

48 Hour Summary/Final Minutes-January 19, 2017

CITY GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

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 Reverend Dr. Steven Williams of First Presbyterian Church.

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 Lester B. Johnson, III
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 for an Executive Session held today where no votes were taken. (**SEE RESOLUTIONS**)

Upon motion of Alderman Bell, seconded by Alderman Miller, and unanimously carried the agenda was amended to add item 12.1 for the purpose of Litigation.

MINUTES

Upon motion of Alderman Bell, seconded by Alderman Shabazz and unanimously carried the summary/final minutes for the City Manager's briefing of January 5, 2017 was approved.

Upon motion of Alderman Bell, seconded by Alderman Shabazz and unanimously carried the summary/final minutes for the City Council meeting of January 5, 2017 was approved.

APPEARANCES

Representatives Antwan Lang and Shirley James, Festival Coordinator of the 2017 Savannah Black Heritage Festival Committee appeared to issue a formal invitation to the community and City Council to attend the 28th Annual Savannah Black Heritage Festival scheduled February 1 - 26, 2017.

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE HEARINGS

As advertised, the following alcoholic license petitions were heard.

Charles F. Schmitt for Savannah Music Depot, LLC t/a The Stage on Bay, requesting liquor, beer and wine (drink) and Underage Permit at 1200 West Bay Street, which is located between Kirkland Street and Lehwald Street in District 1. The applicant plans to operate a music event venue. (New location/request/ownership) **Continued to the meeting of February 2, 2017**

Krishna Patel for Shree Maha Laxmi, Inc. t/a Fairfield Inn & Suites – Historic Downtown Savannah, requesting liquor, beer and wine (drink) with Sunday sales at 135 Martin Luther King Boulevard, which is located between Oglethorpe Avenue and Zubley Street in District 1. The applicant plans to operate a hotel. (New location/ownership) **Approved.**

Kip B. Bacon for Red Lobster Restaurant, LLC t/a Red Lobster, requesting liquor, beer and wine (drink) with Sunday sales at 11 West Montgomery Crossroad, which is located between White Bluff Road and Abercorn Street in District 5. The applicant plans to continue to operate a restaurant. (New management/existing business) **Approved.**

ORDINANCES **Second Readings**

Local Amendments to the International Residential Code 2012 Edition. Recommend approval 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.

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Local Amendments to the International Building Code 2012 Edition. Recommend approval 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.

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First and Second Readings

An Ordinance to Amend 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. **Recommend approval. ADOPTED and APPROVED: JANUARY 19, 2017**

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An Ordinance 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. Recommend approval.

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Change of Parking Restrictions – East 34th Street. An ordinance to amend the City Code to lift the parking prohibition for the shoulder area of the western end of the south side of East 34th Street east of Waters Avenue to allow parking. Recommend approval.

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An Ordinance to Prohibit Lewd or Obscene Conduct in Establishments with Alcoholic Beverage Licenses. City Council adopted a new Alcohol Ordinance last year, which took effect January 1, 2017. The ordinance was a complete re-write of the prior ordinance. It omitted many redundant provisions, and some provisions which were already addressed in state law. One of these provisions prohibited lewd and obscene conduct in establishments holding alcohol licenses. This specific prohibition was not included because it had been included in a state law.

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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 19, 2017**

Resolution to Adopt the Chatham County-Savannah Comprehensive Plan. The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) requires that local governments update Comprehensive Plans every five years in order to achieve “Qualified Local Government” status. Metropolitan Planning Commission staff has been working on the Comprehensive Plan since September 2015, including a widespread community engagement effort to help shape the plan. This plan provides a unified, long-term vision for the City of Savannah and Unincorporated Chatham County in the topics of land use, housing, economic development, transportation, and quality of life.

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Resolution Encouraging Intergovernmental Collaboration to enhance athletic and recreational programs, services and facilities to meet the needs of the citizens of Savannah and Chatham County. Recommend approval.

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MISCELLANEOUS

Contract to Sell Surplus Right of Way Known as Munster Street to Adjoining Property Owners in the Estimated Amount of \$382,000. Continued to the meeting of February 2, 2017.

Settlement of Workers' Compensation Claim by Alfonso Green Mr. Green, a former water meter reader supervisor, sustained injuries to his cervical and lumbar spine in connection with his duties. His workers' compensation claim was settled for \$207,822.05, subject to Council approval. City Attorney recommends approval. Recommend approval. **Approved.**

BIDS, CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

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

Authorization for City Manager to Sign and Administer through Sub-Grant Recipients FY2017 Adult/Dislocated Worker and Rapid Response Grant Funds. The City of Savannah has received a "Statement of Grant Award" for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Adult Program (\$1,390,790), Dislocated Worker Program (\$1,445,243) and Rapid Response Program (\$57,327) from the Georgia Department of Economic Development - -Workforce Development. **Approved**

Authorization for City Manager to Sign and Administer Memorandums of Agreement with FY16 YouthBuild Savannah Program Partners. Approval to accept the FY16 YouthBuild Grant from the US Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration (USDOL-ETA) in the amount of \$936,000 and authorization for the City Manager to sign and administer Memorandums of Agreement (MOAs) with key primary partners identified in the YouthBuild Savannah grant: Ash Tree Organization, Inc., the City's Housing Department, Housing Authority of Savannah and St. Paul CME Church. All agencies have been key primary partners since the program's implementation year in 2006. **Approved**

Probation Services for Recorder's Court – Annual Contract Renewal – Event No. 1092. Recommend approval to renew an annual contract for private probation services with Southeast Corrections, LLC, and authorization for City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Southeast Corrections concerning fees. **Approved**

Temporary Security Services for Municipal Cemeteries – Contract Modification No. 1 – Event No. 4079. Recommend approval of Contract Modification No. 1 to Saber Security and Investigation in the amount of \$14,884.00. **Approved**

Scarborough Athletic Field Fencing – Contract Modification No. 1 – Event No. 4404. Recommend approval of Contract Modification No. 1 to Southern Splendor in the amount of \$1,850.00. **Approved**

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Fleet Maintenance Software – Sole Source – Event No. 4815. Recommend approval to procure an annual agreement for a fleet maintenance software program with Assetworks in the amount of \$35,124.00. The software will be used to gather, store, process, monitor, and export information related to the City’s fleet of vehicles and equipment by the Vehicle Maintenance Department. **Approved**

Corrosion Control Additive – Sole Source – Event No. 4817. Recommend approval to procure corrosion control additive from American Development Corporation in the estimated amount of \$135,000.00. **Approved**

Police Interceptors – Event No. 4715. Recommend approval to procure three Ford Police Interceptors from O.C. Welch Ford Lincoln, Inc. in the amount of \$78,399.00. The vehicles will be assigned to the Savannah Chatham Metropolitan Police Department Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic (HEAT) program. **Approved**

Ellis Square Bathroom Renovations – Sole Source – Event No. 4819. Recommend approval to procure bathroom renovation services at Ellis Square from Johnson-Laux Construction in the amount of \$95,042.00. **Approved**

Pump Repair for Stormwater – Annual Contract Renewal – Event No. 3576. Recommend approval to renew an annual contract for pump repair with Xylem Water Solutions USA (Primary) and Pete Kelly Inc. (Secondary) in the estimated amount of \$611,000.00. The Stormwater Management Department will use the services for the pump repairs for flood control. **Approved**

Temporary Construction Access and Easement Agreement. Request that Council grant the City Manager the authority to enter into an agreement with the owners of the Savannah River Landing Development site to obtain a temporary access and laydown easement for the City and its contractor for the purpose of constructing the Bilbo Canal Improvement Project. The contract for the Bilbo Canal project has been awarded by Council and the City needs the easement agreement to proceed with construction. The City Attorney has worked with City staff and the property owners to negotiate the agreement at no cost to the City. Recommend approval. **Approved**

Infrastructure Repair Agreement with MMA/PSP Savannah River, LLC Concerning Savannah River Landing Development. When the Savannah River Landing development began construction prior to the recession, the City and the Developer, ALR Oglethorpe, LLC, entered into a Development Agreement under which ALR agreed, among other things, to construct all of the streets, drainage and water/sewer infrastructure within the development to City engineering standards, and to dedicate the infrastructure to the City. ALR began the project, and spent several tens of millions of dollars before halting work, and turning the property over to the current owner MMA/PSP Savannah River, LLC, which is related to ALR’s former lender. The infrastructure has not been completed, and the owner will not be allowed to develop property within the development until required infrastructure is completed, and accepted by the City. **Approved**

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Task Work Order No. 20 with URS Corporation Southern (AECOM). The Savannah Airport Commission requests approval of Task Work order No. 20 with URS Corporation Southern (AECOM) in the amount of \$325,062 for design services on the following projects: Construct Taxiway A/G Connector, Construct Ramp – Air Cargo Facility, Construct Taxiway G between A-1 and GA-6. **Approved**

Cooperative Service Agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (Aphis) Wildlife Services (WS) – Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport. The Savannah Airport Commission requests approval of an Agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (Aphis) Wildlife Services (WS) in the amount of \$27,138.57. **Approved**

Announcements

Alderman Foster asked the City Manager to update the public on the water billing process. It concerns him when he continuously hears that checks that were mailed in December were not processed. Checks should not sit longer than one day. He has heard from constituents that have made their payments on time, but they have not processed them on time. If he has to he will gladly go help process checks if needed to avoid getting another complaint. In regards to the Westside, he represents the Westside as well. He believes its time that they start to do something. No one has come to him to discuss The Stage on Bay. He is familiar with that area. It was an industrial area for many areas and he has never looked at the area as an entertainment district. It doesn't make him happy to have a facility in that area where there are 150 to 1000 people drinking and parking. He was surprised to see the announcement in the paper because he had no idea they could have a venue as such in that area. Continuing the alcohol hearing for that facility was the right thing to do. He would like them to look at Bay Street area because if they start moving the entertainment and alcohol establishments all over the city it will eventually become a drinking and party city. We have to be aware that just as the historic district there are residents that live in this city as well and we have to be considerate of them.

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



Dyanne C. Reese, MMC
Clerk of Council

