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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 4:32 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Purtee to offer a prayer.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding  
Alderman Keshia 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 Fox

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. Safe Streets for All - Vision Zero. **[PRESENTED by City Manager Melder and Stephen Henry, Senior Director, Transportation Services]**
2. Roadbotics. **[PRESENTED by City Manager Melder and Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd]**

Following questions and comments from members of the City Council, Mayor Johnson adjourned the Work Session at 6:04 p.m.



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

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The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:32 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderswoman Bernetta Lanier who introduced Reverend Stephen Robertson, Pastor of Butler Memorial Presbyterian Church, to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding  
Alderswoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, Post 1 – At-Large  
Alderswoman Alicia Miller Blakely, Post 2 – At-Large  
Alderswoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1  
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2  
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**ALSO, PRESENT:**  
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Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret F. Fox

### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for February 23, 2023. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0).**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on February 7, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0).**
3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on February 7, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0).**



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**PRESENTATIONS**

4. An Appearance by Dr. Bonzo Reddick, the Newly Appointed Health Director of the Coastal Health District. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson).**

**ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS**

5. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Jacqueline Somesso for Sloppee Toppee, a Restaurant at 1308 Montgomery Street Located between West Henry and West Anderson Streets in Aldermanic District 2. (City Manager recommends denial)

**Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for #5.**

**Speaker(s):**

- **Jacqueline Somesso, applicant (spoke 3 times)**
- **Tony Riley – IN SUPPORT**
- **Nancy Maia (Victorian Neighborhoods Association) – OPPOSED**

**Written comment(s) received:**

- **Joseph Serpa (Old Savannah Tours) – OPPOSED**
- **Nancy Maia (Victorian Neighborhoods Association) – OPPOSED**

**(CONTINUED #5 UNANIMOUSLY to the March 9, 2023 pending a good neighbor agreement, City Council Meeting, 9-0-0).**

6. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Pok Holbrook for Korea Garden, a Restaurant at 20 East DeRenne Avenue between Bull and Abercorn Streets in Aldermanic District 4.

**Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for #6.**

**No speaker(s).**

**CLOSED HEARING for #6 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.**

**(APPROVED #6 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0).**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

7. Second of Two Public Hearings to Adopt the Impact Fee Ordinance. (Note: The Resolution to Adopt Capital Improvements Element must occur prior to approving this item)

**Speaker(s):**



- **John Mowry (Homebuilders Assoc.) – OPPOSED**
  - **Keri Martin (Homebuilders Assoc.) – OPPOSED**
  - **Ben Wall Jr. (garbage man and developer) – OPPOSED**
  - **Blake Greco and Daniel Ben-Yisrael – OPPOSED**
  - **William Ross, consultant**
- CLOSED HEARING for #7 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.**

### **ZONING HEARINGS**

8. Petition of Josh Yellin (Agent) on Behalf of Michael T. Condon of Vintage Home Builders, LLC (Owner) to Amend the Zoning Map from TN-3 (Traditional Neighborhood-3) to TC-1 (Traditional Commercial-1) for a 0.18 Acre Parcel Located at 1401 Paulsen Street (PIN 20054 10001), District 2 (File No. 22-005905-ZA).

**Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for #8 and #9.**

**Speaker(s):**

- **Marcus Lotson, MPC representative**
- **Josh Yellin, representing applicant.**

**CLOSED HEARING for #8 and #9, UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.**

9. Petition of Josh Yellin (Agent) on Behalf of Michael T. Condon of Vintage Home Builders, LLC (Owner) for a Special Use Permit with Conditions to Allow a Microbrewery at the 0.18 Acre Parcel Located at 1401 Paulsen Street (PIN 20054 10001), District 2 (File No. 22-005905-ZA).

**Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for #8 and #9.**

**Speaker(s):**

- **Marcus Lotson, MPC representative**
- **Josh Yellin, representing applicant**

**CLOSED HEARING for #8 and #9, UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.**

**(APPROVED #9, UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0).**

10. petition of Robert McCorkle (Agent) on Behalf of Paul Amrien (Owner) to Amend the Zoning Map from RSF-6 (Residential Single Family - 6,000 square foot lot minimum) to OI (Office Institutional) for a 1.14 Acre Property Located at 5106 Skidaway Road (PIN 20137 01003), District 3 (File No. 22-005903-ZA). Petitioner



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has requested to continue until March 9, 2023. **(Item #10 POSTPONED/CONTINUED to March 9, 2023, City Council Meeting).**

#### **ORDINANCES – FIRST AND SECOND READINGS**

11. Petition of Josh Yellin (Agent) on Behalf of Michael T. Condon of Vintage Home Builders, LLC (Owner) to Amend the Zoning Map from TN-3 (Traditional Neighborhood-3) to TC-1 (Traditional Commercial-1) for a 0.18 Acre Parcel Located at 1401 Paulsen Street (PIN 20054 10001), District 2 (File No. 22-005905-ZA). **(APPROVED #11, UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0).**  
**(After the first reading was considered the second reading, Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #11, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0).**

#### **ORDINANCES – SECOND READING**

12. Adoption of the Impact Fee Ordinance. (Note: The Resolution to Adopt Capital Improvements Element must occur prior to approving this item). **(APPROVED #12, with Alderman Palumbo voting no, 8-1-0).**

#### **PURCHASING ITEMS**

13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Street Sweeper Brooms with Keystone Plastics, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$135,000. The Sanitation Department will use the street sweeper brooms for the operation of the City of Savannah's Sanitation Street Cleaning Division. (Sanitation) **(APPROVED #13 through #20, UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0).**
14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Aluminum Sulfate with Chemtrade Chemicals Corporation in an Amount Not to Exceed \$800,000. Aluminum Sulfate is used for the water treatment process to assist in the coagulation removal of solids from incoming raw water. (Industrial & Domestic Water Plant) **(APPROVED #13 through #20, UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0).**



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15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for Sidewalk, Curb, and Cobblestone Repair with Savannah River Utilities (LOCAL) (Prime) and Savannah Paving (Secondary) in the Amount of \$240,000. The increase will fund the construction of improvements of the Springfield Canal and permanent concrete traffic tables that will replace existing temporary tables, which will allow for the relocation of temporary tables to new approved locations. (Transportation Services) **(APPROVED #13 through #20, UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0).**
16. Notification of an Emergency Purchase to Remove Multiple Ballfield Lights with Trinity Electrical Services, Inc in an Amount Not to Exceed \$76,820. The services will be used to provide an appropriate and safe level of service for the Recreation & Leisure Services Department's Youth Baseball Programs at the Guy Minick Complex. (Recreation & Leisure Services) **(APPROVED #13 through #20, UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0).**
17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for Heavy Equipment Rentals with Savannah River Utilities (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$419,295. Heavy equipment must be readily available on-site at the Dean Forest Landfill and the Sanitation Department uses this contract to stay Environmental Protection Division (EPD) compliant. (Sanitation) **(APPROVED #13 through #20, UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0).**
18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Pharmacy Benefit Manager with Maxor in the Amount of \$18,684,650 over three (3) years. The contract is used by the City of Savannah to provide pharmacy prescription services for the self-funded pharmacy plan. (Human Resources) **(APPROVED #13 through #20, UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0).**
19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 and the Annual Renewal for Armed Security Services with Sunstates Security, LLC in an Amount of up to \$2,840,971. This contract covers the following locations: City Hall (24hr), President Street Water Plant (24hrs), Floyd Adams Complex (24hrs), Parking Garages (24hrs), Coastal Georgia Center, Ellis Square, I&D Water Treatment Plant, Forsyth Café, 5515 Abercorn Building, and the Thomas Gamble Building. Additionally, coverage is provided for special events such as St. Patrick's Day and the Christmas Tree Detail. Total number of annual hours is approximately 110,000. (Risk Management) **APPROVED #13 through #20, UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0).**



20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Procure Two Fire Engines/Pumpers Equipment and Either One Truck or Rescue Vehicle from Sutphen Corporation in an Amount Not to Exceed \$4,500,000. The primary purposes of a fire apparatus are transporting firefighters, water supply, and carrying equipment for a wide range of firefighting and rescue tasks. Due to the rapid growth and annexation of land under new development, there is a need to add fire apparatus in the south-west areas of Savannah and Hutchinson Island. (Fleet) **(APPROVED #13 through #20, UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0).**

## **RESOLUTIONS**

21. Adoption of the Capital Improvements Element (CIE) as an Amendment to the Chatham County-Savannah Comprehensive Plan (Plan 2040) (Note: The Resolution to Adopt the CIE must occur prior to the 2nd Public Hearing and Reading of the Development Impact Fee Ordinance). **(APPROVED #21, with Alderman Palumbo voting no, 8-1-0).**
22. Adoption of a Resolution to Exempt Affordable Housing from the Payment of Development Impact Fees as Outlined. **(APPROVED #22 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0).**

## **REAL ESTATE ITEMS**

23. Authorize the City Manager to Accept Donation of Real Property Located at 2100 Little Neck Road (37.59 acres) Near the Intersection of New Hampstead Parkway for a Future Public Safety Site at No-Cost to the City Aside from Real Estate Closing Fees. **(APPROVED #23 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0).**
24. Authorize the City Manager to Approve the Fourth Amendment to a Lease Agreement at 1900 Victory Drive, Suite B5, for the Savannah Police Department's Office of Professional Standards Located at the McAlpin Square Shopping Center. **(APPROVED #24 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0).**

## **CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**

25. Settlement #1. **(APPROVED #25 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**



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Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney's office to resolve the claim of Terrell Jones in the amount of \$85,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

26. Approval of the Installation of a Historical Marker on Public Property in Dixon Park Near the Intersection of East Henry Street and Java Place to Commemorate Suffragist and Community Leader Mamie George Williams. In 1924, Williams became the first woman from Georgia and the first African American woman in the nation to serve on the Republican National Committee. **(APPROVED #26 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0).**
  
27. Added Item - Appearance by the Savannah Arts Academy Girls Cross Country Team Along with Coach Steven Ricciardi to Recognize the Team for Winning the 2022 GHSA Class 2A State Championship. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson).**
  
28. Added Item - Savannah Airport Commission - Approval to Execute a 5-Year Contract with Sterling Seacrest Pritchard, in the Amount of \$506,000. **(APPROVED #28 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0).**

Following a few announcements, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:27 p.m.