

**CITY GOVERNMENT  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL  
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA  
February 18, 2016**

The regular meeting of Council was held this date at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The Invocation was given by Rev. Matthew Southall Brown, Sr., Pastor Emeritus St. John Baptist Church, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Eddie W. DeLoach, Presiding  
Mayor Pro-Tem Carol Bell  
Alderman Julian Miller, Chairman of Council  
Alderman Brian Foster, Vice-Chairman of Council  
Van Johnson, II, Tony Thomas, John Hall,  
Estella Shabazz, Bill Durrence

City Manager Stephanie Cutter  
City Attorney W. Brooks Stillwell  
Assistant City Attorney William Shearouse

Upon motion of Alderman Bell, seconded by Alderman Miller, unanimous approval was given for the Mayor to sign an affidavit and resolution on Litigation, Real Estate and Personnel for an Executive Session held today where no votes were taken. (**SEE RESOLUTIONS**)

**MINUTES**

Upon motion of Alderman Bell, seconded by Alderman Miller, and unanimously carried the summary/final minutes for the City Manager's briefing of February 4, 2016 was approved.

Upon motion of Alderman Bell, seconded by Alderman Miller, and unanimously carried the summary/final minutes for the City Council meeting of February 4, 2016 was approved.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORTS**

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE HEARINGS**

As advertised, the following alcoholic license petitions were heard. No one appeared in objection to the issuance of these licenses.

**Grady Johnson for Bank Wings and Things**, requesting liquor, beer and wine (drink) with Sunday sales at 2416 Montgomery Street, which is located between West 40th Street and 41st Street in District 2. The applicant plans to operate a full-service restaurant. (New ownership/management) (Continued from the meeting of February 4, 2016) **Recommend denial.** Attorney Thomas Branch appeared with Grady Johnson stating it is his understanding Mr. Johnson's application was being denied because of his past criminal history. Attorney Branch

stated none of us are the same person we were 20 years ago. Today he is six years sober and hasn't had any trouble on his record with the exception of the incidents years ago. Mr. Johnson has a security plan in place that will require patrons to be 25 years or older to enter the bar area as there will be a partition separating the sections in the establishment. Attorney Stillwell informed Attorney Branch and Mr. Johnson since the City Manager's recommendation is for denial Mr. Johnson is entitled to a due process hearing and asked anyone present that plans to speak or testify to raise their hand to be sworn in.

Attorney Stillwell asked Mayor DeLoach if the City could be given the opportunity to present its evidence as to why the license is being recommended for denial.

Sgt. Shinita Young, Alcohol Beverage Control Unit appeared stating she met with Mr. Johnson in reference to his application who indicated the location would be a bar/lounge. She stated he was unable to inform her how much food would be served or a menu. She stated they discussed rehabilitation for the building and Mr. Johnson has begun repairs and has submitted an application with zoning but has not obtained a building permit. She stated there is not a clear divider in the establishment to separate the two bars which are inside, food will be purchased from the same bar where alcohol is served. A concern that was brought to Sgt. Young's attention was parking for patrons as there is not a designated area. Mr. Johnson's license is suspended as of today in addition to the registration and insurance on his vehicle. Sgt. Young ended stating it is the stance of the Savannah Chatham Metropolitan Police Department that Mr. Johnson's application be denied.

Attorney Stillwell asked Sgt. Young if Mr. Johnson has a Savannah Business License, Certificate of Occupancy for the building, and if the Zoning officials approved this use under the zoning ordinance. Sgt. Young replied no to all questions.

Alderman Johnson asked Sgt. Young if the items Attorney Stillwell questioned her about are a prerequisite for consideration to obtain a license. Sgt. Young replied yes. Alderman Johnson then asked Attorney Stillwell why the hearing is being held if the prerequisites have not been met. Attorney Stillwell replied it is the city's recommendation that the license be denied. Alderman Johnson stated he understands the recommendation but if the prerequisites have not been met the hearing should not be occurring today. Attorney Stillwell agreed with Alderman Johnson's statement.

Alderman Shabazz stated she agrees with Alderman Johnson and doesn't understand why the hearing is being held if Mr. Johnson doesn't have everything needed in order to open the establishment and the private lives of individuals such as a suspended license should not affect someone from receiving an alcohol license.

Attorney Stillwell stated the applicant can withdraw his application until he has met all requirements to obtain an application.

Chief Lumpkin, Savannah/Chatham Metropolitan Police Department stated the reason the hearing was held today is because the original report that came to the SCMPD was inadequate and did not contain all details that were heard today. The report was given to the City Manager last night which included the details about the applicant not having the building permit. He stated before staff was changed in the ABC unit the original report submitted was not adequate and Sgt. Young went back and cleaned the report up to be presented to Council.

Attorney Branch stated this is the first he has heard about the issues as well, Mr. Johnson came to the firm few days ago because he was concerned about the denial and asked that the application be withdrawn at this time.

**Melissa Johnson for LHMS, Inc. t/a Mellow Mushroom**, requesting to add liquor (drink) license with Sunday sales at 11 West Liberty Street, which is located between Bull Street and Whitaker Street in District 2. The applicant plans to continue to operate as a full-service restaurant. (New request/existing business) **Recommend approval.** Hearing closed upon motion of Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Miller, and unanimously carried. Approved upon motion of Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Bell, per the City Manager's recommendation.

**Sandesh Pardeshi for SDR Savannah, LLC t/a Congress Street Market**, requesting beer and wine (drink) license with Sunday sales at 111 West Congress Street, which is located between Whitaker Street and Barnard Street in District 2. The applicant plans to operate as full-service restaurant. (New ownership/management) **Recommend approval.** Hearing closed upon motion of Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Miller, and unanimously carried. Approved upon motion of Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Bell, per the City Manager's recommendation.

**Lonnie Peck for Key Savannah, LLC t/a Holiday Inn Historic District**, requesting liquor, beer and wine (drink) license with Sunday sales at 520 West Bryan Street, which is located between Martin Luther King Boulevard and Ann Street District 2. The applicant plans to continue to operate as a hotel. (New management/existing business) **Recommend approval.** Hearing closed upon motion of Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Miller, and unanimously carried. Approved upon motion of Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Bell, per the City Manager's recommendation.

**Brian Skinner for The Original Pancake House of Savannah, Inc. t/a The Original Pancake House**, requesting beer and wine (drink) license with Sunday sales at 7201 Hodgson Memorial Drive, which is located between Eisenhower Drive and Mall Boulevard in District 4. The applicant plans to operate as a full-service restaurant. (New request/existing business) **Recommend approval.** Hearing closed upon motion of Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Miller, and unanimously carried. Approved upon motion of Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Bell, per the City Manager's recommendation.

## **ZONING HEARINGS**

**Metropolitan Planning Commission, (MPC File No. 15-006685-ZA)**, requesting to amend Section 8-3002 Definitions to include a definition for Mobile Farmers' Markets to include a definition for mobile farmers' markets and to allow them in all zoning districts; and an amendment to Part 6 (Licensing and Regulation), Chapter 1 (Business Occupations), of the City Code include a definition, standards and procedures for mobile farmers' markets.

Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) staff reviewed the City's current Zoning and Revenue Ordinances and Savannah City Code for uses/standards that are similar enough in nature to be applied to mobile farmers' markets. None included a use similar in nature.

MPC staff met and worked with Chatham County Health Department, Georgia Department of Agriculture, City of Savannah Community Development Services Department, City of Savannah

Community Planning Department, Healthy Savannah Food Policy Committee, Forsyth Farmers' Market, and Farm Truck 912 staff to develop language and standards for inclusion in the City Zoning Ordinance and City Code regarding mobile farmers' markets.

Per those discussions, it was determined that it is most appropriate to have a definition added to the Zoning Ordinance to allow for the proposed use in all districts with the agreed upon standards and procedures added to the City Code.

MPC Staff recommended approval of the text amendment to define mobile farmers' markets and allow them in all zoning districts. **Recommend approval.** Marcus Lotson, Metropolitan Planning Commission appeared to briefly describe the request. He stated it has been a collaboratively effort for some time by many entities to find ways to make fresh fruits and vegetables more available in underserved communities. Alderman Bell asked if they can be on public property as well as private. Mr. Lotson stated the ordinance as it is being designed will allow them to be on public property. Agreements will have to be put in place between the private property owner and the mobile farmers' market vendor and they will have to meet all the standards that go along with it. Alderman Bell asked who will monitor them. Mr. Lotson replied the city's zoning enforcement office will issue permits for the use and tasked with enforcement. Alderman Bell then asked if there will be a fee. Mr. Lotson replied he's sure there will be a fee but it has not been established yet. Mr. Lotson stated he believes the Forsyth Farmers' Market will be the driving force in deciding where and when the locations will be set up.

Gator Rivers came forward expressing his pleasure in the initiative stating it will be a great addition to the community.

Teri Schell, Director of Forsyth Famers' Market stating the intention on supporting the ordinance is to be a service to the community and bring more fresh fruits and vegetables to the people that needed. Hearing closed upon motion of Alderman Hall, seconded by Alderman Bell, and unanimously carried. Approved upon motion of Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Shabazz, and unanimously carried per the City Manager's recommendation.

## **PETITIONS**

### **Petition 141093: Request of Verizon Wireless (VZW) to Encroach onto City Real Property at Twenty-Six (26) Locations for Installation of Stealth Distributive Antenna System.**

In accordance with the Franchise Agreement between the City of Savannah and VZW approved by City Council on April 2, 2015, Harold Yellin, petitioner, on behalf of Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (VZW) is requesting a license to encroach onto City real property. The Franchise Agreement governs the installation, operation, and maintenance of a stealth Distributive Antenna System (DAS) network and required the petitioner to come back before City Council for approval of specific sites proposed for the antenna. VZW is therefore requesting a license to encroach at twenty-six different locations in downtown Savannah.

The DAS is a stealth cell tower system designed to be incorporated into light poles, building rooftops, and other typical streetscape structures. The DAS will enhance cellular telecom capacity in the downtown area without the need to erect large cell towers that would conflict with the architectural and historical skyline of the City. The designs of the DAS structures and proposed locations have been reviewed by the Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) and

the Historic District Board of Review and have been approved. A Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) has been issued.

The proposed twenty-six (26) DAS encroachment locations follow and are depicted on the attached map. Please note the prefix SV is Petitioner's project acronym for Savannah, and the proposed sites follow:

- SV01 Forsyth Park West of Drayton Street: County communication tower
- SV02 113 E. Waldburg Street: light pole
- SV 03 Abercorn Street & E. Gwinnett Street: light pole
- SV04/SV23 621 Drayton Street: roof mount at Forsyth Park Theatre building
- SV05 Drayton Street & E. Huntingdon Street: light pole
- SV06 429 Abercorn Street: light pole
- SV07 Intersection of Abercorn Street & Macon Street: light pole
- SV08/8B E. State Street & Abercorn Street: parking garage
- SV09 Broughton Lane & Habersham Street: light pole
- SV10 E. York Street & Houston Street: light pole
- SV11 Broughton Street & Broad Street: light pole
- SV12 E. Factors Walk & E. Broad Ramp: light pole
- SV13 Emmet Park: light pole
- SV14 E. River Street: light pole
- SV15 E. River Street near Anchor Monument: roof mounted on a pavilion
- SV16/SV17 River Street & Upper Factors Walk: signs
- SV18 Martin Luther King Jr., Blvd & Indian Street: light pole
- SV19 Barnard Street & W. Bay Street: light pole
- SV20 2 E. Bay Street: traffic light poles
- SV21 Bay Street & Abercorn Street: camera pole
- SV22 Bryan Street & Barnard Street: roof mounted on building in Ellis Square
- SV25 Intersection of Bull Street & W. Oglethorpe Street: light pole
- SV26 Intersection of Bull Street & Liberty Street: light pole
- SV27 Intersection of Bull Street & Charlton Street: light pole

The petition request has been reviewed by Real Property Services, Development Services, the Bureau of Public Works and Water Resources, the Bureau of Leisure Services, and the Information Technology Department to ensure no negative impact on City services and/or infrastructure access. An encroachment agreement would include the following conditions:

- The encroachment petition is strictly for general location approval and Petitioner must submit a detailed site development plan, structural designs and data, electrical designs and data, proposed conduit and communication infrastructure locations, existing infrastructure locations, and any other information per location as may be deemed necessary by staff to complete a thorough review of the proposed improvements. The City reserves the right to reject any of the proposed sites or modify proposed plans based on a review of this additional information.

- Encroachment is subject to final plan review and approval, and issuance of applicable permits prior to the use of any of the sites.
- The SV01 location involves a tower operated by Chatham County and Petitioner must obtain approval from Chatham County to locate on the tower as proposed.
- The petitioner shall enter into a Revocable License Encroachment Agreement (RLEA) governing use of the property in form as attached to the Franchise Agreement.
- Conditions outlined in the COA and related approvals must be satisfied.

City Council may review and decide each site individually or as a whole. If a site(s) is rejected, then petitioner may request a replacement site to complete coverage of the proposed network.

Request by petitioner that the City grant a Revocable License for Encroachment Agreement at the 26 sites listed for the installation, operation, and maintenance of a DAS cellular network, as submitted by Harold Yellin on behalf of VZW, subject to conditions noted; and authorization for the City Manager to execute the finalized encroachment agreement. **Recommend approval.** Approved upon motion of Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Bell, and unanimously carried per the City Manager's recommendation.

### **ORDINANCES** **SECOND READINGS**

Ordinance read for the first time in Council January 21, 2016, then by unanimous consent of Council read a second time, February 18, 2016 placed upon its passage, adopted and approved upon a motion by Alderman Hall, seconded by Alderman Shabazz, and unanimously carried.

**Community Redevelopment Tax Incentive Ordinance.** Adoption of program and procedures that identify real properties maintained in a chronically blighted condition, and establishes a mechanism to tax those properties at a higher rate by increasing the millage rate applied to those properties by a factor of 7. City Manager Cutter stated there have been a lot of concerns as it relates to the Community Redevelopment Tax Incentive Ordinance and recommended it being continued in an attempt to allow staff to respond to the questions from the citizens. Approved upon motion of Alderman Hall, seconded by Alderman Shabazz, and unanimously carried per the City Manager's recommendation.

### **ORDINANCES** **FIRST and SECOND READINGS**

Ordinance read for the first time in Council February 18, 2016, then by unanimous consent of Council read a second time, placed upon its passage, adopted and approved upon a motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Durrence, and unanimously carried.

**Prohibition of Parking on Southern Boulevard.** An ordinance to amend the City Code to prohibit parking in the cul-de-sac at the north end of Southern Boulevard, 1000' north of Southern Oaks Drive. **Recommend approval.**

AN ORDINANCE  
To Be Entitled

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPENDIX I, SECTION 219 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF SAVANNAH, GEORGIA (2003) PERTAINING TO SECTION 7-1091 OF SAID CODE TO PROVIDE THAT THE STREET NAMED HEREIN SHALL PROHIBIT STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING AT ALL TIMES; TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND, FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah in regular meeting of Council assembled and pursuant to lawful authority thereof:

SECTION 1: That Appendix I, Section 219 of the Code of the City of Savannah, Georgia (2003), pertaining to Section 7-1091 of said Code, as amended, shall be amended by adding thereto the following:

AMEND SECTION 219 STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING  
PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES TO INCLUDE

ENACT

SOUTHERN BOULEVARD

In the cul-de-sac area on Southern Boulevard 1000' north of Southern Oaks Drive.

SECTION 2: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**ADOPTED and APPROVED: FEBRUARY 18, 2016**

Ordinance read for the first time in Council February 18, 2016, then by unanimous consent of Council read a second time, placed upon its passage, adopted and approved upon a motion by Alderman Bell, seconded by Alderman Shabazz, and unanimously carried.

**2423 Martin Luther King, Jr. (MPC File No. 15-004442-ZA)**. An ordinance to rezone 2423 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard from the current R-4/P-N-C (Four Family Residential/Planned Neighborhood Conservation) zoning classifications to the R-B/P-N-C (Residential Business/Planned Neighborhood Conservation) zoning classifications.

AN ORDINANCE  
To Be Entitled

AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM AN R-4/P-N-C (FOUR-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL, PLANNED NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION) ZONING

CLASSIFICATION TO AN R-B/P-N-C  
RESIDENTIAL-BUSINESS, PLANNED  
NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION) ZONING  
CLASSIFICATION; TO REPEAL ALL OTHER  
ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES:

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, Georgia, in a regular meeting of Council assembled and pursuant to lawful authority thereof:

SECTION 1: The following described property be rezoned from its present R-4/PNC zoning classification to R-B/PNC zoning classification:

Commencing from a point [X: 984263-448101 Y: 749368.460227], located at the approximate intersection of the centerlines of Burroughs Street and West 40th Lane;

Thence proceeding in a SE direction along the approximate centerline of West 40th Lane for approximately 57.066 ft. to a point [X: 984317.748989 Y: 749350.912414], said point being, THE POINT OF BEGINNING;

Thence proceeding in a SW direction [S 16-32-40 W] along a line for approximately 157.986 ft. to a point, said point being located on the approximate centerline of West 40th Street.

Thence proceeding in a SE direction along the approximate centerline of West 40th Street for approximately 119.999 ft. to a point;

Thence proceeding in a NE direction [N 16-32-44 E] along a line for approximately 155.593 ft. to a point, said point being located on the approximate centerline of West 40th Lane;

Thence proceeding in a NW direction along the approximate centerline of West 40th Lane for approximately 120.036 ft. to a point, [X: 984317.748989 Y: 749350.912414], said point being, THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

PIN(s): 2-0073-27-015,016 & 017

SECTION 3: That the requirements of Section 8-3182(f)(2) of said Code and the law in such cases made and provided has been satisfied. An opportunity for a public hearing was afforded anyone having an interest or property right which may have been affected by this zoning amendment, said notice being published in the Savannah Morning News, on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2015, a copy of said notice being attached hereto and made a part hereof.

SECTION 4: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall be effective as of the date hereof.

**ADOPTED and APPROVED: FEBRUARY 18, 2016**

Ordinance read for the first time in Council February 18, 2016, then by unanimous consent of Council read a second time, placed upon its passage, adopted and approved upon a motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Shabazz, and unanimously carried.

**Section 8-3002 and 8-3029 (MPC File No. 15-004082-ZA).** An ordinance to amend Section 8-3002 and 8-3029 of the zoning ordinance to create a new definition for Dwelling, two family over/under and to reduce the minimum lot area and lot width for two family attached and semi-detached residential. (Ordinance not received as of February 29, 2016 at 10:20 a.m.) Placed in caption forma and will be inserted at a later date.

**ADOPTED and APPROVED: FEBRUARY 18, 2016**

Ordinance read for the first time in Council February 18, 2016, then by unanimous consent of Council read a second time, placed upon its passage, adopted and approved upon a motion by Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Miller, and unanimously carried.

**Mobile Farmers' Market (MPC File No. 15-006685-ZA).** An ordinance to amend Section 8-3002 Definitions to include a definition for Mobile Farmers' Markets to include a definition for mobile farmers' markets and to allow them in all zoning districts; and an amendment to Part 6 (Licensing and Regulation), Chapter 1 (Business Occupations), of the City Code include a definition, standards and procedures for mobile farmers' markets.

AN ORDINANCE  
To Be Entitled

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND PART 8, CHAPTER 3, ZONING TO ESTABLISH A DEFINITION FOR MOBILE FARMERS' MARKET; AND TO REPEAL ALL OTHER ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, Georgia, in regular meeting of Council assembled and pursuant to lawful authority thereof:

SECTION 1: That Part 8, Chapter 3, Zoning of the Code of the City of Savannah, Georgia (2003) hereinafter referenced as "Code," be amended as follows:

**ENACT**

**Article A. (Generally), Sec. 8-3002, (Definitions); Mobile Farmers' Market**

Mobile Farmers' Market. A mobile vehicle, or trailer, commercially licensed by the Department of Driver Services, from which uncut perishable fruits, vegetables, and herbs are sold. Commercially prepared and commercially prepackaged foods such as seafood, meats, and milk (excluding alcoholic beverages, homemade food products and craft goods) may be sold in addition to, but not without the concurrent sale of fruits, vegetables, and herbs. Prepared foods that are meant for consumption on site are not permissible. However, foods prepared for cooking demonstration purposes are permissible and may be consumed on site. The sale of Christmas

trees, Halloween pumpkins, plants, or flowers is prohibited. Only retail sales are permitted. Mobile farmers' markets are permitted in all zoning districts.

SECTION 2: That the requirement of Section 8-3182(f)(2) of said Code and the law in such cases made and provided has been satisfied. That an opportunity for a public hearing was afforded anyone having an interest or property right which may have been affected by this zoning amendment, said notice being published in the Savannah Morning News, on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2016, a copy of said notice being attached hereto and made a part hereof.

SECTION 3: Upon the effective date of the ordinance all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**ADOPTED and APPROVED: FEBRUARY 18, 2016**

## **RESOLUTIONS**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SAVANNAH AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AFFIDAVIT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah as follows:

At the meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2016 the Council entered into a closed session for the purpose of discussing Real Estate, Personnel and Litigation. At the close of the discussions upon this subject, the Council reentered into open session and herewith takes the following action in open session:

1. The actions of Council and the discussions of the same regarding the matter set forth for the closed session purposes are hereby ratified;
2. Each member of this body does hereby confirms that to the best of his or her knowledge, the subject matter of the closed session was devoted to matters within the specific relevant exception(s) as set forth above;
3. The presiding officer is hereby authorized and directed to execute an affidavit, with full support of the Council in order to comply with O.C.G.A. §50-14-4(b); 17
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.

**ADOPTED and APPROVED: FEBRUARY 18, 2016.**

A resolution celebrating the life of Jibri Syed Bryan, Sr. a 2010 graduate of Benedictine Military School who had his transition on Tuesday, February 2, 2016 in Macon, Georgia. **Recommend approval.** The resolution was delivered to the family by City Manager Cutter on behalf of the City of Savannah. Approved upon motion of Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Bell, and unanimously carried per the City Manager's recommendation.

**St. Patrick's Day Festival 2016.** A resolution to designate March 17, 18, and 19 as the festival days for the St. Patrick's Day Festival 2016; and to designate the area bounded by East Broad Street on the east, the Savannah River on the north, Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard on the west, and Broughton Lane from Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard to the east side of Drayton

Street to Bay Lane to East Broad Street as the Festival Control Zone. **Recommend approval.** Alderman Thomas asked why Sunday wasn't included in the festival period for his year's St. Patrick's Day celebration. City Manager Cutter replied in the past the four day festival period was presented as a very strenuous cleanup effort and concerns. The recommendation to limit it to three days is driven by what it takes to have a four day festival. Alderman Thomas stated he wanted to put the information out to the public as he feels phone calls will come in from business owners. Alderman Johnson asked if a half day was considered for Sunday. Marty Johnston, Deputy Assistant to the City Manager came forward stating City Manager Cutter is correct and although the festival period begins Thursday, things begin well before that. It is a day of preparation with police, the sanitation bureau and parking services. Ms. Johnston stated to extend the City staff beyond three days is a chore and the amount of man power it takes to do this is amazing. Alderman Johnson suggested engaging the businesses and making them aware on the front end before the phone calls are received. Approved upon motion of Alderman Bell, seconded by Alderman Miller, and unanimously carried per the City Manager's recommendation.

**WHEREAS**, the Festival Ordinance of 2013, Section 6-2423, provides that on the recommendation of the City Manager, the Mayor, and Aldermen may designate and name certain community festival days, including the "St. Patrick's Day Festival, " and during such festival days authorize cultural and entertainment events and initiate the regulatory provision of the ordinance within the festival area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Festival Ordinance of 2013, Section 6-2425, provides that upon recommendation of the City Manager, the Mayor, and Aldermen may designate one or more Control Zones within the Festival Area, and may authorize the City Manager to implement regulations and controls which will be specific for each designated Control Zone and the Mayor and Aldermen may designate and authorize a non-profit tax-exempt organization or similar entity to organize and manage festival activities within the Control Zone; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Manager has recommended designation of the St. Patrick's Day Festival 2016 and designation of a Festival Control Zone.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that March 17<sup>TH</sup> thru March 19<sup>TH</sup> are designated as the festival days for the St. Patrick's Day Festival 2016 and that the Savannah Waterfront Association is designated and authorized to organize and manage festival activities within the Control Zone.

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Control Zone area bounded by East Broad Street on the east, the Savannah River on the north, Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard on the west, and Broughton Lane from Martin Luther King Boulevard to the east side of Drayton Street to Bay Lane to East Broad Street as the Festival Control Zone, and that the City Manager is authorized to implement regulations and controls for the Festival Controlled Zone during the hours of March 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m., March 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m., and March 19<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.– 12:00 a.m. and that the fee for patrons wishing to consume alcohol within the Control Zone is \$5 as authorized by Section 6-2425. Live outdoor entertainment in the Control Zone will end at the close of the festival hours on March 17<sup>th</sup> thru 19<sup>th</sup>.

**ADOPTED and APPROVED: FEBRUARY 18, 2016.**

Dyanne Reese, Clerk of Council reminded Council and the public that the regular scheduled Council meeting which would have been Thursday, March 17, 2016 has been changed to Tuesday, March 15, 2016.

A resolution celebrating the life of Ernest Major, Jr. a Savannah native who made tremendous accomplishments and contributions to the community, who died Wednesday, February 10, 2016.  
**Recommend approval.**

Whereas: Ernest Major, Jr. a native of Savannah, Georgia, was a pillar of this community where he made tremendous accomplishments and contributions. He lived a life that inspired others to follow in his footsteps; and

Whereas: Ernest Major, Jr. was a graduate of Tompkins High School class of 1963. He later worked as a Conductor for CSX Railroad where he retired after 38 years of loyal service in June 2005; and

Whereas: Ernest Major, Jr. was a member of the International Free and Accepted Modern Masons and a devoted member of the Brotherhood of Retired Railroad Workers; and

Whereas: Ernest Major, Jr. was an inspirational coach for the Liberty City Vikings, as well as a committed, and dedicated community advocate and president of the Lamarville Neighborhood Association for many years ; and

Whereas: Deacon Ernest Major, Jr. was a member of First Saint Peters Baptist Church, and a former member of Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church; and

Whereas: Deacon Ernest Major, Jr. leaves to cherish his memory: his loving, wife of 35 years, Willie Mae Lovett Major; five children, Pamela Major-Gilliard of Savannah, Leslie (Timothy) Stanley of Fayetteville, GA, Ernest (Amy) Major of Connecticut, Faye Brown of Savannah and Eric (Glendoria) Major of Virginia; five siblings, Jacqueline (Bennie) Seymore, Nelsonia (Julius) Green, Constance Williams, Anthony Major and Ruth (Anthony) Crouse all of Savannah, GA; 11 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, 2 Goddaughters, and 2 Godsons; a loving mother-in-law, Margaret Lovett, brothers in law, Horace Lovett and Johnny Randall, and sisters in law, Donna (Merrick) Stroman and Janice Major a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and faithful friends.

**Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved,** that The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, extend their deepest and heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of Ernest Major, Jr.

**ADOPTED and APPROVED: FEBRUARY 18, 2016.** Upon motion of Alderman Shabazz, seconded by Alderman Bell, and unanimously carried.

**TRAFFIC ENGINEERING REPORTS**

**Codification of New Signalized Traffic Control.** In an effort to improve safety and to address increased traffic volumes in areas of new development, Traffic Engineering has installed stop

and go signals to control all traffic at the intersections of East River Street and General McIntosh Boulevard and at White Bluff Road and Wilshire Boulevard.

The redevelopment of the old Georgia Power building on East River Street at General McIntosh Boulevard will increase traffic volumes at the intersection. To best serve the hotel, the intersection was redesigned to allow for left turns off of General McIntosh onto East River Street. The change in geometry coupled with the additional traffic prompted the signal installation.

Construction of a new grocery store on Wilshire Boulevard between Abercorn Street and White Bluff Road will increase traffic to that block. To provide for safe access and egress at White Bluff Road, a traffic signal was installed as part of the development.

In order to provide for enforcement of the new traffic signals, it is necessary to place these two locations in Section 201 of the code appendix. **Recommend approval.** Approved upon motion of Alderman Bell, seconded by Alderman Durrence, and unanimously carried per the City Manager's recommendation.

**Left Turn Prohibition on Ann Street.** In the next few months, the new Fairfield Inn and Suites will open at 135 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard simultaneously with a companion parking deck that fronts Ann Street. Based on a traffic engineering study, the majority of traffic leaving the parking deck is expected to exit Ann Street at West Oglethorpe Avenue in order to go east. Signalizing the intersection is not an option, as it is too close to the signalized intersection at Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard.

Traffic Engineering and the Georgia Department of Transportation have worked with the developer to improve the median opening on West Oglethorpe at Ann Street so that eastbound drivers will be permitted to turn left onto Ann Street. Drivers on Ann Street will be required to turn right and then U-turn at Fahm Street to go east.

Chatham Area Transit supports the partial closure of the median, as it maintains access for Greyhound buses to enter the east end of the terminal while eliminating conflict with southbound vehicles.

In order for the prohibition to be enforceable, the City Code of Ordinances must be updated to reflect the change. **Recommend approval.** Approved upon motion of Alderman Bell, seconded by Alderman Durrence, and unanimously carried per the City Manager's recommendation.

**Truck Traffic on East Washington Avenue and Kerry Street.** Traffic Engineering has received complaints from residents in the Parkside neighborhood regarding truck traffic using East Washington Avenue between Waters Avenue and Bee Road. Currently, City Code prohibits commercial vehicles on East Washington Avenue, only from Bull Street to Waters Avenue. Additional concerns have been raised about commercial development on East Victory Drive spurring tractor trailer drivers to use Kerry Street as a cut through to avoid congestion.

Traffic Engineering has investigated resident concerns. Based on their findings, they have determined that neither East Washington Avenue nor Kerry Street are suitable for truck traffic

and that commercial vehicles should use other more suitable, nearby streets including Waters Avenue and Victory Drive.

Recommend that the “no truck” restriction be extended on East Washington Avenue to include the segment from Waters Avenue to Bee Road. It is further recommended that a “no truck” restriction be implemented on Kerry Street from Bee Road to Dixie Avenue. **Recommend approval.** Approved upon motion of Alderman Bell, seconded by Alderman Durrence, and unanimously carried per the City Manager’s recommendation.

### **BIDS, CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS**

**Upon a motion by Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Johnson, and unanimously carried, the following bids, contracts and agreements were approved per the City Manager’s recommendations:**

**Coastal Workforce Services Career Service Center Lease: 140 E Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, Hinesville, Georgia.** Coastal Workforce Services (CWS) is seeking the approval of a three-year lease for 140 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard Hinesville, GA 31313. In the spring of 2015, the Coastal Workforce Development Board (CWDB) approved a plan to re-locate services at sites throughout the 10-county region. A comprehensive one-stop is needed in the 3-county sub region to adequately serve the almost 1,800 employers and over 5,000 individuals currently unemployed. The CWDB Executive Committee voted and approved to sign and execute the lease on January 21, 2016. The lease was reviewed by Real Property Services and the City Attorney’s Office.

The location will provide Adult, Dislocated Worker and Youth Services to Liberty, Bryan and Long Counties. The location will also serve transitioning military members and their spouses by connecting them to occupational training, open job orders, and academic services. The location is approximately 3,000 square feet and the rent will be \$3,200 per month. The cost per square foot is roughly \$10.67 and is well below the market rate of \$14.00 per square foot.

It is the role of the City of Savannah, as the fiscal agent, to authorize the CWDB to execute these types of contract agreements. CWS is seeking authorization to enter into a three-year lease for 140 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard Hinesville, GA 31313. **Recommend approval.**

**Office Supplies – Contract Extension – Event No. 2964.** Recommend approval to extend an annual contract with Staples Advantage in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00. The contract extension will extend the current contract until April 1, 2016.

The original contract was for office supplies, small office equipment, and various small furniture items. Staples Advantage has held the annual contract for these items and services since 2011. A new proposal for these items and services is under review and is expected to be awarded in March 2016. Until that time, the current contract will remain in effect. This extension will allow the City to continue to receive discounts and rebates until the new contract is awarded.

Funds are available in the 2016 Budget, Various Office Supplies (51306). **Recommend approval.**

**I&D Water Plant Building Electrical Upgrade – Summary Change Order – Event No. 2407.** Recommend approval of the summary change order for time only to Dayenesi, Inc. The summary change order is needed to extend the contract deadline for the Industrial and Domestic Water Plant High Service Pump Building Electrical Upgrade to February 29, 2016.

The original contract was for the installation of more robust electrical service to power the new, larger pumps at the plant. The extension is needed for the revision of the pump power feed duct-bank routing, the fabrication of substitute electrical components, revisions to the power switching sequence between the generator controls and new/existing electrical systems, the resolution of the building additional thermostat control sequence, and additional safety measures had to be put in place which delayed the project. Additionally, high rain volumes have impacted the site which caused further delays.

The original contract was approved by Council on October 16, 2014, in the amount of \$416,494.00. The contract amount will not be affected by the extension. The second lowest bidder was J.T. Turner Construction in the amount of \$469,000.00. The date extension could not have been foreseen by any of the bidders.

No funding is required for this summary change order as it is for time only. **Recommend approval.**

**Emergency Notification Service – Contract Modification No. 1 – Event No. 3221.** Recommend approval of Contract Modification No. 1 to SwiftReach Networks in the amount of \$3,000.00.

The original contract was to purchase a system that offers web-based automated notifications to citizens. The system delivers timely messages via multiple communication channels to allow for reliable reports to citizens and members of predetermined groups regarding emergencies, weather events, and community activities. The current users of this system are personnel in Emergency Management, Savannah Chatham Metropolitan Police Department, Public Development, Public Information, and Chatham Emergency Management.

The contract modification will allow for an unlimited number of telephone notifications to our citizens via phone and text. The original contract had a limit of 250,000 phone messages and 200,000 text messages.

This contract was originally approved in Council on June 11, 2015 in the amount of \$37,500.00. The total amount of this contract to date, including this modification, is \$40,500.00. Funds are available in the 2016 Budget, Emergency Communications Fund/Public Safety Communications/ Other Contractual Service (Account No. 241-4251-51295) and General Fund/City-Wide Emergency Planning/Other Contractual Service (Account No.101-5102-51295). **Recommend approval.**

**Construction Testing – Annual Contract – Event No. 3604.** Recommend approval to procure construction testing services for an annual contract from Whitaker Laboratory, Inc. (Primary) and Terracon Consultants, Inc. (Secondary) in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00. The services will be used in various projects throughout the City and will include approximately 78 different

tests such as soil testing, pavement testing, structural concrete testing, environmental testing, industrial hygiene testing, and special inspections determined by the International Building Code.

The average hourly rate for the professional services for this contract is \$74.44 and the average hourly rate for the testing services is \$103.73.

The bid was advertised, opened, and reviewed. Delivery: As Requested. Terms: Net 30 Days. The bidders were:

	Professional / Services	Testing Services
L.B. Whitaker Laboratory, Inc. (B) Primary (Savannah, GA)	\$74.44* /	\$103.73*
L.B. Terracon Consultants (D) Secondary (Thunderbolt, GA)	\$87.13* /	\$125.76*

Funds are available in the 2016 Budget, Various Funds. A Pre-Proposal Conference was conducted and 3 vendors attended. (B)Indicates local, non-minority owned business. (D)Indicates non-local, non-minority owned business. (\*)Indicates average hourly rates.

**Recommend approval.**

**Miscellaneous Water Line Improvements – Event No. 3810.** Recommend approval to procure engineering services related to miscellaneous water line projects from Hodges, Harbin, Newberry, and Tribble, Inc. (HHNT) in the amount of \$326,013.00. The services will include design, bidding services, construction services, and close out services related to water line removal and replacement on Louisville Road, Perry Street, Washington Avenue, and Augusta Avenue. The upgrades are intended to improve enhanced pressure delivery and water circulation by looping the system.

The method used for this procurement was the Request for Proposal (RFP) that evaluates criteria in addition to costs. The criteria evaluated were experience with similar projects, project team, project approach, proposed schedule, MWBE participation, local vendor participation, and fee proposal.

The MWBE goal for this proposal was 5%, with the breakdown being 4% MBE and 1% WBE. The recommended proposer submitted participation of 5.28% MWBE, 4% MBE using Coastline Consulting Services, and 1.28% WBE using Potter Construction.

Delivery: Approximately 160 Days. Terms: Net 30 Days. The proposers were:

B.P. HHNT, Inc. (Savannah, GA) (B)	\$ 326,013.00
Hussey Bay Bell (B)	\$ 399,651.00
EMC Engineering Services, Inc. (B)	\$ 486,025.50

Funds are available in the 2016 Budget, Capital Improvements Fund/Projects/Other Costs/Miscellaneous Water Line Improvements (Account No. 311-9207-52842-WT0139). A Pre-Proposal Conference was conducted and four vendors attended. (B)Indicates local, non-minority owned business. **Recommend approval.**

**Litter Containers – Sole Source – Event No. 3975.** Recommend approval to procure 40 litter containers from SiteScapes, Inc. in the amount of \$32,110.00. The Recycling and Litter Department will distribute these containers throughout the City for the public to dispose of their litter.

This is a sole source procurement because this company is the only supplier of this particular type of litter container. The vendor has been the provider of the City's litter containers since 2006. Consistency with size and style of the receptacle allows for interchangeable parts with existing equipment and standardizes stock parts for litter receptacles.

Delivery: As Requested. Terms: Net 30 Days. The vendor is:

S.S. SiteScapes, Inc. (Lincoln, NE) (D) \$ 32,110.00

Funds are available in the 2016 Budget, Sanitation Fund/Recycling and Litter Service/Small Fixed Assets (Account No. 511-7107-51321). A Pre-Proposal Conference was not conducted as this is a sole source procurement. (D)Indicates non-local, non-minority owned business.

**Recommend approval.**

**Distribution Pump Repair – Emergency Purchase – Event No. 3976.** Notification of an emergency purchase of pump repair service from TAW Savannah Service Center in the amount of \$29,046.12. This service was used to rebuild a main distribution pump at the I&D Plant that malfunctioned.

This was an emergency procurement because this pump's malfunction compromised and diminished pumping capacity to major industrial customers.

The vendor was selected because it was the first to respond immediately with the services needed.

Delivery: Immediately. Terms: Net 30 Days. The bidder was:

E.P. TAW Savannah Service Center (Pooler, GA) (D) \$29,046.12

Funds are available in the 2016 Budget, I&D Water Fund/I&D Water Operation/Equipment Maintenance (Account No. 531-2581-51250). A Pre-Proposal Meeting was not conducted as this was an emergency procurement. (D)Indicates non-local, non-minority owned business.

**Recommend approval.**

**Analysis of Workforce Data – Sole Source – Event No. 3977.** Recommend approval to procure an annual subscription for Developer and Career Coach software from Economic Modeling Specialists International (EMSI) in the amount of \$26,500.00. The Developer software will be used by the Coastal Workforce Services to analyze workforce data and identify industry clusters, business retention strategies, and to quantify workforce impact. The Career Coach software will allow customers a real-time tool to assist with determining career paths that will directly connect them with the workforce.

This is a sole source because the vendor is the developer, designer, and only provider of this software.

The vendor is:

S.S. EMSI (Moscow, ID) (D) \$ 26,500.00

Funds are available in the 2016 Budget, Grant Fund/Coastal Workforce Cost Pool/Official/Administrative Purchased Services/Rapid Response – 1st GRT PY14 (Account No. 211-3391-51237). A Pre-Proposal Conference was not conducted as this is a sole source procurement. (D)Indicates non-local, non-minority owned business. **Recommend approval.**

**Annual License for Software Modules – Sole Source – Event No. 3979.** Recommend approval to procure an annual license for software modules from Geographic Solutions in the amount of \$48,000.00. The license will be used to gain access to additional software modules that are part of a state-mandated program for customers who are going back to school for job training and for those seeking jobs. The software modules will be added to the Coastal Workforce Services’ existing case management system to assist Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act customers with successful job search and placement. This annual license will give Workforce staff the necessary resources needed to assist employers in reducing lay-offs and hiring skilled employees within the Coastal Workforce Services’ ten-county region.

This is a sole source because this vendor is the original developer of this software and is the only provider of this license. It is critical to have ongoing support from the original provider to ensure timely and knowledgeable assistance when it is needed.

The vendor is:

S.S. Geographic Solutions (Palm Harbor, FL) (D) \$48,000.00

Funds are available in the 2016 Budget, Grant Fund/Coastal Workforce Cost Pool/Official/Administrative Purchased Services/Rapid Response - 1st GRT PY14 (Account No. 211-3391-51237). A Pre-Proposal Conference was not conducted as this is a sole source procurement. (D)Indicates a non-local non-minority owned business. **Recommend approval.**

**Brass Water Distribution Fittings – Annual Contract Renewal – Event No. 3989.** Recommend approval to renew an annual contract for brass water fittings from Delta Municipal Supply Co. in the amount of \$229,870.68. The brass fittings will be maintained in inventory at the Central Warehouse and will be used by the Water Distribution Department in the maintenance and repair of water lines throughout the City.

This is the second of two renewal options available.

Bids were originally received December 3, 2013. This bid was advertised, opened, and reviewed. Delivery: As Needed. Terms: Net 30 Days. The bidders were:

L.B. Delta Municipal Supply Co. (Lawrenceville, GA) (D)	\$229,870.68
Ferguson Waterworks (D)	\$249,106.92
Consolidated Pipe & Supply (D) (Partial Bid)	\$244,684.80

Funds are available in the 2016 Budget, Water & Sewer Operating Fund/Water Distribution/Construction Supplies & Materials (Account No. 521-2503-51340) and Internal

Service Fund/No Department/Inventory-Central Stores (Account No. 611-0000-11330). A Pre-Bid Conference was not conducted as this is an annual contract renewal. (D)Indicates non-local, non-minority owned business. **Recommend approval.**

**X-Ray Systems – Sole Source – Event No. 3992.** Recommend approval to procure two x-ray systems from Televare Systems for \$38,795.00. ScanX x-ray systems are portable computed radiography systems designed specifically for Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) Examination. The systems will help the Savannah Chatham Metropolitan Police Department to respond to threats posed by hazardous materials and devices. The systems will be used by the EOD unit for the x-ray examination of suspicious packages and devices.

This is a sole source because this vendor is the only distributor of the ScanX x-ray system. The ScanX system is the only x-ray system that is compatible with the robotic equipment already in place in the EOD unit.

The vendor is:

S.S. Televare Systems (Arnold, MD) (D) \$ 38,795.00

Funds were awarded to the City of Savannah/EOD Unit through a GEMA grant and are available in the 2016 Budget, Grant Fund/Homeland Security/Operating Supplies and Materials/Homeland Security SCMPD (Account No. 212-3114-51320-GT0046). A Pre-Bid Conference was not conducted as this is a sole source procurement. (D)Indicates non-local, non-minority owned business. **Recommend approval.**

**Crane Carrier Chassis – Sole Source – Event No. 3996.** Recommend approval to procure six Crane Carrier chassis from the Crane Carrier Company in the amount of \$936,828.00. The chassis will be used by the Sanitation Bureau.

In 1999, the City standardized on the Crane Carrier chassis for refuse trucks. These are the only available chassis which allow the cab to sit low to the ground, which provides easy access with a walk-through design. The features reduce staff injuries and provide a more ergonomic interior with increased crew seating. Standardizing on one chassis reduces parts inventory and maintenance costs.

Delivery: 120-150 Days. Terms: Net 30 Days. The vendor is:

S.S. Crane Carrier Company (Tulsa, OK) (D) \$ 936,828.00

Funds are available in the 2016 Budget, Vehicle Replacement Fund/Vehicle Purchases/Vehicular Equipment (Account No. 613-9230-51515). A Pre-Bid Conference was not conducted as this is a sole source procurement. (D)Indicates non-local, non-minority owned business. **Recommend approval.**

**AssetWorks Annual Maintenance – Sole Source – Event No. 4004.** Recommend approval to procure annual maintenance services from AssetWorks in the amount of \$31,635.85. The services will be used by the Vehicle Maintenance Department to maintain its collective data fleet

maintenance system. The system is used to track fleet equipment, fleet maintenance scheduling, shop and order management, part inventory tracking and fuel data management.

This is a sole source because the vendor is the original provider of this software. It is critical to have ongoing support from the original provider to ensure timely and knowledgeable assistance when it is needed. Delivery: As Requested. Terms: Net 30 Days.

S.S. AssetWorks (Pennsylvania) (D) \$ 31,635.85

Funds are available in the 2016 Budget, Internal Services Fund/Fleet Management/Data Processing Equipment Maintenance (Account No. 611-1131- 51251). A Pre-Proposal Conference was not conducted as this is a sole source procurement. (D)Indicates non-local, non-minority owned business. **Recommend approval.**

**Water & Sewer Agreement – Walthour Oaks.** Bobby Chu has requested a water and sewer agreement for Walthour Oaks. The water and sewer systems have adequate capacity to serve this 16 equivalent residential unit development located off Walthour Road. The agreement is consistent with policy directives given by the Mayor and Aldermen and has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney for legal format. **Recommend approval.**

**Memorandum of Understanding Between the City of Savannah and the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System for Sharing of Network Assets.** The Information Technology Departments for the City of Savannah and the Savannah Chatham County Public School System (SCCPSS) have always collaborated with each other to share plans and projects, as well as to offer input to each other on different technology solutions. In the course of these discussions, it has become apparent that both agencies could benefit by having a formal agreement in place to allow sharing of fiber network resources.

The goal is to share fiber network resources to extend the reach of each agency into areas where they currently do not serve. Each agency's network would remain separate and distinct, but both networks could share the same fiber infrastructure to reach common endpoints.

An immediate project the SCCPSS expects to pursue is to extend their connectivity into community centers that are on fiber connections. The SCCPSS would then be able to offer students the ability to access their network portal from the community centers to facilitate completion of after school assignments and homework. **Recommend approval.** Alderman Hall recognized and congratulated the members of the city's IT and the school boards technology department for coming together and coming up with an agreement that is a win, win situation for our citizens who are the local school systems students. He continued stating this is how governments should work and will enhance the educational abilities of all students and benefit them greatly.

Alderman Shabazz concurred with Alderman Hall stating this will enhance the community centers and will be a phenomenal thing for the children and parents that frequent the centers. Approved upon motion of Alderman Shabazz, seconded by Alderman Miller, and unanimously carried per the City Manager's recommendation. Alderman Hall recused himself from the vote.

**Intersection Improvements – Jimmy DeLoach Parkway at Crossroads Parkway – Event No. 3848.** Recommend approval to procure construction services from E&D Contracting Services in the amount of \$489,403.00. The services will be used by the Public Works Bureau to create improvements to the northbound Crossroads Parkway approach to the Jimmy DeLoach Parkway. The services include widening of the roadway embankment, adding pavement and guard rails, and re-striping to create a three-lane approach to the intersection.

The project includes an overall MWBE goal of 23%, with the breakdown of 16% MBE and 7% WBE. Based on the proposed schedule of MWBE participation submitted by the low bidder, the overall MWBE participation will be 78%, with 16% MBE being performed by Cheong Construction Management. The WBE participation submitted by the low bidder is 62%, with 48% being performed by E&D Contracting Services and 14% being performed by Carroll & Carroll.

This bid has been advertised, opened, and reviewed. Delivery: Immediately. Terms: Net 30 Days. The bidders were:

L.B. E&D Contracting Services (Savannah, GA) (B) \$489,403.00

Funds are available in the 2016 Budget, Capital Improvements Funds/Capital Improvement Projects/Other Costs/Jimmy DeLoach/Crossroads Intersection (Account No. 311-9207-52842-TE0906). A Pre-Proposal Conference was conducted and no vendors attended. (B)Indicates local, non-minority owned business. **Recommend approval.** Mayor DeLoach wanted to make note that the City is moving forward with the assistance of SEDA to make the Jimmy DeLoach intersection safer. Approved upon motion of Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Shabazz, and unanimously carried per the City Manager's recommendation.

**Network Maintenance and Purchases – Annual Contract – Event No. 3886.** Recommend approval to award an annual contract for network maintenance and purchases to Layer 3 Communications in the amount of \$316,294.03. The contract will be used by the Information Technology Department for hardware and software maintenance for designated equipment from Juniper Networks, Aruba Networks, and Palo Alto Networks. The contract will also include equipment procurement that will encompass on-going hardware purchases and associated implementation services.

The method used for this procurement was the Request for Proposal (RFP) that evaluates criteria in addition to costs. The criteria evaluated were experience with similar projects, project team, project approach, proposed schedule, MWBE participation, local vendor participation, and fee proposal.

The MWBE goal for this proposal was 12%, with the breakdown being 12% MBE and 0% WBE. The proposal has been advertised, opened, and reviewed. Delivery: As Needed. Terms: Net 30 Days. The proposers are:

Funds are available in the 2016 Budget, Internal Services Fund/Information Technology/Data Processing Equipment Maintenance (Account No. 611-1140- 51251). (D)Indicates non-local, non-minority owned business. **Recommend approval.** Approved upon motion of Alderman

Bell, seconded by Alderman Miller, and unanimously carried per the City Manager's recommendation.

### **Announcements**

Alderman Hall recognized Council member Thomas Barbee from the City of Port Wentworth, GA and thanked him for attending the meeting today.

Alderman Johnson announced a search committee has been appointed by Mayor DeLoach to oversee the executive search for a new City Manager. Alderman Johnson will chair the committee and Mayor DeLoach and Aldermen Foster and Shabazz will work alongside him in recommending a search firm to Council for its approval, working with the search firm and subsequently making recommendations on a selection process to the Council for its approval. The RFP has been completed and Council hopes to receive good firms to be able to present viable qualified search firms for approval.

Alderman Shabazz announced the Cann/Jackson Park Neighborhood Association are in need of much need improvements to the park. She asked that Mr. Gator Rivers, Former Harlem Globetrotter be allowed to speak briefly about a basketball court they would like to incorporate in the community. Mr. Rivers stated the project is called Dream Courts which was founded by Nancy Lieberman whose Foundation partnered with the WorldVentures Foundation to build high-quality basketball courts for children living in underprivileged communities across the country. The goal of this program is to keep children off the streets and to provide them with a safe and competitive environment where they can develop skills such as teamwork and good sportsmanship. With that they would like to incorporate a three on three league. The areas they have in mind are 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Cann Park, Crawford Square and the Live Oak Park. The leagues will be comprised of men from local churches ages 45 and older who will serve as mentors to the youth to bridge the gap between grandparent and youth.

Alderman Foster stated a priority of Council this year has been public safety and one of the needs of officers has been additional security camera and he is pleased to announce City Manager Cutter is looking to include additional security cameras in the upcoming bond issue and thanked her.

Alderman Johnson stated there was another shooting in West Savannah last night where a young man lost his life, and two shootings in Liberty City within the last couple of days and its happening on Council's watch. He continued stating he knows many thought it would be easy because they are here yet, crime is still occurring because the function of crime is much larger than Council and police. He asked that Council continues its vigilance, outrage and righteous indignation that any crime should frustrate Council and make them upset. People in the community are still being victimized, social issues need to be dealt with regardless who is in office and who the Chief of Police is and Council needs to keep their eye on that ball.

Alderman Shabazz read a letter sent to Council from Michael Porter in reference to crime which gave a recommendation and rationale for youth to participate in a conflict resolution group. She stated this is a serious matter and asked that Council takes the recommendations seriously in an attempt to help the community and youth.

There being no further business, Mayor DeLoach declared this meeting of Council adjourned.

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