

**CITY GOVERNMENT**  
**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL**  
**SAVANNAH, GEORGIA**  
**April 19, 2012**

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 Alderman Hall's daughter Michelle Roche; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENT: Mayor Edna B. Jackson, Presiding  
Alderman Van R. Johnson, II Mayor Pro-tem  
Aldermen Tony Thomas, Chairman of Council  
Alderman Mary Osborne, Vice-Chairman of Council  
Aldermen Mary Ellen Sprague, John Hall, Carol Bell,  
Estella Shabazz and Tom Bordeaux

City Manager Rochelle D. Small-Toney  
City Attorney James B. Blackburn  
Asst. City Attorneys William W. Shearouse and Lester B. Johnson, III

The Minutes of the following meetings were approved upon motion by Alderman Johnson; seconded by Alderman Thomas and carried:

- Approval of the Council Minutes of April 5, 2012
- Approval of the summary/final minutes of the City Council Work Session/City Manger Briefing of April 5, 2012.

**PRESENTATION**

Recognition of City employees for their assistance with the 2012 Mayor's Small Business Conference. This was the 6<sup>th</sup> annual conference and the largest one. Georgia Power was the sponsor. Assistant City Manager of Public Development Stephanie Cutter's staff organized this project along with the Chamber of Commerce and CEDA. Director of Economic Development MarRonde Lotson stated the following City staff assisted with the project: Rob Davis, Sheena Anderson, Regina Peacock, Lea Frasier, Carol Lasell, Bret Bell, and Team Smart: Janet Allen, Pauline Heyward, Karen Jones and Margaret Williams.

Recognition of City employees for their work during the St. Patrick's Day festival. Director of Special Projects Marty Johnston reported the various departments who assisted: Sanitation, Traffic Engineering, Revenue, Building and Grounds, Park and Tree, Public Information, IT, Streets, Zoning, Fire Department, Police Department, Property Maintenance, Utility Services, Citizens Office, Downtown Programs, Public Facilities Events and Services, Parking Services, and Municipal Court. Several employees from each department were present. Ms. Johnston stated a formal report for Council will follow.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORTS**

As advertised, the following alcoholic license petitions were heard. No one appeared in objection to the issuance of the licenses and upon motion of Alderman Johnson; seconded by Alderman Sprague, and carried, they were approved:

**ALCOHOL BEVERAGES LICENSE HEARING**

Rebecca Anne Freeman for Lulu's Chocolate Bar, LLC t/a Lulu's Chocolate Bar, requesting to add Sunday sales to an existing liquor, beer and wine (drink) license at 42 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, which is located between Broughton Street and Congress Street in District 1. (Adding Sunday sales permit)

Mounir Hasbi for Aroy Jung, LLC t/a AroyJung, LLC, requesting a beer and wine (drink) license with Sunday sales at 7921 Abercorn Street, which had a 2012 liquor, beer and wine (drink) license and is located between Bull Street and Drayton Street District 4. (New owner/manager)

Kurt J. Kuster for Ellis Square Partners t/a Trader Loure's, requesting a liquor, beer and wine (drink) license with Sunday sales at 111 W. Congress Street, unit B, which is a new location between Barnard Street and Whitaker Street in District 1. (New location)

Susan D. Lingerfelser for End Zone Inc. t/a Bogeys, requesting to add Sunday sales to an existing liquor, beer and wine (drink) license at 11414 Abercorn Street, which is located between Largo Drive and Idlewood Drive in District 6. (Adding Sunday sales permit)

William H. Tuten, Jr. for Shooting Star Holdings, Inc. t/a Dillinger's Steak & Seafood, requesting to add a Hybrid permit to an existing liquor, beer and wine (drink) license with Sunday sales at 7804 Abercorn Street, which is located between Mall Boulevard and White Bluff Road in District 4. (Adding Hybrid permit)

## **ZONING HEARINGS**

Harold Yellin, Agent for Savannah College of Art and Design, Owner (Z- 120228-39337-2), requested to rezone 3515 Montgomery Street from I-L-B (Light Industrial Business) to R-D (Residential-Dormitory). The Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) recommends approval. Until its purchase by the Savannah College of Art and Design in 1998, the subject site had been used for industrial purposes for decades. Down zoning and redevelopment of the site for college purposes to include a dormitory as well as classroom facilities is consistent with the stated goals of the Tricentennial Comprehensive Plan and is compatible with the development pattern established in the area. No detrimental impacts to area residents are expected.

Jim Hansen with MPC was present to give their report. Alderman Bordeaux asked about the number of parking spaces which would be 425 spaces. The site plan would be reviewed by MPC. Alderman Thomas asked if there was a proposed master plan for the area and what types of businesses would be allowed. The entire characteristic of the neighborhood changed with the new development; and he was concerned about the future parking. Mr. Hansen stated there was no current planning in that area; however, the area was reviewed with the Tri-Centennial Plan. Attorney Harold Yelling stated it was a project by SCAD and for SCAD; it is approximately a twenty-seven million dollar project. SCAD has over 8,000 students and there is a need for student housing. The parking garage would be 3-stories high. Alderman Shabazz stated this new development would reduce the blight in the 5<sup>th</sup> district and it brings a family-type atmosphere to the district. Alderman Hall stated he was in favor of the project. Alderman Sprague stated a bike lane was needed in the area. Alderman Johnson stated long-term infrastructure needs to be in place. Mr. Yelling stated representatives of SCAD had met with MPC staff; going through the unified zoning ordinance to make sure there was a sense of predictability. Alderman Thomas stated there needed to be more meetings and open communication with SCAD and City officials on future development plans. Mayor Jackson stated the Council was in favor of the project. Savannah is growing, fast and SCAD is helping it to grow and it is known that there is a 5-year plan. Therefore, the City needs to meet with SCAD and find out what the future plans are for development. Upon motion by Alderman Johnson; seconded by Alderman Sprague and carried, the public hearing was closed. Upon motion by Alderman Johnson; seconded by Alderman Shabazz and carried the request was granted.

## **PETITIONS**

John Barnes – Petition 120024, requesting the City to declare surplus the property located adjacent to 1723 Burroughs Street in order to offer it for sale to the adjacent property owner(s). The subject property (PIN 2-0066-22-004) is a vacant lot approximately 30' x 101' fronting Burroughs Street between Kline and West 34th Streets in the Cuyler/Brownsville neighborhood. The City originally acquired this property in 2004 for potential infill but under current City standards the lot is too small to develop for City infill housing. The petitioner notes that the lot is unsecure and has become an area for unlawful activities. Mr. Barnes would like to acquire the property in order to increase his yard size providing maintenance and upkeep and securing the lot by fencing it in. The petition has been reviewed by the Housing Department and there are no objections to the City declaring the lot surplus in order to sell it. The City declared surplus the property located south of 1723 Burroughs Street (PIN 2-0066-22-004) in order to offer it to the adjacent property owner(s). Upon motion by Alderman Johnson; seconded by Alderman Shabazz and carried, the petition was approved.

Julia Dyer – Petition 110012, requesting the City to allow an after-the-fact encroachment onto City right-of-way at 2009 E. 40th Street, for an existing wheelchair ramp. The subject property is located on the south side of E. 40<sup>th</sup> Street between Wallin Street and Skidaway Road. The ramp, which provides wheelchair access at the front entrance to the home, is constructed 13' past the property line into the right-of-way. Per the petitioner, the ramp meets all ADA and City building requirements, and records show a building permit was issued and inspections were completed. The petition has been reviewed by Public Works and Water Resources and Development Services with no objections. Recommend approval of Petition 110012 in which Julia Dyer requests granting of encroachment onto City right-of-way for an existing wheelchair ramp. Petitioner should be advised that such encroachment grants no ownership rights to the property and that if ever required the structure must be removed at petitioner's expense. The City is held harmless for maintenance and liability of the encroachment and recommended that upon transfer of the property the future owner(s) must be made aware of this agreement. Upon motion by Alderman Johnson; seconded by Alderman Shabazz and carried, the petition was approved.

## **ORDINANCES**

### **First Readings**

Alcoholic Beverages on Commercial Quadracycles. An ordinance to amend the Alcoholic Beverages Ordinance to prohibit alcoholic beverages on commercial quadracycles, establish an effective date, and repeal all ordinances in conflict. (Continued from April 5, 2012.) Upon motion by Alderman Johnson; seconded by Alderman Sprague and carried, the Ordinance was continued until May 3, 2012.

Beer Growler Ordinance. An ordinance to amend the Alcoholic Beverages Ordinance to provide a definition for growlers and to regulate their sale by establishments holding a retail beer package license. Alderman Osborne asked the City Manager to define Beer Growlers.

City Manager Toney gave the definition of a beer growler: It is a 64-ounce glass or ceramic container, which allows someone in a convenience store to pour beer into the container and then seal it. It is governed by the Department of Agriculture in terms of sanitation concerns; but for the City, the ordinance allows for the sale of a growler beer. This would be a change to the City's Alcohol Ordinance and allow breweries to put their product in the local market. There are no issues regarding the increased amount of alcohol in City streets. The ordinance only allows the sale in un-broken containers; and not for consumption on the premises for which it was sold.

### **First and Second Readings**

Ordinance read for the first time in Council April 19, 2012 upon unanimous consent of Council read a second time in Council April 19, 2102, placed upon its passage, adopted and approved upon motion of Alderman Johnson; seconded by Alderman Shabazz and carried.

#### **AN ORDINANCE** **To Be Entitle**

AN ORDINANCE TO REZONE CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM ITS PRESENT I-L-B ZONING CLASSIFICATION TO A R-D 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 I-L-B zoning classification to a R-D zoning classification:

Legal description: Beginning at a point [X: 984238.750 Y: 746885.875] located at the intersection of the centerlines of West 49<sup>th</sup> Street and Montgomery Street, thence proceeding along the approximate centerline of Montgomery Street, direction: S 17-43-24 W approximate distance: 852.853 feet to a point, thence proceeding along the approximate centerline of West 52nd Street, direction: N 74-8-50 W approximate distance: 838.321 feet to a point, a point located on the centerline of the Railroad track [X: 983172.687 Y:746302.500] thence proceeding along a the centerline of the Railroad track, direction: N 57-35-56 E approximate distance: 1312.302 feet to a point, a point located at the intersections of the centerlines of the Railroad track and Montgomery Street [X: 984280.688 Y: 747005.688]

The property is further identified by the Property Identification Number as follows:  
P.I.N.: 2-0091-23-001

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.

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

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2012.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE GRANTING A DEED TO EMERSON COWART IN CONSIDERATION OF THE HIGHEST AND BEST BID OF \$7,000.00 IN RESPONSE TO RFP EVENT #166-0

WHEREAS, the within described property was declared surplus to the City's needs on September 28, 2006; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to O.C.G.A §36-37-6 said property was offered for sale by a Request for Proposals (event #166-0), through an advertisement in the Savannah Morning News, the legal organ in and for said County, and on the City of Savannah official web page; and

WHEREAS, Emerson Cowart, offered the highest and best bid in the amount of \$7,000.00 as provided in the conditions of the proposed sale as advertised; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah accepted said proposal and approved the conveyance of said property on April 19, 2012;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah in regular meeting of Council assembled, that the City Manager be authorized and directed to execute and

deliver a Fee Simple Deed to Emerson Cowart, and the Clerk of Council to attest said Deed and affix the City's seal.

*All that lot, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in the City of Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia, known as the Northern Thirty-eight (38) feet of Lot Letter "M", Waring Ward, the said Northern Thirty-eight (38) feet of said Lot Letter "M" having a frontage on Habersham Street of thirty-eight feet, with a depth along Park Avenue Lane of thirty-five and thirty-three hundredths (35.33) feet, more or less, and being bounded on the North by said Lane; on the East by the Northern portion of Lot Letter "L", said ward; on the South by the Southern sixty-eight (68) feet of said Lot Letter "M"; and on the West by Habersham Street and further identified as PIN 2-0053-01-009.*

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012, Upon motion by Alderman Johnson; seconded by Alderman Sprague and carried, the resolution was approved.

### **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

Savannah Tall Ships Challenge. Authorization for the City to contribute \$50,000.00 in financial support and \$50,000.00 in in-kind support for the Savannah Tall Ships Challenge which will be in Savannah May 3-7, 2012. The monetary contribution will go towards youth outreach in the community. Upon motion by Alderman Thomas; seconded by Alderman Sprague and carried, the request was granted.

Sale of Surplus Property – RFP Event No. 166-0. On September 28, 2006, Council approved the City declaring surplus and offering for sale the property located at 1110 Habersham Street (PIN 2-0053-01-009). The property, legally described as the northern thirty-eight (38') feet of Lot M, Section 7, Waring Ward, is a 38' x 35' vacant lot on the southeast corner of Habersham Street and Park Lane. This lot was originally deeded by the City to Neighborhood Housing Services of Savannah, Inc. in 1994, and then deeded back to the City in 2000 after the organization determined they had no use of the property and eventually dissolved. As the lot is only 1,330 square feet, it is too small to develop without several variance requests. The property was advertised in February 2012 for sale as RFP Event No. 166-0 with a minimum bid request of \$3,300.00. A single qualifying bid was received from Emerson Cowart in the amount of \$7,000.00. Mr. Cowart owns the adjoining property on the corner of Habersham and Duffy Streets and will be able to use the property to increase his rear yard size. He plans to maintain it as open green space. Accepted the qualifying bid of \$7,000.00 submitted by Emerson Cowart and selling 1110 Habersham Street (PIN 2-0053-01-009) legally described as the northern thirty-eight (38') feet of Lot M, Section 7, Waring Ward, to Mr. Cowart. Further recommend approval of the resolution authorizing the City Manager to sign the Deed conveying the northern thirty-eight (38') feet of Lot M, Section 7, Waring Ward to Emerson Cowart. Upon motion by Alderman Johnson; seconded by Alderman Sprague and carried, the request was granted.

Representation of Officer S. Young. Upon motion by Alderman Johnson; seconded by Alderman Thomas and carried, the following item was added to the agenda: Representation of Officer S. Young. Upon motion by Alderman Johnson; seconded by Alderman Thomas and carried the City Attorney would represent Officer Young.

### **TRAFFIC ENGINEERING REPORTS**

Parking Restriction on Laurel Street. Traffic Engineering has conducted a study of the conditions along Laurel Street based on concerns with the width of the roadway expressed by Parking Services. Laurel Street is located just west of Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, between Zublely Street and Alton Street. It is classified as a local street and provides rear access to several businesses. The street is 27 feet wide curb-to-curb. Two-way vehicular traffic requires a minimum of 20 feet, but with vehicles parked on both sides of the road the travel way is reduced to approximately 11 feet. In addition, parking in this area is so dense that some vehicles have been double and triple parked, which obstructs access for businesses and traffic flow. Traffic Engineering recommends that parking be prohibited on the east side of Laurel Street from Zublely Street to Alton Street. It is also recommended that traffic on Laurel Street be restricted to one-way southbound from Zublely Street to Alton Street and that Alton Street be one-way west bound from Laurel Street to Ann Street.

Upon motion by Alderman Johnson; seconded by Alderman Thomas and carried the recommendation was granted.

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

Upon motion of Alderman Thomas; seconded by Alderman Sprague and carried, the following bids, contracts and agreements were approved:

Property Access Agreement – Air Liquide Large Industries U.S. LP. Authorized the City Manager to sign a property access agreement with Air Liquide Large Industries U.S. LP. Access to the Air Liquide property is required to clean up a portion of the Deptford Tract Landfill. The Deptford landfill was operated by the City from 1919 to 1954. In 1994, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Environmental Protection Division (EPD) listed the Deptford Tract on its Hazardous Site Inventory. Since that time the City and Kerr McGee (now Tronox Inc.) have worked with the EPD to find a

remediation solution for the site. The accepted solution includes the excavation and disposal of a few soil "hot spots." One of these excavation locations is on property currently owned by Air Liquide. The access agreement will allow the City's remediation contractor to perform the required clean up. The City Attorney and City staff have reviewed the access agreement and it is necessary to perform the required remediation of the site.

Four and Six Inch Sound Attenuated Mobile Pumps – One Time Purchase – Bid No. 11.195. Approval to procure three sound attenuated mobile pumps from BBA Pumps, Inc. in the amount of \$107,605.00. The pumps will be used by Sewer Maintenance to replace pumps 4835, 4836 and 4837, which are no longer economical to repair or operate. The new pumps **are sound attenuated which** will allow for less disturbance from the pumps' operational noise in residential areas. Delivery: 90 Days. Terms: Net-30 Days. Funds are available in the 2012 Budget, Vehicle Purchases/Vehicular Equipment (Account No. 613-9230-51515).

Passenger Bus for Recreation Services Department – One Time Purchase – Event No. 261. Approval to procure one 36 passenger bus from Peach State Freightliner, LLC in the amount of \$88,879.00. This passenger bus will be used by Recreation Services to transport citizens throughout the city to various sites and to take youth on various trips during the summer. and reviewed. Delivery: As Required. Terms: Net-30 Days. Funds are available in the 2012 Budget, Vehicle Purchases/Vehicular Equipment (Account No. 613-9203-51515).

Calcium Hypochlorite Generators – Sole Source Purchase – Event No. 368. Approval to procure ten calcium hypochlorite generators from Humbleton Industrial Sales in the amount of \$98,978.20. The generators will be used by Water Supply as an alternative to using chlorine gas at City well sites in order to mitigate the risk of releasing chlorine gas into the atmosphere. Chlorine is used at each of the 45 well sites in 150 pound cylinders for disinfection of the City's water supply. While the potential for release of chlorine gas is small, the risk and liability associated with such a release is very high due to the toxic nature of chlorine gas. In early 2011, a bid was issued to purchase five generators to conduct a pilot study of this technology. The original equipment that was tested failed to produce constant chlorine concentrations and was rejected. A second six month study was successfully completed utilizing the second low bidder, Humbleton Industrial Sales. Funding has been made available for the purchases of these additional units. This is a sole source purchase because the equipment is only available through Humbleton Industrial Sales. Bulk pricing was negotiated with the supplier based on the original bid submitted. Delivery: 14 Days. Terms: Net-30 Days. Funds are available in the 2012 Budget, Capital Improvement Fund/Capital Improvement Projects/Alternative Disinfection Modifications (Account No. 311-9207-52842-WT410).

Site Lighting Lease for Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department (SCMPD) Administrative Services Center – Sole Source Purchase – Event No. 370. Approval to award a lease for site lighting services from Georgia Power in the amount of \$28,517.00. The site lighting plan includes 11 floodlights on 30 foot poles, served by underground wiring to illuminate the entrance, parking lots and other areas throughout the site. Georgia Power will be responsible for providing all components of the lighting system and will be fully responsible for the operation, service, maintenance and any necessary repairs of the system throughout the duration of the agreement. The proposed lease also establishes a monthly cost to be paid by the SCMPD as an operational expense. This is a sole source purchase because of Georgia Power's unique position to provide the light fixtures, poles, power and continuous service as the local, electric utility. Funds are available in the 2012 Budget, Capital Improvement Fund/Capital Improvement Project/Other Costs/Public Safety Metroplex (Account No. 611- 1140-52842-PB836).

Juniper Data Network Annual Maintenance and Support – Sole Source Purchase – Event No. 377. Approval to procure Juniper data network equipment maintenance and support from Layer 3 Communications in the amount of \$63,196.88. The maintenance and support will be used by Information Technology to support the Juniper equipment installed throughout the City's data network to provide wireless access to City staff and facilities. This is a sole source purchase because Layer 3 Communications was awarded the contract for Information Technology supported network Juniper equipment and maintenance in September 2007. Pricing is based on the same discount structure offered in the initial contract. Delivery: As Needed. Terms: Net-30 Days. Funds are available in the 2012 Budget, Internal Service Fund/Information Technology/Data Process Equipment Maintenance (Account No. 611-1140- 51251).

Gwinnett, Wheaton & Culver Streets Storm Drainage Improvements (DR215) – Contract Modification No. 3. Approval of Contract Modification No. 3 in the amount of \$7,140.00 with Coastal Civil Engineering. The original contract was for storm drainage conveyance system improvements designed to prevent structural flooding in the vicinity of East Gwinnett and Culver Streets. This modification covers additional work required because of a change to the original concept due to the cost of an easement acquisition. The added work includes surveying, soil testing, estimating and other analysis. The amendment increases the design services contract price by \$7,140.00 based on the added work required. The total agreement amount will be \$66,145.00. The cumulative total of the contract requires Council approval for this contract modification. Approval of Contract Modification No. 3 to Coastal Civil Engineering. Funds are available in the 2012 Budget, Capital Improvements Fund/Capital Improvements Projects/Other Costs/Bilbo/North Casey Drainage (Account No. 311-9207-52842-DR215).

Grayson Stadium Roof Replacement (PB227) – Contract Modification No. 1 – Event 25. Approval of Contract Modification No. 1 in the amount of \$38,400.00 with Coastal Roofing Co., Inc. The original contract was for removal and replacement of damaged roofing on the upper and lower roof systems over the grandstands at Grayson Stadium. This modification is for an additional 6400 square feet of Oriented Strand Board (OSB) that was not included in the original bid. The extent of damage to the underlayment of the roof was not evident until demolition of the old roof took place. A line item for replacement of up to 1000 square feet of OSB was included in the original bid; therefore, the damaged additional 6400 square feet will be priced at the same unit price. Approval of Contract Modification No. 1 to Coastal Roofing Co., Inc. Funds are available in the 2012 Budget, Capital Improvements Fund/Capital Improvements Projects/Other Costs/Grayson Stadium Renovations (Account No. 311-9207-52842-PB227).

Computer Hardware – Annual Contract Renewal – Event No. 369. Renewed an annual contract to procure desktop computers, laptop computers and file servers from TIG Technologies in the estimated amount of \$280,000.00. The contract will be used to obtain quality equipment for the City's computer network. Throughout the year, Information Technology purchases 200 to 250 personal computers, 100 laptop computers and up to ten servers as replacements. Additional equipment is also purchased as the expenditures are approved by Research and Budget. The dollar amount requested for approval is the budgeted amount for replacement desktop and laptop computers, servers and any additional desktops and laptops included in the 2012 budget and an additional amount for unforeseen needs. The original bid amount listed below includes pricing for items such as more powerful desktop computers, laptops and servers that may or may not be purchased, but pricing is secured for contingency purposes. This is the last renewal period of a four year contract. Proposals were originally received March 9, 2009. The proposal has been advertised, opened and reviewed. Funds are available in the 2012 Budget, Information Technology/Computer Replacement (Account No. 612-9240-51510).

Zonar Vehicle Tracking Equipment Maintenance – Annual Contract Renewal – Event No. 366. Renewed an annual contract to procure vehicle tracking maintenance from Zonar Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$36,476.50. This equipment is installed on Sanitation vehicles to provide data and various reports of real-time locations, operational statuses and vehicle idle times. This equipment also assists Sanitation in routing vehicles in the most efficient and cost effective method. Each vehicle's components are determined by the type of vehicle and the date the City wants to track. The original contract for the purchase of equipment and initial annual service fees was approved by Council on May 7, 2009. The contract renewal includes annual service fees for 110 GPS units and 82 optional diagnostic modules installed on Sanitation vehicles. Pricing was established through the original contract award in 2009, but the services fees have increased an average of 8% over the last three years. This is a sole source purchase because the City elected to standardize using Zonar's equipment to provide GPS vehicle tracking. The shortlisted proposers were: B.P.( Funds are available in the 2012 Budget, Sanitation Operation Fund-Director/Residential Refuse/Refuse Disposal/Street Cleaning/Commercial Refuse/Recycling & Litter-Other Contractual Service (Account Nos. 511-7101, 7102, 7103, 7104, 7105 and 7107-51295).

Change Order No. 6 for the Video Surveillance System (VSS) Project – Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport. The Savannah Airport Commission (SAC) received approval of Change Order No. 6 with I-Sys Corporation in the amount of \$36,022.99. The scope of Change Order No. 6 involves extending fiber from the server room (ammo room) to the SAC network area near elevator 3 on the third floor of the SAC offices. This will include a patch panel to tie into the VSS network. An existing 3750 Cisco switch will be located in a wall mounted rack for the purpose of terminating fiber in the SAC server room. A UPS is included in the scope of the project to provide a spare power supply to the switch. Fiber will be extended to the Landside Mgrs. office and connected to a workstation for the VSS system. Additional fibers will be provided for the installation of two Pelco 5200 workstations. The original funding amount for VSS was \$922,520.00..

Airways Avenue and Gulfstream Main Entrance – Event No. 284, \$99,487.00 – Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport. The Savannah Airport Commission received approval to enter into a contract with Clifton Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$99,487.00 for the Airways Avenue and Gulfstream Main Entrance project. This project consists of the construction of approximately 150 linear feet of cross connector roadway which will include but not be limited to excavation and embankment, grading, asphalt, marking, signage, sodding, seeding, tree relocation, and other items associated with roadway construction.

Two Midsize 4-Wheel Drive Sport Utility Vehicles – Event No. 325-1 – Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport. The Savannah Airport Commission received approval to purchase two midsize 4WD SUV's from J.C. Lewis Ford in the amount of \$48,170.72. The units will be used primarily by the Airfield Operations Manager and the Airport Security Coordinator and will replace unit 20 –2008 Ford Explorer and unit 21 – 2007 Ford Explorer. Pricing includes 3 year/36,000 mile bumper to bumper and 5 year/60,000 mile powertrain warranty. Specifications were sent to 34 City of Savannah approved suppliers, with J.C. Lewis submitting the only bid.

Amano McGann Exit Pay-In-Lane Machine with Bill Dispenser – Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport. The Savannah Airport received approval to purchase one Amano McGann Exit Pay-In-Line Machine with Bill Dispenser in the amount of \$56,036 from Carolina Time. Carolina Time will provide and install an AMG-6800 “Pay in Lane” machine which will dispense bills and coins for change. This system will be installed in lane 2 of the exit plaza. This will give customers the option to use credit card or cash in a fully automated lane when exiting the parking deck. This is a sole source purchase from Carolina Time, as they are the area provider of Amano McGann products. This cost also includes two Spare note Dispensers and one Spare Note Safe. Adding this unit is the next step in the Airport Commission’s program to become as fully automated as possible which will help reduce operating costs and increase accountability.

Airport Medical Plan Policy – Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport. The Savannah Airport Commission solicited proposals for its employee medical insurance plan through its broker of record Seacrest Partners. All respondents met the technical and performance requirements specified and as such all were responsive. Therefore, the deciding factor was based on the proposal premium. Consumers Life had the best proposed premium. In addition to the premium, there is an annual brokerage fee of \$40,000.00 for Seacrest Partners services, a onetime tail coverage of approximately \$60,000.00 based on the close out amount of all open claims during transition, and a fiduciary liability policy for \$10,000.00 for a total amount of \$905,876.00. Premium \$ 795,876.00 Brokerage Services \$ 40,000.00 Tail Coverage \$ 60,000.00 Fiduciary Liability \$ 10,000.00 \$ 905,876.00 The plan will reduce the Airport Commission medical plan costs by approximately 37% or \$455,000.00 while maintaining existing coverage levels.

Lawson Software Maintenance Agreement – Sole Source Purchase – Event No. 367. Approval to procure Lawson ERP software maintenance and support from Lawson Software in the amount of \$161,886.42. The maintenance and support will be used by the IT Department to support the Lawson ERP software system currently used by Finance and Purchasing. The software system is also being implemented in Human Resources, Payroll and Research and Budget. The annual maintenance covers all Financial, Budgeting, Payroll and Human Resources modules included in the Lawson project. This is a sole source purchase because the software maintenance is only available from the developer of the system. Funds are available in the 2012 Budget, Internal Service Fund/Information Technology/Data Processing Equipment Maintenance (Account No. 611- 1140-51251). Alderman Johnson asked why the maintenance contract was not purchased at initial installment of the software. Acting Information Technology Director Cam Mathis stated it was purchased at that time, this was an annual renewal.

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Alderman Sprague stated the Tall Ship’s needs volunteers. Earth Day would be Saturday, April 28, 2012 and Home Town Heroes would be at Grayson Stadium. Also Liberty Mutual that day.

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City Attorney Blackburn asked to address Council and stated: *Mayor Jackson, 55-years ago I stood in this chamber and accepted an appointment of the Council as a lawyer. The first assignment I had was – Savannah had decided to go into an urban renewal program. One of the requirements was they would be adopting a comprehensive zoning ordinance. Savannah had zoning since the 1920’s but never a comprehensive one. I took that assignment and worked with our newly-named planning commission; but only on the third planning director were we able to, and as the zoning people here will remember, July 29, 1960 we enacted the first zoning ordinance with Don Mendonsa as the then Planning Director. Don went on subsequently to serve along with me as a City Manager as I served as City Attorney in the Maclean administration – a very progressive administration. My tenure has lasted now more than 50-years. The last 42 of those years has been consecutive. The position of City Attorney is a peculiar one since you represent a major employer and corporation of three-hundred million dollars a year with utilities and various other things. It is not a one-person job. It is run, and I hope will continue to be run by a professional staff. Don Mendonsa accepted the position as a City Manager and of course was a professional City Manager. I am deeply committed, throughout my entire career, to professional management and seeing what that has meant to the City of Savannah has really been the driving force in what I have sought to accomplish in my life. But I have had to represent the Chief Executive, the City Manager and have represented each City Manager the City of Savannah has ever had, as well as the corporate body; and with a unique relationship to each of you. But, I have not been able to do this alone and I want to commend those who have worked with me over the years. The custom was and has been that the City Attorney was not a full-time person and that term is very misleading; not a person reporting through the City Manager. Usually, in my judgment and all the ones that have served as well as in the County Government, the School Board, and so forth, each have been active, practicing attorneys with a general law practice. I have had my own law practice. I had the support of my then law partner when I accepted this, and the subsequent partners after him; but I have also had the loyal support of the several law firms that I have worked with. I want to commend them – Bill Shearouse, William Shearouse, Jr., of the firm of Weinerr, Shearouse, etc., has been with me 38 of those last 42-year. He brought not only his personal commitment but also the commitment of his firm – a well established, big law firm. I want to point out to you that a law firm that goes into this does incur the possibility of conflict, thus there are conflicts in many areas of law practice. I want to commend not only Bill but the trial lawyers in his firm who undertook, when we had the waiver of immunity come along in trial work in that area. Bill is here*

*and I certainly want to commend him. Also, likewise I want to commend the law firm of Lester Johnson, PC. Lester has been with me 30-years. It has been not only a strong personal friendship but a strong professional relationship that I treasure. In addition to that I mentioned my law partner, the one I had since the day I started – Casper Wiseman who is now deceased and Mr. Futrell who later joined us; who is now deceased. I had their full support. My son James B. Blackburn, Jr., after getting the same education as Tom (Bordeaux) did as his class mate, he went off to Georgia Tech with the Mendonsa influence, got his Masters Degree in City Planning. He was a planner for a while and then decided the lure of the law was greater and he later went to law school and in 1984 he joined out firm. Of course with the demise of the partners he now leads that law firm as my law partner. In addition to that, because of conflict, we are required to have available outside counsel. Pat O’Conner came to Savannah as an associate of Bill Shearouse; he changed firms and helped build a practice and he has certainly served us well. The jewel of that firm is the specialized effort we had with Patty Paul who we worked with so many years. Those are the lawyers that were assigned to me and helped me to provide me the service we have been able to give to the City. When I last accepted the appointment in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Johnson administration I advised the Mayor I would not likely be able to serve the full term. But, I don’t have to tell you that events dictated that I do so, and I did serve the full term. It was my hope and desire, as this administration came in that you would resolve the question of the professional management of the City by having a professional manager – not by personality, but that the position should be professional and a professionally trained person should be in it with a professional staff. I feel you have accomplished that and I congratulate the City Manager on the selection of her staff. But having said all that, it is never a good time – with the workload that we have – but I feel that I have reached a time when I am going to have to slow down and I want to let it be known that I will not be available for appointment for another term. I will help in any way I can to continue the good the good work and the excellent reputation that the City of Savannah has had in it government. So I tell you that I have been here long past retirement age, but I will be retiring and working in transition hopefully to have some of the load that I have been carrying for several years. I will leave with a great deal of regret of not being in the day-to-day participation. I wanted to clear the air since there has been some speculation about the position. I am certainly grateful for the opportunity, but I feel it is time for me to make a decision. Thank you.*

Each Council member offered their thanks, their memories of working with him and their wishes that he enjoy retirement. Mayor Jackson called it a sad day because of the tremendous void his departure would leave. He protected the Council even when they did not listen, she said. He didn’t think about Jimmy Blackburn; he thought about the Council and thought about the community.

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



Dyanne C. Reese, Clerk of Council