

# 48 Hour Summary/Final Minutes – January 5, 2017

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## SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL 48-HOUR SUMMARY/FINAL MEETING MINUTES January 5, 2017

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 Dyanne Reese, Clerk of Council.

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

City Manager, Rob Hernandez  
City Attorney W. Brooks Stillwell  
Assistant City Attorney William Shearouse

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

### MINUTES

Upon motion of Alderman Bell, seconded by Alderman Shabazz, and unanimously carried the summary/final minutes for the City Manager's briefing of December 22, 2016 was approved.

Upon motion of Alderman Bell, seconded by Alderman Shabazz, and unanimously carried the summary/final minutes for the City Council meeting of December 22, 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.

**Brian L. Stafford for Stafford's Public House, LLC t/a Stafford's Public House**, requesting liquor, beer and wine (drink) license at 306 West Upper Factors Walk, which is located between West River Street and West Bay Street in District 2. Approved

### ZONING HEARINGS

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**Amendments to Article A (Generally), Section 8-3002 (Definitions) to Revise the Name and Definition of Bed and Breakfast Guest Unit; and to Article B (Zoning Districts), Sec. 8-3025(a)(12) (Index for C&R Use Schedule, Bed and Breakfast Guest Unit) and Sec. 8-3025(b)(9c) (Index for B&I Use Schedule, Bed and Breakfast) to Revise the Use Name.**

Approved

**Jewish Education Alliance, Petitioner and Owner, by Attorney Harold Yellin, Agent** requesting to rezone 5111 Abercorn Street from the current R-M-25 (Multi-family, 25 units per acre) zoning classification to an O-I (Office Institutional) zoning classification. Approved

### **ORDINANCES**

#### **First Readings**

**Local Amendments to the International Residential Code 2012 Edition** to amend the International Residential Code (IRC) 2012 Edition, Section R304.1, to replace it with Section R304.1 from the IRC 2015 Edition, as authorized by O.C.G.A. 8-2-25. A development project with unique design characteristics was submitted to the City of Savannah in 2016 which, while complying with City standards, was found to be in conflict with several IRC sections. The City of Savannah uses the 2012 edition of the International Residential Code, as required by the State of Georgia and adopted by City Council. The State's next scheduled mandatory adoption will be in 2020. However, while working on solutions with the developer, staff found the 2015 Edition of the IRC includes language that updates requirements for habitable rooms in dwelling units, which would permit the development to proceed.

**Local Amendments to the International Building Code 2012 Edition** to amend the International Building Code (IBC) 2012 Edition, Section 1612.4 to add new sections from IBC 2015 Edition referenced standard ASCE 24-14, Section 6.2. A development project with unique design characteristics was submitted to the City of Savannah in 2016 which, while complying with City standards, was found to be in conflict with several IBC sections. The City of Savannah uses the 2012 edition of the International Building Code, as required by the State of Georgia and adopted by City Council. The State's next scheduled mandatory adoption will be in 2020. However, while working on solutions with the developer staff found the 2015 Edition of the IBC includes language that updates requirements that provide more flexible egress options from flooded buildings, and address common construction materials that can be used below the base flood elevation on commercial projects in dry flood-proofed areas. These updates would allow the development to proceed.

### **ORDINANCES**

#### **First and Second Readings**

**Multi-Way Stop Control at the Intersection of Montgomery and West Gaston Street. An ordinance to amend the City Code to convert the intersection of Montgomery and West Gaston Street to multi-way STOP control.**

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED: January 5, 2017**

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### Removal of One-Way Restriction on Alton Street.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED: January 5, 2017**

### An Ordinance to Rezone 10 Undeveloped Parcels Located at 25 West Gateway Boulevard.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED: January 5, 2017**

## RESOLUTIONS

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SAVANNAH AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AFFIDAVIT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION. **ADOPTED AND APPROVED: January 5, 2017**

## MISCELLANEOUS

**Final Plat – Godley Park, Phase 4.** Recommend approval of a major subdivision plat of Godley Park, Phase 4 being a portion of the Highlands at Godley Station located at 280 Highlands Blvd. in District 1. Subdivision is comprised of 15.811 acres creating 44 single-family lots, 2.191 acres common area and 3.897 private right of way. **Approved**

**Requesting the Sale of Surplus Property Located at 618 Magazine Avenue to Greg Norris, (the Highest and Most Responsive “Proposer”) for \$20,000.** The previous owner of this house secured a HUD home repair loan from the City in 1989. When she moved out of her house into a nursing home several years ago, the Housing Department tried working with her and family members she identified to restructure the loan so the family members could live in the house and repay the loan balance. The owner and family members were not responsive to City efforts to work with them to restructure the loan and resolve the delinquency. They also failed to sell the house. As a result, the City foreclosed on May 5, 2015 to protect its interest in the property. **Approved**

**Request City Council Approve the Sale of the Surplus Property Located at 2116 Utah Street to Chuck Waldron, (the Highest and Most Responsive “Proposer”) for \$30,000.** The previous owner of this house purchased it in 2000 with HUD funding provided by the City. The owner subsequently defaulted on the loan after moving to take a job in another community. As a result, the City foreclosed on January 5, 2016 to protect its interest in the property. **Approved**

## TRAFFIC ENGINEERING REPORTS

**Change of Parking Restrictions – East 34<sup>th</sup> Street.** As part of the Waters Avenue Streetscape improvements, curb cuts were closed in front of two existing businesses located on the west side of Waters at the intersection of East 34<sup>th</sup> Street. In an effort to provide relief for the businesses that have been negatively impacted, Traffic Engineering Department

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recommends that parking be established on the south side of East 34<sup>th</sup> Street shoulder area 65 feet east of Waters Avenue for a distance of 150 feet. This change will provide for an additional seven parking spaces. **Approved**

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

**Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Chatham County for the Widening of Highlands Boulevard.** Authorization for the City Manager to sign this intergovernmental agreement with Chatham County. Chatham County has agreed to incorporate this additional roadway widening into their current Benton Boulevard Extension Project. This agreement is needed to address traffic congestion generated by new developments along Highland Boulevard as well as accommodate additional commuter traffic from Effingham County that will use this roadway once Effingham Parkway connects to Highway 30. **Approved**

**Management Training Services – Annual Contract Renewal – Event No. 3812.** Recommend approval to renew an annual contract for management training services with The University of Georgia Carl Vinson Institute in the amount of \$34,000.00 for a period to run from January 5, 2017 to January 4, 2018. **Approved**

**Guardrail Repair – Annual Contract – Event No. 4100.** Recommend approval to award an annual contract for guardrail repair services to Savannah River Utilities in the amount of \$76,500.00 for a period to run from January 5, 2017 to January 4, 2018. **Approved**

**Motorcycle Leasing – Annual Contract – Event No. 4539.** Recommend approval to award an annual contract for motorcycle leasing to R-Squared Savannah, Inc. in the amount of \$29,160.00 for a period to run from January 5, 2017 to January 4, 2018. **Approved**

**Polymer for Water Reclamation – Annual Contract Renewal – Event No. 2556.** Recommend approval to renew an annual contract for polymer with Polydyne in the amount of \$69,000.00 for a period to run from January 5, 2017 to January 4, 2018. **Approved**

**Broughton Streetscape Improvements – Contract Modification No. 1 – Event No. 4289.** Recommend approval of Contract Modification No. 1 to Savannah Construction & Preservation LLC. This contract modification is for a sixty (60) day time extension only. **Approved**

**Panasonic CF31 Toughbooks – Annual Contract – Event No. 4671.** Recommend approval to award an annual contract for Panasonic Toughbooks from ARC Acquisition, Inc. in the amount of \$56,908.25 for a period to run from January 5, 2017 to January 4, 2018. **Approved**

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



Dyanne C. Reese, MMC

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Clerk of Council

