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## **Work Session and City Manager's Briefing**

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The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 12:31 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Purtee to offer an invocation.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding  
Alderman Kesha Gibson-Carter, Post 1, Chairman  
Alderman Alicia Miller Blakely, Post 2  
Alderman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1  
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2  
Alderman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3  
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice Chairman  
Alderman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

**ALSO, PRESENT:**  
City Manager Jay Melder  
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams  
City Attorney Bates Lovett  
Clerk of Council Mark Massey  
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret F. Fox

### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. Initial Briefing Regarding the Redistricting of City District Boundaries per the 2020 Decennial Census. **[PRESENTED by Melanie Wilson, Executive Director of the Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC)]**

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Work Session at 1:21 p.m.



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## **Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:05 p.m. Mayor Johnson introduced The Reverend Michael White, Rector of the Christ Church Episcopal (Savannah), to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding  
Alderman Kesha Gibson-Carter, Post 1, Chairman  
Alderman Alicia Miller Blakely, Post 2  
Alderman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1  
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2  
Alderman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3  
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### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for January 13, 2022. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY)**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Special Called Meeting re: Board Appointments and Reappointments Held on December 17, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2, #3 and #4 UNANIMOUSLY)**



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3. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 12:30 p.m. **(APPROVED #2, #3 and #4 UNANIMOUSLY)**
4. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2, #3 and #4 UNANIMOUSLY)**

**PRESENTATIONS**

5. Presentation and Formal Unveiling of the Official Portrait of the 66th Mayor of the City of Savannah from 2016-2019, Mayor Eddie DeLoach. **(PRESENTED)**
6. Appearance and Recognition of Memorial Health University Medical Center's Donation of \$30,000 to the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund. These contributions will provide the down payment necessary to help modest wage Memorial Health employees purchase their first home in the City of Savannah. None of the funds will be used for administrative purposes. **(PRESENTED)**
7. Appearance and Recognition of the Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund Donation of \$2,500 to the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund. This donation was granted to the Community Housing Services Agency (CHSA) as a result of a competitive grant award. None of the funds will be used for administrative purposes. **(PRESENTED)**
8. Appearance by the Benedictine Cadets Football Team Along with Coach Danny Britt to Recognize the Team for Winning the 2021 Class 4A Division State Football Championship Game. **(PRESENTED)**
9. An Appearance by and Proclamation to the Savannah Interagency Diversity Council Announcing "Traffick Jam 2022." **(PRESENTED)**

**ZONING HEARINGS**

10. Petition of Joseph Ross, AREP V Investments, LLC on Behalf of Savannah Hospitality, LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 5820 White Bluff Road (PIN 20131 04002) from B-C (Community Business) to RMF-2-30 (Multifamily)



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Residential), Aldermanic District 4 (File No. 21-006264-ZA). The proposed project consists of converting 102 suites of the Homewood Suites Hotel into 102 apartments.

**Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing for #10 open.**

**Speaker(s) present:**

- **Marcus Lotson, MPC Representative**
- **Mr. Joseph Ross, petitioner**
- **Mr. Eli Chester, developer**

**Written comment(s):**

- **Marie Backus McGaughey – OPPOSED (via letter)**

**CLOSED HEARING for #10 UNANIMOUSLY.**

**ORDINANCES – FIRST AND SECOND READING**

11. Petition of Joseph Ross, AREP V Investments, LLC on Behalf of Savannah Hospitality, LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 5820 White Bluff Road (PIN 20131 04002) from B-C (Community Business) to RMF-2-30 (Multifamily Residential), Aldermanic District 4 (File No. 21-006264-ZA). The proposed project consists of converting 102 suites of the Homewood Suites Hotel into 102 apartments. **(After the first reading was considered the second reading, APPROVED #11, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no)**

**PURCHASING ITEMS**

12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of Four Fire Pumpers and One Aerial Ladder Truck with Sutphen Corporation in the Amount of \$4,500,000. Savannah Fire Department will use the fire apparatus as replacements for equipment that has reached their end-of-service life. **(APPROVED #12 UNANIMOUSLY)**
13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Grounds Maintenance of Hutchinson Island Medians, ROW (Right of Way) and Greenspaces with Venson Lawn and Landscape (LOCAL, SBE, DBE) for up to \$29,620. The contract will be utilized to maintain the turf grass and shrubbery on



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various City medians, rights of ways, and greenspaces on Hutchinson Island.  
**(APPROVED #13 through #23 UNANIMOUSLY)**

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Repair Services for a Bulldozer with Caterpillar in c/o Yancey Brothers in the Amount of \$30,513. Replacement of the bulldozer's undercarriage is needed to maintain the equipment and typically takes place once the machine surpasses 2,000 runtime hours. The unit is the primary waste handling machine at the Dean Forest Landfill.  
**(APPROVED #13 through #23 UNANIMOUSLY)**
15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Groundwater Compliance Consulting Services with Advanced Environmental Management, Inc. for up to \$50,000. The service will be used to conduct groundwater and surface water sampling and analysis, as well as consultation for the Dean Forest Road Landfill.  
**(APPROVED #13 through #23 UNANIMOUSLY)**
16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for SCADA Annual Maintenance for Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System with Emerson Process Management (LOCAL) in the Amount of \$88,064. The annual maintenance contract maintains the SCADA network used by the Public Works and Water Resources Department. **(APPROVED #13 through #23 UNANIMOUSLY)**
17. Notification of an Emergency Purchase to Repair the Recreational Docks at Rousakis Plaza with Myrick Marine (LOCAL) in the Amount of \$103,147. The recreational dock was damaged at the junction of two interior waler beams from a log wedged in the middle of a float. **(APPROVED #13 through #23 UNANIMOUSLY)**
18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification Number One and Renewal for Smartsheet Software with Smartsheet, Inc. in the Amount of \$133,450. The City uses this software as a project management center that allows City Staff to assign tasks, track progress of projects and tasks, manage calendars, share and edit documents. **(APPROVED #13 through #23 UNANIMOUSLY)**
19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Tree Planting Services to Sam-Jay Services, Inc. (LOCAL) in the Amount of \$193,069. The contract will be



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utilized to procure and install approximately three hundred trees of specific species throughout the year. **(APPROVED #13 through #23 UNANIMOUSLY)**

20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for One-Ton Chlorine Cylinders with Allied Universal in the Amount of \$322,350. The one-ton chlorine cylinders will be used by the Industrial and Domestic Water Department and Water Reclamation Department to disinfect drinking water and wastewater effluent. **(APPROVED #13 through #23 UNANIMOUSLY)**
21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for the Enmarket Arena Commercial Washers and Dryers with Stafford Smith in the Amount of \$6,202. Commercial washers and dryers will be used by arena staff for various events. This modification is necessary due to supply chain shortages. **(APPROVED #13 through #23 UNANIMOUSLY)**
22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for the Fall Protection System at the Savannah Arena with Evan Fall Protection in the Amount of \$38,000. As part of the Arena Project, the system allows safe worker access/fall protection for roof and suspension trusses for events and building equipment above the main floor of the arena building. **(APPROVED #13 through #23 UNANIMOUSLY)**
23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Membership Dues with GMA (Georgia Municipal Association) in the Amount of \$40,427. GMA is an advocate for cities and offers a wide range of services, training programs, and resources aimed at strengthening cities and enhancing the quality of life of the citizens. **(APPROVED #13 through #23 UNANIMOUSLY)**

**RESOLUTIONS**

24. Appearance and Recognition of Memorial Health University Medical Center's Donation of \$30,000 to the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund. These contributions will provide the down payment necessary to help modest wage Memorial Health employees purchase their first home in the City of Savannah. None of the funds will be used for administrative purposes. **(APPROVED #24 and #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**



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25. Approval of a Resolution Accepting a \$2,500 Donation from the Community Housing Services Agency, Inc.'s (CHSA) via the Weyerhaeuser Giving Fund to the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund. This donation was granted to CHSA as a result of a competitive grant award. None of the funds will be used for administrative purposes. **(APPROVED #24 and #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**

**Heard after #9.**

26. Approval of a Resolution Supporting the Commissioning of the Littoral Combat Ship USS Savannah (LCS-28) in Brunswick, GA, on February 5, 2022. This ship is the sixth Navy warship to bear the name Savannah. The Savannah was built by the Austal Shipyards in Mobile., AL, and is slated to be homeported in San Diego, CA once commissioned. **(APPROVED #26 UNANIMOUSLY)**
27. Approval of a Resolution Ratifying the Mayor's December 22, 2021 Emergency Order Requiring Masks or Facial Coverings Within the City to Slow the Spread of COVID-19. **(APPROVED #27 UNANIMOUSLY)**

**REAL ESTATE ITEM**

28. Approval to Grant an Easement to Simcoe at Canal Towns, LLC to Cross the Savannah-Ogeechee Canal. Simcoe at Canal Towns, LLC (Simcoe) is seeking to develop a townhome project in the Savannah Quarters community in the City of Pooler. Their site is bifurcated by the Savannah Ogeechee Canal (Canal), a City of Savannah owned historic canal and drainage facility. **(APPROVED #28 UNANIMOUSLY)**

**CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**

29. Settlement #1. **(APPROVED #29 UNANIMOUSLY)**

**Mayor Pro-Tem Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney's Office to resolve the claim of Samuel Jackson for \$55,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.**

30. Settlement #2. **(APPROVED #30 UNANIMOUSLY)**



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Mayor Pro-Tem Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney's Office to resolve the claim of Michael Vachon for \$35,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

Following various announcements made by Council Members, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:42 p.m.