

**CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA
September 15, 2016**

The regular meeting of Council was held this date at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison followed by the Invocation by Rev. George P. Lee.

PRESENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Carol Bell, Presiding
Alderman Julian Miller, Chairman of Council
Brian Foster, Vice-Chairman of Council
Aldermen Tony Thomas, John Hall, and Estella Shabazz

Assistant City Manager Pete Shonka
City Attorney W. Brooks Stillwell
Assistant City Attorney William Shearouse

ABSENT: Mayor Eddie W. DeLoach (on vacation)
Alderman Bill Durrence (on vacation)
Alderman Van Johnson, II (at work)
City Manager, Stephanie Cutter

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

MINUTES

Upon motion of Alderman Miller, seconded by Alderman Shabazz, and unanimously carried the summary/final minutes for the City Manager's Briefing of September 1, 2016.

Upon motion of Alderman Miller, seconded by Alderman Shabazz, and unanimously carried the summary/final minutes for the City Council meeting of September 1, 2016.

APPEARANCES

Board members of the St. Joseph's/Candler SmartSenior Program appeared to request a partnership with the City of Savannah for the Smart Living Expo & Health Fair.

The City of Savannah Research Library & Municipal Archives and the Historic Savannah Foundation appeared to receive a proclamation designating September 19-23, 2016 as W. W. Law Preservation Week.

Jamal Toure and other committee members appeared to announce and invite Council and the community to the Savannah Gullah Geechee Festival scheduled for September 17-18, 2016.

Former Mayor Edna Jackson and members of the Georgia Historical Society appeared to discuss the first Savannah Civil Rights Movement Historical Marker event to be held on Friday, September 23, 2016 at 10 am.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell asked everyone to join her in wishing Former Mayor Jackson a Happy Birthday which she will celebrate on Sunday, September 18th.

Linda M. Bleicken, President of Armstrong Atlantic State University and the NCAA Division II National Champion Women's Tennis Team appeared to be recognized. Ms. Bleicken stated this is the tenth time the team has won the championship. She also introduced Lisa Sweany, Director of Athletics, Sean McCaffrey, Tennis Coach for the Women and Men's Teams and Assistant Coach Max Sukalo.

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.

Christopher Martindale for Bonefish, Grill, LLC t/a Bonefish #7103, requesting to transfer liquor, beer and wine (drink) license with Sunday sales from Robert Baker at 5500 Abercorn Street, which is located between Varn Drive and Jackson Boulevard in District 4. The applicant plans to continue to operate as a restaurant. (New management/existing business) **Recommend approval.** Hearing closed upon motion of Alderman Miller, seconded by Alderman Thomas, and unanimously carried. Approved upon motion of Alderman Miller, seconded by Alderman Foster, and unanimously carried per the City Manager's recommendation.

Zoning Hearings

Mehul Patel, Petitioner; Andrew S. Lynch, Agent Liberty Tattnell Partners, Owner (MPC File No. 16-003734-ZA) is requesting to rezone 301, 303, 307 and 309 Tattnell Street from an RIP-B (Medium Density Residential) zoning classification to a BC-1 (Central Business) zoning classification.

The purpose of the zoning map amendment is to develop the subject site as a hotel with other uses on the ground floor including a lounge with no restrictions. The existing RIP-B zoning district allows hotels and many business uses, but permits a lounge only available to hotel patrons.

The Planning Commission recommended denial of the petitioner's request to rezone the subject site located at 301, 303, 307, and 309 Tattnell Street (PIN 2-0031-55-002, 003, 004, & 005) from the existing RIP-B zoning classification to the requested B-C-1 or alternate B-C zoning classification. The Planning Commission also recommended denial of the MPC staff

recommendation to rezone the subject site to an RIP-B-1 zoning classification. (Continued from the meeting of September 1, 2016) **(The Mayor and Aldermen recommended a continuance for 2 weeks. The attorney for the petitioner is asking for a continuance to September 29, 2016.)** Continued to the meeting of September 29, 2016 upon motion of Alderman Miller, seconded by Alderman Foster, and unanimously carried.

PETITIONS

Amendment of Two Locations Approved per Petition 141093 for Verizon Wireless (VZW) to Encroach onto City Real Property to Develop a Distributive Antenna System – Petition 160291. Petitioner, Harold Yellin, on behalf of Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, is requesting amendment to Petition 141093 for two (2) of the twenty-six (26) distributive antenna systems (DAS) sites which were previously reviewed and approved by City Council on February 18, 2016. The location of DAS Site SV10 will shift approximately 20 feet to the west along York Street at Houston Street. DAS Site SV20 will become two (2) separate locations, Sites SV20A and SV20B, and includes changes to equipment previously approved for a signal stanchion on Bay Street. This equipment will be moved to two (2) lampposts at 28 W. Bay Street and 2 E. Bay Street on either side of City Hall.

This petition 160291, amended from petition 141093, has been reviewed by Real Property Services, Development Services, the Bureau of Public Works and Water Resources, the Information & Technology Department, and by the Park and Tree Department. An approved encroachment agreement for Sites SV10, SV20A, and SV20B would include the following special conditions:

1. Prior to construction, petitioner shall submit for review and approval, 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 the City of Savannah staff to complete a thorough review of the proposed improvements. The City reserves the right to modify or reject any of the proposed sites based on a review of this additional information.
2. Encroachment is subject to final plan review and approval, and issuance of applicable permits prior to the use of any of the sites.
3. The petitioner shall enter into a Revocable License for Encroachment Agreement governing use of the property in form as attached to the Franchise Agreement.
4. Conditions outlined in the Certificate of Appropriateness and related approvals must be satisfied.

Request by petitioner under petition 160291 as amended from Petition 141093 that the City grant a Revocable License for Encroachment Agreement at the proposed new site locations of SV10 @ E. York & Houston Street, SV20A @ 28 W. Bay Street, and SV20B @ 2 E. Bay Street, subject to conditions noted, and authorization for the City Manager to execute the Revocable License Encroachment Agreement. **Recommend approval.** Attorney Yellin appeared to briefly describe the request of City staff as it relates to the encroachment request. Approved upon motion of Alderman Miller, seconded by Alderman Foster, and unanimously carried per the City Manager's recommendation.

Request to Declare 9 feet of Right of Way Located at 2112 Colorado Avenue as Surplus and Available for Sale – Petition 160260. Petitioner, Robert Missroon, (Property Owner), is requesting the City declare surplus and available for sale 9 feet of City-owned right of way located at 2112 Colorado Avenue. The property owner is seeking to acquire right of way for water retention and lot coverage on the property.

The Bureau of Public Works & Water Resources, Development Services Department, and Real Property Services Department have reviewed the petition and have no objection. State law governs the disposition of real property by municipalities, and surplus right of way is offered for sale first to adjoining property owners. Robert Missroon is the sole adjoining property owner.

If declared surplus and available for sale, staff will obtain an appraisal of the property by a Georgia certified general real estate appraiser, and the appraised value will establish the sale price.

Request for the City to declare surplus 9 feet of right of way located at 2112 Colorado Avenue and offer that property for sale to the adjoining property owner for consideration of payment for the appraised value, and authorization for the City Manager to execute related deeds, contracts, and closing documents. **Recommend approval.** Alderman Hall asked that City Manager Cutter and the Property Maintenance Department notify the purchaser to clean the property as soon as possible. Approved upon motion of Alderman Hall, seconded by Alderman Thomas, and unanimously carried per the City Manager’s recommendation.

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 15th day of September, 2016 the Council entered into a closed session for the purpose of discussing 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: SEPTEMBER 15, 2016

ORDINANCES
FIRST READINGS

Article B, Section 8-3025 (d) (MPC File No. 16-004149-ZA). An ordinance to amend Article B, Section 8-3025 (d), which allows for 75% building lot coverage, and to reflect 70 dwelling units per net acre on the Schedule of Development Standards for the RIP-B-1 Zoning District. **Recommend approval.**

Large-Scale Development (MPC File No. 16-004072-ZA). An ordinance to clarify how zoning districts are classified “Residential” and “All Other Zoning Districts” for the purpose applying the Large-Scale Development Standard. **Recommend approval.**

ORDINANCES
FIRST and SECOND READINGS

Ordinance read for the first time in Council September 15, 2016, then by unanimous consent of Council read a second time, placed upon its passage, adopted and approved upon a motion by Alderman Miller, seconded by Alderman Foster, and unanimously carried.

An Ordinance to Prohibit Commercial Vehicles on Bay Street Between 7 p.m. and 5 a.m. Beginning on September 25, and Ending on October 9, 2016. This ordinance will codify the prior decision to ban trucks from Bay Street at night during a two week test period. This ordinance will enable the police department to enforce the traffic regulation during the test period. **Recommend approval.**

AN ORDINANCE
To Be Entitled

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPENDIX I, SECTION 215 OF THE
CODE OF THE CITY OF SAVANNAH, GEORGIA (2003)
PERTAINING TO SECTION 7-1032 OF SAID CODE TO PROVIDE
THROUGH TRUCK TRAFFIC BE PROHIBITED ON BAY STREET
BETWEEN MARTIN LUTHER KING, JUNIOR BOULEVARD AND EAST
BROAD STREET; TO PROVIDE FOR EFFECTIVE DATES AND A SUNSET
PROVISION; 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 215 of the Code of the City of Savannah, Georgia (2003), pertaining to Section 7-1032 of said Code, as amended, shall be amended by adding thereto the following:

AMEND SECTION 215, COMMERCIAL VEHICLES PROHIBITED

ENACT

BAY STREET

Bay Street between Martin Luther King, Junior Boulevard and East Broad Street,
between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m.

SECTION 2: This Amendment shall be effective from 7:00 p.m. September 25, 2016 until 5:00 a.m. October 9, 2016, at which time this Amendment will sunset and be of no further force and effect.

SECTION 3: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED: SEPTEMBER 1, 2016

Alderman Thomas stated since the lanes have been opened traffic has been speeding up on Bay Street and it is the consent of Council that they would like to see some traffic enforcement to keep the traffic flow from going any faster.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Chatham County – Savannah Comprehensive Plan. The Chatham County – Savannah Comprehensive Plan serves both communities as a general statement of intent regarding actions that will be taken, or policies which will be observed, to promote locally generated and preferred goals related to economic development, land use, transportation, housing, quality of life and other interrelated topics.

Since the 1980s, the Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) has overseen the update and submittal of the joint Chatham County-City of Savannah Comprehensive Plan, with the last full update completed in 2006, and minor amendments approved in 2012. Over the past year, the MPC has engaged in a robust community outreach effort to update the Plan in coordination with the County’s “Blueprint” process. The MPC received more than 850 responses to a community survey launched this summer seeking input on land use, transportation/infrastructure, housing, and other quality of life topics.

The Chatham County – Savannah Comprehensive Plan is the community’s principal guiding or “vision” document -- designed to formulate a coordinated, long-term planning program to provide consistent policy direction and enhance the health and viability of the jurisdictions. The Comprehensive Plan lays out the desired future for Chatham - Savannah, and relates how that future is to be achieved. The plan serves as a resource to both the public and private sector by projecting how land will develop, how housing will be made available, how jobs will be attracted and retained, how open space and the environment will be protected, how public services and facilities will be provided, and how transportation facilities will be improved.

To retain Qualified Local Government status, the Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) requires an updated Comprehensive Plan every five years. In addition, annual progress reports on the Short Term Work Program (Chapter 9) are submitted annually to the Coastal Regional Commission. **Recommend authorizing the City Manager to submit the plan to the DCA for review.** Approved upon motion Alderman Miller, seconded by Alderman Hall, and unanimously carried.

Final Plat – Thrifty Hardware Subdivision. Recommend approval of a major subdivision plat of Summerville Industrial Park being a portion of the Currietown Ward located at 352 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in District 2. Subdivision is comprised of 0.69 acres creating 8 commercial lots. These commercial lots are already developed and no additional infrastructure is required. **Recommend approval.** Approved upon motion of Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Shabazz, and unanimously carried per the City Manager’s recommendation.

Final Plat-Highland Falls, Phase 4. Recommend approval of a major subdivision plat of Highland Falls, Phase 4 being a portion of the Highlands at Godley Station located the northern part of the Godley Tract in District 1. The proposed subdivision is comprised of 7.28 acres creating 27 residential lots, 0.363 acres of open space and 1.445 acres of right-of-way. **Recommend approval.** Approved upon motion of Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Foster, and unanimously carried per the City Manager’s recommendation.

Upon motion of Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Shabazz, and unanimously carried the agenda was amended to add Legislative Services – Annual Contract Renewal – Event No. 2698.

Alderman Thomas stated he is recommending approval to renew an annual contract for legislative services with James V. Burgess, Jr., PC in the amount of \$108,000.00. He stated he would like to renew the contract for one-year to coincide with the General Assembly’s biennial sessions, making the yearly fee \$54,000.00. He stated the item was pulled from the Preliminary Agenda.

Mayor Pro-tem Bell stated there were several items on the agenda the incoming City Manager wanted to hold off on and this contract renewal was one.

Alderman Thomas stated he spoke with the incoming City Manager via phone yesterday to express his concerns. He continued stating the new City Manager is not the current City Manager and Council should not undermine what her role is. Jim Burgess has done exceptional work for the City of Savannah and brought the City back several millions of dollars from the State Capitol and his credentials should not be questioned in this. He concluded stating the incoming City Manager is comfortable with a one year contract renewal and upon his arrival if a change needs to be made Council can get together as a whole and discuss the issue.

Upon motion of Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Shabazz, and unanimously carried the contract was approved for one year at the amount specified.

TRAFFIC ENGINEERING REPORTS

Parking Prohibition on Cranwood Lane. Traffic Engineering received a request from a property owner to prohibit parking on Cranwood Lane from Windsor Road to the curve in order to facilitate proper traffic flow.

Staff has investigated these concerns and has determined that this area of Cranwood Lane is not suitable for parking and that parking should be prohibited as a traffic safety measure. The three property owners on Cranwood Lane that will be directly affected are in agreement with the removal.

Recommend that parking be prohibited on both sides of Cranwood Lane from Windsor Road for 100 feet south and that the City Code be amended to reflect this change. **Recommend approval.** Approved upon motion of Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Miller, and unanimously carried per the City Manager's recommendation.

Multi-Way Stop Control at The Intersection of Abbott Street at New Castle Street. The Traffic Engineering Department has reviewed the intersection of Abbott Street at New Castle Street due to the construction of additional parking at Otis J. Brock Elementary School. The concern is that the addition of a driveway on the west side of the intersection has resulted in conflicting traffic movements.

Based on staff findings, it is recommended that the intersection be permanently converted to all-way STOP control for the new Otis J. Brock Elementary School. **Recommend approval.** Approved upon motion of Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Miller, and unanimously carried per the City Manager's recommendation.

Reduction in Speed Limit on Park Avenue. The Traffic Engineering Department recommends that the speed limit on Park Avenue between East Broad Street and Ash Street be reduced from 30 MPH to 25 MPH based on data that indicates a lower limit is more appropriate than the existing speed limit and to establish uniformity of speed limits within the neighborhood.

In order to provide for enforcement of a reduced speed limit on Park Avenue, the City's speed limit ordinance must be revised and a resolution for the change must be submitted to the Georgia Department of Transportation.

Recommend that the speed limit on Park Avenue between East Broad Street and Ash Street be reduced from 30 MPH to 25 MPH and that a resolution to amend the radar permit be submitted to the Georgia Department of Transportation. **Recommend approval.** Approved upon motion of Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Miller, and unanimously carried per the City Manager's recommendation.

BIDS, CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

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

Coastal Workforce Services and Coastal Workforce Development Board PY15 Operation: Workforce Transitioning Military Assistance Grant Funds. Authorization for City Manager to Sign and Administer Program Year (PY) WIOA 2015 Operation: Workforce Transitioning Military Assistance Grant Funds. The City of Savannah has received a "Statement of Grant Award" from the Georgia Department of Economic Development, Workforce Division (GDEcD-WFD), which will provide a two-year period to develop and implement programs for transitioning services members and their families, for the period of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2018.

Pursuant to the Coastal Workforce Services (CWS) Consortium Agreement, recommend approval to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Grant Administration Agreement in accordance with the City of Savannah's procurement policies and procedures. The grant award totaling \$119,174 provides funding for a transitioning service member program to a ten (10) county area, (Region 12) that includes Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, Long, McIntosh and Screven Counties. **Recommend approval.**

Design Services for MLK Office Building – Amendment No. 1 – Event No. 2971. Recommend approval of Amendment No. 1 to Kern & Co. in the amount of \$18,000.00.

The original contract was for the design services of an office building for use by the City at 916 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. This amendment is needed to modify the scope of work to provide for a three-story facility. This change in design will maximize the building's potential. Under the proposed new design, the facility will provide for tenant space on the first floor, incubator space on the second floor, and City staff on the third floor. This amendment covers all work related to the design and construction administration for the additional scope of work.

This contract was originally approved by Council on April 16, 2015 in the amount of \$243,000.00. The total amount of this contract to date, including all modifications, is \$261,000.00. Three proposals were originally received; however, only one proposer acknowledged the addendum and could be further considered.

Recommend approval of Amendment No. 1 to Kern & Co. in the amount of \$18,000.00. Funds are available in the 2016 Budget, Capital Improvements Fund/Capital Improvement Projects/Other Costs/Savannah Pharmacy (Account No. 311-9207-52842-PD0601). **Recommend approval.**

Drug and Alcohol Testing Services – Annual Contract Renewal – Event No. 3194. Recommend approval to renew an annual contract for drug and alcohol testing services with Substance Abuse Testing of Savannah in the estimated amount of \$45,000.00. The Risk Management Department will use the services to provide CDL/DOT License, random CDL, random safety sensitive, post-collision, post-injury, and for cause testing.

The method used for this procurement was the Request for Proposal. Proposals were received and evaluated on the basis of qualifications and experience, service availability, reporting, local vendor participation, and fees.

This is the first of four annual renewal options.

Proposals were originally received on May 19, 2015. The proposal was advertised, opened, and reviewed. Delivery: As Needed. Terms: Net 30 Days. The proposers were:

B.P.	Substance Abuse Testing of Savannah (Garden City, GA) (D)	\$230.70*
	Georgia Emergency Association, Inc. (B)	\$233.51*
	North Medical Industries (D)	\$284.85*

*Indicates the proposal price for the package of tests.

Funds are available in the 2016 Budget, Risk Management Fund/Risk Management-Workers Compensation/Risk Management-Drug Testing (Account No. 621-9806-52296) and Risk Management Fund/Auto Liability/Risk Management-Drug Testing (Account No. 621-9812-52296). A Pre-Proposal Conference was not conducted as this is an annual contract renewal. (B)Indicates local, non-minority owned business. (D)Indicates non-local, non-minority owned business. **Recommend approval.**

Ammunition – Annual Contract Renewal – Event No. 3443. Recommend approval to renew an annual contract for ammunition with Precision Delta Corporation in the amount of \$9,789.00 and from Gulf States Distributors in the amount of \$57,440.00, for a total amount of \$67,229.00. The ammunition will be used by Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department.

The vendors recommended for award were the lowest responsive bidders meeting specifications for the items being awarded.

This is the first of three annual renewal options.

Bids were originally received on August 4, 2015. This bid was advertised, opened, and reviewed. Delivery: As Needed. Terms: Net 30 Days. The bidders were:

L.B.	Precision Delta Corp. (Ruleville, MS) (D)	\$ 67,865.00*
L.B.	Gulf States Distributors (D)	\$ 68,540.00*
	Asymmetric Munitions Group (D)	\$ 71,500.00*
	Smyrna Police Distributors (D)	\$ 74,808.00*
	GT Distributors of Georgia (D)	\$ 100,907.70*

*Indicates total bid amounts.

Funds are available in the 2016 Budget, General Fund/Training and Recruitment/Operating Supplies and Materials (Account No. 101-4245-51320). A Pre-Bid Meeting was conducted and

no vendors attended. (D)Indicates non-local, non-minority owned business. **Recommend approval.**

Williamson Street Stair Repairs – Contract Modification No. 1 – Event No. 4181.

Recommend approval of Contract Modification No. 1 to Savannah Construction and Preservation in the amount of \$25,440.00.

The original contract was for the repair of the Williamson Street stairs on Factors Walk. This contract modification is needed to further stabilize and secure the wall. After the grout covering was removed from the wall, the existing wall deterioration was more extensive than anticipated. This requires additional demolition, shoring, railing replacement, and rebuilding of the historic masonry wall. The contractor will reclaim and reuse as many historic bricks as can be salvaged.

The original contract was approved by Council on June 9, 2016 in the amount of \$108,343.00. The total amount of this contract to date, including this modification, is \$133,783.00. There will be 21 calendar days added to the contract, making the new completion date October 17, 2016. While notifications were sent to all known suppliers, only Savannah Construction and Preservation submitted a bid for this event.

Recommend approval of Contract Modification No. 1 to Savannah Construction and Preservation in the amount of \$25,440.00. Funds are available in the 2016 Budget, Capital Improvements Fund/Capital Improvement Projects/Other Costs/Factors Walk Wall Restoration (Account No. 311-9207-52842-SQ0103). This project is being funded in part by SPLOST VI. **Recommend approval.**

Broughton Street Tree Installation – Event No. 4289. Recommend approval to procure services for Broughton Street tree installation from Savannah Construction and Preservation, LLC in the amount of \$277,745.67. The Park and Tree Department will use the services to remove existing underperforming trees, create new tree wells, expand existing tree wells, and install and maintain new trees along Broughton Street. A grant with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) will fund 80% of the cost of the project, which will be reimbursed to the City.

The project included a disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) goal of 11%, as established by GDOT. Based on the proposed schedule of DBE participation submitted by the recommended bidder, the overall DBE participation will be 12.87% using First Cuts, LLC.

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

L.B. Savannah Construction and Preservation (B) (Savannah, GA)	\$277,745.67
The Greenery, Inc. (D)	\$425,525.00

Funds are available in the 2016 Budget, Capital Improvements Fund/Capital Improvement Projects/Other Costs/Savannah TE Project-Broughton (Account No. 311-9207-52842-PT0203). A Pre-Bid Conference was conducted and one vendor attended. (B)Indicates local,

non-minority owned business. (D)Indicates non-local, non-minority owned business. **Recommend approval.**

Design Services for I&D Water Laboratory – Event No. 4415. Recommend approval to procure design engineering services from Goodwyn, Mills, and Cawood in the amount of \$188,370.00.

The services include the preliminary design, final design, bidding, construction services, and closeout services related to a new laboratory facility at the City of Savannah Industrial and Domestic Water Treatment Plant. The proposed laboratory building will be approximately 50 feet by 100 feet in size and will be used as the quality control testing facility for the Water Supply and Treatment Department. Final design services include all necessary architectural and engineering services to complete the architectural, civil, structural, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, and fire protection design for the facility.

The method used for this procurement was the request for proposal, which evaluates criteria in addition to cost. Proposals were evaluated on the basis of project team and qualifications, related project experience, project approach, proposed schedule, MWBE participation, local vendor participation, and fees.

The MWBE goal for this proposal was 8%, with the breakdown being 5% MBE and 3% WBE. The recommended proposer submitted participation of 20% MWBE, with the breakdown of 10% MBE using Brownstone Construction Group, LLC and 10% WBE participation using Willmer Engineering, Inc.

B.P.	Goodwyn, Mills, and Cawood (Savannah, GA) (B)	\$188,370.00
	Felder and Associates (B)	\$200,512.50
	Rosser International, Inc. (B)	\$131,860.00

Funds are available in the 2016 Budget, Capital Improvement Fund/Capital Improvement Projects/Other Costs/I and D Water Laboratory (Account No. 311-9207-52842-WT0326). A Pre-Bid Conference was conducted and four vendors attended. (B)Indicates local, non-minority owned business. **Recommend approval.**

Visitor Information Center Chillers – Event No. 4444. Recommend approval to procure two 90-ton chillers from Erickson Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$116,400.00. The services will be used to replace chillers located at the Savannah Visitor Information Center that have outlived their usefulness and are no longer economical to repair.

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

L.B.	Erickson Associates, Inc. (Savannah, GA) (B)	\$116,400.00
	Southeastern Air Conditioning (D)	\$125,525.00
	Edge Air Conditioning & Refrigeration (D)	\$131,976.00
	Boaen Mechanical Service, Inc. (B)	\$145,525.00

Funds are available in the 2016 Budget, Capital Improvements Fund/Capital Improvement Projects/Other Costs/Visitor Information Center Renovation (Account No. 311-9207-52842-PB0130). A Pre-Proposal Conference was conducted at the site and six vendors attended. (B)Indicates a local, non-minority owned business. (D)Indicates a non-local, non-minority owned business. **Recommend approval.**

Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department Leadership Workshops – Sole Source – Event No. 4548. Recommend approval to procure Leadership in Police Organizations Mentoring Course from the International Association of Chiefs of Police in the amount of \$27,951.00.

The association will conduct a 15-day program on leadership mentoring and instruction to a class of Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department (SCMPD) law enforcement personnel. Currently, the SCMPD is in its second year of its participation in this training. This training has led the way for changing police culture in numerous law enforcement organizations.

This is a sole source because this program and its curriculum are exclusive to the International Association of Chiefs of Police. The association holds the proprietary rights to the program.

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

S.S. International Association of Chiefs of Police (D)	\$27,951.00
(Alexandria, VA)	

Funds are available in the 2016 Budget, General Fund/Training and Recruitment/Professional Purchase Services (Account No. 101-4245-51238). A Pre-Proposal Conference was not conducted as this is a sole source procurement. (D)Indicates local, non-minority owned business. **Recommend approval.**

Dental Insurance Benefits for City Employees – Annual Contract Renewal – Event No. 4552. Recommend approval to renew a contract for voluntary employee dental insurance from United Concordia (UCCI).

The City received eight responses to the original RFP. The UCCI proposal met all of the original specifications and continues to offer the most comprehensive benefit plans with the most favorable combination of out-of-pocket expenses, premium rates, and services covered. Employees have a choice of a high option preferred provider organization (PPO) plan and a low option PPO plan. The rates were guaranteed for the first two years of the plan. Although we are out of the rate guarantee period, UCCI has agreed to not increase pricing for the 2017 renewal.

There is no cost to the City for dental insurance since premiums are paid by employees. The total estimated premium to be paid by employees in 2017 is \$1,280,000.00. The City will agree to provide for payroll deductions. The dental insurance company provides employee education and enrollment services.

The contract originally allowed for four annual renewals, which have been exhausted. The Human Resources Department desires to continue the contract for an additional year and the vendor has agreed to maintain the current pricing and terms. Continuing the contract will allow

benefits and open enrollment to continue uninterrupted. The contract will be re-bid in early 2017.

Proposals were originally received August 27, 2010. The request for proposal was advertised, opened, and reviewed. The proposers were:

- B.P. United Concordia (Harrisburg, PA) (D)
- Ameritas (D)
- Cigna (D)
- Metlife (D)
- Delta Dental (D)
- United Health (D)
- Dearborn (D)
- Humana (D)

Funds are available in the 2017 Proposed Budget, General Fund/Payroll Withholding-Dental (Account No. 101-0000-21320). A Pre-Proposal Conference was not conducted as this is an annual contract renewal. (D)Indicates non-local non-minority owned business. **Recommend approval.**

Medicare Advantage Plan Benefits – Annual Contract Renewal – Event No. 4553.

Recommend approval to renew an annual contract with Humana, Inc. for one year effective January 1, 2017 to provide group Medicare Advantage Plan for City retirees and their spouses who are Medicare primary. Changes to governmental accounting standards require recognizing the cost of post-employment benefits over the working career of an employee. In order to reduce this liability while maintaining retiree medical benefits, the best solution is a group sponsored fully insured Medicare Advantage Plan. Based upon 100% enrollment, the estimated annual cost for the approximately 716 covered retirees and spouses equals \$1,943,169.00, of which the City will pay on average 52% of the premium. This premium is reflective of an increase of approximately 5.89% from the prior year.

The reason this is a sole source is because our current benefits provider, USI, did a market assessment and determined that this is the most cost effective plan.

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

- S.S. Humana, Inc. (Atlanta, GA) (D)

Funds are available in the 2017 Proposed Budget, Risk Management Fund/Risk Management Medical Insurance/Medicare Advantage Costs (Account No. 621-9805-52294). A Pre-Proposal Conference was not conducted as this is an annual contract renewal. (D)Indicates non-local, non-minority owned business. **Recommend approval.**

Vision Insurance Benefits for City Employees – Annual Contract Renewal – Event No. 4554.

Recommend approval to renew an annual contract for voluntary employee vision insurance with National Vision Administrators. Vision insurance is a benefit to be offered to employees on a voluntary basis.

A request for proposal (RFP) for voluntary employee vision insurance was issued in August 2010. Eleven responses were received for the vision portion of the RFP. The proposals were evaluated based on experience, expertise and reliability, plan administration, financial criteria and the quality of the proposed network. Five proposers were shortlisted and selected for further evaluations. One proposer was not considered because it would only provide vision insurance if awarded the dental insurance. Five other proposers were not shortlisted due to their higher costs to employees and limited networks. Although we are out of the rate guarantee period, National Vision Administrators has agreed to not increase pricing for the 2017 renewal.

There is no cost to the City for vision insurance since premiums are paid by employees. The total estimated premium to be paid by employees in 2017 is \$195,300.00. The City will agree to provide for payroll deductions. The vision insurance company provides employee education and enrollment services.

The contract originally allowed for four annual renewals, which have been exhausted. The Human Resources Department desires to continue the contract for an additional year and the vendor has agreed to maintain the current pricing and terms. Continuing the contract will allow benefits and open enrollment to continue uninterrupted. The contract will be re-bid in early 2017.

Proposals were originally received August 27, 2010. The request for proposal was advertised, opened, and reviewed. The proposers were:

- B.P. National Vision Administrators (Clifton, NJ) (D)
- EyeMed (D)
- Ameritas (D)
- Davis (D)
- Avesis (D)

Funds are available in the 2017 Proposed Budget, General Fund/Payroll Withholding-Dental (Account No. 101-0000-21320). A Pre-Proposal Conference was not conducted as this is an annual contract renewal. (D)Indicates non-local non-minority owned business. **Recommend approval.**

Liberty Street Municipal Building Interior Design Services – Sole Source – Event No. 4560. Recommend approval to procure design services from Johnson-Laux Construction in the amount of \$134,045.00. The services are being used by the Real Property Services Department for the continued renovation of the Liberty Municipal Building. The services include architecture and engineering services for design assistance and interior building renovation plans.

The City of Savannah acquired this building and intends to convert it to a customer service center. The primary departments that will occupy this facility are Revenue and Human Resources Departments.

This is a sole source because the interior design services must be completed before renovation begins. Johnson-Laux Construction has already been engaged to perform the exterior renovations and updates to the building. It is the City's intention to move quickly to expedite

this process in order to occupy the building as soon as possible. As a result, the State of Georgia's job order contractor will be used to perform this project to meet time constraints and City ordinance requirements. The State of Georgia's job order contract is considered a convenience contract that is available for use by all State, City, and County public entities. The purpose of this contract is to provide multi-traded general construction services to accomplish small to medium sized projects for repair, alteration, modernization, rehabilitation, and minor new construction to infrastructure, buildings, structures, or other real property. The State of Georgia used a competitive bidding procedure to select Johnson-Laux Construction to serve as the sole provider of these services for this region.

The MWBE goal for this contract is 5%, with the breakdown of 1% MBE and 4% WBE. The contractor submitted MWBE participation of 93%. MBE participation will be in the amount of 25% using Sustainable Design Consultants. WBE participation will be in the amount of 68%, using Greenline Architecture in the amount of 58% and Johnson-Laux in the amount of 10%.

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

S.S. Johnson-Laux Construction (Savannah, GA) (E)	\$134,045.00
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Funds are available in the 2016 Budget, Capital Improvements Fund/Capital Improvement Project/Other Costs/Liberty Street Building Improvements (Account No. 311-9207-52842-PB0152). A Pre-Bid Meeting was not conducted as this is a sole source. (E)Indicates local, woman-owned business. **Recommend approval.**

Liberty Street Municipal Building Elevator Replacement – Sole Source – Event No. 4563.

Recommend approval to procure elevator replacement services from Johnson-Laux Construction in the amount of \$220,308.32. The Real Property Services Department will continue to use the services to renovation the Liberty Municipal Building. The services include the replacement of the existing elevator in the building, which is obsolete. Also included are shaft, mechanical, and air conditioning modifications to the elevator system.

The City of Savannah acquired this building and intends to convert it to a customer service center. The primary departments that will occupy this facility are Revenue and Human Resources Departments.

This is a sole source because the elevator must be replaced before extensive interior renovations begin. Johnson-Laux Construction has already been engaged to perform the exterior renovations and updates to the building. It is the City's intention to move quickly to expedite this process in order to occupy the building as soon as possible. As a result, the State of Georgia's job order contractor will be used to perform this project to meet time constraints and City ordinance requirements. The State of Georgia's job order contract is considered a convenience contract that is available for use by all State, City, and County public entities. The purpose of this contract is to provide multi-traded general construction services to accomplish small to medium sized projects for repair, alteration, modernization, rehabilitation, and minor new construction to infrastructure, buildings, structures, or other real property. The State of Georgia used a competitive bidding procedure to select Johnson-Laux Construction to serve as the sole provider of these services for this region.

The MWBE goal for this contract is 4%, with the breakdown of 2% MBE and 2% WBE. The contractor submitted MWBE participation of 7%. MBE participation will be in the amount of 2%, using Glover's Masonry in the amount of 1% and Atlantic Meridian Contractors in the amount of 1%. WBE participation will be in the amount of 5% using Johnson-Laux.

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

S.S. Johnson-Laux Construction (Savannah, GA) (E) \$220,308.32

Funds are available in the 2016 Budget, Capital Improvements Fund/Capital Improvement Project/Other Costs/Liberty Street Building Improvements (Account No. 311-9207-52842-PB0152). A Pre-Bid Meeting was not conducted as this is a sole source. (E)Indicates local, woman-owned business. **Recommend approval.**

Liberty Street Municipal Building Asbestos Remediation Services – Sole Source – Event No. 4561. Recommend approval to procure asbestos remediation services from Johnson-Laux Construction in the amount of \$41,116.53. The services are being used by the Real Property Services Department to remove asbestos mastic in the building.

The City of Savannah acquired this building and intends to convert it to a customer service center. The primary departments that will occupy this facility are Revenue and Human Resources.

This is a sole source because these services must be completed before interior renovation begins. Johnson-Laux Construction has already been engaged to perform the exterior renovations and updates to the building. It is the City's intention to move quickly to expedite this process in order to occupy the building as soon as possible. As a result, the State of Georgia's job order contractor will be used to perform this project to meet time constraints and City ordinance requirements. The State of Georgia's job order contract is considered a convenience contract that is available for use by all State, City, and County public entities. The purpose of this contract is to provide multi-traded general construction services to accomplish small to medium sized projects for repair, alteration, modernization, rehabilitation, and minor new construction to infrastructure, buildings, structures, or other real property. The State of Georgia used a competitive bidding procedure to select Johnson-Laux Construction to serve as the sole provider of these services for this region.

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

S.S. Johnson-Laux Construction (Savannah, GA) (E) \$41,116.53

Funds are available in the 2016 Budget, Capital Improvements Fund/Capital Improvement Project/Other Costs/Liberty Street Building Improvements (Account No. 311-9207-52842-PB0152). A Pre-Bid Meeting was not conducted as this is a sole source. (E)Indicates local, woman-owned business. **Recommend approval.**

Rental Car Ready-Lot Facility Improvement Study – Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport. The Savannah Airport Commission requests approval of a contract with Michael Baker International, Inc. in the amount of \$36,810.00 for the Rental Car Ready-

Lot Facility Improvement Study. Michael Baker International, Inc. will provide professional services required to perform an independent review of the existing conditions, to develop schematic design layouts, and to provide an independent opinion of the programming-level project scope and budget, for the Rental Car Ready-Lot Facility Improvements. **Recommend approval.**

Purchase a 2017 Ford F-150 Super Cab Event No. 4396 – Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport. The Savannah Airport Commission requests approval to purchase a 2017 Ford F-150 Super Cab from JC Lewis Ford in the amount of \$28,775.00. This is a new vehicle purchase for the Airport Police Department. The vehicle is being purchased with forfeiture funds. The following bids were received.

L.B.	OC Welch Ford Lincoln, Hardeeville, SC (D)	\$28,775.00
	JC Lewis Ford, Savannah, GA (B)	\$28,949.31 (\$28,775.00)
	Dan Vaden Chevrolet, Savannah, GA (B)	\$31,713.13

The bid was awarded to the local vendor JC Lewis as the local vendor was within 2% of the lowest non local responsive bidder. JC Lewis matched the bid of the non-local vendor.

(B)Indicates local, non-minority owned business. (D)Indicates non-local non-minority owned business. **Recommend approval.**

Hyatt Dock Lease Agreement with D&D Marina. D&D Marina formally request the City of Savannah to consent to the assignment and transfer of the Hyatt Dock lease agreement, effective January 1, 2016, between the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah (Lessor) and D&D Marina Properties, LLC (Lessee) by Lessee to HHC TRS Savannah, LLC (Hotel Owner). On August 8, 2016, HHC TRS Savannah, LLC (Hotel Owner) entered into a contract with D&D Marina Properties to acquire the easement rights for the floating docks located in front of the Hyatt Hotel on the Savannah River. Upon the approval of the requested assignments, HHC TRS Savannah, LLC (Hotel Owner) agrees to the terms, conditions, and obligations as set out in said Lease Agreement. **Recommend approval.** Continued to the meeting of September 29, 2016 upon motion of Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Miller, and unanimously carried to allow the City Attorney to answer questions and get documents back to Council.

Police Pursuit Caprices – Event No. 4461. Recommend approval to procure ten police pursuit Caprices from Dan Vaden Chevrolet in the amount of \$284,500.00. The police pursuit Caprices will be used by the Vehicle Maintenance Department to replace existing units that are no longer economical to repair.

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

L.B.	Dan Vaden Chevrolet (Savannah, GA) (B)	\$ 284,500.00
	Ben Mynatt Chevrolet (D)	\$ 301,374.20

Funds are available in the 2016 Budget, Vehicle Replacement Fund/Vehicle Purchases/Vehicular Equipment (Account No. 613-9230-51515). A Pre-Bid Conference was conducted and one vendor attended. (B)Indicates local, non-minority owned business. (D)Indicates non-local, non-minority owned business. **Recommend approval.** Chief Lumpkin

stated they want to change the pursuit vehicles to the explorer model and wanted the local bidders to have the opportunity to bid. Approved upon motion of Alderman Miller, seconded by Alderman Foster, and unanimously carried per the City Manager's recommendation.

Announcements

Aldermen Bell and Shabazz asked Tiana Erwin one of the Summer 500 interns to come forward to briefly talk about her experience during the summer. She stated she learned a great deal during her time at City Hall and felt lucky to be chosen to work at City Hall to experience firsthand what goes on in local government.

There being no further business, Mayor Pro-Tem Bell declared this meeting of Council adjourned.



Dyanne C. Reese, MMC