed by the company.

Chad Fambrough stated he has four employees on his payroll.

Councilmember Terilli asked if the current location in Suwanee, Ga. will be closed with the company moving to Statham.

Chad Fambrough said yes, he is looking to downsizing and to have his business location only in Statham.

Councilmember Bogenrieder asked where trucks delivering/picking up products would access the building.

Chad Fambrough stated that the trucks will probably use Hayes Lake Road for entering the property.

Councilmember Patterson asked on average how many trucks would be used for deliveries/pickups.

Chad Fambrough stated it is usually six to eight a month, but no more than 10, but could be as few as two trucks a month.

Councilmember Penn asked if there were any plans for planting greenery around the business location.

Chad Fambrough said yes, he wants to keep the area pretty and it will be fenced in.

Councilmember Terilli asked if the current business facility in Suwanee would be available to tour.

Chad Fambrough said absolutely.

Jody Campbell and Mayor Krause asked if there were any additional questions from council.

Cheryl Venable stated that Jerry Weitz wanted to know what type of sewer system would be used, would each building have its own system and what the size of those systems would be, and if the county has been contacted about the sewer/septic tank options.

Chad Fambrough stated that he knows there is no current access to the Statham sewer system so he would have to plan for the option that is available at the time of building.

Cheryl Venable then stated that Jerry Weitz wanted to know if in the future, if the sewer system became available would he then make any provision to use the sewer system.

Chad Fambrough said he had not really thought of that, but if he has already installed a septic system he would probably continue with that.

Mayor Krause asked Chad Fambrough if he was aware of the current sewer situation, with no availability at this time. Chad Fambrough said that he was aware.

Jody Campbell opened the floor for anyone that was in opposition to the rezone proposal. No one spoke.

There were no additional questions or discussions regarding Rezoning Application- R-25-0.

Councilmember Bogenrieder made a motion to exit out of the public hearing at 6:56 p.m.

Councilmember Terilli second the motion.

Terilli -Yes, Bogenrieder- Yes, Patterson-Yes, Penn-Yes, Burnette-Yes

Motion passed 5-0.

### VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

VI.1 New Business License- Vintage Billiards, Naushad Vadsariya- Vintage Billiards' owner, Naushad Vadsariya, spoke about the new ownership of the establishment.

VI.2 City of Statham Library- Library Staff, Janet Williams, gave updates and gave Fall event info for the Statham Library.

VI.3 Dedication of Roads- Statham Place- Jody Campbell explained the process for accepting the dedication of roads- Statham Place.

VI.4 O-25-08, Ordinance to Accept the Dedication of Roads- Statham Place- Jody Campbell explained that this is the first reading of the ordinance O-25-08, ordinance to accept the dedication of roads- Statham Place.

VI.5 Proposed Purchase of a Golf Cart for City Use- Brett Day discussed the quotes received for the proposed purchase of a golf cart for City use.

# VII. CITIZEN INPUT

VII.1 Denny Adams- spoke about spending city funds.

VII.2 Joe Piper- spoke about city spending.

VII.3 Eddie Nelson- did not speak.

VII.4 Steven Crowe- spoke about speed bumps/speeding on 6th St.

# VIII. ADJOURN

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.