

CITY OF STATHAM

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES 8.20.26 JLD

Statham Community Center

336 Jefferson Street, Statham, GA 30666



Regular Meeting

August 18, 2026 6:30 P.M.

I. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

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

II. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Krause called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.
Present: Mayor Krause and Councilmembers Terilli, Burnette, Patterson, Penn, and Barton.
Also Present: City Administrator Cheryl Venable, City Attorney Jody Campbell,
Deputy City Clerk Joe Davis, Public Works Director Brett Day.

Councilmember Terilli made a motion to amend the agenda and add an Executive Session.
Councilmember Burnette seconded the motion.
Terilli – Yes, Burnette – Yes, Patterson – Yes, Penn – Yes, Barton – Yes
Motion passed 5-0.

III. MINUTE APPROVAL

IV. August 4, 2026, Public Hearing and Work Session.

Mayor Krause asked for a motion to approve the minutes.
Attorney Campbell relayed that Councilmember Patterson had a question about approval of meeting minutes.
Attorney Campbell informed the Council the Open Meetings Act of Georgia requires that minutes be approved by the next meeting. Approval cannot be tabled.
Councilmember Terilli made a motion to approve the minutes for the August 4, 2026 Public Hearing and Work Session. Councilmember Penn seconded the motion.
Terilli – Yes, Burnette – Yes, Patterson – Yes, Penn – Yes, Barton – Yes
Motion passed 5-0.

August 4, 2026, Special Called Meeting.

Councilmember Terilli brought it to the Mayor's attention that the Council had not approved the minutes for the August 4, 2026 Special Called Meeting.
Councilmember Terilli made a motion to approve the minutes for the August 4, 2026 Special Called Meeting.
Councilmember Burnette seconded the motion.
Terilli – Yes, Burnette – Yes, Patterson – Yes, Penn – Yes, Barton – Yes
Motion passed 5-0.

V. VOTING ITEMS

V.1 CU 26-02 Atlanta Hwy SE & Pleasant Hill Church Rd

Attorney Campbell stated that the Applicant requested to table this item for one month for September 15, 2026 Council Meeting.
Councilmember Patterson made a motion to table. Councilmember Burnette seconded the motion.
Terilli – Yes, Burnette – Yes, Patterson – Yes, Penn – Yes, Barton – Yes
Motion passed 5-0.

V.2 R-26-03 1609 Bethlehem Road

Attorney Campbell relayed that the Applicant discovered the application was incorrect for the size of the lot and needed a variance. Applicant has requested Council to table this item for two months until the October 20,

2026 Council meeting.

Councilmember Barton made a motion to table. Councilmember Terilli seconded the motion.

Terilli – Yes, Burnette – Yes, Patterson – Yes, Penn – Yes, Barton – Yes

Motion passed 5-0.

V.3 Purchase of a Vacuum Excavator

Public Works Director Brett Day shared information with the Council about the Excavator and answered questions.

Councilmember Penn made a motion to approve the purchase of the Vacuum Excavator for \$98,605.66.

Councilmember Barton seconded the motion.

Terilli – Yes, Burnette – Yes, Patterson – Yes, Penn – Yes, Barton – Yes

Motion passed 5-0.

V.4 False Alarm Ordinance

Attorney Campbell gave a brief description of the ordinance. Major Daniels of the police department answered questions.

Councilmember Penn made a motion to approve the False Alarm Ordinance. Councilmember Terilli seconded the motion.

Terilli – Yes, Burnette – Yes, Patterson – Yes, Penn – Yes, Barton – Yes

Motion passed 5-0.

V.5 Broad Street Road Paving Micro

Public Works Director Day shared that micro paving is a specialized type of paving and as a result the City only received one bid.

Councilmember Patterson made a motion to approve the Micro Paving bid for \$204,610.50. Councilmember Penn seconded the motion.

Terilli – Yes, Burnette – Yes, Patterson – Yes, Penn – Yes, Barton – Yes

Motion passed 5-0.

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Councilmember Terilli made a motion to approve the minutes for the August 4, 2026 Special Called Meeting.

Councilmember Burnette seconded the motion.

Terilli – Yes, Burnette – Yes, Patterson – Yes, Penn – Yes, Barton – Yes

Motion passed 5-0.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

VI.1 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 Patterson made a motion for the Council to move into Executive Session at 6:59 p.m.

Councilmember Penn seconded the motion.

Terilli – Yes, Burnette – Yes, Patterson – Yes, Penn – Yes, Barton – Yes

Motion passed 5-0.

Councilmember Penn made a motion to exit the Executive Session at 7:33 p.m.
Councilmember Terilli seconded 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 employee related matters. No decisions or votes were made during the executive session.

VII. ADJOURN

Councilmember Penn made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Councilmember Terilli seconded the motion.
Terilli – Yes, Burnette – Yes, Patterson – Yes, Penn – Yes, Barton – Yes
Motion passed 5-0.

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