



SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL  
(preliminary)  
ACTION MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2019

**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**

The special meeting of the City Council was held at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Eddie W. DeLoach, Presiding  
Mayor Pro-Tem Carolyn H. Bell  
Alderman Julian Miller, Chairman of Council  
Aldermen Bill Durrence and Alderman John Hall

**ABSENT:** Alderman Brian Foster, Vice-Chairman of Council  
Alderman Van R. Johnson, II  
Alderman Tony Thomas  
Alderwoman Dr. Estella E. Shabazz

**OTHERS PRESENT:**  
City Manager Patrick C. Monahan  
Assistant to the City Manager Bret Bell  
City Attorney Bates Lovett  
Assistant City Attorney Denise Cooper  
Clerk of Council Mark Massey  
Eric Chin, Real Estate Officer

**AGENDA ITEMS**

Upon calling the meeting to order, Mayor DeLoach recognized Mayor Pro-Tem Bell to make the first motion.

1. Motion to Continue Resolution to Authorize the Use of Eminent Domain to Acquire a Portion of 1302 West Gwinnett Street. **(CONTINUED #1)**
2. Motion to Approve Resolution to Authorize the Use of Eminent Domain to Acquire a Portion of 1215 Delesseps Avenue. **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY)**



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3. Motion to Approve Resolution to Authorize the Use of Eminent Domain to Acquire a Portion of 1905 Delesseps Avenue. **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY)**
  4. Motion to Approve Resolution to Authorize the Use of Eminent Domain to Acquire a Portion of 1307 Delesseps Avenue. **(CONTINUED #4)**
  5. Motion to Approve Resolution to Authorize the Use of Eminent Domain to Acquire a Portion of 2205 Delesseps Avenue. **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY)**
  6. Motion to Approve Resolution to Authorize the Use of Eminent Domain to Acquire a Portion of 2215 Delesseps Avenue. **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY)**
  7. Motion to Approve Resolution to Authorize the Use of Eminent Domain to Acquire a Portion of 2224 E. 59th Street. **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY)**
  8. Motion to Approve Resolution to Authorize the Use of Eminent Domain to Acquire a Portion of 2319 LaRoche Avenue. **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY)**
- a. **Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to approve collectively, as a consent agenda, items 1 (continued), 2 (approved), 3 (approved), 5 (approved), 6 (approved), 7 (approved) and 8 (approved), as presented by staff. Alderman Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.**
  - b. **Mayor Pro-Tem Bell moved to continue #4, Alderman Durrence and Hall seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Mayor Pro-Tem Bell asked staff to identify the next steps.**

**City Attorney Lovett advised that the City Council has now authorized staff to proceed with eminent domain (taking) with six (6) properties, excluding agenda items #1 and #4 which were continued, so staff can continue working and talking with the property owners. Once the last remaining issues are worked out, staff will present the items to the City Council for their authorization to proceed with the condemnation process.**



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**Mayor Pro-Tem Bell also asked about sales agreements which have been signed.**

**Assistant City Attorney Cooper indicated that all property owners have signed purchase sale agreements, but they are unable to go-forward with the closing due to a lien or some other mortgage issue.**

**City Attorney Lovett indicated that the property under #4 may not be brought back at the next meeting, 10/10/2019.**

**Alderman Durrence asked how many properties are left, with respect to DeLesseps.**

**Mr. Chin indicated there are 120 properties and 86 have been signed at this moment.**

**Alderman Miller moved to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Hall.**

**Hearing no objections, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.**