



Work Session and City Manager's Briefing

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 4:03 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Purtee to offer an invocation.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Alderman Kesha Gibson-Carter, Post 1 – At-Large
Alderman Alicia Miller Blakely, Post 2 – At-Large
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. Discussion Regarding Board Appointments. **[PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and a list was reviewed by the Members of Council. Only the Historic District Board of Review (HDBR) and Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) listings were considered.]**
2. Housing Authority of Savannah Update. **[PRESENTED by Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Savannah Earline Davis]**

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Work Session at 5:41 p.m.



Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:31 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan who introduced local real estate professionals of Ukrainian descent, Mr. Ivan Shalavuta and Ms. Inna Adams, to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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AGENDA ITEMS:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for March 24, 2022. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY, with the addition of Board Appointments, agenda item #27)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on March 10, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY)**



3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on March 10, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY)**

PRESENTATIONS

4. A Proclamation Declaring March 26th as Mamie George S. Williams Advocacy Day in Savannah. A voter registration and education event will be held on Saturday March 26, 2022, noon - 2 p.m. in the King Frazier Student Center Ballroom at Savannah State University. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan to Ms. Elaine Shavers Campbell, President, Savannah Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., with other members present)**
5. Recognition of the Savannah State University (SSU) Men Basketball Team and Coach Horace Broadnax for winning the 2022 Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) Championship along with the SSU Lady's Basketball Team and Coach Cedric Baker as the 2022 SIAC Runner-Ups. **(NOT PRESENTED)**

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

6. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License to Krunal Patel for 3G, A Convenience Store at 703 Wheaton Street, Between Randolph and Harmon Streets in Aldermanic District 2. (Staff Recommend Continuation of Item **(CONTINUED/HELD #6 UNANIMOUSLY to the April 14, 2022 Council Meeting, as recommended by staff)**)

ZONING HEARINGS

7. Petition of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, Georgia for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone ~3.85 acres at 4801 Meding Street (PIN 20108 01001) from C-P (Conservation-Park) to RMF- 2 (Residential Multifamily-2) in Aldermanic District 5. File No. 22-000531-ZA.

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing for #7 open.

Speaker(s) present:

- **Marcus Lotson, MPC representative**
- **City Manager Melder**



- **Sherry Harris – SUPPORTED**
- **April James – SUPPORTED**
- **Michael and Brittanie Neal – SUPPORTED**
- **Genea C. Robertson – SUPPORTED**
- **Pat Gunn – SUPPORTED**
- **Dr. Bernita R. Smalls – SUPPORTED**
- **Thurmond N. Tillman – SUPPORTED**
- **Bill Gross – SUPPORTED**

CLOSED HEARING for #7 UNANIMOUSLY. See #11 for a vote.

Written comment(s) received:

- **Gloria Youmans – SUPPORTED**
- **Bianca Graham – SUPPORTED**
- **Shalonda Spann – SUPPORTED**
- **Catrina Bristol – SUPPORTED**
- **Alisa Campbell – SUPPORTED**
- **David Jones – SUPPORTED**
- **Pat Gunn – SUPPORTED**

8. Petition of Ellen Harris from Ethos Preservation on Behalf of Heath Shelton for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone Williams Street (PIN 20084 05003) from B-N (Neighborhood Business) to TC-1 (Traditional Commercial-1) in Aldermanic District 3. File No. 22-000444-ZA. **CONTINUED/HELD #8 UNANIMOUSLY to the April 14, 2022 Council Meeting. Companion agenda item #12 was also HELD.**

Written comment(s) received:

- **Donald Perry – OPPOSED**

9. Petition of Harold and Josh Yellin on Behalf of Jennifer J. Collins and Paula D. Collins to Rezone 618 East Montgomery Crossroads (PIN 20494 04023) from RSF-6 (Residential Single Family) to OI-T (Office-Institutional Transition) in Aldermanic District 4. File No. 22-000445-ZA.

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing for #9 open.

Speaker(s) present:



- **Marcus Lotson, MPC representative**

CLOSED HEARING for #9 UNANIMOUSLY. See #13 for a vote.

10. Petition of Carlton J. Ray on Behalf of Drayton Parker Companies, LLC to Zone 1750 Grove Point Road & 1754 Pine Grove Road (PINs 10993A04001 and 10993A04002) from P-B (Planned Business) to B-C (Community Business) and to Zone 1758 Pine Grove Road (PIN 10993A05001) from R-A (Residential Agriculture) to R-A-CO (Residential Agriculture-County) to Support Annexation Petition. File No. 22-000483-ZA.

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing for #10 open.

Speaker(s) present:

- **Marcus Lotson, MPC representative**
- **Daniel Ben-Yisrael (Parker's Real Estate Development Manager, representing the petitioner)**

Written comment(s):

- **Carolyn and Tony Davis – OPPOSED**

CLOSED HEARING for #10 UNANIMOUSLY. See #15.

ORDINANCES – FIRST AND SECOND READING

11. Petition of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, Georgia for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone ~3.85 acres at 4801 Meding Street (PIN 20108 01001) from C-P (Conservation-Park) to RMF- 2 (Residential Multifamily-2) in Aldermanic District 5. File No. 22-000531-ZA. **(After the first reading was considered the second reading, APPROVED #11 UNANIMOUSLY)**
12. Petition of Ellen Harris from Ethos Preservation on Behalf of Heath Shelton for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone Williams Street (PIN 20084 05003) from B-N (Neighborhood Business) to TC-1 (Traditional Commercial-1) in Aldermanic District 3. File No. 22-000444-ZA. **(CONTINUED/HELD #12 UNANIMOUSLY to the April 14, 2022 Council Meeting)**
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Aldermanic District 4. File No. 22-000445-ZA. **(After the first reading was considered the second reading, APPROVED #13 UNANIMOUSLY)**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

14. Approval of Annexation of 2.593 Acres on Sweetwater Station Drive near Abercorn Street. (Carlton J. Ray Petitioner) The land under petition is contiguous to existing city territory and therefore, can be annexed by ordinance adopted by City Council. **(FIRST READING ONLY for #14)**

15. Petition of Carlton J. Ray on Behalf of Drayton Parker Companies, LLC to Zone 1750 Grove Point Road & 1754 Pine Grove Road (PINs 10993A04001 and 10993A04002) from P-B (Planned Business) to B-C (Community Business) and to Zone 1758 Grove Point Road (PIN 10993A05001) from R-A (Residential Agriculture) to R-A-CO (Residential Agriculture-County) to Support Annexation Petition. File No. 22-000483-ZA. **(FIRST READING ONLY for #15)**

PURCHASING ITEMS

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Walker Gear Drive Assembly with Walker Process Equipment for \$27,950. This gear drive assembly removes approximately 1100 gallons of settle sludge from the bottom of the clarifier at the Water Reclamation Plant. **(APPROVED #16 & #21 UNANIMOUSLY)**

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification of an Engineering Agreement with Thomas & Hutton Engineering (Local) for Ogeechee Road Water & Sewer Relocation Design Services in the Amount of \$83,100. This modification is necessary due to the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) planning to widen Ogeechee Road from I-516 to Victory Drive. **(APPROVED #17 UNANIMOUSLY)**

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Decorative Lighting with Georgia Power for Phase III of the Revitalizing Waters Avenue Project in the Amount of \$250,000. **(APPROVED #18 UNANIMOUSLY)**



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19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Phase III of Waters Avenue Revitalization with Johnson-Laux, LLC (LOCAL, DBE) in the Amount of \$1,162,337. The Waters Avenue Phase III Streetscape Project is for the construction of a new streetscape along Waters Avenue between 37th Street and Victory Drive Right-of-Way. **(APPROVED #19 UNANIMOUSLY)**
20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Two Contracts for Temporary Staffing Services with Manpower (Primary) (Local) and Chatham Personnel Enterprises (Secondary) (Local) in an Estimated Amount of \$1,525,695 (Event No. 7520). The Human Resources Department will use the contract to centralize and coordinate temporary staffing services to control costs. **(APPROVED #20 UNANIMOUSLY)**
21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Portable AV Equipment with B & H Foto & Electronics Corporation in the Amount of \$56,848. This will provide AV and Conference room equipment for the Enmarket Arena. **(APPROVED #16 and #21 UNANIMOUSLY)**
22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal and Modification for License Plate Reader Cameras with Flock Safety in the Amount of \$120,000. The additional cameras will be installed throughout the City and the primary benefit of this technology is its ability to analyze vehicle license plates, vehicle color, and vehicle make. **(APPROVED #22 UNANIMOUSLY)**

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23. Approval of a Contract with TRP Construction Group for the Runway Paint Cleaning and Thermoplastic Sign Replacements Project (Phase II), in the Amount of \$83,650. **(APPROVED #23, #24, #25 and #26 UNANIMOUSLY)**
24. Approval to Participate in the 2022 Visit Savannah Co-Op Digital Advertising Campaign in the Amount of \$300,000. **(APPROVED #23, #24, #25 and #26 UNANIMOUSLY)**
25. Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Chatham County for Computer-Aided Dispatch Services, in the Amount of \$337,460. **(APPROVED #23, #24, #25 and #26 UNANIMOUSLY)**



26. Approval of Two Co-Op Advertising Campaign Partnerships with the Hilton Head Island – Bluffton Chamber of Commerce, in the Amount of \$600,000. **(APPROVED #23, #24, #25 and #26 UNANIMOUSLY)**

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

27. Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Authorities. **(Through two separate motions/votes, APPROVED #27 UNANIMOUSLY, pursuant to the two lists of names provided below)**

Historic District Board of Review (HDBR)

- **Melissa Memory – reappointment**
- **Thomas L. Thomson – appointment**
- **David Altschiller – reappointment**
- **Karen M. Guinn – appointment**
- **Michael Higgins – appointment**
- **Melissa H. Rowan – appointment**
- **Nan Taylor – reappointment**
- **Ellie Isaacs – reappointment**

Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)

- **Keyshawn Housey – appointment**
- **Kiersten Connor – appointment**
- **Mae Bowley – appointment**
- **Kathy S. Ledvina – appointment**
- **William S. Santiago – appointment**
- **Virginia Mobley – reappointment**
- **Darren Bagley-Heath – reappointment**

RESOLUTIONS

28. Approval of a Resolution Supporting the Establishment of Housing Savannah, Inc. Under the Umbrella of the Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. (CHSA) and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with Housing Savannah, Inc. Providing up to \$300,000 Approved in the FY 2022 Budget to Support the Administrative costs of the New Non-governmental Organization. **(APPROVED #28 UNANIMOUSLY)**



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29. Resolution Imposing a Temporary Stay on the Issuance of Any New License or Permit Related to the Sale and/or Distribution of Medicinal Marijuana for a Period of 180 Days. **(APPROVED #29 UNANIMOUSLY)**

AGREEMENTS

30. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Georgia Crown Distribution Company for Georgia Crown Truck Court, A Development Consisting of a Truck Storage Lot with a Small Office Trailer. **(APPROVED #30 UNANIMOUSLY)**

REAL ESTATE ITEM

31. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Agreement to Acquire Real Property Located at 719 Cleland Street at Appraised Value. **(APPROVED #31 UNANIMOUSLY)**

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

32. Settlement #1.
Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney's Office to resolve the claim of Kerry Milledge for \$36,250.00, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

City Manager Melder announced Savannah Fire Department has extinguished the wood chip fire again, all thanks to them!

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan extended a shout-out and prayers to Mr. Hollis Johnson, from Above and Beyond. He does a lot of business with the city and he volunteers a lot with men, kids and the elderly within the community. He was in a car accident, and we wish him a speedy recovery.



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Aldermen Leggett announced Pete Liakakis has been hospitalized and we pray for him.

Mayor Johnson extended Happy Birthday greetings to our 61st Mayor, Otis Johnson, who will turn 80 years old on Saturday.

Following the announcements, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.