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SUMMARY/FINAL MINUTES

COUNCIL WORK SESSION & CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

JANUARY 14, 2021 – 11:00 a.m.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the City Council Work Session and City Manager's Briefing was held via Zoom video communications at 11:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

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

OTHERS PRESENT:
Acting City Manager Michael B. Brown
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Workshop Agenda Items

1. Boards, Commissions and Authorities - Discussion

Board Positions for Mayor and Alderman_20200227.pdf

UPDATED 01112021_Available Appointments through December 31 2020.pdf

The work session (by Zoom video) reconvened at 12:09 p.m.

- Boards, Commissions and Authorities - Discussion. (DISCUSSED by Mayor and Aldermen)

  The Mayor, Aldermen and Alderwomen reviewed the list of applicants and openings provided by the Clerk of Council, in order to consider the appointments during the regular meeting by vote. The discussed ended at 12:58 p.m.

At the request of the City Manager, the Mayor and Aldermen convened another closed executive session regarding Real Estate.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the work session and hold a closed Executive Session regarding real estate, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

The executive session began at 1:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the executive session and adjourn the work session, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

There was no action taken.

2. Real Estate and Personnel Discussion

Mayor Johnson moved Item #2 up on the Agenda.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the work session and hold a closed Executive Session regarding personnel, litigation and real estate, seconded by Alderman Palumbo and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

The executive session began at 11:01 a.m., regarding Personnel and litigation.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the executive session and return to the work session, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

The executive session ended at 12:06 p.m.

There was no action taken.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Work Session at 1:36 p.m.

The audio recordings of the work sessions can be found by copying and inserting the below links in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 14, 2021 – 2:00 p.m.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the regular meeting of the City Council was held via Zoom video communications at 2:00 p.m. Following the roll call, Mayor Johnson introduced Reverend Dr. Richard L. Hall, Sr., Pastor of Second Arnold Baptist Church, to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman
Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem
Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

OTHERS PRESENT:

Acting City Manager Michael Brown
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

INVOCATION

1. Details Regarding the Presenter of the Invocation will be Forthcoming

The Invocation was presented by Reverend Dr. Richard L. Hall, Sr., Pastor of Second Arnold Baptist Church.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for January 14, 2021

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the meeting agenda as presented, Alderwoman Lanier, Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Following the adoption of the agenda, Mayor Johnson moved-up Agenda Item #51, an appearance by Ms. Audrey King, Regional Director for Georgia Power.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. Approval of Minutes for the Special Called Meeting Regarding the 2021 Budget (Hearing, Revenue Ordinance, and Service Program and Budget) Held on Friday,

December 18, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.

Exhibit 1: Minutes - December 18, 2020 City Council Special Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #3 and #4, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on Tuesday, December 22, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Minutes - December 22, 2020 City Council Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #3 and #4, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA - (This section shall include all routine items for which it is anticipated there will be no debate or requests for public input. Any Alderman can remove consent items for discussion or separate consideration.)

5. Approval of a Resolution Accepting a $3,000 Donation from Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. via South State Bank for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund

Exhibit 1: Donation Resolution CHSA.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #25, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Johnson thanked Community Housing Services Agency for the $3,000.00 donation for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund.

6. Approval of a Resolution Accepting a $30,000 Donation from Memorial Health University Medical Center for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund

Exhibit 1: Resolution- Memorial Health.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #25, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Johnson thanked Memorial Health University Medical Center for the $30,000.00 donation for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund.

7. Approval of a Resolution Accepting a $15,000 Donation from St. Joseph's/Candler for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund

Exhibit 1: Resolution - SJCHS.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #25, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Johnson thanked St. Joseph's/Candler for the $15,000.00 donation for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund.

8. Approval of a Resolution Ratifying the Mayor's January 6, 2020 Extension of Emergency Mask or Face Covering Order

Exhibit 1: Resolution - Renewal of Mayor's Emergency Order.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #25, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Renewal Agreement for Mitel Telephone Maintenance with CNP Technologies in the Amount of $80,437.58 (Event No. 8270)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Mitel Phone System Annual Maintenance.docx

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Mitel Phone System Annual Maintenance.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #25, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Environmental Compliance Services (for Compliance Management, Reporting and Monitoring to Ensure Landfill Compliance with State and Federal Regulations) with Atlantic Coast Consulting, Inc. for up to $65,000 (Event No. 6411)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Environmental Compliance Services.docx

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Environmental Compliance Services.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #25, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Curbside Residential Recycling Carts with Innovative Packaging Leaders, Inc. for up to $57,614 (Event No. 6530)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Curbside Recycling Carts.docx

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Curbside Recycling Carts.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #25, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for the Purchase of Commercial-Type Roll-off Containers with Lewis Steel Works for up to $45,785 (Event No. 7696)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Commercial Roll-off Containers.docx

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Commercial Roll-off Containers.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #25, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Cemetery Records Management Software Maintenance with CemSites in the Amount of $38,730 (Event No. 4654)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Cemetery Records Management Software Maintenance.docx

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Cemetery Records Management Software Maintenance.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #25, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Streetscape Litter and Recycling Receptacles with SiteScapes, Inc. for up to $35,695 (Event No.4884)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Streetscape Litter & Recycling Receptacles.docx

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Streetscape Litter & Recycling Receptacles.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #25, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Scrap Tire Disposal Services with Quality Tire Recycling, Inc. for up to $35,000 (Event No. 7459)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Scrap Tire Disposal.docx

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Scrap Tire Disposal.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #25, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Renewal Agreement for Maintenance of a Malware Protection Platform with Malwarebytes, Inc. in the Amount of $25,000 (Event No. 8269)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Malwarebytes.docx

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Malwarebytes.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #25, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Storm Debris Removal Services During Declared Disasters with Three Vendors for an Amount that Will Vary Based on the Severity of the Disaster (Event No. 6481)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Storm Debris Removal.docx

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Storm Debris Removal.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #25, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for an Office Trailer Lease with William Scotsman in the Amount of $69,313 (Event No. 7472)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Office Trailer Lease.docx

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Office Trailer Lease.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #25, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Final Project Closeout Amendment for Repairs to the Bryan Street Garage with Restocon Construction Company in the Amount of $28,433.41 (Event No. 7197)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Bryan Street Parking Garage Amendment.docx

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Bryan Street Parking Garage Amendment.docx

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #25, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Final Project Closeout Amendment for the Holly Heights Park Development Contract with Johnson-Laux in the Amount of $15,048.15 (Event No. 7287)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Holly Heights Park Development Amendment.docx

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Holly Heights Park Development Amendment.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #25, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Final Project Closeout Amendment for the Twickenham Greenspace Project with Johnson Laux in the Amount of $10,285 (Event No. 7472)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary-Twickenham Final Project Amendment.docx

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Twickenham Final Project Amendment.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #25, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Final Project Closeout Amendment for the Stratford Park Improvements Project with Johnson-Laux Construction, LLC in the Amount of $7,384.79 (Event No. 7922)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Stratford Park Final Amendment.docx

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Stratford Park Final Amendment.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #25, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

23. Authorize the City Manager to Award an Annual Contract for Welding and Fabrication Services to L&H Welding Services for up to $44,710 (Event No. 8106)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Structural Welding Services.docx

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Structural Welding Services.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #25, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

24. Authorize the City Manager to Procure 1,248 Refuse Carts from Wastequip, LLC in the Amount of $59,629.44 (Event No. 8230)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Residential Refuse Carts.docx

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Residential Refuse Carts.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #25, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

25. Notification of an Emergency Procurement of Landfill Conveyance Line Cleaning Services from Progressive Environmental in the Amount of $43,720 (Event No. 8206)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Conveyance Line Cleaning.docx

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Conveyance Line Cleaning.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #25, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PURCHASING ITEMS

26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Low Voltage Cabling & Network Services with NetPlanner Systems, Inc. for up to $800,000 (Event No. 7389)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Cabling & Networking Services.docx

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Cabling & Networking Services.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #26 through #28, and Items #30 through #33 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

27. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Landfill Cover Material with Sabe, Inc. for up to $175,000 (Event No. 6350)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Landfill Cover Material.docx

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Landfill Cover Material.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #26 through #28, and Items #30 through #33 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

28. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for External Audit Services with Mauldin and Jenkins in the Amount of $123,738 (Event No. 6648)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - External Audit Services.docx

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - External Audit Services.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #26 through #28, and Items #30 through #33 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

29. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Permits and Inspections Software Maintenance with Tyler Technologies in the Amount of $72,725.97 (Event No. 8190)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - EnerGov.docx

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - EnerGov.pdf

Acting City Manager Brown requested to remove and defer Item #29 for two (2) weeks.

30. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Final Project Closeout Amendment for the Mohawk Park Development Project with Johnson-Laux in the Amount of $198,315.06 (Event No. 7371)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Mohawk Park Final Amendment.docx

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Mohawk Park Final Amendment.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #26 through #28, and Items #30 through #33 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

31. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Construction Contract for the Renovation of Sanitation Interim Headquarters with F.H. Paschen Inc. in the Amount of $1,147,248 (Event No. 8271)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Sanitation HQ Renovations.docx

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Sanitation Headquarters Renovations.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #26 through #28, and Items #30 through #33 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

32. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Recorder's Court Probation Services with Southeast Corrections, LLC with No Cost to the City (Event No. 8152)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Probation Services.docx

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Probation Services.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #26 through #28, and Items #30 through #33 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

33. Authorize the City Manager to Procure Replacement Computer Technology Equipment (Laptops, Desktops, Monitors and Tablets) from Dell, Inc. (State Contract) for up to $751,000 (Event No.8267)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - IT Replacement Devices.docx

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - IT Replacement Devices.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #26 through #28, and Items #30 through #33 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

34. Approval to Purchase Mitigation Credits from A.A. Shaw for the Southeast Quadrant Stormwater Drainage Improvements Project in the Amount of $2,647,616

Exhibit 1: Plan - Mitigation Credits.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #34 through #37, Alderwoman Miller Blakely seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

35. Approval of a Five-Year Planned Service / Maintenance Agreement for a Security Management System with Johnson Controls, Inc. in the Amount of $231,597

Exhibit 1: Agreement - Security Maintenance System.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #34 through #37, Alderwoman Miller Blakely seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

36. Approval of a Five-Year Planned Service Agreement for Airport Police Technology Equipment with Axon Enterprise, Inc. in the Amount of $190,455.72

Exhibit 1: Agreement - Axon Enterprises Inc.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #34 through #37, Alderwoman Miller Blakely seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

37. Approval of Contract Amendment No. 3 with AECOM Technical Services for Additional Design Services for Stormwater Drainage Improvements in the Amount of $56,810

Exhibit 1: Agreement - Stormwater Drainage Improvements.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #34 through #37, Alderwoman Miller Blakely seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

38. Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Authorities

The Clerk of Council reminded Council there are a list of Boards for the appointment of the City Manager: the Metropolitan Planning Commission, the Pension Board, the Visit Savannah Board and the Savannah Resource Development Recovery Board.

a. Alderwoman Wilder Bryan moved to appoint Acting City Manager Brown or his designee to the Metropolitan Planning Commission, the Pension Board, the Visit Savannah Board and the Savannah Resource Development Recovery Board, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked if there was another appointment to the Pension Board. Mayor Johnson indicated there is only one (1) appointee from the Council.

Acting City Manager Brown reminded Council during the budget hearing a request was made for a Pension Briefing. He is in the process of preparing the Briefing for Members of Council and he will disburse when completed. There will follow an open session for employees.

b. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve a slate of names for the following Boards, Commissions and Authorities appointments/reappointments, Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Authorities, **made as follows:**

Cultural Affairs Commission – [Ten Openings]

- Antonio Hunter, received September 10, 2020 (nominated by KP)
- Tana Fileccia-Flagg, received September 18, 2020 (nominated jointly)
- Kristopher Monroe, received September 22, 2020 (nominated by KGC)
- Andrea Hall-Houston, received October 16, 2020 (nominated by DL)
- Patrick Kelsey, received October 20, 2020 (nominated by VJ)
- Sharon Wanda Aikens, received October 15, 2020 (nominated by LWB)
- Michael Chaney, received September 10, 2020 (nominated by AMB)
- Kareem McMichael, received September 15, 2020 (nominated by BL)
- Eileen Baker, received October 31, 2020 (nominated by NP)
- Doris Liggins, received December 7, 2020 (nominated by ES)

Downtown Savannah Authority – [One Opening]

- Jerrae M. Williams, received October 15, 2020 (nominated by AMB & BL)

Greater Savannah International Alliance – [Six Openings]

- Dominic M. Porter, received November 04, 2020 (nominated 5 jointly)
- Ruby C. Hall, received November 04, 2020 (nominated 5 jointly)
- Dr. Gina Smith, received November 10, 2020 (nominated 5 jointly)
- Frances X. Hayes, received November 18, 2020 (nominated 5 jointly)
- LeAndrea Mikell, received December 7, 2020 (nominated 5 jointly)

Historic Preservation Commission – [Three Openings]

- Margaret S. Aliffi, received December 7, 2020 (nominated 3 jointly)
- Robin Williams, received January 6, 2021 (nominated 3 jointly)
- Rebecca Fenwick, received January 11, 2021 (nominated 3 jointly)

Hospital Authority of Savannah – [One Opening on March 31, 2021]

- Darnell Johnson, received November 20, 2020 (nominated 2 jointly - ES)
- Joshua Moseler, received December 16, 2020 (nominated 2 jointly - KP)

Park and Tree Commission – [Seven Openings]

- Charles E. Vilushis, received October 15, 2020 (nominated 6 jointly)
- Sean Mannion, received October 12, 2020 (nominated 6 jointly)
- Hunter T. Hall, received October 28, 2020 (nominated 6 jointly)
- Eileen Baker, received October 31, 2020 (nominated 6 jointly)
- Emmanuel Zamudio, received November 13, 2020 (nominated 6 jointly)
- Margaret S. Alifi, received December 7, 2020 (nominated 6 jointly)

Pilotage Commission – [One Opening]

- Edward T. Brannen, Jr., received January 12, 2021 (nominated by ES)

Savannah-Chatham Council of Disability Issues – [Seven Openings]

- Chasity Fortson, received March 24, 2020 (nominated by BL)
- Dotti A. Black, received April 06, 2020 (nominated by LWB)
- Carol Stemsrud, received June 14, 2020 (nominated by DL)
- Sharon Wanda Aikens, received October 15, 2020 (nominated by KGC)
- Felicia Gibson, received October 13, 2020 (nominated by KP)
- Pamela Howard-Oglesby, received October 30, 2020 (nominated by VJ)
- Dr. Frank Lala, received November 12, 2020 (nominated by AMB)

Savannah/Chatham County Historic Sites and Monuments Commission (HS&M) – [Two Openings]

- Eileen Baker, received October 31, 2020 (nominated by NP) – (Vacant)
- Ashley A. Rainge, received December 29, 2020 (nominated by AMB) - (Henry)

Savannah Development and Renewal Authority – Twenty-five openings (PENDING STATE PROPOSAL to reduce # of seats to 17)

- Matthew Emmer, received February 13, 2020 (nominated 17 jointly)

- Barbara Cortese (need reappointment) (nominated 17 jointly)
- Chassidy Malloy (awaiting appointment) (nominated 17 jointly)
- Ebony Simpson (awaiting appointment) (nominated 17 jointly)
- Dawn Morgan (need reappointment) (nominated 17 jointly)
- Henry Reed II (Hank) (need reappointment) (nominated 17 jointly)
- Jason Pedigo (awaiting appointment) (nominated 17 jointly)
- T. Jerry Lominack (need reappointment) (nominated 17 jointly)
- John Bennett (need reappointment) (nominated 17 jointly)
- Samuel Evans (awaiting appointment) (nominated 17 jointly)
- Sarah Ward (awaiting appointment) (nominated 17 jointly)
- Hunter Hall, received March 03, 2020 (nominated 17 jointly)
- John Myers, received October 19, 2020 (nominated 17 jointly)
- Marysue McCarthy, received October 19, 2020 (nominated 17 jointly)
- Brad Baugh, received October 18, 2020 (nominated 17 jointly)
- Jason Pedigo, received October 21, 2020 (nominated 17 jointly)
- Stephen M. Plunk, received October 31, 2020 (nominated 17 jointly)

Savannah Recreation Commission – [Eight Openings]

- Terry McCoy, received February 02/12/2020 (nominated 2 jointly)
- John Larry Myers, received Mar 02 and Oct 23, 2020 (nominated 2 jointly)

Savannah Zoning Board of Appeals – [Two Openings]

- Larry Evans, received May 25, 2020 (nominated by BL)
- Stephen M. Plunk, received October 31, 2020 (nominated by LWB)

Traffic Calming Committee – [Four Openings]

- Gloria J. Williams (D1), received November 15, 2019 (nominated by BL)
- Hunter T. Hall (D2), received October 28, 2020 (nominated by DL)
- Rubin Huckabee (D3), received January 14, 2021 (nominated by LWB)
- Latasha Barnes (At-Large, Post 2), received Jan 14, 2021 (nominated by AMB)

c. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve the following appointments, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) – [Three Openings]

- Eric P. Curl, received October 28, 2020 (nominated by LWB)
- Margaret S. Aliffi, received December 7, 2020 (nominated by LWB)
- Armand J. Turner, received January 13, 2021 (nominated by NP)

d. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve the following appointments, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed, 7-0-2, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely not voting.

Coastal Workforce Development Board – [Two Openings]

- Taqwaa Saleem, received February 12, 2020 (nominated by BL)
- Raven George, received April 1, 2020 (nominated by LWB)

e. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve the following appointments, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Metropolitan Planning Commission – [Three Openings]

- Laureen Monica Boles, received January 24, 2020 (nominated by LWB)
- Elizabeth Epstein, received November 30, 2020 (nominated by LWB)
- Dwayne Stephens, received December 17, 2020 (nominated by VJ)

f. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve the following appointments, Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Savannah Airport Commission – [One Opening]

- Theodore (Ted) Kleisner, received January 13, 2021 (nominated by VJ)

g. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve the following appointments, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Savannah Economic Development Authority – [One Opening]

- Robert James, received January 11, 2021 (nominated by ES)

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

39. Approval of Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales for Ankur Patel of World of Beer at 112 W. Broughton Street (Aldermanic District 2)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - World of Beer.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - World of Beer.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - World of Beer.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - World of Beer.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearings for Items #39 through #43.

No speakers for Item #39.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol license hearings for Items #39, #40, #41 and #42, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #39, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

40. Approval of Class D (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Package) Alcohol License for Ashok M. Lakhani of ABC Beverages at 11418 Abercorn Street (Aldermanic District 6)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - ABC Beverages.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - ABC Beverages.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - ABC Beverages.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - ABC Beverages.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearings for Items #39 through #43.

No speakers for Item #40.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol license hearings for Items #39, #40, #41 and #42, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #40, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

41. Approval of Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By The Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Mohamed M. Eldbany of The Garage at 2605 Whitaker Street (Aldermanic District 2)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - The Garage.jpg

Exhibit 2: Density Map - The Garage.jpg

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - The Garage.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - The Garage.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearings for Items #39 through #43.

No speakers for Item #41.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol license hearings for Items #39, #40, #41 and #42, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #41, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

42. Approval of Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) with Sunday Sales for Salathia Singleton of The Avenue Bar & Grill at 1721 Waters Avenue (Aldermanic District 2)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - The Avenue Bar and Grill.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - The Avenue Bar and Grill.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - The Avenue Bar and Grill.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - The Avenue Bar and Grill.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearings for Items #39 through #43.

No speakers for Item #42.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol license hearings for Items #39, #40, #41 and #42, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Leggett reported the business located at 1721 Waters Avenue has historically been a hot spot for legal and illegal activity. Alderman Leggett has spoken with the petitioner and surrounding residents about the business and he is asking the the City's ABC to monitor the business and the corridor to protect the business and the residents. Mayor Johnson suggested a good neighbor agreement to be attached to the alcohol license. Alderman Leggett agreed with Mayor Johnson and will hold Item #42 to allow time to secure the good neighbor agreement.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to continue/postpone the hearing for Item #42 to the January 28, 2021 Meeting, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Later in the meeting:

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Mayor Johnson, since the petitioner for Item #42 has new management, shouldn't the City allow the establishment to become a good neighbor before requesting the good neighbor agreement. She questioned if the remaining petitioners for alcohol license on today's agenda should also be required to establish a good neighbor agreement. Mayor Johnson indicated it is not based on ownership, it is based on the history. The good neighbor agreement is for dialogue purposes.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Alderman Leggett, in working with City staff and the petitioner on the alcohol license application, was the good neighbor agreement discussed. Alderman Leggett answered, time did not allow for the good neighbor agreement to be delivered to the petitioner prior to today's meeting.

43. Approval of Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Ryan Williamson of Common Thread at 122 East 37th Street (Aldermanic District 2) [Note: This Item Should Be Considered After the Corresponding Zoning Hearing Item]

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Common Thread.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Common Thread.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Common Thread.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Common Thread.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearing for Item #43.

No Speakers for Item #43 (see Item #44).

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the hearing for Item #43, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #43, Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ZONING HEARINGS

44. Approval of a Special Use Permit to Allow Alcohol Sales by the Drink in Association with a Restaurant for the Property Located at 122 E. 37th Street (PIN 20065 14007). Petition of J. Patrick Connell (Agent) on Behalf of FARM Savannah Properties LLC (Owner), District 2 (File No. 20-005549-ZA)

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet (File No. 20-005549-ZA)

Exhibit 2: Map for 122 E. 37th Street

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearing.

HEARD before #43.

Speakers:

- Marcus Lotson, MPC - described project and reported MPC recommended approval of the special use permit.
- J. Patrick Connell (Agent) - outlined the restaurant's objectives and the parking.
- Mr. Christopher Shomo, President, Thomas Square Neighborhood Association - written letter of support sent to Council Members, as reported by the Clerk of Council.

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the hearing for Item #44, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #44, Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

45. Approval of a Special Use Permit to Allow Alcohol Sales by the Drink in Association with a Restaurant for the Property Located at 1313 Habersham Street (PIN 20053 12003). Petition of Robert McCorkle (Agent) on behalf of 1313 Habersham Street LLC (Owner), District 2 (File No. 20-005243-ZA)

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet (File No. 20-005243-ZA)

Exhibit 2: Map of 1313 Habersham Street (File No. 20-005243-ZA)

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearing for Item #45.

Speakers:

- Marcus Lotson, MPC - gave a brief description of the project. MPC recommended approval of the special use permit.
- Robert McCorkle - supported staff and MPC recommendations.
- Terry & Nancy Mann - Letter of support as reported by the Clerk of Council.
- Ryan Manson, Representative of Neighborhood Association - Letter of support as reported by the Clerk of Council.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #45, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #45, Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

46. Amend the Zoning Map for Corvair Avenue (PIN 20635 04007) from the RSF-6 (Single Family Residential) Zoning District to an I-L (Light-Industrial) Zoning District with Conditions. Petition of Jim Gerard (Agent) on behalf of Atlantic Marine Warehouse Company (Owner), District 1 (File No. 20-005048-ZA)

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet (File No. 20-005048-ZA)

Exhibit 2: Map of Corvair Avenue

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for Corvair Avenue (File No. 20-005048-ZA)

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearing for Item #46.

Speakers:

- Marcus Lotson, MPC - described the project. MPC recommended approval of the change with the stipulation for the trees to remain on the property.
- Jim Gerard (Agent) - supported the recommendation of MPC.

Following meetings with the petitioner and community associations, Alderwoman Lanier reported the community/neighborhood associations approve the change.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked Alderwoman Lanier how to access the property. Alderwoman Lanier answered, by Corvair Avenue. Mayor Johnson asked Mr. Gerard if the there was a single or double rail and if the railroad delivered cargo goods to the site. Mr. Gerard answered, it is a double rail and there is import and export on site from the rail cars.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Mr. Lotson for the recommendation of MPC. Mr. Lotson answered, MPC recommends approval of the changes as requested by the petitioner.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #46, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

47. Amend the Zoning Map for 1025, 1029, 1033, 1037, 1041, 1045, 1054 and Lynes Avenue (PINs 20632 01014, -015, -016, -017, 20631 02018, -019, -020, -028) from the I-L (Light Industrial) Zoning District to I-H (Heavy Industrial) Zoning District. Petition of Jane & Anthony Abbott Marital Trust et al. (Owner/Agent), District 1 (File No. 20-005170-ZA)

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet (File No. 20-005170-ZA)

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance for Lynes Avenue Properties (File No. 20005170-ZA)

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearing for Item #47.

Speakers:

- Marcus Lotson, MPC - described the area and request. MPC recommended denial of the I-H (Heavy Industrial) zoning request.
- Attorney Parker Morgan - opposes the change in zoning classification.
- Mr. Anthony H. Abbott - spoke in support of the change to I-H zoning. He requested City Council to return the property to the original I-H zoning classification.
- Anthony H. Abbott - written communication in support of returning to I-H (Heavy Industrial) zoning classification, per NewZo, as reported by the Clerk of Council.
- Philip Gigante - written communication opposing the rezoning as reported by the Clerk of Council.

Mayor Johnson asked Mr. Abbott while during the NewZo process why he didn't take advantage during the six month period to address the zoning change. Mr. Abbott replied he didn't receive the proper notifications from the City staff.

City Attorney Lovett reported notification for NewZo was proper for every property owner within the City limits.

Acting City Manager Brown gave reasons why the I-H zoning classification would not be a bad change for the property. His position is all manufacturing is not bad, it depends on the type of manufacturing. He suggested sending the request back to MPC for designations of each individual lots on the property.

Alderwoman Lanier asked Mr. Lotson the major difference between the I-L (Light Industrial) and the I-H (Heavy Industrial). Mr. Lotson supplied Alderwoman Lanier with a detailed description of the differences. Alderwoman Lanier reported after meetings and discussions with the area businesses and neighborhood association, they support the recommendation of MPC to deny the change in zoning classification. She added, all the business currently in the area are I-L zoning and changing the zoning to I-H could be detrimental to the current businesses and any future residential communities.

Alderman Palumbo noted Council needs to evaluate the current petitioner's request and in the future evaluate each individual property for I-L or I-H when presented before Council for consideration.

Mr. Abbott is in the process of selling the property and stated there will be no landfills or medical waste incinerator on the property. The new owners will undoubtedly meet/speak with the City staff during the due diligence period on the uses for the property. The property has many opportunities for

varies manufacturing uses. He is willing to send the request back to MPC for reconsideration. Mr. Abbott said the legal opinion of providing notices from City Attorney Lovett complies with the City requirements but does not comply with the due process and equal protection clauses of the Constitution.

Mr. Lotson informed Council the MPC had concerns for the uses proposed by Mr. Abbott on his application and felt the I-L zoning classification was sufficient. The MPC was not provided with any information regarding the potential uses of any new owners of the property.

If the property is rezoned, Mr. Abbott plans 'a call of offers' to sell the property. There is no certain purchaser at this time. The new owner will need to have a due diligence period and define the use of the property. All potential purchasers indicated the property was marketed as I-H, due to Mr. Abbott's description (Mr. Abbott checked later and found the property to have an I-L zoning classification).

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked Mr. Abbott what guarantee the City has, without an agreement, that any of the potential owners of the property will not put heavy manufacturing on the property since he advertised the property as I-H. Mr. Abbott answered, he does not know the new owner's use but they will need to comply with the City's zoning requirements. Since the City changed the zoning early last year to I-L after thirty-five years, Mr. Abbott is of the opinion the City should change the zoning back to I-H.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely informed Mr. Abbott she has met with some of the area residents and they are against the change to I-H zoning as it would negatively impact their quality of life.

Alderman Purtee moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #47, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to deny amending the zoning map for Item #47, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING

48. Amend the Zoning Map for Corvair Avenue (PIN 20635 04007) from the RSF-6 (Single Family Residential) Zoning District to an I-L (Light-Industrial) Zoning District with Conditions. Petition of Jim Gerard (Agent) on Behalf of Atlantic Marine Warehouse Company (Owner), District 1 (File No. 20-005048-ZA)

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After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #48 with conditions, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

49. Amend the Zoning Map for 1025, 1029, 1033, 1037, 1041, 1045, 1054 and Lynes Avenue (PINs 20632 01014, -015, -016, -017, 20631 02018, -019, -020, -028) from the I-L (Light Industrial) Zoning District to I-H (Heavy Industrial) Zoning District. Petition of Jane & Anthony Abbott Marital Trust et al. (Owner/Agent), District 1 (File No. 20-005170-ZA)

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet (File No. 20-005170-ZA)

Exhibit: Draft Ordinance for Lynes Avenue Properties (File No. 20005170-ZA)

Alderwoman Lanier moved to deny approval of Item #49, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS

50. Approval to Quit Claim a Portion of Battey Street – Petition #200305.

Exhibit 1: Map Battey St. ROW.pdf

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #50, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

51. Added Item: Presentation - An Appearance by Audrey King, Regional Director for Georgia Power

Following the adoption of the agenda, Mayor Johnson moved-up Agenda Item #51, an appearance and welcome to Ms. Audrey King, Regional Director for Georgia Power.

Ms. King thanked the Mayor and Aldermen/Alderwomen for the opportunity to appear before Council and gave a brief synopsis of her professional background and tenure with Georgia Power. She expressed her pleasure in coming to Savannah and she looks forward to working with the Council and residents.

CLOSING:

Alderwoman Miller Blakely sent congratulations to all the new police officers promoted. The City needs to do a better job of promoting and hiring more African Americans for police officers, fire fighters and department heads. There were only two African Americans out of twenty-two officers promoted.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely invited the residents to apply for Board appointments, especially the Savannah Recreation Commission. On January 28th there will be a raffle at Forsyth Park with the Garden Association to encourage residents to complete the survey on how they envision the future development of Forsyth Park.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan publicly announced Mayor Johnson's nomination for the100 Most Influential Georgians.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz encouraged residents to apply for Boards, Commissions, and Authorities through the Clerk of Council's office, especially the Savannah Recreation Commission.

Mayor Johnson expressed concern for the strange times in our Nation due to the pandemic. He is asking all residents to be safe, vigilant and watchful and to report any strange situations. Mayor Johnson asked area Churches, Synagogues, and citizens to turn on lights as City Hall will ring the bells next Tuesday, January 19th at 5:00 p.m. to honor those lives lost to COVID-19.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

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SUMMARY/FINAL MINUTES

COUNCIL WORK SESSION & CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

JANUARY 28, 2021 – 4:00 p.m.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the City Council Work Session and City Manager's Briefing was held via Zoom video communications at 4:02 p.m. Following the roll call, Mayor Johnson introduced Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz to offer the invocation.

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

OTHERS PRESENT:
Acting City Manager Michael B. Brown
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Workshop Agenda Items

1. Discussion regarding Personnel and Real Estate (4-5pm)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the work session and hold a closed Executive Session regarding personnel and real estate (Fairgrounds Property Development), Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Executive Session began at 4:05 p.m.

Written comment(s):

Dr. Patricia M. Harris and 5th District Coalition – Raised concerns (Fairgrounds Property Development)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the Executive Session, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Executive Session ended at 6:26 p.m.

There was no action taken during the Executive Session.

2. Fairgrounds Property Development (5-6pm)

Exhibit 1: Memo - Fairgrounds.pdf

Exhibit 2: Plan - Fairgrounds.pdf

Discussion held during the Executive Session.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the work session and advised the Regular Meeting will begin shortly at 6:30 p.m.

The audio recordings of the work sessions can be found by copying and inserting the below links in your url:

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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the regular meeting of the City Council was held via Zoom video communications at 6:31 p.m. Following the roll call, Mayor Johnson recognized Alderwoman Gibson-Carter to introduce Pastor Valarie Grimes of Radiant Church who delivered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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

OTHERS PRESENT:
Acting City Manager Michael Brown
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

INVOCATION

1. Details Regarding the Presenter for the Invocation are Forthcoming

Following an introduction by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, the Invocation was presented by Pastor Valarie Grimes, Pastor of Radiant Church.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for January 28, 2021

Mayor Johnson announced the petitioner has requested to continue Item #30 to the March 11, 2021 Meeting. Item #35 will be replaced with the contract for Developmental Associates in the amount of $23,500.00 to conduct the City Manager search.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda with the following amendments:

1. Continue #30 to March 11, 2021, regarding the Special Use Permit for a Shelter; and

2. Replace #35 with, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Developmental Associates in the amount of $23,500.00 to conduct the City Manager search.

Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. Approval of Minutes for the Work Session & City Manager's Briefing held on January 14, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #3 and #4, Alderwoman Miller Blakely seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on January 14, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #3 and #4, Alderwoman Miller Blakely seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA - (This section shall include all routine items for which it is anticipated there will be no debate or requests for public input. Any Alderman can remove consent items for discussion or separate consideration.)

5. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for an Online Training and Professional Development System for City Staff with Cornerstone in the Amount of $92,500 (Event No. 7226))

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Training and Professional Development System.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Training and Professional Development System.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #8, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Mail Courier Services with R. Jackson and Brothers Enterprise for up to $85,000 (Event No. 7054)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Mail Courier Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Mail Courier Services.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #3 and #4, Alderwoman Miller Blakely seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Construction Cost Estimating Services with Costing Services Group for up to $75,000 (Event No. 6858)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Cost Estimating Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Cost Estimating Services.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #3 and #4, Alderwoman Miller Blakely seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Ammunition for the Savannah Police Department with Precision Delta for up to $60,000 (Event No. 6946)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Ammunition Renewal.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Ammunition Renewal.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #3 and #4, Alderwoman Miller Blakely seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for the City's Employee Assistance Program with Deer Oaks EAP Services, LLC for up to $45,600 (Event No. 5046)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Employee Assistance Program.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Employee Assistance Program.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if the City staff is tracking data and statistics on the use of the employee assistance program. She previously requested the number/rate in which employee complaints were handled and/or reconciled. Acting City Manager Brown answered in 2020 there were 314 cases, approximately a 12% utilization rate, which was close to prior years reporting. City staff is confident the process is working effectively.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter encouraged staff to take advantage of the services provided by the City's Employee Assistance Program given she continuously receives complaints from employees concerning the disharmony within various departments with supervision/management procedures/methods.

For the record, Mayor Johnson indicated the City Charter clearly delineates the relationship between the Council and the City Manager. All employees, except for those stipulated in the Charter, report to the City Manager.

Acting City Manager Brown encouraged any employees with grievances to contact his office to address their concerns. Mayor Johnson suggested doing a renewed commitment to educate the employees of the grievance process. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the process could be used

if any employee felt overlooked for a promotion. Mr. Brown responded such an employee should use the grievance process in this instance.

Due to the lack of a permanent City Manager over the past few years, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter feels employees lacked the leadership necessary to perform their individual duties to the citizens in an efficient and professional manner. She suggested a review of top management in the departments during the City Manager search to assist employees with concerns.

Mayor Johnson asked Mr. Brown to provide Council with the number of grievances that have reached his office through the grievance process, without divulging too much personal information about the employee.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #9, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Software Maintenance with Governmentjobs.com in the Amount of $44,182.42 (Event No. 8191)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - NeoGov Maintenance.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - NeoGov Maintenance .pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Item #10, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Change Order for Police Replacement Vehicles (Seven Pickup Trucks and Two Cargo Vans) with Wade Ford in the Amount of $14,408.90 (Event No. 7788)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Replacement Vehicles Change Order.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Replacement Vehicles Change Order .pdf

Mayor Johnson provided a comment for Items #11 & #12 stating there has been significant discussions concerning the City's movement toward the commitment of clean energy totally by 2035. With the purchase of seven pickup trucks, two cargo vans, and one marked police replacement vehicle, the City does not have the infrastructure in place to support the purchase of electrical vehicles. A nine member Sustainability Taskforce is currently working with the Sustainability Department to implement the infrastructure necessary for electric vehicles. This will include charging stations and the sites for the charging stations. Acting City Manager Brown supported Mayor Johnson's comment.

Written comment(s):

- Ardis Wood – Opposed
- Kevin Ionno - Opposed

Alderwoman Lanier asked Mr. Brown about the replacement cycle for vehicles. Mr. Brown answered, six to seven years, depending on the type of vehicle.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Acting City Manager Brown, what happens to the old vehicles when they are replaced. Are they available for citizens to purchase so the City will realize revenue from the sales. Mr. Brown answered, whenever possible, the vehicles are sold at auction. For the heavier vehicles, the City's use is the full cycle of the vehicle such as fire trucks, and the vendor will sometimes take the vehicle back. Mr. Brown will prepare a vehicle fleet report for Council showing replacement schedules.

Alderman Palumbo thanked staff and residents who have supported the City's commitment to clean energy. He feels it is the most fiscally responsible move for the City and he sees electric vehicles as the future nationwide.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed her disappointment in the City's lack of discussions and commitment to move forward in a timely manner to put the infrastructure in place for the electric vehicles since the Council signed a pledge to work toward an aggressive goal for clean energy. She suggested moving the timeline, if the City was not serious about its commitment.

Mayor Johnson informed Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, there were several discussions relating to clean energy and an additional staff person was added to the Sustainability Department to assist with the City's commitment for clean energy.

Alderman Purtee shared with Council and the public there is a national required certification process for vehicles in order to be utilized as public safety vehicles. Electric vehicles must qualify to be used as public vehicles. The entire process must be well prepared before implementation.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan thanked Mr. Ionno for the written information which included a plan for moving forward. She asked Mr. Ionno to forward the information again for all Council Members.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked Mayor Johnson for his comment and all Council Members comments in relations to Items #11 and #12. In working with the MPC Board, there is working being

done out to the year 2060 and conversations such as today will help with the planning but it also lets the residents know the Council has acknowledged their concerns.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked why there was an additional charge of $14,408.90 for the seven pickup trucks and two cargo vans. Mayor Johnson answered because the price of the vehicles have increased from the 2020 sales price.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter reiterated her understanding of the timely process of changing over to electric vehicles. She would like to see the City move more aggressively toward the pledge of clean energy, since there are only four more years (2025) to accomplish that goal. Mayor Johnson stated the entire Council is committed to clean energy and there are fourteen years (2035) to accomplish the goal.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #11 and #12, Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

12. Authorize the City Manager to Procure One Marked Police Replacement Vehicle (SUV) from Wade Ford in the Amount of $38,658 (Event No. 8250)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Replacement Vehicle.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Replacement Vehicle.pdf

See #11 above.

PURCHASING ITEMS

13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Two Contract Renewals for the Purchasing of Gasoline and Diesel Fuel for City Vehicles and Equipment with Sommers Oil Company and Barrett Oil Distributors for up to $6,689,648 (Event No. 6608)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Fuel Renewal.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Fuel Renewal.pdf

Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed concern for the purchase price and asked if the price was negotiated for some kind of discount. Acting City Manager Brown answered, the bid is based on national pricing and the City received the lowest bulk rate. Mayor Johnson suggested adding charge stations at the Arena for a start on infrastructure for clean energy.

Written comment(s):

- Ardis Wood - Opposed

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to approve Item #13, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Medical Care Coordination Services for the City's Healthcare Program with Quantum Health for up to $470,000 (Event No. 8223)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Medical Care Coordination Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Medical Care Coordination Services.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #14 through Item #21, and Items #24 and #25 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Medical Claims Administration Services for the City's Health Plan with HealthScope in the Amount of $742,000(Event No. 8225)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Self Funded TPA Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Self Funded TPA Services .pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #14 through Item #21, and Items #24 and #25 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Two Contract Renewals for Construction Testing Services with Whitaker Laboratory (Primary) and Terracon Consultants, Inc. (Secondary) for up to $463,506 (Event No. 6831)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Construction Testing Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification: Construction Testing Services.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #14 through Item #21, and Items #24 and #25 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Leased Multifunction Copier Equipment with Automated Business Resources, Inc. for up to $288,055 (Event No. 5399)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Multi-Function Copiers.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Multi-Function Copiers.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #14 through Item #21, and Items #24 and #25 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-

Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Purchase of Water Purification Chemicals with Mississippi Lime for up to $256,157 (Event No. 6413)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Water Purification Chemicals.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Water Purification Chemicals.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #14 through Item #21, and Items #24 and #25 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Long-Term Disability Insurance Services with the Standard Insurance Company in the Amount of $ 226,146 (Event No. 8224)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Long Term Disability.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Long Term Disability.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #14 through Item #21, and Items #24 and #25 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Street Sweeper Equipment Brooms with Keystone Plastics, Inc. for up to $172,410 (Event No. 3990)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Street Sweeper Brooms.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Street Sweeper Brooms.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #14 through Item #21, and Items #24 and #25 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

21. Authorize the City Manager to Procure 68 Public Safety Laptops from Panasonic in the Amount of $217,600 (Event No. 8189)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Public Safety Laptops.pdf: :

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Public Safety Laptops.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #14 through Item #21, and Items #24 and #25 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

22. Authorize the City Manager to Procure 61 Replacement Vehicles from Wade Ford in the Amount of $1,753,070 (Event No. 8210)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Replacement Vehicles.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Replacement Vehicles.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed the City staff should have considered electric vehicles prior to the purchase of 61 vehicles for departments other than police. This would be in line with the Council's pledge of clean energy by 2035. Due to the up-front cost for infrastructure, Mayor Johnson indicated it will take the City some time to get to purchasing the electric vehicles.

In an effort to contain cost and move closer to the clean energy pledge, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Acting City Manager Brown if some portion of the 61 vehicles, possibly 2/3rds, could be purchased as electric vehicles. Mr. Brown will conduct a complete fleet status update to move toward a more green fleet, but in the meantime, the services must be performed on a daily basis with the current vehicles.

Alderman Palumbo informed Council the importance of investigating the proper site locations, charging stations, and maintenance plan. Once purchased, the electric vehicles will need years of service with a sustainable vendor.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #22, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for Police Uniforms and Accessories with Three Vendors for up to $450,000 (Event No. 7449)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Police Uniforms.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Police Uniforms.pdf

Alderman Purtee advised A-1 Uniforms should be listed as a DBE (minority, female owned). He has concerns with Packaged Uniforms who have left the City 2-3 times and now returned with a satellite office. He encouraged the City to use locally owned businesses such as A-1 Uniforms and Patrick's Uniforms. Acting City Manager Brown explained the bid criteria process looks at local first then accepts the lowest bid.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked what each of the three vendors supplied. Mr. Brown explained each vendor bids to supply different equipment for the police uniforms, i.e. jerseys, head gear, rain gear, safety gear, leather equipment etc. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if there could be

negotiations with the local vendors. Mr. Brown stated the bids are non negotiable, lowest bid gets the contract.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #23, Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

24. Authorize the City Manager to Procure 911 Emergency Dispatch and Records Software Licenses for 133 Public Safety Laptops from Centralsquare Technologies, LLC in the Amount of $199,507.58 (Event No. 8280)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Emergency Dispatch Software.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Emergency Dispatch Software.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #14 through Item #21, and Items #24 and #25 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Construction Contract for the Rehabilitation of Two Water Treatment Filters at the President Street Water Plant with Southern Civil, LLC for up to $800,000 (Event No. 8067)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Water Treatment Filters Rehabilitation.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Water Treatment Filters Rehabilitation.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #14 through Item #21, and Items #24 and #25 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

26. Application for a Class E (Beer, Wine)(By the Package) Alcohol License to Chirag Patel of Savannah Mart at 2810 Skidaway Road (Aldermanic District 3)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Savannah Mart.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Savannah Mart.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Documents - Savannah Mart.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Savannah Mart.pdf

Exhibit 5: Additional Information for Savannah Mart .pdf

Items #28 and #29 were moved up on the Agenda to be heard before Items #26 and #27.

Therefore, Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol hearing for Item #26.

Speaker(s):

- Chirag Patel, Owner, Savannah Mart - requested approval of alcohol license
- Bridget Lidy, Urban Planning & Design Director - presentation on location of Savannah Mart
- Georgia Gundich, Police Captain - presentation on location of Savannah Mart

Written comment(s):

- Madiha Clarke – Opposed
- Gwendolyn Frazier – Opposed
- Demetrice Robinson-Rooks – Opposed
- Andree Patterson – Opposed
- Leona Humphries – Opposed
- Michel Mazzeo, Psy.D. – Opposed
- Alexa Frame – Opposed
- Anne Allen Westbrook – Opposed
- Yolandra G. Shipp – Opposed
- Lindsey Grovenstein – Opposed
- Lesli Messinger – Opposed
- Brandon Williams – Opposed
- Ruby Huntley – Opposed
- Cynthia Hopson – Opposed
- Donnica Scott – Opposed
- Ned Rinalducci, Ph. D – Opposed

a. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to close the alcohol hearing for Item #26, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan outlined the parameters of the alcohol overlay and the residents desire for more businesses in the community other than alcohol establishments.

Alderwoman Lanier asked Ms. Lidy about the ordinance language concerning density of the requirements for alcohol licenses. She asked has anything changed recently since the West Side has tried repeatedly to deny and/or control the number of alcohol license approvals. Ms. Lidy responded the ordinance was amended five years ago providing language to allow Council to consider public safety and welfare issues when granting alcohol licenses. The language included the number of licenses already granted for a similar establishment in the area. Alderwoman Lanier

asked about the distance and the radius. Ms. Lidy answered, a mile radius was previously used. Alderwoman Lanier had concern for the equitable standards used for alcohol density radius for the entire City.

City Attorney Lovett stated the Council is the finder of fact and the decision makers. The Council determines the objective standards. The mile radius has been used but Council to determine how many is too many within a given radius.

b. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to deny the alcohol license for Item #26, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Mayor Johnson and Attorney Lovett if there could be some type of notification to the public regarding District 3's Alcohol Density Overlay so petitioners will not expend time and money to apply for an alcohol license only to be denied. Attorney Lovett stated the word will spread after today's denial. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if the City could assist in getting the public informed. Mayor Johnson suggested staff look at the density before accepting the alcohol license application and also provide some type of formal education process for the public.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked for the steps involved in the applicant's process to apply for the transfer of the alcohol license for the Savannah Mart. Attorney Lovett provided the process for Alderwoman Miller Blakely. She asked what happens to the business when the alcohol license is denied. Mayor Johnson answered, the business stays operational but will not be allowed to sell any alcoholic beverages and this may decrease their source of income.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter shared Ned Rinalducci sent Council a guide for measuring alcohol outlay density. She suggested Council spend time reviewing the information as it relates to the entire City and the affect it will have on business owners when denied an alcohol license. She would like to see Council consider a work session on alcohol overlay density as a goal.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz questioned the Council as to what kind of Savannah they want. Do they want a Savannah saturated with beer/wine establishments.

27. Application for a Class E (Beer, Wine)(By the Package) Alcohol License for Bijal Patel of El Cheapo at 902 Pennsylvania Avenue (Aldermanic District 3)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - El Cheapo.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - El Cheapo.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - El Cheapo.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - El Cheapo.pdf

Exhibit 5: Additional Information for El Cheapo.pdf

Items #28 and #29 were moved up on the Agenda to be heard before Items #26 and #27.

Therefore, Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol hearing for Item #27.

Speaker(s):

- Attorney Josh Yellin (Agent) - gave a historical outline of 902 Pennsylvania Avenue by City staff of alcohol license application approvals. He included density reports, safety reports, neighborhood association approvals, crime statistics for the area, and State and City requirements. He discussed the new versus transferred alcohol license requirements in the alcohol overlay density areas. He asked Council for equal treatment of the request and approval of the license.
- Bridget Lidy, Urban Planning & Design Director - presentation on location of El Cheapo.
- Georgia Gundich, Police Captain - presentation on location of El Cheapo.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan discussed the negative impact multiple alcohol establishments have on the 3rd District. She discussed the impact on youth, the increase in crime and the adverse quality of life that numerous alcohol businesses have on a community. She asked Attorney Yellin which neighborhood association agreed with an additional alcohol license as she has spoken to the residents and they are against having an additional alcohol establishment.

Alderman Leggett stated District 2 has no problem with alcohol establishments. He asked Attorney Yellin not to use any of the businesses in District 2 as a reference point. District 2 includes the downtown corridor and is separate from District 3.

As an At-Large Council Member, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter has concern for the entire City. She feels the City could do a better job of educating the public on the alcohol license process and the alcohol overlay density parameters to avoid unnecessary time and money spent by residents and legal counsel. Unlike the other Districts, Council has approved the alcohol overlay density for the 3rd District. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter suggested taking a slower approach to issuance of alcohol license throughout the City.

Mayor Johnson stated the City should be looking at each individual alcohol license application on each individual merits and not compared to other applications or Districts.

Attorney Yellin stated this was not a new license but a transfer as allowed by the alcohol overlay density ordinance, this was an existing license and existing convenience store so it was not adding another alcohol business in the 3rd District. He cited two separate instances where Council approved the transfer of alcohol license. He is only asking for this petitioner to be treated the same. Mayor Johnson informed Attorney Yellin the language 'transfer' has been removed. He asked Attorney Yellin if the business owner could make improvements without the alcohol license. Attorney Yellin answered, because of decrease revenue, that might not be possible.

Alderman Palumbo outlined the area for the establishment as it relates to the close proximity to an educational facility (Savannah High School) and the youth are taking advantage of the convenience store to purchase alcohol products.

Written comment(s):

- Madiha Clarke – Opposed
- Gwendolyn Frazier – Opposed
- Demetrice Robinson-Rooks – Opposed
- Andree Patterson – Opposed
- Leona Humphries – Opposed
- Michel Mazzeo, Psy.D. – Opposed
- Alexa Frame – Opposed
- Anne Allen Westbrook – Opposed
- Yolandra G. Shipp – Opposed
- Lindsey Grovenstein – Opposed
- Lesli Messinger – Opposed
- Brandon Williams – Opposed
- Ruby Huntley – Opposed
- Cynthia Hopson – Opposed
- Donnica Scott – Opposed
- Ned Rinalducci, Ph. D – Opposed

a. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to close the alcohol hearing for Item #27, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion passed 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely not voting.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked, with the alcohol overlay density as it relates to the Districts 1, 3 and 5, if Parkers decided to build an additional convenience store, will they be denied, because this will be a new license. She suggest a review of the alcohol overlay density ordinance so some fairness will be displayed across the City.

For the record, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan stated the Council could not have it both ways. Earlier the Council expressed concern for impoverished and neglected areas. Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated she agrees with Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan on what happens in certain communities but the Council must be fair when approving alcohol license applications so a review of the ordinance should take place.

Mayor Johnson shared there will be a couple rewrites to the alcohol ordinance from staff that will be presented to Council soon.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz indicated if Parkers requested an alcohol license in District 5, the alcohol overlay would prevent the approval. She feels it is incumbent upon City staff to monitor the alcohol applications and locate the alcohol overlay density districts before accepting applications for alcohol license at the beginning of the process.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated Parkers as than a mile from Savannah High School. Can they be renewed. Mayor Johnson answered yes, there is a difference between a new alcohol application and a renewal. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Attorney Lovett to clarify. Attorney Lovett was unsure if the Parkers was in the alcohol overlay density district. Ms. Lidy answered when the alcohol overlay density districts were created, it was in neighborhood based communities. Large convenience stores such as Parkers and En Mart are typically located in Districts that are heavily traveled corridors that are not in close proximity to neighborhoods of the two cases discussed at this meeting.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated the Parkers in question is less than a mile from Savannah High School, is across the street from blocks of houses, and next door to a block of houses. How is that different. This put the City in a unique position because of a lack of equity. Mayor Johnson explained that if an existing business comes before Council for a renewal of their alcohol license, it is different than a request for a new alcohol license. However, if they sold the property, it would be considered a new license and if it is located in the alcohol overlay density district, this is when the rules would apply.

b. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to deny the alcohol license for Item #27, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion passed, 8-0-1 with Alderwoman Miller Blakely not voting.

28. Application for a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) with Sunday Sales for Salathia Singleton of The Avenue Bar & Grill at 1721 Waters Avenue (Aldermanic District 2)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - The Avenue.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - The Avenue.pdf

Exhibit 3: Measurement Report - The Avenue.pdf

Exhibit 4: Alcohol Reports - The Avenue.pdf

Exhibit 5: Good Neighbor Agreement - The Avenue.pdf

Items #28 and #29 were moved up on the Agenda to be heard before Items #26 and #27.

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol hearings for Items #28 and #29.

Alderman Leggett reported that the Neighborhood Association Agreement has been signed and he recommends moving forward with approval.

Written comment(s):

- Andree Patterson – Opposed
- Donnica Scott – Opposed
- Ned Rinalducci, Ph. D – Opposed

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #28 and #29, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Items #28 and #29, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

29. Application for a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) with Sunday Sales to Christopher R. Smith of Zunzi's at 236 Drayton Street. (Aldermanic District 2)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Zunzi's.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Zunzi's.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Documents - Zunzi's.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Zunzi's.pdf

See #28 above.

ZONING HEARINGS

30. Petition for a Special Use Permit to Allow the Shelter, Emergency and Shelter, Transitional Uses at 2305 Augusta Avenue (PINs 20025 10001 and 20025 11004). Petition of Phillip McCorkle (Agent) on behalf of the Housing Authority of Savannah (Owner) within Aldermanic District 1 (File No. 20-000512-ZA)

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation - 2305 Augusta Avenue

Item #30 was CONTINUED/POSTPONED, during the adoption of the agenda.

Written comment(s):

- Attorney Dana Braun - Supported
- Marilyn Jackson – Opposed
- Centennial D. Williams – Opposed
- Ora Wright – Opposed
- Ivan Cohen – Opposed
- Debra Samuel Puckett – Opposed
- David Coney – Opposed
- Sabrina Wright – Opposed
- Lucille Jackson – Opposed
- Beverly Howard, Sandra, Phillip and Kimberly – Opposed
- Kimberly Howard Owens – Opposed
- Ervenia Bowers and West Savannah residents - Opposed
- Mildred Reynolds - Opposed
- BL Sharpe – Opposed
- Dr. Margaret Betz & Elder Ned Williams - Opposed

RESOLUTIONS

31. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Preparation and Submittal of an Application to the Georgia Coastal Incentive Grant Program for Design of the Canal District Wetlands Preserve Park for the City of Savannah Georgia

Exhibit 1: Resolution - Canal District Wetlands Park.pdf

Acting City Manager Brown gave a brief description of the how the grant monies will be used for the canal district. He recommended approval.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #31, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

32. Approval of a Resolution in Support of Repealing Georgia's 'Stand Your Ground' Legislation

Exhibit 1: Resolution - Stand Your Ground Legislation.pdf

Mayor Johnson explained in detail the Georgia 'Stand Your Ground' Legislation and the request for Council to approve the Resolution.

As a police officer, Alderman Purtee explained his position on the 'Stand Your Ground' law. He has serious concerns with the Legislation but wants the citizens of Savannah to be safe.

Written comment(s):

- Anne Allen Westbrook – Supported
- Courtney Spriggs – Supported
- Jennifer Lindsay – Supported
- Kathy Hodges – Supported
- Erin Vargo – Supported
- David Johnson – Supported
- Dillon McDaniel – Supported
- Laurie McNeil – Supported
- Julvonnia McDowell – Supported

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #32, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderman Purtee voted no.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS

33. Authorize the City Manager to Accept a Quit Claim Deed of a Lift Station Site within a Subdivision in the New Hampstead Area

Exhibit 1: Quit Claim Deed.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #33, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

34. Award the Sale of Surplus Property Located at 1700 Drayton Street (PIN 20053 38013), 104 E.34th Street (PIN 20053 38007) and 1705 Abercorn Street (PIN 20053 38003) to Pinyan/Procida Development Group – Event 7984

Exhibit 1: Map - 1700 Drayton Street.pdf

Exhibit 2: Bid - 1700 Drayton Street.pdf

Exhibit 3: Evaluation - 1700 Drayton Street.pdf

Acting City Manager Brown and Chief Operating Officer Bret Bell gave a brief presentation of the surplus properties and discussed the benefits to the City on the sale of the properties.

Mayor Johnson wants to assure that the project will be used for workforce housing.

Alderman Leggett received concerns from the Thomas Square Neighborhood Association asking for a delay on the decision from City Council for a couple of weeks. Mr. Brown is not opposed to delaying the decision but he does not want to miss the deadline by Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) to receive the tax credits for the project.

Alderman Leggett suggested a conference call between Mr. Brown and the Thomas Square Neighborhood Association to discuss key points of the project.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked for the location of 1705 Abercorn Street. Mr. Brown identified the location on the map for Alderwoman Miller Blakely.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter had concerns for a 30-year agreement for affordable housing (workforce housing) becoming market rate housing during the term of the agreement. She has received concerns from the residents and would like to see Item #34 continued to a later date.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked if the City sells the property what guarantee does the City have to receive the tax credits from DCA. Mr. Brown confirmed the only way the City sells the properties will be if the purchaser meets all the requirements to receive the tax credits.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Lanier agreed with Alderman Leggett to postpone Item #34 for two weeks. It is key to have the residents weigh-in and have input on the decisions made for their neighborhoods.

Before the next meeting, Alderman Palumbo suggested discussions about density and promoting more walkable spaces. The City should develop communities where citizens do not need a car to succeed in Savannah. The average Savannahian pays 26% of income for housing and 23% for transportation, it is one of the highest in the Nation.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Mr. Brown if there will be an interruption in the collection of property taxes. Mr. Brown answered, by State Law, property tax must be paid each year. Currently the City owns the property so no property taxes are collected. Once the properties are sold, the City will begin to collect property tax for the properties. So there is revenue benefits in selling the properties.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked for the value of the properties. Mr. Bell reported the Board of Assessors valued the land last year at $445,000.00 and the building on the land at $450,000.00;

however, the building burned down. The City paid $650,000.00 for the entire property in 2003 but the City has not received any property tax revenue since the purchase. The City is selling the property for $750,000.00. Alderwoman Miller Blakely feels the property could be sold and probably would appraise for more than the $750,000.00. Mr. Brown stated the workforce house project is the reason for the asking price. Alderwoman Miller Blakely supports postponing Item #34.

Speaker(s):

- Bob Isaacson - supports (did not speak)

Written comment(s):

- Virginia Mobley – Opposed
- Bill Drawers – Raised concerns

Alderman Leggett moved to CONTINUE/POSTPONE Item #34 to the February 11, 2021 Meeting, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

35. Settlement #1

Replace Item #35. Settlement #1, with the following:

MISCELLANEOUS

35. Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Developmental Associates in the Amount of $23,500.00 to conduct the City Manager search.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #35, Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

CLOSING:

Alderwoman Lanier advised the citizens interested in Item #30, Petition for a Special Use Permit to allow the Shelter, Emergency and Shelter, Transitional Uses at 2305 Augusta Avenue has been postponed/continued to the March 11, 2021 Meeting.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely along with the Mayor and Aldermen/Alderwomen sent condolences to the family of Actress Cecily Tyson who passed away at 96 years old.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely sent out congratulations to her grandson Daniel "Bubba" Chisholm for being awarded 'Defensive Player of the Year' by the Savannah Quarterback Club.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

The audio recording of the Council Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the below link in your url:

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SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL SUMMARY/FINAL MINUTES Special Called Meeting FEBRUARY 4, 2021

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

The special called meeting of the City Council was held at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom communication, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mayor Johnson asked Alderman Palumbo to offer the invocation.

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

APPOINTED STAFF:
Acting City Manager Michael B. Brown
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:
Chief of Police Roy Minter
Dr. Gerard Tate, End Gun Violence Director
Joseph Shearouse, City Manager's Office
Daphanie Williams, City Manager's Office

AGENDA ITEMS

Immediately preceding the closed executive session, Mayor Johnson asked the Chief of Police to introduce the new End Gun Violence Director.

1. Closed Executive Session regarding Real Estate, and Litigation ~~and Personnel~~.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the special called meeting and conduct a closed executive session regarding real estate and litigation, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

The executive session began at 2:06 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the executive session, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the special called meeting at 4:58 p.m.

Written comment(s) received by 2/3/2021:

- **2021-02-02 Queen E. Reeves – Fairgrounds RFP**
- **2021-02-03 Dr. Patricia M. Harris – Fairgrounds RFP**
- **2021-02-03 Mrs. Mable Hudson – Fairgrounds RFP**
- **2021-02-03 Reverend Dr. Betty M. Jones – Fairgrounds RFP**
- **2021-02-03 Rev. James C. Hudson, Sr. – Fairgrounds RFP**
- **2021-02-03 Mildred S. Calloway – Fairgrounds RFP**
- **2021-02-03 Dr. Gloria M. King and Dr. Clifford King – Fairgrounds RFP**
- **2021-02-03 Joenelle and Charles Gordon – Fairgrounds RFP**

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

Additional comment(s) received:

- **2021-02-03 Anna C. Watson – Fairgrounds RFP**
- **2021-02-03 Maggie F. Ellison – Fairgrounds RFP**
- **2021-02-03 Isiah B. Ellison – Fairgrounds RFP**
- **2021-02-03 Stephen Stanley and Joe Bush – Fairgrounds RFP**
- **2021-02-03 Lynne Hill and Michael Hill – Fairgrounds RFP**
- **2021-02-03 Dr. Virginia Morrison – Fairgrounds RFP**
- **2021-02-03 Lewis Morrison – Fairgrounds RFP**
- **2021-02-04 Evelyn F. Brown – Fairgrounds RFP**
- **2021-02-04 Twenty-three (23) Letters submitted by RaMona Drayton-Jackson – Fairgrounds RFP**
- **2021-02-04 Brenda Dunham – Fairgrounds RFP**
- **2021-02-04 Dr. Sandra McCord Best – Fairgrounds RFP**
- **2021-02-04 Dr. Willis Blake – Fairgrounds RFP**
- **2021-02-04 Eddie Johnson – Fairgrounds RFP**
- **2021-02-04 Mary Johnson – Fairgrounds RFP**
- **2021-02-04 Jeanette F. McDuffie – Fairgrounds RFP**
- **2021-02-04 Fernando A. Foster – Fairgrounds RFP**
- **2021-02-04 Federico Foster – Fairgrounds RFP**

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SUMMARY/FINAL MINUTES

COUNCIL WORK SESSION & CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

FEBRUARY 11, 2021 – 11:30 a.m.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the City Council Work Session and City Manager's Briefing was held via Zoom video communications at 11:30 a.m. Following the roll call, Mayor Johnson introduced Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan to offer the invocation.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1, Chairman

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

OTHERS PRESENT:

Acting City Manager Michael B. Brown

Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd

Assistant to the City Manager Joe Shearouse

Assistant to the City Manager Daphanie Williams

Sanitation Director Gene Prevatt

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Workshop Agenda Items

1. Water, Sewer and Refuse Services - Part I: Service Provision (Note: Part II - Financing and Billing will be discussed at a future workshop)

Exhibit 1: Presentation - Water, Sanitation and Sewer (Part I).pdf

Mayor Johnson outlined the water, sewer and refuse services as an educational process for Council as well as the residents. This will be a 3-part series: 1.) how the City provides the services; 2.) financing and billing; and 3.) COVID-19 permitting, an opportunity for a field trip to visit the water treatment facilities. Today's presentation will be Part 1.

The slide presentation was made by Acting City Manager Brown. Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd, Sanitation Director Gene Prevatt, Assistant to the City Manager Joe Shearouse, and Assistant to the City Manager Daphanie Williams were available to answer any questions. Mr. Brown will send a copy of the presentation to Council Members.

Following the presentation, there was a discussion, along with a question and answer session by Council.

Mayor Johnson thanked the entire sanitation employees for all the courageous work provided to the residents of Savannah.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter mentioned the sanitation employees working through the pandemic are one of the lowest paid in the City. Collection trucks have three to four men in the cab. Some consideration should be given to these essential workers for hazard pay.

With two hundred employees in sanitation and one hundred twenty-five in water, Mr. Brown stated those employees are paid by the rates. If we give them a raise, there would need to be a rate increase. The Council agreed to revisit a rate increase in June 2021, but employees raises and rate increases will go hand-in-hand.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely discussed the minimum wage being discussed by Congress to $15/hour. If that happens, the City will need to adjust their minimum wage. Mayor Johnson discussed the State, Federal and living minimum wage. If the Federal Government decides to increase the minimum wage to $15/hour, the City will have no choice but to increase their minimum wage. Alderwoman Miller Blakely suggest the City look at increasing the City's minimum wage now rather than wait. Mayor Johnson explained the Government is trying to raise the minimum wage to the $13/hour livable wage amount. Mr. Brown stated this topic will be discussed during part two, financing and billing.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz has concerns with employees working in close proximity to contaminants. Those workers should be compensated. During the quarterly visits on the Budget some consideration should be made for an increase in salary.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated employees working from home can't be compared to sanitation employees working three to four in a cab. Council could authorize a raise now by foregoing the two interns in the Mayor and Aldermen/Alderwomen Budget. Going forward during the quarterly Budget reviews, she suggested the Council give due diligence to the individuals working on the frontline in hazardous conditions. Mayor Johnson recapped that during COVID-19 the number of cab workers were reduced and the City had to contract out sanitation to make sure garbage was picked-up on time. He reiterated, there are police and fire employees working in hazardous conditions during this pandemic who should be considered, if the City gives consideration to the sanitation employees. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the City has not furloughed, laid-off, dismissed any employees o raised any of the City's rates, something the City should be proud to admit. Mayor Johnson asked if, it is the will of Council to move forward with or without the two interns.

In reference to the other cities supplied with water, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked had the City of Savannah considered raising those water rates rather than increasing the rates for the residents of Savannah. Mayor Johnson indicated the Federal Government regulates the rates charged to other cities. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz suggested the City have more conversations with the Federal Government on water rates provided to other cities. Mayor Johnson asked Acting City Manager Brown to include those discussions in the financing presentation next week.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the two interns will be for the entire Council. Mayor Johnson recalled the topic during the Budget discussions and indicated the two interns are for Council, but Council can make any changes in the Budget during the quarterly Budget discussions.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked Acting City Manager Brown if the City provides water to the new manufacturing complex located off I-16 in District 5. Mr. Brown stated the City does provide water to that location.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the work session at 12:59 p.m.

The audio recordings of the work sessions can be found by copying and inserting the below links in your url:

https://savannahgovtv.viebit.com/player.php?hash=3T9Q58TMmgtR

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SUMMARY/FINAL MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 11, 2021 – 2:00 p.m.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the regular meeting of the City Council was held via Zoom video communications at 2:00 p.m. Following the roll call, Mayor Johnson recognized Alderwoman Miller Blakely to introduce Reverend Dr. Leonard Small, Pastor of Litway Missionary Baptist Church who delivered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1, Chairman

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

OTHERS PRESENT:

Acting City Manager Michael Brown

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for February 11, 2021

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the Regular Meeting Agenda for February 11, 2021 as amended, postponing/continuing Items #33 and #34 for two weeks per the recommendation of Acting City Manager Brown, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of Minutes for the Work Session & City Manager's Briefing held on January 28, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Minutes - January 28, 2021 City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on January 28, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Minutes - January 28, 2021 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes for the Special Called Meeting (Closed Executive Session re: Real Estate, Litigation and Personnel) held on February 4, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Minutes - February 4, 2021 Special Meeting re Real Estate and Litigation.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA - (This section shall include all routine items for which it is anticipated there will be no debate or requests for public input. Any Alderman can remove consent items for discussion or separate consideration.)

5. Approval of a Resolution Acknowledging Savannah as the First City in Georgia to Partner with Georgia Power in the "Georgia Make Ready" Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Program

Exhibit 1: Resolution - Georgia Make Ready Program.pdf

Mayor Johnson cited the City of Savannah as the first city in Georgia to partner with Georgia Power as a soft-launch partner in a new electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure program called "Georgia Make Ready." The City's Public Works Facility at Interchange Court was selected as one of two locations state-wide to participate in the soft launch of this new program. Through the partnership, GA Power funds all the power infrastructure upgrades, and the City funds the EV charging stations.

Through this partnership, the City will realize a real opportunity to leverage this program to achieve tangible steps towards the City's 100% Renewable Energy goal. Georgia Power has funded approximately $98,000 in power and infrastructure upgrades and the City will fund the purchase of four (4) EV charging stations with capacity to charge eight vehicles simultaneously at a cost of $6,300. With the power infrastructure upgrades provided by GA Power, the City already has in place the capacity for approximately 25 charging stations on this site, capable of simultaneously charging 50 electric vehicles. Mayor Johnson introduced Sustainability Director Nick Deffley and welcomed Georgia Power representatives Ms. Tammy Harrington & Mr. Phillip 'Todd' Allums.

As key Account Manager for the City of Savannah, Ms. Harrington spoke on behalf of Georgia Power and their executive leadership, Chris Womack, CEO & President, to thank City Council for the opportunity to partner with Georgia Power in the new electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure program called "Georgia Make Ready." As Savannah Field Coordinator, Mr. Phillips thanked and congratulated City Council on the first City in Georgia to enlist the Program. Nick Deffley thanked Ms. Harrington and Mr. Phillps for the outstanding work in establishing the infrastructure in the Cit for the charging stations.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #5, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Members thanked Georgia Power for the opportunity and through the 'Georgia Make Ready" program the City will be able to move forward to achieve tangible steps towards the City's 100% Renewable Energy goals.

6. Approval of a Resolution Ratifying the Mayor's Renewed Emergency Declaration

Exhibit 1: Resolution - February 2021 Emergency Order.pdf

Exhibit 2: Resolution - Ratifying February 2021 Emergency Order.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #6 through #10, and Item #12 per the Acting City Manager's recommendation, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Portable and Flush Toilet Rentals to Blu-Site Solutions for up to $60,000 (Event No. 7364)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Portable Toilets.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Portable Toilets.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #6 through #10, and Item #12 per the Acting City Manager's recommendation, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Microfilm Archiving Services to Tameran Graphic Systems, Inc. for up to $60,000 (Event No. 7187)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Archive Microfilm Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Archive Microfilm Services.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #6 through #10, and Item #12 per the Acting City Manager's recommendation, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Two Contract Renewals for Horticultural Products to BWI Companies and Howard Fertilizer and Chemical for up to $51,203.16 (Event No. 6599)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Horticultural products.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Horticultural Products.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #6 through #10, and Item #12 per the Acting City Manager's recommendation, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Sod Installation Services to Turf Services, Inc. for up to $47,765 (Event No. 6809)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Sod Installation Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Sod Installation Services.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #6 through #10, and Item #12 per the Acting City Manager's recommendation, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Pet Waste Receptacle Maintenance with J&M Coastal Construction, LLC for up to $32,000 (Event No. 7565)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Pet Waste Receptacle Maintenance.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Pet Waste Receptacle Maintenance.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter inquired about the pet waste receptacle maintenance as it relates to added City services for neighborhood communities and programs for the youth. Mayor Johnson indicated pet waste is a public waste issue and the Power Program was approved in the 2021 Budget and will be engaged when it's safe (for youths). Acting City Manager Brown stated, pet waste is a health issue and once COVID-19 vaccines are issued, he will see which elements of the City's recreation programs can be reinstated. He will send Council information in regards to the meeting.

Rather than have an outside vendor, Alderwoman Miller Blakley asked if the City's Park and Tree Department could monitor the pet waste receptacles. Mr. Brown responded, since it is pet waste the vendor takes care of the total process including the disposal of the waste. This will prevent the City's staff from coming in contact with and disposing of the hazardous pet waste thereby preventing a health issue.

Alderman Leggett asked if the pet waste receptacles are maintained by the vendor. Mr. Brown reported the vendor maintains the receptacles and disposes of the waste, but the City is responsible for any repairs of the receptacles.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan had concerns about the Council Work Session discussion involving a line item in the Mayor's budget for interns. She suggest removing that line item to release funds. If Council agrees not to have interns, she will agree with Council. The only time she was in discussions regarding interns, was during a Council Work Session. She suggested having a separate line item during a Council Work Session to discuss interns. Mayor Johnson indicated the proper time to discuss this subject would be during the first quarter Budget discussions. The Acting City Manager will notify Council of the first quarter Budget meeting. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked Mr. Brown to include interns as a discussion item for that meeting.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated the item on the table is discussions and suggestions regarding pet waste receptacles. She is a lover of pets, but if the City puts this much money into pet waste, what more can the City contribute to youth programs.

Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #11, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed 8-1-0 with Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no.

Alderwoman Lanier asked if the pet receptacles are only in the downtown area since she has not seen any pet waste receptacles in District 1. Mr. Brown answered the pet receptacles are mainly in the downtown area and the squares. She suggested staff investigate securing specific funds for these type of expenses.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz stated she would like to have the pet waste receptacles in District 5 in heavily walked areas and the parks.

12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Off Road Diesel Fuel and Tank Maintenance with Southern Fox Services, Inc. for up to $25,590 (Event No. 7404)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Off Road Deisel.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Off Road Deisel.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #6 through #10, and Item #12 per the Acting City Manager's recommendation, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Design of the Springfield Canal Wall Widening Project with Hussey Gay Bell in the Amount of $92,500 (Event No. 8274)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Design Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Design Services.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if this was a part of the Canal District development. Acting City Manager Brown answered, it is part of the Arena development because the Canal has natural banks. The section of the Canal from Gwinnett to the north will need engineering and construction for the design of the canal banks. The expense is covered as part of SPLOST.

Alderwoman Lanier asked the citizens of Savannah to pay close attention to these contracts and projects as it relates to Stiles Avenue. The Canal, the wall widening project and the adjacent Park is a great addition to the entire Arena project. Mayor Johnson stressed the importance of the wall widening project as it will prevent flooding in and around the area.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #13, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed concern for this item not being placed in the contract prior t presenting the contract to Council for approval. Acting City Manager Brown explained there was a existing wall by the Arena project, however this request is for the extension of the canal wall to stabilize the bank and prevent flooding.

PURCHASING ITEMS

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Two Contract Renewals for Storm Water and Sewer Line Repair Services with Survey Southeast Pipe Survey, Inc. (Primary) and Insituform Technologies, LLC (Secondary) for up to $3,000,000 (Event No. 5937)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Sewer Line Repairs.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Sewer Line Repairs.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #14 through #17, and Items #20 through #22, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Architectural and Technical Support Services with Cogdell Mendrala Architects for up to $300,000 (Event No. 7615)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Design Service.pdf

Exhbibit 2: Funding Verification - Design Services.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #14 through #17, and Items #20 through #22, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Corrosion-Control Additive with American Development Corporation for up to $150,000 (Event No. 7494)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Corrosion Control Additive .pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Corrosion Control Additive.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #14 through #17, and Items #20 through #22, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Construction of the Force Main for Travis Field Water Reclamation Facility with Ruby-Collins, Inc. in the Amount of $7,992,950 (Event No. 8192)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Travis Field Force Main.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Travis Field Force Main.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #14 through #17, and Items #20 through #22, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Repairs to the Existing Police Memorial Trail with Johnson-Laux, LLC in the Amount of $599,285 (Event No. 8272)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Police Memorial Trail.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Police Memorial Trail.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier received a letter from the 'Friends of Tide to Town' project asking for her support of Agenda Item #18. She does not believe the email was sent to every Council Member, because some members associated with that project think she is against the project. This is not true, she understands the merits of a trail as it relates to health, wealth and connectivity. Due to residents in District 1 concentrating on their personal well-being, i.e., food, housing, health, etc., the Trail would not be a major priority for the area; however, she does understand the importance and concept of the Trail. As Aldermen/Alderwomen who represents Districts, we become experts on representing/advocating our respective Districts. She respects all Savannah Aldermen and Alderwomen along with the Mayor and the two At-Large Alderwomen. It has always been customary to be respectful of each Council Member and their Districts. If she was approached on an issue of another District, she would refer that individual to the representing Council Member and support that Council Member. With that being said, Alderwoman Lanier is asking for and demanding that same respect when it comes to District 1 because she has spent countless hours with community and City officials advocating enhancements for the residents of District 1. She is sending a message out to all the news media, especially WTOC, and Alderman Palumbo. The Arena project which she has advocated/supported for years is in District 1, if anyone has questions concerning that project they can ask her, for input.

Written comment(s):

- Caila Brown, Michael Edwards and Mike Nadeau with 9 signatures (Bike Walk Savannah) – Supports
- Friends of Tide to Town with 12 signatures – Supports
- Sean Mannion (Edgemere-Sackville Neighborhood Association – Supports
- Scott Anderson (Ardsley Park-Chatham Crescent Neighborhood Association

Alderman Palumbo is proud to see the Trail repaired since it has been in disrepair since Hurricane Matthew. Since transportation costs to residents in Savannah are at an all-time high, the residents have the County's Truman Linear Park Trail and the City's Police Memorial Trail, now joined, as an alternative transportation mode.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz has not been supportive of the Tides to Town Trail in the past because the Trail only touched the 5th District at one tip of the Trail. However; she is pleased to see the Trail repaired.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #18, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter seconded. The motion passes unanimously.

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Construction of a Parking Lot and Pad at the Edwin Street Metroplex with F.H. Paschen Construction Company in the Amount of $289,908 (Event No. 8286)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Edwin Street Metroplex Parking Lot.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Edwin Street Metroplex Parking Lot.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked Acting City Manager Brown if this is the site where the police support functions are located. Mr. Brown answered, yes. She thanked the City staff and the Acting City Manager for the continuous improvements on the site for the benefit of the police department.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #19, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Two Contracts for Archaeological Services with Brockington and Associates, Inc. (Primary), and LG2 Environmental Solutions, Inc. (Secondary) for up to $200,000 (Event No. 8071)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Archaeological Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Archaeological Services.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #14 through #17, and Items #20 through #22, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

21. Authorize the City Manager to Approve an Annual Membership with Info-Tech Research Group for Technology Advisory Research Services in the Amount of $139,230 (Event No. 8268)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Technology Advisory Services .pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification- Technology Advisory Services.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #14 through #17, and Items #20 through #22, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Natural Gas with Scana Energy Marketing, LLC for up to $100,000 (Event No. 8297)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Natural Gas.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Natural Gas.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #14 through #17, and Items #20 through #22, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

23. Approval to Execute a Contract with Reeves Construction Company for the Site Clearing and Parking Improvements Project In the Amount of $2,902,849.75

Exhibit 1: Map - January 2021 Image .pdf

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #23 and #24, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

24. Approval to Execute a Contract Renewal for Professional Services with Ailevon Pacific Air Service Consulting in the Amount of $136,000

Exhibit 1: Agreement for Consultng Services.pdf

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #23 and #24, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

25. Approval of Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Tyler R. Kopkas of Ardsley Station at 102 East Victory Drive (Aldermanic District 2)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Ardsley Station.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density May - Ardsley Station.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Ardsley Station.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Ardsley Station.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearings for Items #25 and #26. Item #27 was deferred to the end of the Agenda.

No speaker(s):

a. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to close the alcohol license hearings for Items #25 and #26, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if there were any update on a work session presentation for the alcohol overlay district City wide as discussed at the January 28, 2021 work session. Mayor Johnson indicated the Acting City Manager is currently working on scheduling. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter suggested revisiting the Council's original list to redetermine priority.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #25, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

26. Approval of Class C (Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Cristine Tindall of Cafe M at 128 East Bay Street (Aldermanic District 2)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Cafe M.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Cafe M.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Cafe M.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Cafe M.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearings for Items #25 and #26. Item #27 was deferred to the end of the Agenda.

Mayor Johnson indicated Ms. Cristine Tindall was available, in support, she did not speak.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to close the alcohol license hearings for Items #25 and #26, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #26, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

27. Show Cause Hearing for the Revocation of the Alcohol License for Stuart Putman of the Treehouse at 309 West St. Julian Street

Exhibit 1: Notice to Owner - Treehouse Show Cause.pdf

Moved to the end of the Agenda.

Mayor Johnson explained the process to Council. He opened and presided over the Show Cause Hearing.

Mayor Johnson administered an oath to all speakers.

Mr. Stuart Putman, Owner, The Treehouse declined legal counsel and will represent himself.

Speaker(s) representing the City of Savannah:

- Assistant City Attorney Denise Cooper - introduced the following three (3) witnesses.
- Judee Jones, Revenue Department/Alcohol Beverage Licenses - July 2, 2004 an approved alcohol license was issued to The Treehouse and it has been renewed each year with no violations that she is aware.
- Captain David Gay, Police Department - cited the following incidents: 1.) December 21, 2016 a patron had a firearm in the establishment; 2.) November 24, 2018 a fight with a firearm in the establishment but no patron was hit or injured; 3.) January 1, 2021 a fight with a firearm in the establishment with three (3) patrons hit and one (1) fatality. There was no security check (wand) at the front door. During investigation the night of the incident, at least 40 patrons said they were not wanded and there was an additional patron with a firearm; and 4.) January 16, 2021 there is an on-going active investigation involving The Treehouse which cannot be discussed at this time. Captain Gay feels the establishment is a danger to the community.
- Sergeant Samantha Stephens, Police Department - There were ABC administrative hearings with the owner, Mr. Putman. Sgt. Stephens explained the process of why and how administrative hearings are requested; 1.) November 30, 2018 the police department asked the owner for an updated security plan showing he posted no gun signs visible to all patrons, wanding all patrons (ankle, waist & legs), and post dress code signs in the establishment visible to all patrons. Wanding was required due to a patron having a gun in the establishment on December 21, 2016 and the actual gun fire incident on November 24, 2018; 2.) on January 5, 2021 an administrative hearing was held in response to the incident involving gun fire and a homicide on January 1, 2021. A review of the previous plan where he was wanding all patrons was discussed. Mr. Putman stated patrons were wanded except some females, the female wand person was

dismissed due to COVID-19 requirements. There was a gun given to police that evening by another patron in the establishment who advised he was not wanded. Mr. Putman advised he is not always in the establishment, he has an office across the street. The police department considers him an absentee owner.

Mr. Putman was cited on January 13, 2021 for not following the safety plan, which is a requirement. Sgt. Stephens feels the establishment is a threat to the safety of the public. During the past 24 month period there have been 81 calls to the business: 1 homicide, 14 fights, 3 drug related incidents, 10 suspicious persons, and all other calls related to drunk persons, alarm system and damage to property.

Speaker(s) representing The Treehouse:

- Stuart Putman, Owner, The Treehouse - 1.) The December 21, 2016 incident was a police cadet celebrating his graduation with other cadets who had the firearm. He was later fired by the police department. The Treehouse is typically a hang-out for the Savannah police; 2.) The November 24, 2018 incident the patron was charged with an unlawful discharge of a weapon. The administrative hearing with ABC was held after this incident so The Treehouse followed the required safety plan and wanded patrons on Friday and Saturday nights.

  COVID-19 did have an affect on the business. The number of patrons were reduced to 85 and staff reduced. Mr. Putman apologized for the incident on New Year's Eve and stated The Treehouse has now increased security efforts. An additional wand person has been added, every patron is wanded and bags are checked before an person enters the bar. All staff complete A-Plus safety program as a requirement.

  The Treehouse has been in business for 15 years and never cited for underage drinking, he displayed over 200 fake ID's confiscated at the door. His off-duty officers respond to local incidents first and he feels the establishment is a positive force in the community. He is asking Council to let him reopen.

Assistant City Attorney Denise Cooper provided closing remarks - After administrative hearings, Mr. Putman still did not make changes to ensure the safety of The Treehouse patrons. The safety plan should have been followed, wanding should have always been in place. This place of business is a threat to the community and she is asking for the revocation of the alcohol license.

Written comment(s) received:

- Colin Brady – Opposed to revocation

Following the show cause hearing Mayor Johnson, Aldermen/Alderwomen and Acting City Manager Brown asked questions of Ms. Jones, Captain Gay and Sergeant Stephens. There were discussions involving a difference between a bar and nightclub, legal responsibilities involving wanding, the City's policy on police officer's wearing weapons inside a bar, responsibility of the on-site manager, the safety plan as a result of the administrative hearings, the 81 incidents over the past 24 months and corrective actions, and Council's collective agreement on the penalty. Council extended condolences to the family of the murder victim.

Alderman Leggett asked for the City Manager's recommendation. Acting City Manager Brown cited most cities do not allow police officers to work in bars because if there is a problem, the owner points to the City as the responsible party. He does not recommend the City allow officers to work in an establishment that sells alcohol. In this case: 1.) the establishment allowed weapons inside the bar; and 2.) the owner/alcohol license holder as the responsible party, was not present in the establishment when the incident happened on January 1, 2021. Council could set standards to prohibit officers from working in establishments that sell alcohol. The Savannah Council will need to make the decision if the bar owner upheld his responsibility of checking all patrons to make sure no fire arms were permitted in the establishment. Alderman Leggett suggested further conversations with staff, ABC team, and the Acting City Manager relating to officers working in establishments that serve alcohol.

Mayor Johnson suggested a suspension of the alcohol license until April 1, 2021, reopen on April 1, 2021 with an approved security plan and a monitored 90-day probationary period. Acting City Manager Brown recommended suspension, a security plan with the owner/manager on duty at the establishment, with the Acting City Manager's features. That security plan would be submitted through the police department and the City's enforcement team back to the Acting City Manager for his final approval. The Acting City Manager would send a report to Council prior to their meeting, that the security plan is satisfactory and the owner has met all requirements. He would then recommend the establishment be reopened on a monitored probationary period (90-day period). Should they violate that security plan, the probationary period would be extended or the revocation of the alcohol license at that location. The security plan would be used for any establishments with an approved alcohol license.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan discussed other establishments in the African American community that were cited with less than 81 police calls, but were not given this same opportunity as Mr. Putman. Alderwoman Lanier suggested a graduated penalty procedure and would like to see officers permitted to work off-duty for extra income.

a. Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to grant a suspension to Stuart Putman until April 2021 and he adheres to all the measures in the new ordinance and should he fail to adhere to the measures, his license will be revoked. There was no second.

b. Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to amend the motion as follows, Alderman Leggett seconded. The main motion to suspend the alcohol license for Item #27, with conditions passed unanimously.

- Suspend Alcohol License through April 1, 2021, pending the development of a safety plan approved by the City Manager, City Attorney, Chief of Police and others;
- Meet with Alderman Leggett and other community partners and/or associations to work through issues presented; and
- Following the suspension, serve a three (3) month probationary period.

c. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz made a substitute motion to revoke the alcohol and business license permanently for Item #27, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The substitute motion failed 3-6-0, with Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, and Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz voting yea.

Mayor Johnson informed Mr. Putman he has been given a second chance and it will be up to him to prove how much he values the establishment and the employees who work for him in the coming months.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING

28. An Ordinance Prohibiting Pedestrian Interference with the Flow of Traffic to Include Occupying Medians

Exhibit 1: Ordinance - Pedestrian Interference with Traffic Flow.pdf

Alderman Palumbo has received numerous fatalities and accidents pertaining to medians. Working with a group of concerned residents, Alderman Palumbo is pleased to see a measure to improve the safety at the median crossings and a means to empower the police department to enforce those measures.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked City Attorney Lovett for working diligently on improving the City's right-of-ways and making sure the laws and language is properly established to avoid fatalities and accidents in and around the medians.

Alderman Purtee acknowledged the Abercorn corridor as one of the dangerous areas in the City for median accidents and fatalities. He thanked Attorney Lovett for the hard work in getting the language for the ordinance.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter commended Attorney Lovett and his staff for the ordinance language to assure all rights of the Savannah citizens are protected while enforcing laws to prevent litter, accidents and fatalities along the corridors of the City. She announced a 'Too Legit to Quit' campaign to clean the litter from the City's corridors.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan thanked numerous staff and Aldermen for their support in putting the final ordinance before Council in a timely and orderly fashion.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely commended Attorney Lovett and his staff for their work to assure the citizens will be safe and she asked Council Members and staff to make sure the residents are aware of the ordinance.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #28, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Purtee seconded. No vote taken.

b. After the first reading was considered the second and a request that an Ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #28, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Johnson thanked all staff and Council involved in getting the ordinance passed.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS

29. Approval to Award the Sale of Surplus Property Located at 1700 Drayton Street (PIN 20053 38013), 104 E. 34th Street (PIN 20053 38007), and 1705 Abercorn Street (PIN 20053 38003) to Pinyan/Procida Development Group (Event No. 7984)

Exhibit 1: Map - 1700 Drayton Street.pdf

Exhibit 2: Bid - 1700 Drayton Street.pdf

Exhibit 3: Evaluation - 1700 Drayton Street.pdf

Acting City Manager Brown gave a brief update of the award for the workforce housing proposal.

Chief Operating Officer Bret Bell provided photos of the projects. Mr. Brown recommended approval of Bid #1.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Mr. Brown if this will be affordable housing or workforce housing and how many units will be affordable workforce. Mr. Brown answered this will be workforce housing with rates slightly below market rates for thirty years. Mr. Bell outlined the rates for the units and will send Council a copy of the unit rates.

Alderwoman Lanier discussed the differences between workforce housing and affordable housing. She has concerns about the units becoming student housing. Mayor Johnson suggested the City place some type of restrictions to avoid the units becoming student housing. Mr. Bell read into the record the IRS restrictions to prevent the units from becoming student units.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Mr. Brown if this was an Opportunity Zone. Mr. Brown does not believe it is an Opportunity Zone. She asked Attorney Lovett and Mr. Brown if they have responded to the 'letter of concerns' from other bidders who participated in the process. The unsuccessful bidder received a letter from the Purchasing Department and Mr. Bell and Mr. Brown have spoken to the unsuccessful bidder. She asked Attorney Lovett if he was satisfied with the letter of response to the unsuccessful bidder from the City's Purchasing Department. Mr. Lovett answered, the City is satisfied with the response. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter discussed the timeline of projects in different community and how the City handles the timing. She suggested the City focus more on senior housing throughout the City possibly assigning some of the workforce housing for seniors.

Mayor Johnson and Mr. Brown discussed the City's senior housing throughout the City and because of the restrictions by the IRS due to tax credits, the workforce housing cannot be used as senior housing.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Mr. Brown if he supplied Council with the actual value of the property. Mr. Bell responded, the high bidder offered $750,000 and the Board of Assessors valued the property in 2020 at $445,700, vacant land without any buildings (the building burned). The City paid $675,000 in 2003 with the building intact. She asked for the resale value. Mr. Bell stated, whatever the market is willing to pay.

Alderwoman Lanier asked if there was some type of reporting system to police regarding the workforce housing tenants and where is the compliance part of the project. Mr. Bell answered there are restrictions placed on the property with the tax credits which is monitored by the State and Federal Government. The City will place a deed restriction on the property that would carry from owner to owner that would limit the development to the workforce housing rental project. There will be a reversion clause, if the project is not started within two (2) years, the property reverts back to the City of Savannah. Alderwoman Lanier asked if the 30-year tax credit restriction can be extended. Mr. Brown stated that is a question which should be explored.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz would like the HUD legal definition of workforce housing, affordable housing, and student housing. Moving forward, the purchasing department must show transparency on how scoring and selections are made during the bid process. Mayor Johnson stated the HUD definitions have not changed: affordable housing is defined as an occupant pays not more than 30% of their income for housing cost including utilities; workforce housing is defined as a person is earning between 60%-120% of the area median income; and student housing is an individual who is primarily a student. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked City Attorney Lovett to provide to Council the legal definitions from HUD of affordable, workforce, low-income housing, and student housing.

Alderman Leggett contacted the neighborhood associations concerning their meetings with the developer. All matters were discussed and the neighborhood associations agreed to move the project forward.

a. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #29, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

b. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter made a motion to amend Item #29, add a contingency clause for an additional twenty (20) years, Alderwoman Miller Blakely seconded. The motion failed, 3-6-0. Mayor Johnson, Alderwoman Lanier, Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Alderman Palumbo and Alderman Purtee voted no.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

30. Settlement #1

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #30, to authorize the City Attorney to make a settlement in a Worker's Compensation matter in the amount of $75,000.00 involving Stephanie Vinson, a former employee of the police department, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

31. Approval of a Plat for a Major Subdivision - Bradley Pointe South Phase 9

Exhibit 1: Plat Bradley Pointe South Phase 9

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #31, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

32. Approval of a Plat for a Major Subdivision - Cumberland Point Phase 4A

Exhibit 1: Cumberland Point at The Highlands Phase 4.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #32, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

33. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Tree Planting Services to Pine Hollow Nursery & Landscaping for up to $90,000 (Event No. 6918) - Item Added on 2/8/21

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Tree Planting.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verifification - Tree Planting.pdf

Postponed/continued Items #33 and #34 for two weeks, during the adoption of the agenda.

34. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Three Contract Renewals for Tree and Stump Removal Services to Gunnison Tree Specialist (Primary), ArborNature, LLC (Secondary), and Kocun Tree Care, LLC, (Tertiary) for up to $700,000 (Event No. 7276) - Item Added on 2/8/21

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Tree and Stump Removal.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Tree and Stump Removal.pdf

Postponed/continued Items #33 and #34 for two weeks, during the adoption of the agenda.

CLOSING:

Mayor Johnson wished everyone a 'Happy Valentine's Day' and encouraged all to show love.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely sent out well wishes to her father, Isaac Miller, who will celebrate his 83rd Birthday tomorrow.

Alderwoman Lanier announced to the public a Job Fair this Saturday for Arena project employment. Residents can view the flyer on the City's Facebook page.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.

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CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

FEBRUARY 22, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

The special called meeting of the City Council was held at 10:06 a.m. via Zoom communication, due to the COVID-19 pandemic

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

OTHERS PRESENT:
Acting City Manager Michael Brown
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Special Meeting Agenda Items

1. Real Estate

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the special called meeting and conduct a closed executive session regarding real estate and personnel, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

The executive session began at 10:08 a.m.

Alderman Purtee moved to close the executive session and adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 5-4-0. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Alderwoman Lanier voted no.

The special called meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

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COUNCIL WORK SESSION & CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

FEBRUARY 25, 2021 – 4:00 p.m.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the City Council Work Session and City Manager's Briefing was held via Zoom video communications at 4:00 p.m. Following the roll call, Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Detric Leggett to offer the invocation.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1, Chairman

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

OTHERS PRESENT:

Acting City Manager Michael B. Brown

Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd

Assistant to the City Manager Joe Shearouse

Assistant to the City Manager Daphanie Williams

Finance Director David Maxwell

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Workshop Agenda Items

1. Water, Sewer and Refuse Services - Part II - Financing and Billing

Mayor Johnson introduced Acting City Manager Brown for part two of the water, sewer and refuse financing and billing information.

The slide presentation was made by Mr. Brown and Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd. Finance Director David Maxwell, Assistant to the City Manager Joe Shearouse, and Assistant to the City Manager Daphanie Williams were available to answer any questions. Mr. Lloyd will send copies of the slide presentation to Council Members.

Acting City Manager Brown recommends revisiting the delinquencies to see how the City can assist those residents who are delinquent, those residents who need help with water issue repairs, and institute a monthly water bill payment system.

Following the presentation, there was a discussion, along with a question and answer session by Council.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked Mr. Brown to put a plan in place to assist residents with paying the increased water/sewer bills. She had concerns with the City disconnecting residents water and residents might replace/repair a gadget only to find out this was not the problem. Mr. Brown stated the City will start a process of reviewing outstanding delinquent bills and making a determination on a case-by-case basis of how to assist the resident. The City has no plans to disconnect any residents water at this time.

Mayor Johnson stated the water is a viable utility and the City cannot operate at a loss. At some point, the City will need to collect for service. He asked when CARES Act money for utilities is received, could the City access those funds from the County to help residents with utilities (water/sewer bills). Mr. Brown will investigate the possibilities.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if there are errors in the payment plan system. Mr. Brown stated the system is not flawed, residents are just not paying their bills. She asked how the payment plan would work. Mr. Brown answered, it should be based on the residents ability to pay. Persons of modest means can apply for assistance. He will advise Council of the assistance plan. Any forgiveness or delayed payment plan, should be based on ability to pay. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if any of the CARES Act funding will be allocated to the small and minority businesses who did not receive funding during the second round. Mr. Brown stated the City is on the verge of receiving additional CARES Act funding and the small and minority businesses should be considered.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the $8.7 million CARES Act funds received by Chatham County could be given to the City, since those funds should be spent by December 31, 2021. Mr. Brown will follow-up with the County for information.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked if today's presentation is preparing residents for an increase in rates. Mayor Johnson and Mr. Brown explained, the presentation was to inform the public of how the system operates and to discuss the high number of delinquent water bills. They also indicated the City must recover lost revenue in the coming years. Dr. Shabazz discussed the disparity on the Westside of Savannah. The water and sewer capital improvement projects, for years, have targeted the River Street, Bacon Park and President Street areas as evidenced by the 'Capital Intensive Operations' slide during the presentation. Mayor Johnson indicated the Westside was taken care of first. He asked Mr. Brown to discuss the major projects completed on the Westside, including the Springfield Basin project which runs through the 5th District.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely has concerns for the Wilshire Plant and Lotts Island projects. Once the water treatment facilities are discontinued, how will this affect the water system on the Southside. Mr. Brown discussed the possibility of closing the Wilshire and Hunter Base sewage plants and transporting all the sewage to the President Street plant and using the acreage to create a local park. She asked if there was a way the City could reduce high delinquent water bills by 20%, 10% or some other portion right away. Rather than have a blanket reduction of the delinquent water bills, Mr. Brown would like to have a plan in place to assist residents on their ability to pay. The City has the obligation to collect funds from those individuals who are capable of paying their bills.

Alderman Purtee discussed the Wilshire project as it relates to the Southside Legacy Project which is still in the planning stages. Lotts Island and the Wilshire project are a five - ten year plan. City Council will need to work and plan for the water and sewer capital improvement projects. Working with Hunter Base, City Council could realize improvements to Lotts Island, Wilshire plant and create a park on the Southside for the residents. Mayor Johnson expressed the City's desire to continue to cultivate a good and beneficial working relationship with Hunter Base and Fort Stewart.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Mr. Brown what he meant by transporting sewage down Truman Parkway. Mr. Brown explained the sewage from the Wilshire plant must be moved and treated. It will be transported through the system to the main plant on President Street for treatment.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the work session at 5:44 p.m.

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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 25, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the regular meeting of the City Council was held via Zoom video communications at 6:30 p.m. Following the roll call, Mayor Johnson recognized Alderwoman Lanier to introduce Pastor Larry Gordon of the Solomon Temple Church of God in Christ who delivered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1, Chairman

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

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Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

OTHERS PRESENT:

Acting City Manager Michael Brown

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for February 25, 2021

Alderman Purtee moved to adopt/approve the agenda as amended, withdraw Item #48, Settlement #2 as requested by the City Attorney, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of Minutes for the Work Session & City Manager's Briefing held on February 11, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.

Agenda Plus_WS DRAFT MINUTES_February 11, 2021 City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on February 11, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

4. A Proclamation Celebrating the 140th Anniversary of the American Red Cross

Mayor Johnson read the Proclamation celebrating the 140th Anniversary of the American Red Cross and recognized March as National Red Cross Month. He thanked Ms. Maria Center, Executive Director of the Southeast and Coastal Georgia Chapter for continued support of Savannah during major crisis. The Proclamation will be mailed to Ms. Center.

Ms. Center thanked the Mayor and Aldermen/Alderwomen for recognizing March as National Red Cross Month and is looking forward to a continuing relationship.

Alderman Purtee and Alderwoman Miller Blakely congratulated Ms. Center on the Red Cross 140 Year Anniversary and for the outstanding work the Red Cross has provided to the residents of the City.

CONSENT AGENDA - (This section shall include all routine items for which it is anticipated there will be no debate or requests for public input. Any Alderman can remove consent items for discussion or separate consideration.)

5. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Tree Planting Services with Pine Hollow Nursery and Landscaping for up to $90,000 (Event No. 6918)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Tree Planting.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Tree Planting.pdf

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the Park and Tree Department staff or a local business could accomplish the work. Mr. Brown stated the City has 80,000 to 90,000 trees. City staff maintains the street and park trees. It is more productive to have an outside vendor to grow and plant the new trees.

Alderman Palumbo stated the Savannah Tree Foundation does a wonderful job preserving the tree canopy. We need to continue to plant and preserve our trees.

Mayor Johnson reported there was another bidder at $25,000.00 more than the low bidder. The City sent out 230 inquiries to businesses and received 4 bids.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked Mr. Brown if the trees will be confiscated from the interstates as in years past. Mr. Brown indicated the Department of Transportation (DOT) removed the trees in an effort to make visible to motorists any animals (deer) entering the highway.

Alderwoman Lanier stated many trees were removed on the Westside during the GDOT's removal for motorists which has impaired the air quality. Moving forward, she recommends the City establish a program to replace one-two trees for every tree that is removed, and if possible, use local vendors to keep resources in the City. Alderwoman Miller Blakely agreed with Alderwoman Lanier.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #5, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Concrete and Asphalt Crushing Services with United Grounds Maintenance Services for up to $68,000 (Event No.7499)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Concrete and Asphalt Crushing Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Concrete and Ashphalt Crushing Services.pdf

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Acting City Manager Brown if City staff could be trained to do the concrete and asphalt crushing work. Mayor Johnson indicated there would be a high cost for equipment. Mr. Brown stated sometimes the concrete and/or asphalt would need to be moved to another location to be crushed. This involves a big huge crusher not available by all vendors and used throughout the County.

Mayor Johnson reported the City sent out 200 inquiries to businesses and received 2 bids.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #6, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Case Management Software for Code Enforcement with Online Solutions, LLC in the Amount of $66,000 (Event No. 7434)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Case Management Software.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Case Management Software.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approved Items #7, #8, #10 and Items #12 through #16 per the Acting City Manager's recommendation, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palunbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Odor-Controlling Chemicals with Allied Universal Corporation and Colonial Chemical Solutions for up to $62,656.63 (Event No. 7569)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Odor Control Chemicals.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Odor Control Chemicals.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approved Items #7, #8, #10 and Items #12 through #16 per the Acting City Manager's recommendation, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palunbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Asphaltic Concrete (for Pothole Repairs, Utility Cuts and Pavement Defects) with Preferred Materials, Inc. for up to $50,000 (Event No. 7501)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Asphaltic Concrete.pdf

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Asphaltic Concrete.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked for the updated robotic program schedule for paving streets. Acting City Manager Brown answered the paving assessment system for paving large areas and streets is an entirely different system. This System is specifically for the repair of holes and potholes. The City is moving toward using a local small vendor pool for this work. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter suggested a work session dedicated to the robotic program to educate residents on the street repaving schedule. Alderman Purtee requested Mr. Brown to send a report to Council as it relates to the robotic study.

Mayor Johnson reported there were 86 inquiries sent to businesses and the City received 3 bids, the top 2 were in Garden City.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Item #9, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Miller Blakely seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Subscription Agreement Renewal for Police Communication Software with Adventos Corporation in the Amount of $49,000 (Event No. 6950)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Police Communication Software.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Police Communication Software.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approved Items #7, #8, #10 and Items #12 through #16 per the Acting City Manager's recommendation, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palunbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Painting Materials for the Summer Home Repair Program with Contractors Depot for up to $48,000 (Event No 7025).

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Painting Materials.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Painting Materials.pdf

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked when will the Summer Home Repair Program take place and how can residents apply for the Program. She asked if the Program will assist the disabled and senior citizens. Acting City Manager Brown indicated the Program will start soon. The City will place information on the web site, send notices to neighborhood associations and community advocates, advise people of the process for application, where to apply, and a start date. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan supports and praised the Program for the outstanding assistance to residents.

Mayor Johnson indicated Contractors Depot is a Savannah First vendor.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to approve Item #11, Alderwoman Lanier, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Pest Control Services for City Facilities with McCall Service, Inc. for up to $35,000 (Event No.7010)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Pest Control Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Pest Control Services.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approved Items #7, #8, #10 and Items #12 through #16 per the Acting City Manager's recommendation, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palunbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Final Closeout Amendment for the Cedar Streetscape Improvement Project with Johnson-Laux in the Reduced Amount of -$2,620.13 (Event No. 7035)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Cedar Streetscape Improvements.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Cedar Streetscape Improvements.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approved Items #7, #8, #10 and Items #12 through #16 per the Acting City Manager's recommendation, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palunbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a One-Time Purchase of 317 IGel Licenses for Cloud-Based Workspaces (for Computers in Community Centers and at Coastal WorkSource locations) with Layer3 Communications, LLC in the Amount of $54,016.80 (Event No. 8193)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - IGel Thin Client Licenses.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - IGel Thin Client Licenses.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approved Items #7, #8, #10 and Items #12 through #16 per the Acting City Manager's recommendation, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palunbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Cancer Benefit Coverage for City Fire Fighters with Georgia Municipal Association in the Amount of $40,000 (Event No.5819)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Firefighter Cancer Benefits.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Firefighter Cancer Benefits.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approved Items #7, #8, #10 and Items #12 through #16 per the Acting City Manager's recommendation, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palunbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

16. Authorize the City Manager to Purchase Parts and Equipment for the Repair of Lift Station 35 From Graybar Electric Supply in the Amount of $34,656.75 (Event No. 8292)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Lift Station 35 Repair Parts.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Lift Station 35 Repair Parts.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approved Items #7, #8, #10 and Items #12 through #16 per the Acting City Manager's recommendation, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palunbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PURCHASING ITEMS

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Tree and Stump Removal Services with Gunnison Tree Specialist (primary), ArborNature, LLC (secondary), and Kolcun Tree Care, LLC (tertiary) for up to $700,000. (Event No. 7276)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Tree and Stump Removal.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Tree and Stump Removal.pdf

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked when will the City start using local vendors or City staff to complete this type of work. After investigation, she found stump grinders cost $7,000.00. The City could train a Tree and Park employee on how to grind the tree stumps. She asked why local businesses are not responding to the requests for bids. Mayor Johnson indicated some local business might feel the jobs are too large or they don't carry the necessary insurance requirements. Acting City Manager Brown explained there are numerous steps for removal of a tree: cutting down the tree, sale of the tree, transporting the tree, and grinding the stump. The total removal of a tree is dangerous with high insurance rates and a means to sell the trees.

Mayor Johnson reported 395 inquiries were sent to businesses, the City received 4 bids, 2 from Hilton Head, SC, 1 from Atlanta, GA, and 1 from Topeka, KS.

Alderman Purtee discussed the dangers in removing a tree and the high cost of liability insurance. He suggested the City employees continue maintaining the healthy trees and assign removal of trees to the expert contractors.

Alderman Palumbo mentioned the Sustainability Department's program on empty City lots, of planting trees. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz expounded on the Program. The Program was started during the last administration and now has three separate sites for growing trees. This Program is training adults and youth for the agricultural careers.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz agreed with Alderwoman Miller Blakely in educating and informing the City's citizens when contracts are available. Assistance should be given to local businesses in securing and doing business with the City.

Alderwoman Lanier asked if there was a cost benefit analysis prepared for this project and was this the best cost effective way to complete the service. Mr. Brown stated using an outside contractor was the most cost effective approach for tree removal and grinding.

Alderwoman Miller Blakley asked Mr. Brown to provide Council with a purchasing summary that details the specific work of each vendors. The purchasing summary provided for Gunnison Tree Specialist did not include all services provided by the vendor. This way Council will have all information concerning each purchased item.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan shared information about Mr. Ollie Bouette and Sean Mannion and a few church members who volunteer to plants trees around the welcoming signs in the 3rd District. She offered to share contact information to Council Members for services by Mr. Bouette, who works in the City's water department.

Alderman Purtee encouraged Council Members to be advocates to the businesses in their respective communities when the City is sending out inquiries for bids. Council Members could educate business owners on the bid process and help steer owners to opportunities to do business with the City.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #17, Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Delivered Senior Lunch Meals with Senior Citizens, Inc. for up to $400,000 (Event No. 4242)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Senior Meals.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Senior Meals.pdf

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked how many lunches are delivered and how would new seniors apply to the program. Mayor Johnson believes 90,000 meals were delivered last year and seniors can apply through senior programs.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated the meals are supplies through the community centers. If individuals want daily meals they can apply to Meals on Wheels through Senior Centers, Inc. on Bull Street. She asked Mr. Brown, since the City's senior centers are closed now due to COVID-19, how are the seniors receiving meals. Mr. Brown answered the meals are delivered to the senior's homes. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter suggested the City give consideration to local non-profit organizations with purchased services. Mr. Brown agrees with the suggestion of purchased services for local non-profit organizations and is moving the City in that direction.

Mayor Johnson reported there were 177 inquiries sent to businesses and the City received 1 bid.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #18, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Three Contract Renewals for Stormwater Pump Repair Services to Xylem Water Solutions, USA (Primary), Goforth Williamson (Secondary), and Pete Kelly, Inc (Tertiary), for up to $325,000 (Event No. 7083)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Stormwater Pump Repairs.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Stormwater Pump Repairs.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #19 through #21, #23, #25, and Items #27 through #29 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation. Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Third Party Administrator Adjusting Services for Workers Compensation and Auto Liability Claims with Gallagher Bassett for $235,005 (Event No. 6494)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Workers Comp TPA Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Workers Comp TPA Services.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #19 through #21, #23, #25, and Items #27 through #29 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation. Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for the Purchase of Groundwater Treatment Chemicals from Savannah Brush and Chemical Company for up to $186,600 (Event No. 7544)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - HFS Acid.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - HFS Acid.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #19 through #21, #23, #25, and Items #27 through #29 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation. Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Roofing Materials for the Summer Home Repair Program with Southern Roof Center for up to $147,000 (Event No. 7023)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Roofing Materials.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Roofing Materials.pdf

Alderwoman Miller Blakley moved to approve Item #22, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Purchase of One-Ton Chlorine Cylinders with JCI Jones Chemical Inc. for up to $112,500 (Event No.6100)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - One Ton Chlorine.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - One Ton Chlorine.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #19 through #21, #23, #25, and Items #27 through #29 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation. Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Crushed Stone (for Lane Grading and Stabilizing Unpaved Surfaces) with Martin Marietta Materials for up to $100,000 (Event No.7500)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Crushed Stone.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Crushed Stone.pdf

Mayor Johnson reported there were 97 inquiries sent to businesses, and the City received 1 bid.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to approve Item #24, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Project Management Software from Smartsheet, Inc. in the Amount of $92,403.31 (Event No. 8035)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - SmartSheets License Agreement.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - SmartSheets License Agreement.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #19 through #21, #23, #25, and Items #27 through #29 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation. Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Network Equipment, Maintenance and IT Security with Layer3 Communications for up to $900,000 (Event No. 8318)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Network Equipment and Maintenance.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Network Equipment and Maintenance.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Acting City Manager Brown if this item was a priority due to the ongoing pandemic. Mayor Johnson indicated this is a necessary purchase. The City experienced a major security breach and the network security is needed to deter any further hacking into the City's system.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter suggested a vendor's fair to provide education to the public on how to do business with the City.

Mayor Johnson reported this is a Savannah First business. He encouraged Council Members to contact the City Manager's office prior to the meeting with any questions concerning the Meeting Agenda. This would allow the meetings to flow more timely and efficiently.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Item #26, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

27. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Two Contracts for Tree Root Damage Repair Services with J.T. Maddox Concrete Experts, LLC and SABE, Inc. for up to $700,000 (Event No.7910)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Tree Root Damage Repair.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Tree Root Damage Repair.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #19 through #21, #23, #25, and Items #27 through #29 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation. Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

28. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Landfilling of Bio-Solids from the President Street Plant and Regional Plants with Waste Management for up to $500,000 (Event No. 7335)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Landfilling of Bio-Solids.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Landfilling of Bio-Solids.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #19 through #21, #23, #25, and Items #27 through #29 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation. Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

29. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Electric Motor Repairs with Carbone Technology, Inc. for up to $155,000 (Event No. 8103)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Electric Motor Repair.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Elec Motor Repair.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #19 through #21, #23, #25, and Items #27 through #29 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation. Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

30. Approval to Re-Appoint Ronald Melander or Randy G. Tate to the Park and Tree Commission (One Vacancy Available)

Alderman Palumbo moved to appoint Randy G. Tate to the one vacancy on the Park and Tree Commission, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

31. Approval of Class C (Beer,Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Joseph Hunt for Bay Street Moon Foods, LLC t/a Your Pie at 110 West Bryan St. (Aldermanic District 2)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Your Pie.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Your Pie.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Documents - Your Pie.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Your Pie.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearing for Items #31 and #32.

No speaker(s).

No written comment(s).

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol license hearing for Items #31 and #32, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #31, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

32. Approval of Class C (Beer,Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Ericka Hoyt for Huff and Doback, LLC t/a Fork and Dagger at 1402 Habersham Street (Aldermanic District 2)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Fork and Dagger.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Fork and Dagger.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Documents - Fork&Dagger.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Fork and Dagger.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearing for Items #31 and #32.

No speaker(s).

No written comment(s).

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol license hearing for Items #31 and #32, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #32, Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ZONING HEARINGS

33. Approval to Amend the City of Savannah Zoning Map to Rezone 504 and 506 E. Montgomery Crossroads (PINs 20494 03002 and 20494 03003) from RSF-6 (Residential Single Family-6) to OI-T (Office and Institutional-Transition) with Conditions. Petition of Ed Garvin (Agent) for Desktop Rentals, LLC (Owner). File No. 20-004503-ZA

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - 504 and 506 E Montgomery Cross Roads

Exhibit 2: Map - 504 and 506 E Montgomery Cross Roads

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance - 504 and 506 E Montgomery Cross Roads

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearing for Items #33 and #34.

Speaker(s):

- Marcus Lotson, MPC - gave a brief description of the petition outlining the conditions. MPC recommended approval with conditions.

No written comment(s):

Alderman Palumbo moved to close the zoning hearings for Items #33 and #34, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

34. Approval to Amend the City of Savannah Zoning Map to Rezone 23 Weiner Drive (PINs: 20494 03004) from RSF-6 (Residential Single Family-6) to OI-T (Office and Institutional-Transition) with Conditions. Petition of Ed Garvin (Agent) for Sarah Heymen (Owner). File No. 20-004500-ZA

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet

Exhibit 2: Map - 23 Weiner Drive

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance - 23 Weiner Drive

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearing for Items #33 and #34.

Speaker(s):

- Marcus Lotson, MPC - gave a brief description of the petition outlining the conditions. MPC recommended approval with conditions.

No written comment(s):

Alderman Palumbo moved to close the zoning hearings for Items #33 and #34, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

35. Approval to Amend the Zoning Ordinance for the East Broad Market Lofts Planned Development (PD) (PIN: 20075 05011) to Permit Micro-Distilleries as a Permitted Use. Petition of Harry Smith (Agent) for GIKI, LLC (Owner). File No. 20-005948

Exhibit 1: Recommendation Package - East Broad Market Lofts.pdf

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance - East Broard Market Lofts.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearing for Item #35.

Speaker(s):

- Marcus Lotson, MPC - gave a brief description of the development. MPC recommended approval.

No written comment(s):

Alderman Leggett reported there were no concerns from the neighborhood associations. He asked Mr. Lotson if there are any similar projects in neighborhoods. Mr. Lotson answered, this will be the

first micro-distillery but there are a few micro-breweries in the City. Alderman Leggett asked Mr. Lotson if there are any dangerous hazards to the neighborhood. Mr. Lotson stated inspections by the City and State have been performed and the micro-distillery met all requirements. Any additional information can be addressed to the applicant.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if there were guidelines as it relates to the proximity to the nearby church. Since the establishments is classified as a restaurant, Mr. Lotson stated the distance requirements would be the same as a restaurant.

Alderwoman Lanier asked Mr. Lotson for a clear classification. Mr. Lotson stated, it is classified as a restaurant with a brewery for beer. The applicant is requesting a permit for a distillery to produce alcohol. If approved, Alderwoman Lanier asked if the PUD zoning will apply to all PUD's or just to this establishment, East Broad Market Lofts location. Mr. Lotson answered, just to this location.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked Mr. Lotson if the applicant will distill the alcoholic mixture or will they bring it to the site already mixed. Mr. Lotson answered, they will store and mix all ingredients on site.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #35, Alderman Leggett and Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING

36. Approval to Amend Section 8-1002 of the Code of Ordinances to Align This Section with the 2018 Version of the International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC) as Adopted by the GA Department of Community Affairs (DCA).

Exhibit 1: ORD Section 8-1002 v2.docx

Exhibit 2: Section 8-1002 (Redlined Version) v2.docx

After the first reading was considered the second and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #36, Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

37. Approval to Amend the City of Savannah Zoning Map to Rezone 504 and 506 E. Montgomery Crossroads (PINs 20494 03002 and 20494 03003) from RSF-6 (Residential Single Family-6) to OI-T (Office and Institutional-Transition) with Conditions. Petition of Ed Garvin (Agent) for Desktop Rentals, LLC (Owner). File No. 20-004503-ZA

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - 504 and 506 E Montgomery Cross Roads

Exhibit 2: Map - 504 and 506 E Montgomery Cross Roads

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance - 504 and 506 E Montgomery Cross Roads

Alderman Palumbo expressed thanks to MPC and City staff for working on the rezoning and protecting the current residents. He feels Montgomery Crossroads is one of the most diverse corridors in the City.

After the first reading was considered the second and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #37, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderwoman Lanier asked Alderman Palumbo if there were any oppositions. Alderman Palumbo answered there were none.

38. Approval to Amend the City of Savannah Zoning Map to Rezone 23 Weiner Drive (PINs: 20494 03004) from RSF-6 (Residential Single Family-6) to OI-T (Office and Institutional-Transition) with Conditions. Petition of Ed Garvin (Agent) for Sarah Heymen (Owner). File No. 20-004500-ZA

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - 23 Weiner Drive

Exhibit 2: Map - Weiner Drive

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance - 23 Weiner Drive

After the first reading was considered the second and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #38, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

39. Approval to Amend the Zoning Ordinance for the East Broad Market Lofts Planned Development (PD) (PIN: 20075 05011) to Permit Micro-Distilleries as a Permitted Use. Petition of Harry Smith (Agent) for GIKI, LLC (Owner). File No. 20-005948

Exhibit 1: Recommendation Package - East Broad Market Lofts PD

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance - East Broad Market Lofts PD

After the first reading was considered the second and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #39, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

40. Approval of a Resolution Requesting the Georgia General Assembly Adopt Local Legislation Authorizing the City of Savannah to Adopt the Hotel/Motel Excise Tax under O.C.G.A. 48-13-51(b)

hotel-motel-tax-resolution-2021_1 (2).pdf

a. Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to deny approval of Item #40 until questions are answered as it relates to the Memorandum of Agreement, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Gibson-Carter seconded. The motion failed, 4-5-0. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier voted yes.

Written comment(s):

- Friends of Tide to Town, Inc. – Support
- Caila Brown, Bike Walk Savannah - Support

Acting City Manager Brown gave an explanation of the Legislation and how it conforms to the other local jurisdictions including the marketing of African-American tourism. Mr. Brown recommends approval.

Alderwoman Lanier has concerns with timing as it relates to the $2 million for a slave museum. She feels Council should be a part of the discussions when appropriating funds to specific projects. She asked if the Resolution could be submitted in two weeks. Mayor Johnson indicated her concerns are related to Item #41 and the timeline was set by the Local Delegation and Council's decision is needed now. Mr. Brown stated this is handled by the Local Legislation and not the General Legislation. There is no specific allocation for a slavery museum or any particular museum. Hopefully, Council can move forward with their own list of projects. Mr. Brown is asking Council's approval to move forward, due to timing, on the Resolution to adopt local legislation authorizing the City to adopt the hotel/motel excise tax under O.C.G.A. 48-13-51(b).

Alderman Leggett called for the vote.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz discussed a meeting with Mr. Brown earlier today relating to a national slavery museum here in the City of Savannah. She asked Mr. Brown if that national slavery museum is part of this Agreement. Mr. Brown stated these are allocations the Council has reviewed: improvements to the waterfront, general allocation for accessibility to Tide to Trail. There is no specific item for a particular museum. These are good ideas: Weeping Time, Tide to Town, the Heritage Trail, these are projects to be implemented later. Mr. Brown stated the action taken today is to get the City in a position to process for the future, as requested by the Delegation and encouraged by the State. It does not commit the City to any particular museum.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked Mr. Brown about the discussion earlier today. Mayor Johnson indicated her point relates to Item #41. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz stated Items #40 and #41 are related. Mayor Johnson disagreed. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz cited the similarities between Items #40 and #41 are the hotel/motel tax. Mayor Johnson cited, Item #40 relates to a Resolution to the Georgia General Assembly and Item #41 relates to an Agreement with the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce, they are related as it concerns the hotel/motel tax.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely read Item #40, Resolution, in part:

> **A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF SAVANNAH, GEORGIA, REQUESTING THAT THE GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY ADOPT LOCAL LEGISLATION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SAVANNAH TO ADOPT THE HOTEL/MOTEL EXCISE TAX UNDER O.C.G.A. 48-13- 51(b); TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY ACTS TO ACCOMPLISH THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION; TO PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES** (Page 227 - page 1 of the Resolution from the Agenda)
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> **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an amount equal to 14.7% of the total amount of taxes collected at the rate of 8 percent shall be expended for tourism product development, as defined in O.C.G.A. 48-13-50.2(6), and in accordance with O.C.G.A. 48-13-51(b)(5)(B). The total amount of taxes to be collected for tourism product development will fund the following projects: $20 million redevelopment of Savannah's waterfront; $10 million expansion of the Tide to Town Urban Trail Network; $10 million renovation of the Historic Water Works building; $17 million to create trail; sidewalk and other connections between the Historic District, westside neighborhoods and the new arena; $3.5 million for museum development; $2 million for a water access facility on Savannah's southside; $2 million for wayfinding signage; and $1 million for West Bay gateway enhancements.** (Page 228 - page 2 of the Resolution from the Agenda)

Alderwoman Miller Blakely indicated the Council is discussing African American tourism. There is no mention of African American tourism in the Resolution. Mayor Johnson stated she read from Item #41. She indicated it was read from the Resolution.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked Mr. Brown to review pages 227 and 228 of the Agenda.

Alderman Palumbo and Alderman Purtee called for point of order.

Mr. Brown stated the need to meet the requirements of the State Statutes authorizes the City of Savannah to move into the new section to levy hotel/motel tax range of 6% to 8%. Item #40 addresses those State requirements. Item #41 is a separate Agreement with the City's marketing arm, Visit Savannah, and what they must do to market to the African American tourism and improve

the product and services. Item #40 is the requirement to take before the General Assembly for approval.

Alderman Purtee called for the vote.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated to Mr. Brown that Items #40 and #41 go hand in hand. You cannot separate the two items. She along with Alderwoman Lanier supported and encouraged the increase in the hotel/motel tax early in the administration, but she has been closed out of any follow-up discussions.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter indicated the revenue is earmarked specifically for tourism; however, there is a project planned that has nothing to do with tourism, unless the Council designates the project as such. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter suggested taking these funds and use for the residents of the City. Such as using the funds for the police department who provide services to the tourists. Mr. Brown indicated the State Statutes prescribe how the funds can be used. It does not permit the City to use tourism funds for police activity. A portion of the funds go the the City General Fund for police, fire and park and tree services. This State Statute permits funds to be used for Visit Savannah, the convention facility, and tourism product development including the development related to West Savannah, the Arena, Tide to Town, and the Heritage Trail projects. This is not a commitment to the Weeping Time or any African American tourism product but he believes this is the next marketing area for Savannah. This action gets Savannah into the category necessary to get the General Assembly to approve this as a source of revenue, they prescribe how the City will use the funds.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Mr. Brown how much revenue did the City receive from hotel/motel tax. Mr. Brown answered, approximately $21 million, a portion goes to Visit Savannah, a portion to convention facilities, and a portion to tourism product development. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked what amount of the hotel/motel tax goes to Visit Savannah. Mr. Brown answered, approximately $7 million. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked how much of the hotel/motel tax does the City receive. Mr. Brown answered, approximately $11 million.

In an effort to make the Resolution language clear to the public, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked Mr. Brown to read the text from the Resolution that Alderwoman Miller Blakely previously read, (pages 227 and 228). Mayor Johnson indicated the language in the Resolution should be corrected, the motion is for the Resolution only and not for the Agreement. Mr. Brown stated the Resolution language is correct, it meets the statutory requirements, and should be adopted as presented in the Agenda. Mr. Brown recommends Council approval of the Resolution. The Agreement is a separate agenda item.

Alderman Palumbo called for the question. Mayor Johnson acknowledged Alderman Palumbo.

Mayor Johnson stated, for years the citizens of Savannah did not see the affects of tourism. This is an opportunity for the City to realize revenue without the residents bearing the burden. This Resolution is asking the City to move from one category to the next category, ensuring the City will have the ability to collect the maximum amount of hotel/motel tax from visitors (tourists).

b. Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #40, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed, 6-3-0, with Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no.

AGREEMENTS

41. Approval of Memorandum of Agreement with the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce/Visit Savannah Regarding the Hotel-Motel Tax

MOA HMT CVB 2021 V3 022021.pdf

Mayor Johnson explained Item #41 is the companion Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the hotel/motel tax Resolution as required by State Law and can only be used for tourism related activities. Mayor Johnson discussed the requirements and restrictions outlined in the MOA. Acting City Manager Brown discussed the MOA and Visit Savannah's obligation to formally begin an African American Tourism marketing program. Annually, Visit Savannah is required to prepare a diversity, equity, and inclusion plan targeted to minority and African American tourist. They must prepare the plan, appoint a professional tourism manager, monitor the program, and present the program to the Mayor and Aldermen for review. Mr. Brown recommends approval of the MOA by City Council.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely questioned why Visit Savannah will only appoint one designated person for the minority and African American tourism plan. Mayor Johnson and Mr. Brown explained there will only be one designated professional for the minority and African American tourism program but Visit Savannah has made a commitment to market the program.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked what are the projects the tourists pay for that the City residents enjoy. Mayor Johnson cited; the Arena district projects, the Tide to Town, it helps the City reach their renewable energy goals, and it helps connect the communities. Mr. Brown stated the tax monies

would help small businesses and African American restaurants in the communities when Visit Savannah markets those destinations. The marketing will be done with the hotel/motel taxes.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked, of the additional 2% of hotel/motel tax, how much will be generated and what portion of those dollars will go toward the professionals hired by Visit Savannah to market minority and African American tourist. Mr. Brown answered, approximately $7 million per year and Visit Savannah will determine the amount allocated to the professional hired for marketing.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz suggested having discussion items at the beginning of the Agenda or include them on the 2:00 pm Council Meetings. She asked about the National Slavery Museum with Mayor Johnson, and other Mayors of Savannah, plus others with respect to the Museum that was discussed in a meeting earlier today. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz wanted to know if the National Slavery Museum will be a part of this Agreement since conversations concerning this Museum are currently on-going. Mayor Johnson indicated the National Slavery Museum is not a part of this Agreement. The National Slavery Museum was an idea and Mayor Johnson polled individuals to get their thoughts on the concept. Mayor Johnson discussed the opportunity Savannah has missed in promoting the African American experience to tourists. Since there is no national museum or memorial dedicated to slavery, Mayor Johnson contacted some history experts around the Country regarding a slavery museum in Savannah to get their opinions. He feels the Slavery Museum will boost the tourism for African American marketing. There were no specific details or dollar amount, it was an idea discussed with the individuals he met with to discuss the possibility of a National Slavery Museum in Savannah. Mayor Johnson shared the idea with Council Members on an individual basis to get their feed-back.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz suggested a workshop dedicated to a presentation by Visit Savannah on their area services and marketing.

Alderman Palumbo discussed the importance of approving the Agreement with Visit Savannah to forge ahead with partnerships and marketing efforts with the tourism industry.

Alderwoman Lanier discussed her concerns with the $2 million for marketing minority and African American tourism and how the funds will be spent. The City of Savannah should not market the City as having a slave connotation. The African American history has a wealth of stories and their accomplishments should be celebrated in more positive messaging. After a review of the list provided, Alderwoman Lanier did not see any names of businesses or individuals currently telling the African American history to tourists in Savannah. She asked if there was a line item of where the $2 million will be allocated. Mr. Brown answered no, the $2 million is for marketing efforts. Alderwoman Lanier shared a negative slavery advertisement geared toward Savannah published in Alabama. She expressed her concerns with Savannah being marketed as a slavery destination.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked what the $3.5 million for museum development in the Resolution is earmarked for. Mr. Brown answered, $1.5 million will go for the Springfield Terrace Museum in Historic Carver (Pearl Smith project), and the remaining $2 million is undesignated but will help the City to create a tourism product. Mayor Johnson indicated the Council will decide how to use the $2 million. Alderwoman Miller Blakely read, from the Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Hotel/Motel Tax into the record the following:

> **Savannah shall implement and provide a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Plan that develops strategies to attract minority visitors and group conventions, promotes tourism-related minority-owned businesses in Savannah, and highlights cultural heritage attractions significant to minority communities (including, but not limited to, Savannah's Black, Jewish, Indigenous, Hispanic, and female populations). The plan shall be provided to City Council within 6 months of this agreement.**

Based on the MOA, Alderwoman Miller Blakely indicated African Americans are not the only sector Visit Savannah will target marketing. She suggested the City develop another means of marketing to the African American tourist other than slavery. Mayor Johnson stated, he initiated conversations, selected the individuals, and briefed Council Members on the slavery museum idea. The Community will decide if the museum is a viable project.

Mayor Johnson stated this is an opportunity for the City to partner with Visit Savannah and have the hotel/motel tax pay for projects to encourage increased tourism in Savannah.

Alderwoman Lanier called for the motion on the floor.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #41, Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, and Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed, 7-1-1, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no and Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan complimented them on the professionals who will spearhead the African American marketing for Visit Savannah. Mayor Johnson stated some of the most concerned residents to have the African American story told happen to be white.

42. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with Savannah Hotel Partners, LLC for TRU by Hilton Hotel

Exhibit 1: Water and Sewer Agreement - TRU by Hilton Hotel 77 Fairmont Av.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #42 through #46, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed, 8-0-1 with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

43. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with EW MFR Venture I, LLC for Eastern Wharf Block A., a Mixed-Use Development on East Bryan Street

Exhibit 1: Water and Sewer Agreement - Eastern Wharf Block A.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #42 through #46, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed, 8-0-1 with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

44. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with Beacon Builders, Inc. for The Palms Phase 2

Exhibit 1: Water and Sewer Agreement - The Palms Phase 2.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #42 through #46, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed, 8-0-1 with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

45. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with North Godley Industrial Park, LLC for Spring Lakes Phase VI

Exhibit 1: Water and Sewer Agreement - Spring Lakes Phase VI.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #42 through #46, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed, 8-0-1 with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

46. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with Exchange Club of Savannah for the New Fairgrounds at I-95 and GA 204

Exhibit 1: Water and Sewer Agreement - Fairgrounds.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #42 through #46, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed, 8-0-1 with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

47. Settlement #1

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney's office to resolve a vehicle accident claim involving a police officer who struck a building in the amount of $80,000 for Militea Johnson Hilliard, owner. Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being was present.

48. Settlement #2

Item #48, Settlement #2 was removed from the Agenda at the request of the City Attorney.

MISCELLANEOUS

49. Approval of Major Subdivision Bradley Pointe South Phase 6B

Exhibit 1: Plat - Bradley Pointe South Phase 6B

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #49, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed, 8-0-1 with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

50. Approval of the Proposed City Manager Search Process and Schedule

Exhibit 1: Memo to City Council - City Manager Executive Search Process.pdf

Acting City Manager Brown discussed the process and schedule for the City Manager search. Mr. Brown recommended approval.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked Mr. Brown for a specific timeline. Mr. Brown provided the following:

- the next 2-3 weeks Council, employees and citizens will submit their input;
- a brochure will be prepared;
- advertise the position for 30-45 days;
- skill requirements and background checks will be preformed on selected candidates;
- a list of the qualified candidates will be prepared for the public;
- Council will make a final candidate list for interviews;
- final candidates will be interviewed; and
- Council makes selection of the new City Manager.

Mr. Brown estimates the process to take 3-4 months. Mayor Johnson suggested providing the new vendor with prior candidate information.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #50, Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed, 8-0-1 with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

CLOSING:

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:58 p.m.

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SUMMARY/FINAL MINUTES

COUNCIL WORK SESSION & CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

MARCH 11, 2021 – 12:00 p.m.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the City Council Work Session and City Manager's Briefing was held via Zoom video communications at 12:00 p.m. Following the roll call, Mayor Johnson recognized Alderwoman Bernetta Lanier to offer the invocation.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1, Chairman

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

OTHERS PRESENT:

Acting City Manager Michael B. Brown

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Chief Community Services Officer Taffanye Young

Human Services Director Kerri Reid

Workshop Agenda Items

1. Introduction to Poverty Discussion - Part I

Exhibit 1: Presentation - Introduction to Poverty.pdf

Exhibit 2: Memo to City Council - Introduction to Poverty.pdf

Acting City Manager Brown started the presentation by discussing what Council can expect from Part I and Part II of the poverty discussions. Mr. Brown presented the first portion of the PowerPoint presentation and Chief Community Services Officer Taffanye Young and Human Services Director Kerri Reid completed the presentation.

Following the slide presentation, Mayor and Council had discussion and asked questions:

Mayor Johnson announced the City of Savannah will be included in this round of stimulus distribution. The City is working toward raising the minimum wage to $15.00 and is talking with surroundings municipalities to reduce poverty.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked what is the City doing about the programs in the Community Centers and when will the Centers reopen. Mr. Brown answered, due to COVID-19 the Centers will

reopen when health issues improve. He stated there are facilities throughout the City providing services and those facilities will be available to all citizens. He will prepare a report and send to Council. She asked if the City has any grant writers seeking funds from the Federal Government and the large foundations, dedicated to youth programs at the Community Centers. Mr. Brown answered, the City has grant writers seeking grant awards. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked the definition of City 54 used in the presentation. Ms. Reid answered, that is the name of the grant which provides for short-term rental and utility assistance for individuals with mental disorders and chronic substance abuse issues.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan stated some of the City's policies are the number one barriers to putting Savannah First. The tools discussed in the presentation are just not enough to decrease poverty. The City's poverty rate will remain the same until the City starts using our residents as contractors and workers. The City should stop talking and commit to action by changing policies.

Alderman Palumbo commented, it will take the City, nonprofit and community organizations, and neighborhood associations all working together to eradicate poverty. The City will need to build facilities that offer better poverty reduction services. He suggested a resident hot line for poverty.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed her disappointment with the City's prior assistance and lack of service to residents experiencing poverty. She suggested the current administration display a political will to eradicate poverty to the residents. Staff will need consistent and constant leadership from a permanent City Manager to change or enforce policies.

Alderwoman Lanier questioned the data in the presentation concerning poverty rate. She stated Greater West Savannah's poverty rate is 30% not 25%. The City is working with the same agencies and taking the same strategic approach as prior administrations. If the current administration does not change their approach and strategy by focusing on teaching citizens how to build wealth rather than focusing on poverty, the percentage rates will not change. She suggested using the Community Benefit Agreement approach which has been effective in other communities. Since the City is giving funding to local agencies to decrease poverty, Alderwoman Lanier asked if the City had any data showing a change and when can Council expect some return on investment. Mr. Brown stated the approach is not the same because large Federal funding is coming directly to families and the approach is to make sure barriers for the families are eliminated. Council should expect a return on investment when they start working together.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz investigated the definition of poverty and reported, 'poverty is the state of being extremely poor'. She stated the extreme poor in the City of Savannah are black or African American people and single women with children. She defined the Aldermen/Alderwomen's job as two fold:

1. balance the Annual Budget; and
2. make policies for the better good of all City residents.

Council should focus on those two issues. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz stated during her tenure, the City staff has been A-1.

Mayor Johnson expressed appreciation for staff, as he did during Employee Appreciation Day. He expressed gratitude for all the hard work employees contribute to make the City continuously run smoothly and the Council will continue to support staff's efforts.

Acting City Manager Brown stated he will work on Council's suggestions and criticisms and work on policies for the community centers.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked when was Employee Appreciation Day and did the City do anything for the employees. Mayor Johnson stated National Employee Appreciation Day was last Friday and a 'Thank You' email was sent to employees.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan expressed condolences to the family of Sarahlyn U. (Hargrove) Phillips, a community activist empowering women.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the work session at 1:40 p.m.

The audio recordings of the work sessions can be found by copying and inserting the below links in your url:

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SUMMARY/FINAL MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 11, 2021 – 2:00 p.m.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the regular meeting of the City Council was held via Zoom video communications at 2:03 p.m. Following the roll call, Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Leggett to introduce Reverend Dr. Bernard Clarke, senior minister of Saint Philip Monumental AME Church who delivered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1, Chairman

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

OTHERS PRESENT:

Acting City Manager Michael Brown

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Mayor Johnson acknowledged a year ago today the City experienced the beginning of the COVID-19 national pandemic. He asked the public to remember those Souls lost, recovering, still experiencing, and those recovered from COVID-19.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for March 11, 2021

Acting City Manager Brown requested to continue/postpone Item #33, Petition for a Special Use Permit to Allow the Shelter at 2305 Augusta Avenue, for 30 days or two meetings. This will allow (due diligence) time for the recently received alternate development proposal for the location.

Alderwoman Lanier stated, as Alderwoman of District 1, she is prepared to move forward with the vote today by Council. She reported there were 17 to 18 citizens who rearranged their schedules to be in Chambers today.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked to make a substitute motion; however, Mayor Johnson had called for the vote and was confirming those votes. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked, how can you adopt the agenda and entertain an Item at the same time. Mayor Johnson answered, Mr. Brown had requested Item #33 be continued/postponed for 30 days or two weeks prior to the motion. Alderwoman Lanier asked if this action was keeping with the rules on adopting/approving the agenda. Mayor Johnson, answered, it is appropriate.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Clerk of Council when could she make a substitute motion. Clerk of Council answered, during the debate. A substitute motion can be made after the main motion and before the vote is called for by the Mayor.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda as amended, requested by Acting City Manager Brown to continue/postpone Agenda Item #33 for 30 days or two Council meetings, Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed, 6-3-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier voted no.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked for clarification on her recorded vote from the Clerk of Council. Mr. Massey answered, on the motion to adopt/approve today's agenda as amended to continue/postpone Item #33, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter is recorded as voting no. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Mayor Johnson,if Item #33 could remain on the agenda and be handled as a separate item. Mayor Johnson indicated, at all Council meetings, any item can be removed or continued/postponed at the adoption/approval of the agenda as amended. This has been done consistently by Council.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concern for the citizens who rearranged their schedules to come before Council today to hear Item #33 only to find out it will not be heard today. Mayor Johnson apologized to the citizens for the postponement. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked Alderwoman Lanier if the citizens in Chambers would like to make comments. Mayor Johnson indicated Item #33 was a continuation of a closed hearing where all public comments were heard. Item #33 was only on the agenda for voting by Council. Citizens can continue to give written or verbal comments to the Acting City Manager, but the hearing for public comment was voted as closed by Council.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked why the Acting City Manager postponed Item #33 for 30 days. Mr. Brown recently received a competing/alternate development proposal for the location, and his office needs time for due diligence to review the proposal.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely reported seeing online today, Alderman Palumbo requesting a 30 day extension for Item #33. As Alderwoman at Large for Post 2, she is asking for notification to Alderwoman Lanier, Alderwoman at Large for Post 1, Gibson-Carter and Mayor Johnson, along with herself, for any future items concerning District 1.

Alderman Palumbo called for a point of personal privilege.

Alderman Palumbo stated members are not allowed to criticize other members. His opinions are his own. Members should wait to be recognized by the Chair before speaking.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated Mayor Johnson called for the motion, then called for the vote right after the motion. She had concern for Mayor Johnson stating no additional comments would be allowed for Item #33 and she feels this is a disservice to the citizens. The citizens are taxpayers who voted Council into office. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Mayor Johnson to reconsider his policy on not allowing citizens to speak on any item on the agenda. Mayor Johnson indicated the law is clear on public hearings: the City advertises the public hearing, Council opens the hearing, receives comments both in person and via the Clerk of Council's office, and closes the public hearing. The Clerk of Council's office is still receiving written comments on this item. Council now needs to take action. Mayor Johnson asked City Attorney Lovett if the City has acted improper. Attorney Lovett indicated no by shaking his head.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of Minutes for the Special Called Meeting Held on February 22, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Exhibit 1: Minutes - February 22, 2021 City Council Special Meeting.pdf

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes for the Work Session & City Manager's Briefing Held on February 25, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Minutes - February 25, 2021 City Council Workshop.pdf

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on February 25, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Plus_RM DRAFT MINUTES_February 25, 2021 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA - (This section shall include all routine items for which it is anticipated there will be no debate or requests for public input. Any Alderman can remove consent items for discussion or separate consideration.)

5. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Maintenance of Utility and Tax Collection Software with MS Govern in the Amount of $102,689.42 (Event No. 8281)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - MSGovern Software.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - MSGovern Software.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #9 and Items #11 through #14 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for the Annual Maintenance of Permitting and Inspection Tracking Software with Tyler Technologies in the Amount of $87,675.82 (Event No. 8190)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Permit Tracking Software Maintenance.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Permit Tracking Software Maintenance.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #9 and Items #11 through #14 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Lawn and Leaf Bags with Paper Chemical Supply (Local) for up to $84,370 (Event No. 6526)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Lawn and Leaf Bags.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Summary - Lawn and Leaf Bags.pdf

Exhibit 3: Specifications.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #9 and Items #11 through #14 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Personal Paper Products and Cleaning Supplies with Southeastern Paper Group for up to $76,037.32 (Event No.7344)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Personal Paper Products.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Summary - Personal Paper Products.pdf

Exhibit 3: Specifications.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #9 and Items #11 through #14 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Traffic Sign Blanks with Vulcan Signs for up to $71,686.60 (Event No.6368)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Traffic Sign Blanks.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Summary - Traffic Sign Blanks.pdf

Exhibit 3: Specifications.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #9 and Items #11 through #14 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Roadside and Aquatic Vegetation Maintenance with NaturChem,Inc. for up to $53,250 (Event No. 6833)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Aquatic Vegetation Maintenance..pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Aquatic Vegetation Maintenance.pdf

Exhibit 3: Specifications.pdf

Alderwoman Miller Blakely has concerns the City is still not awarding contracts to local businesses and she asked when will the City start enforcing Savannah First. Mayor Johnson indicated the closest local business was $78,000 and the next closest local business was $103, 000 over the awarded vendor. Acting City Manager Brown stated this was an annual renewal contract and the Savannah vendor was $78,000 more than the lowest bidder. Mayor Johnson indicated there were 200 inquiries sent to businesses and the City received 5 bids (4 DBE's).

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to approve Item #10, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz mentioned ordinances approved by prior Council, the Savannah Business Ordinance, Savannah Business Enterprise, Savannah DBE, and Savannah First along with the procurement policy, which allows specific percentages that can be used to determine an award to

a local vendor that has a bid higher than the lowest bidder. She asked Mr. Brown to review those ordinances and send a report to Council.

11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Filter Belts (Used in the Dewatering Process of Sludge at the Water Plants) with Clear Edge Filtration for up to $34,424 (Event No.7332)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Filter Belts.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Summary - Filter Belts.pdf

Exhibit 3: Specifications.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #9 and Items #11 through #14 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Water Distribution Repair Clamps and Sleeves with Core and Main, LP for up to $40,147.80 (Event No.7085)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Clamps and Sleeves.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Summary - Clamps and Sleeves.pdf

Exhibit 3: Specifications.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #9 and Items #11 through #14 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for the Sale of Scrap Metal Recycling to Southern Metal Recycling, Inc.(Local) (Revenue Generating) (Event No. 7334)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Scrap Metal Recycling Revenue.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Scrap Metal Recycling Revenue.pdf

Exhibit 3: Specifications.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #9 and Items #11 through #14 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Cost Neutral Contract Renewal for Delinquent Utility Account Collections (for Closed Accounts) with Professional Credit (Event No. 6871)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Delinquent Utility Account Collections.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Summary - Delinquent Utility Account Collections.pdf

Exhibit 3: Specifications.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #9 and Items #11 through #14 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PURCHASING ITEMS

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Grounds Maintenance for Public Rights of Way with J.Corbett Enterprises, Inc. (Local, DBE) and SamJay Services, Inc. (Local, DBE) for up to $1,572,203 (Event No. 7452)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Grounds Maint PROW.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Grounds Maint PROW.pdf

Exhibit 3: Specifications.pdf

Alderwoman Miller Blakely was proud the City used a local DBE vendor for a $1.5+ million contract renewal for grounds maintenance for public rights of way. Mayor Johnson asked if SamJay Services is a local business. Acting City Manager Brown confirmed SamJay has an office within the City limits on Bull Street.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to approve Item #15, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Recyclable Material Processing to Pratt Recycling, LLC for up to $734,000 (Event No.6407)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Recycling Material Processing.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Recycling Material Processing.pdf

Exhibit 3: Specifications.pdf

Alderman Palumbo had concerns and asked about glass recycling for the Savannah area. Acting City Manager Brown admitted recycling glass is a problem. He will create a report related to glass recycling and distribute to Council. Alderman Leggett asked if the weight of glass is a consideration. Mr. Brown answered, it is weight and volume and there is hardly a market for glass. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked Alderwoman Gibson-Carter to share with Council the glass recycling service she had at a recent event. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter shared the following information: Lammergeier Glass Recycling, can be reached through http://www.savannahglassrecycling.com. She suggested Mr. Brown have the City staff work with Lammergeier to incorporate their services and extend glass

recycling services to City residents. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter reported City sanitation staff has researched other glass recycling resources in close proximity to Savannah Mr. Brown could contact service opportunities.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #16, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Electrical Repair Services with Aiken Harper for up to $697,570 (Event No.7366)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Electrical Repair Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Summary - Electrical Repair Services.pdf

Exhibit 3: Specifications.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17, #18 and Items #20 through #28 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Curbside Residential Carts with Wastequip Inc. for up to $400,000 (Event No. 8312)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Curbside Residential Carts.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Summary - Curbside Residential Carts.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17, #18 and Items #20 through #28 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Water Reclamation Pump Repair Services with GoForth Williamson for up to $300,000 (Event No. 7070)

Funding Verification - Pump Repairs.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Summary - Pump Repairs.pdf

Exhibit 3: Specifications.pdf

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan has received numerous complaints from businesses and residents about the terrible odor. The City needs to maintain and repair the pumps in a timely manner at the site. If not properly maintained, the raw spillage and foul odor impacts the health and welfare of the community.

Acting City Manager Brown asked Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd to provide an update to Council on the improved methods being used at the President Street site. Alderman Leggett has worked with Mr. Lloyd and the complaints in District 2 have decreased, since the City started using the new effective methods.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #19, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Water Meter Boxes and Lids with Consolidated Pipe & Supply Co. for Up to $242,741.63 (Event No.7157)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Meter Boxes and Lids.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Summary - Meter Box and Lids.pdf

Exhibit 3: Specifications.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17, #18 and Items #20 through #28 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Renewal of an Annual Maintenance Agreement with Motorola for Repairs and Support for Radio Hardware in the Amount of $205,555.01. (Event No.8311)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Motorola Service Agreement.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Summary - Motorola Service Agreement.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17, #18 and Items #20 through #28 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Generator Maintenance and Repair Services with W.W. Williams (Local) for up to $200,462 (Event No.6931)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Generator Maintenance.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Summary - Generator Maintenance.pdf

Exhibit 3: Specifications.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17, #18 and Items #20 through #28 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for for Ready-Mix Concrete with Complete Precast (Primary) and Savannah River Utilities (Secondary) for up to $200,000 (Event No. 7227)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Ready-Mix Concrete.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Summary - Ready Mix Concrete.pdf

Exhibit 3: Specifications.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17, #18 and Items #20 through #28 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Gate and Tapping Valves with Consolidated Pipe & Supply and Core & Main L.P. for up to $126,119.67 (Event 5491)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Gate and Tapping Valves.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Summary - Gate and Tapping Valves.pdf

Exhibit 3: Specifications.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17, #18 and Items #20 through #28 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Oil, Lubricants and Coolant with Colonial Oil and Barrett Oil Distributors (Local) for a total up to $107,475.65 (Event No. 5056)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Oils, Lubricants & Coolant.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Summary - Oils and Lubricants and Coolant.pdf

Exhibit 3: Specifications.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17, #18 and Items #20 through #28 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for Water Tank Repainting and Repair with E and D Coatings, Inc.(Local) in the Amount of $143,230 (Event No. 7496)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Water Tank Repainting.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Summary Water Tank Repainting.pdf

Exhibit 3: Specifications.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17, #18 and Items #20 through #28 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

27. Authorize the City Manager to Award an Annual Contract for Yard Waste Management Services to Daly Organics, LLC for up to $200,000 (Event No. 8059)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Yard Waste Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Yard Waste Services.pdf

Exhibit 3: Specifications.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17, #18 and Items #20 through #28 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

28. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Cost Neutral Contract for the Collection of Delinquent Property Taxes from Delinquent Tax Services, Inc. for up to $104,800 (Event No. 4799)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Delinquent Property Tax Collections.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Summary - Delinquent Property Tax Collections.pdf

Exhibit 3: Specifications.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17, #18 and Items #20 through #28 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

29. Approval to Participate in the 2021 Visit Savannah Co-Op Digital Advertising Campaign in the Amount of $200,000

Exhibit 1: 2021 CO-OP MARKETING CAMPAIGN.pdf

Mayor Johnson announced President Biden has signed the Relief Bill which will assist the City in future efforts. He welcomed Southwest Airlines to the Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport today at a ribbon cutting ceremony and expressed appreciation to the Airport Commission.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #29 through #32, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

30. Approval of a Targeted Marketing Campaign with Expedia Group in the Amount of $100,000

Exhibit 1: Expedia Image.png

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #29 through #32, Alderwoman Lanier

seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

31. Approval to Execute a Contract with Erickson Associates, Inc. for the Lifecycle 750-Ton Chiller Replacement Project in the Amount of $514,000

SAC 30609 - CHILLER IMAGE.png

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #29 through #32, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

32. Approval of a Five-Year Office 365 Service Subscription Agreement with Microsoft Corporation in the Amount of $185,000

Exhibit 1: Microsoft Invoice.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #29 through #32, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ZONING HEARINGS

33. Petition for a Special Use Permit to Allow the Shelter, Emergency and Shelter, Transitional Uses at 2305 Augusta Avenue (PINs 20025 10001 and 20025 11004). Petition of Phillip McCorkle (Agent) on behalf of the Housing Authority of Savannah (Owner) within Aldermanic District 1 (File No. 20-000512-ZA) [Updated on 3/10]]

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation - 2305 Augusta Avenue

At the request of Acting City Manager Brown, Item #33 was continued/postponed for 30 days or two Council meetings, upon the adoption of the regular meeting agenda.

RESOLUTIONS

34. Approval of a Resolution Ratifying the Mayor's March 3, 2021 Extension of the Emergency Mask or Face Covering Order

Exhibit 1: Resolution - Emergency Order May 2021.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked Mayor Johnson for extending the emergency mask covering order in an effort to keep the residents of Savannah safe.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #34, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

AGREEMENTS

35. Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Federal Highway Administration and Georgia Department of Transportation to Prepare Commitments to Minimize and Mitigate Disproportionately High and Adverse Effects to Residents and Business Owners in the Area of the Proposed Project Derenne, between I-516 and Harry S. Truman Parkway

Exhibit 1: Agreement - Project DeRenne.doc

Exhibit 2: Memo to City Council - Project DeRenne.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked Acting City Manager Brown to give a brief summary of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the benefit of the citizens. Mr. Brown briefly described the project and the benefits of avoiding traffic congestion between I-516 and Harry S. Truman Parkway area.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #35 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

36. Settlement #1

Per the City Attorney, nothing was ready to settle at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS

37. Approval of the Installation of an Historical Marker Within the Public Right-of-Way in Front of 342 Drayton Street

Exhibit 1: Submittal Packet - COA 342 Drayton Street.pdf

Exhibit 2: SIGNED Board Decision - 342 Drayton Street.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #37 and #38, Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

38. Approval of Public Art Information Displays Within Kiosks on the 400 Block of Broughton Street

Exhibit 1: SIGNED Board Decision.pdf

Exhibit 2: Submittal Packet .pdf

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked the purpose of the Kiosks. Acting City Manager Brown will send Council a detailed follow-up information concerning the Kiosks.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #37 and #38, Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Alderman Palumbo gave a "shout-out" to Kristopher Monroe, Chairman of the Historic Sites and Monuments Commission, for the public art being placed in the public domain, with historic maps and art.

Along with Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and other Council Members, Mayor Johnson expressed condolences to the family of Sarahlyn U. (Hargrove) Phillips, a tireless advocate in the community.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely announced there will be job fairs all over the City with a company called Hire Dynamics (general labor) coordinated with the City Manager.

Alderwoman Lanier announced a meeting with the Highlands area residents taking place on March 18, 2021, pertaining to a new development that she believes the residents will be quite pleased.

Alderman Leggett asked the residents, friends/family and visitors (hotels) to wear masks and be smart when downtown during the observances of St. Patrick's Day. The pandemic is not over, and the hotels are packed.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked Mayor Johnson to reiterate a summary of his Tuesday press conference regarding St. Patrick's Day observances. Mayor Johnson stated he has enjoyed a great partnership with the Parade Committee. They did not request a parade permit this year and there is no festival authorized by the City. He asked everyone to be safe, and he thanked the businesses who voluntarily agreed to protect our citizens, visitors and employees to enforce good habits (pledge), to prevent having more restrictive actions taken.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter gave a special "shout-out" to her children's former school, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church and its members. She extended greetings on behalf of herself and her family to the entire Irish community, and congratulations to the Blessed Sacrament Catholic School for trying to keep with the spirit, namely with respect to the yard decorations. She will serve as a judge relating to this contest.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:13 p.m.

The audio recording of the Council Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the below link in your url:

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SUMMARY/FINAL MINUTES

COUNCIL WORK SESSION & CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

MARCH 25, 2021 – 4:30 p.m.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the City Council Work Session and City Manager's Briefing was held via Zoom video communications at 4:30 p.m. Following the roll call, Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Purtee to offer the invocation.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1, Chairman

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

OTHERS PRESENT:

Acting City Manager Michael B. Brown

Assistant City Manager Health Lloyd

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Planning & Urban Design Director Bridget Lidy

Workshop Agenda Items

1. Litigation (4:30p.m. - 5:00p.m.)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the Work Session to conduct an Executive Session regarding litigation, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

The Closed Executive Session began at 4:35 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to exit/close the Executive Session, Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

There were no votes taken and the Executive Session ended at 4:50 p.m., whereupon the Mayor called for a ten-minute break.

The meeting reconvened at 5:01 p.m.

2. Discussion Regarding Southside Vitality (5:00p.m. - 6:00p.m.)

Acting City Manager Brown outlined the discussion topics included in the presentation. He introduced Assistant City Manager Health Lloyd and Planning & Urban Design Director Bridget Lidy as participants of the PowerPoint Slide Presentation.

Following the presentation there were questions and discussions from the Mayor and Aldermen/Alderwomen.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz presided:

Alderman Purtee discussed the importance of connecting the different City areas (Districts). He would like to see more action in completing the projects.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely had concerns and asked how the City would pay for the projects; the presentation showed projects which will be very costly. She asked if there are other city models. Mr. Brown answered, he suggests to conduct an executive session at the next meeting to discuss how to pay for the projects. He will make recommendations at the next meeting on how to proceed with some of the purchases for the projects. Mr. Brown cited an example off Washington Street at Habersham; a small strip of businesses with the concept.

Alderman Leggett asked Mr. Brown if this was a missed opportunity by not having the hotel/motel tax to fund the projects. Mr. Brown indicated he did make a proposal that was included, but the General Assembly Session is over and it's possible to revisit the hotel/motel tax next year. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz agreed with Alderman Leggett and suggested the hotel/motel tax is a good discussion for extending projects down to and including the Southside.

Alderman Palumbo stressed the need for the City to have good walkable space outside of downtown; the City should do a better job of connecting the neighborhoods. He indicated the City should start collecting funds for surface parking to pay for some of the projects.

Alderwoman Lanier likes the vision of the Southside Vitality plan. She spoke about prior meeting discussions pertaining to Federal Opportunity Zones where capital gains could be utilized. The concepts of economic development opportunities, density, vibrancy, and connectivity are concepts she encourages and asked for the Westside. There is a similar project being developed in the Highlands using these same concepts. The City should be consistent and provide this concept to each side of Savannah and include the residents in the development.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked Mr. Brown, Mr. Lloyd, Ms. Lidy and Alderman Purtee for the update on the Windsor Forest Golden Age Center being extended to 2025.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Mr. Brown what is the cost and how the projects would be funded. Mr. Brown answered, the City will need to figure it out, some could have been included in the Bells Landing project; before the executive session, he will see if there is any way to make adjustments, and some may be funded with SPLOST. Mr. Brown would like the Council to discuss cost and funding in executive sessions.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated, if there is no budget or timeline, the City could utilize the work session time more efficiently. Previously, to get items on the agenda, there was a work session topic first. There was never a work session topic for Southside Vitality Plan. However, there are six Districts and she would like to see Council prioritize how the City approaches these projects. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter read a listing and description of Council work session topics to be considered; and mentioned she was not pleased with action taken in the police department with the appointment of the Deputy Police Chief.

Alderman Palumbo called for point of order.

Mayor Johnson rejoined the work session.

Mayor Johnson cautioned Alderwoman Gibson-Carter personnel matters are not discussed in work sessions.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the work session at 6:15 p.m.

The audio recordings of the work sessions can be found by copying and inserting the below links in your url:

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SUMMARY/FINAL MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 25, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the regular meeting of the City Council was held via Zoom video communications at 6:30 p.m. Following the roll call, Mayor Johnson recognized Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan to introduce Pastor Candace Hardnett, Agape Empowerment Ministries who delivered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1, Chairman

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Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

OTHERS PRESENT:

Acting City Manager Michael Brown

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Mayor Johnson took a point of personal privilege to recognize and celebrate 200 years of Modern Greece (Bicentennial). He further indicated the Greece flag is hanging in City Hall.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for March 25, 2021

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda as presented, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on March 11, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

Agenda Plus_WS DRAFT MINUTES_March 11, 2021 City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on March 11, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Agenda Plus_RM DRAFT MINUTES_March 11, 2021 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA - (This section shall include all routine items for which it is anticipated there will be no debate or requests for public input. Any Alderman can remove consent items for discussion or separate consideration.)

4. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Recycled Crushed Aggregate Stone with Savannah River Utilities (Local) for up to $54,325 (Event No.7857)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Recycled Crushed Aggregate Stone.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Recycled Crushed Aggregate Stone.pdf

Exhibit 3: Specifications - Recycled Crushed Aggregate Stone.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #4, #5, and #7, Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for HVAC Maintenance and Equipment Repairs for the President Street and Regional Water Plants with South Eastern Air for up to $43,360 (Event No. 7277)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - HVAC Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - HVAC Services.pdf

Exhibit 3: Specifications - HVAC Services.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #4, #5, and #7, Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Towing Services to Jackson Brothers Towing, LLC for up to $65,750 (Event No. 8202)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Towing Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Towing Services.pdf

Exhibit 3: Specifications - Towing Services.pdf

Alderwoman Miller Blakely did research and had concerns about Jackson Brothers Towing no longer being in business, and not a Savannah First contract or, given the business does not reside within the City limits but in Chatham County. She asked if City staff reached out to the thirty local towing companies for the bid. Acting City Manager Brown answered the bid was sent out as a Savannah First contract and no bids were received; the bid was resent and the City received the Jackson Brothers Towing bid. Mr. Brown contacted Roy Jackson, Owner, and was informed the business was sold sometime in 2020. Mayor Johnson asked since the business was sold, after the sale, did the new owner retain the name Jackson Brothers Towing. Mr. Brown answered, when the business was sold, it sold the name too.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely requested a copy of the bid package and asked when the bids were sent. Acting City Manager Brown answered, the original bid was sent out as Savannah First, the City did not receive any responses. The bid was resent and Jackson Brothers Towing was the only respondent. Mr. Brown believes local towing companies prefer individual tows rather than the City's light duty towing, being available day and night. Mr. Brown recommends approval.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to approve Item #6, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Notification of an Emergency Procurement for the Repairs to the Power Feed for the President Street Facility Lab to All Electric (Local) in the Amount of $29,482.75 (Event No. 8310)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - President Street Lab Power Feed Repairs.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - President Street Lab Power Feed Repairs.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #4, #5, and #7, Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PURCHASING ITEMS

8. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Thermoplastic Pavement Marking Installation Services with Peek Pavement Markings, LLC for up to $300,000 (Event No. 5326)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Thermoplastic Pavement Markings.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Thermoplastic Pavement Markings.pdf

Exhibit 3: Specifications - Thermoplastic Pavement Markings.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #8 and Items #10 through #14, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for a Gunfire Detection System with ShotSpotter in the Amount of $220,142 (Event No. 5991)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - ShotSpotter Gunfire Detection Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - ShotSpotter Gunfire Detection Services.pdf

Alderman Purtee reported numerous "shots-heard" calls on the Southside and asked if and when the Southside will be included in ShotSpotter. Acting City Manager Brown detailed the need for digital

high-speed internet for the ShotSpotter to operate. The City is in the process of investigating how to extend the fiber optic cable further down Abercorn Street and into the neighborhoods on the Southside. He recommends approval of Item #9 and he will give Council a follow-up report on how the City will proceed to install the fiber optic cable.

Mayor Johnson explained ShotSpotter in the downtown area was sponsored by SCAD, so the City did not have to pay for the infrastructure but partnered with SCAD. He asked Mr. Brown to investigate the cost to the City for the fiber optics Citywide.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked what SCAD was paying for. Mayor Johnson answered, SCAD paid for the initial infrastructure; the City is paying for the contractual service of ShotSpotter.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked how is the City prioritizing when taking care of neighborhoods and what is the designed area for the ShotSpotter. Mr. Brown answered, the network is primarily from East to West Broad to MLK, and from the River down to Victory Drive; it does not go South because of the lack of fiber optic cable. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter requested having a discussion in Executive Session to benefit the Council Members on representing their Districts.

Alderman Purtee stressed the importance to have a work session to discuss the plan and how to expand the ShotSpotter program throughout the City. He stated the 6th District needs ShotSpotter along with other neighborhoods in the City.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #9, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Medical Fitness Exams for Savannah Fire Department Personnel with Saint Josephs Candler (Local) for up to $171,000 (Event No. 4952)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - SFD Medical Fitness Exams.pdf

Exhibit 3: Purchasing Notes - SFD Medical Fitness Exams.pdf

Exhibit 3: Specifications - SFD Medical Fitness Exams.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #8 and Items #10 through #14, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for the Gwinnett Street Widening Project with Preferred Materials, Inc. in the Amount of $973,739 (Event No. 7466)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Gwinnett Street Widening Project.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Gwinnett Street Widening Project.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #8 and Items #10 through #14, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Authorize the City Manager to Procure Replacement Ultraviolet Water Disinfection Equipment with Xylem and Associates for up to $230,000 (Event 8309)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Ultraviolet Modules and Sensors.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Ultraviolet Modules and Sensors .pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #8 and Items #10 through #14, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for Heavy Equipment Rentals with Savannah River Utilities (Local) for up to $300,000 (Event No. 7209)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Heavy Equipment Rental.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Heavy Equipment Rental.pdf

Exhibit 3: Specifications - Heavy Equipment Rental.pdg

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #8 and Items #10 through #14, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for SCADA Networking Maintenance Services, Equipment and Security (for Monitoring the Water System) with Layer3 Communications (Local) for up to $175,000 (Event No. 7538)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification: - SCADA Network Maintenance and Equipment.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - SCADA Network Maintenance and Equipment.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #8 and Items #10 through #14, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

15. Discussion Regarding Appointment of Hearing Officer(s) Pursuant to the Unlawful Discrimination Ordinance

No action taken; discussion to be considered at the next Work Session.

Alderman Purtee recommended a three person panel or a pool of qualified candidates ready to make selections when the need arises for a Hearing Officer. City Attorney Lovett recommended a pool of qualified candidates ready when a claim is submitted and a panel of three will be selected. Attorney

Lovett was pleased with the level of qualified candidate applications received after Clerk of Council Massey advertised for the position and after he sent the advertisement to the Bar Association.

Mayor Johnson asked Council for their recommendations:

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked who introduced the Unlawful Discrimination Ordinance. Mayor Johnson answered, City Council unanimously passed the Ordinance which requires that Council appoint a Hearing Officer; and the Ordinance was introduced last year by Alderman Purtee. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recommends Council make certain the panel selected is representative of the community and not a representation of the previous kangaroo court hearing.

Alderman Palumbo called for point of order. He expressed the use of kangaroo court is defamatory and not to be used in Council meetings.

Mayor Johnson sustained.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Attorney Lovett if there is a method or process in place for recruiting the applicants for the Hearing Officer position. Attorney Lovett explained the process used to recruit and suggested Clerk of Council redistribute the list of panel candidates to Council Members. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter requested the panel be inclusive of the demographics reflective of the Council and the greater community; including gender and race.

Mayor Johnson noted the Ethics Panel is selected by City Council and Council does not want to impugn their character or function.

Alderman Purtee stated it is not just inclusive of race and/or gender; it is also sexual orientation and any LGBTQ persons. He explained, Mr. Lovett expended time and great effort to get quality candidates; and he is ready today to submit three names for the panel. Alderman Purtee recommended a work session at the next Council meeting, so Council Members can submit names and vote on the candidates.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz requested more time for Council and she agreed with Alderman Purtee.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely requested the Clerk of Council to send Council Members a copy of the Unlawful Discrimination Ordinance and a list of the names received prior to the work session.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked Mayor Johnson how to proceed. Mayor Johnson answered, no action taken today and directed the City Attorney to place the Unlawful Discrimination Ordinance discussion on the Council's next work session.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

16. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Benjamin M. Zheng for Top Crab Seafood and Bar at 7201 Memorial Drive (Aldermanic District 4)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Crab Seafood and Bar Restaurant.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Crab Seafood and Bar Restaurant.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Crab Seafood and Bar Restaurant.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Crab Seafood and Bar Restaurant.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearings for Items #16, #17 and #19.

No Speakers:

a. Alderman Purtee moved to close the alcohol license hearings for Items #16, #17 and #19, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #16, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

17. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to William Hall for Vic's River Grill at 19 East River Street (Aldermanic District 2)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Vic's River Grill.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Vic's River Grill.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Vic's River Grill.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Vic's River Grill.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearings for Items #16, #17 and #19.

No Speakers:

a. Alderman Purtee moved to close the alcohol license hearings for Items #16, #17 and #19, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #17, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

18. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to John Boyce for Mellow Mushroom at 11 West Liberty Street (Aldermanic District 2)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Mellow Mushroom.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Mellow Mushroom.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Mellow Mushroom.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Mellow Mushroom.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearing for Item #18.

Speakers:

1. Ms. Stephanie Croll - Opposed; the neighborhood has eroded due to loud noise, people congregating in the lane, standing and smoking.
2. Mr. John Boyce, Applicant - Supported

Alderman Leggett asked Mr. Boyce to provide a plan that shows the area residents quality of life will not decrease due to the Mellow Mushroom's operations. Mr. Boyce agreed to meet with Alderman Leggett and the community leaders to develop a plan best suited for all parties involved.

Acting City Manager Brown cited concerns of residents on West Harris Street about the noise coming from the business establishments in the area. Mr. Brown requested a representative of the Manager's office and the Police Department to develop a management plan for businesses that use loud speakers.

Alderman Leggett asked Mr. Boyce for the hours of operation and if the establishment will have live music. Mr. Boyce answered, the Mellow Mushroom will not have live music and the hours of operation are: 11:00 am to 11:00 pm on weekdays and 11:00 am to midnight on Friday and Saturday nights.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter suggested staff communicate with potential business owners prior to the purchase of the business and application submittal on the entire process for approval, including the alcohol license, and the responsibility of maintaining the business.

Mayor Johnson, Mr. Brown and Alderwoman Gibson-Carter discussed the process and responsibilities of an applicant opening/starting a business in the City and obtaining an alcohol license; which are two entirely different applications. Mr. Brown indicated the responsibility of retaining the State and City business license, the health department approval, and the alcohol license is the total responsibility and risk of the applicant. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter suggested the City incorporate more compassion in the process. An applicant starting/operating a new business with the intent of generating income from a specific product is a huge endeavor; the City should make sure they are balancing the quality of life for the residents but also being good business partners with the business sector of the community. For clarification, Mayor Johnson indicated the City's website has a prepared packet with step-by-step instructions for applying for a business or alcohol license prior to purchasing a business.

Alderwoman Lanier expressed concern for Council making a decision before the applicant has an opportunity to meet with the area residents to hear their concerns, allow for compromises, and reach an agreement.

Alderman Leggett moved to continue/postpone Item #18 until the next meeting to allow for all parties to meet, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

19. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Emanuel B. Gray for Savannah Landmark Liquor at 5 West Derenne Avenue (Aldermanic District 5)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Savannah Landmark Liquor.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Savannah Landmark Liquor.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Savannah Landmark Liquor.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Savannah Landmark Liquor.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearings for Items #16, #17 and #19.

No Speakers:

a. Alderman Purtee moved to close the alcohol license hearings for Items #16, #17 and #19, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #19, Alderwoman Miller Blakely seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ZONING HEARINGS

20. Petition for a Special Use Permit at 4429 Skidaway Road (PIN 20116 02012) to Establish a Restaurant with Alcohol Sales/Bar-Tavern for Caprisha Treadwell (Agent) on Behalf of Prakash Patel (Owner), Aldermanic District 3. File No. 20-006247.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - Special Use Permit at 4429 Skidaway Road

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearing for Item #20.

Speakers:

- Marcus Lotson, MPC Representative, gave a brief description of the establishment. MPC recommended denial based on the special use criteria which did not meet the intent to provide neighborhood services that are harmonious with residential uses.
- Ms. Caprisha Treadwell, Applicant - Supported and outlined the business plan for the establishment.
- Dr. Amir Jamal Touré - Supported.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked Mr. Lotson when MPC denied the applicant was there an approval with conditions offered to the applicant. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan stated area residents have called to oppose the establishment due to noise, loud music, car doors slamming and the parking lot littered with discarded beer bottles. She stated, contrary to Ms. Treadwell's statement, there are no other business owners who are willing to share the parking lot and Savannah State is not in agreement with the establishment; the President of Savannah State is opposed. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan informed Ms. Treadwell the City has rules in place for applicants before they spend. She recommended the applicant open the establishment as a restaurant without alcohol; when you mix alcohol with young adults, the results can be hazardous.

Mayor Johnson reported he has received numerous text messages that a crowd of young people are in the parking lot of the proposed establishment and asked Ms. Treadwell if she was party to the assembly. Ms. Treadwell answered, she knows nothing of the gathering and it has no connection to her establishment. Mayor Johnson asked Ms. Treadwell if she communicated with the residents of Fernwood neighborhood and anyone from Savannah State. Ms. Treadwell stated she has spoken to residents of Fernwood and HOA representatives who are in support of the business and she has spoken to the Chief of Police, Dean of Student Affairs and Vice President of Savannah State who have agreed to work with her on the business plan for the establishment.

Acting City Manager Brown cited historical data for the site. He indicated the building has been vacant since 2018; he asked the police and revenue departments to pull reports for the location that shows chronic problems with violence and events in the parking lot. Mr. Brown detailed the special use permit request as technically a bar; he recommends denial as a bar.

Mayor Johnson asked Ms. Treadwell if she obtained a document from Savannah State University in support of the establishment. Ms. Treadwell answered she did not have a document of support from the University. Mayor Johnson indicated in his communications with Savannah State University, the President was not aware of the establishment.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan reported the assembled crowd in the parking lot was being disbursed as it was not an authorized City event. She would welcome a restaurant at the site but not a bar as presented in the special use permit request. Her focus is on the 3rd District and the residents (neighborhood associations) have indicated to her they do not want any additional alcohol establishments in the community. Ms. Treadwell indicated she had emails sent to Council Members (today) in support of the establishment; additionally, she has communicated with the area businesses who would like to see a business at that location (instead of the empty building). Ms. Treadwell is asking Council to give her establishment an opportunity to prove they would be a benefit to the community.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Ms. Treadwell why she did not speak to the President of Savannah State University and did she meet with the Chief of Police of Savannah or of the University. Ms. Treadwell answered, she would go to the University for a meeting and wait but the meetings would never happen due to University emergencies for the President; but she did meet with the Chief of Police for the University.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Ms. Treadwell for the alternative MPC recommended. Ms. Treadwell indicated she was not aware of an alternative. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Mr. Lotson for the MPC alternative. Mr. Lotson answered, prior to the MPC hearing, he communicated with Ms. Treadwell she would be permitted to establish a restaurant at the location, and perhaps if she did that for a period of time, the Council might look favorably on her transferring that use to another use if the establishment was a benefit to the community.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter emphasized the importance of the City communicating the restrictions to applicants prior to submission to MPC and coming before Council. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter spoke to the applicants sincere desire to open a business and how the City should find a way to work with and support new business applicants throughout the City using the alcohol overlay.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter requested written or documented contact with Savannah State University, area police, and a plan for the establishment designating if this is a restaurant or bar from the applicant. She suggested coming up with a workable plan before denying the request.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz understands Council's concerns about the establishment location due to the prior reports of unrest. She suggested the applicant find a way to start as a restaurant and return to Council with the special use permit.

Alderman Purtee shared, as a police officer, approximately half of the college students reporting rape or violence alcohol was involved. He does not like the idea of alcohol being readily available to college student just across the street from the campus. Alderman Purtee likes the plan of a restaurant and activities but without the alcohol.

Alderwoman Lanier spoke to the current zoning allowing for a restaurant with some spirits; based on the applicants petition, what she is asking for is allowed. This seems to be a request for a bar/lounge which is a different activity. When asking for a change in zoning to a special use permit, the residents voices should be included and documented. Alderwoman Lanier does not support changing the use.

a. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #20, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to continue/postpone Item #20 to the next meeting in order for the applicant to meet with the neighborhood associations, Savannah State University President and Campus Chief of Police, Alderwoman Miller Blakely seconded. No vote taken.

c. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to deny approval of Item #20, Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion to deny passed, 6-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted against the denial, and Alderwoman Lanier did not vote/away from the screen.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan in her motion to deny would she allow for the applicant to open as a restaurant. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan answered, she would support/welcome a restaurant for young adults but will not support a restaurant/bar.

Mayor Johnson asked Mr. Lotson if the applicant opened a restaurant would that be permitted by MPC; would she need to come before Council again if she so decided and if the petition is denied today when could she resubmit her application. Mr. Lotson answered, MPC would allow the applicant to open a restaurant, she would not need to come before Council again before opening, and she would need to wait a year before reapplying for the special use permit.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter reminded Council they are entertaining approval of the red-cup zone which allows residents and tourist to drink in open cups from River Street to Forsyth Park and beyond. She suggested, with this minority applicant requesting to open a business in Savannah, the City show equity when comparing her business plan with all the safety features, to current problematic alcohol establishments.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter has launched the safe bars and alcohol campaign. Beyond the Bell has reached out to over fifty businesses asking them to sign-on to the program so they are engaging in exceptional service which is consistent with service to prevent sexual violence, underage drinking and DUI. She is asking all local businesses to sign onto the Beyond the Bell Program and asked the Marketing and Communications Director Nick Zoller to post a link on the City's website so residents can access the information.

In an effort to keep harmony in the communities and show equity among businesses, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter suggested the Council have a work session to discuss how to address the petitioners coming before Council requesting alcohol license and special use permits rather than handle each request on an Ala Carte basis.

Mayor Johnson asked Alderwoman Gibson-Carter to make her request to the City Manager's office and not to Mr. Zoller. He further stated the law requires the City to handle each request on a case-by-case basis.

21. Petition of Bridget Lidy (Agent) on behalf of The Mayor and Aldermen to Amend Article 3.0 Application and Review Procedures (Sec. 3.21 Variances, 3.23 Appeals, 3.24 Relief for Nonconforming Uses and Structures) and Article 8.0 Use Standards (8.4.24 Animal Services, Indoor, 8.4.3 Office, Medical, and 8.8.3 Permitted Temporary Uses). File No. 21-000448-ZA.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearing for Item #21.

Speakers:

- Marcus Lotson, MPC Representative, gave a brief description of the application and review procedures (Article 3.0), and use standards (Article 8.0)
- Mayor Johnson indicated he received one written comment in favor of Item #21.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #21, Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed 8-0-0. Alderwoman Lanier did not vote/away from the screen.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING

22. Petition of Bridget Lidy (Agent) on behalf of The Mayor and Aldermen to Amend Article 3.0 Application and Review Procedures (Sec. 3.21 Variances, 3.23 Appeals, 3.24 Relief for Nonconforming Uses and Structures) and Article 8.0 Use Standards (8.4.24 Animal Services, Indoor, 8.4.3 Office, Medical, and 8.8.3 Permitted Temporary Uses).

File No. 21-000448-ZA.

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Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Attorney Lovett about the references to animals in this agenda Item and if it is related to the proposed ordinance with Chatham County. Attorney Lovett answered, this is mainly a zoning classification to allow for certain animal structures and residences, and will not affect the animal ordinance.

After the first reading was considered the second and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #22, Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS

23. Approval to Purchase Easements to Facilitate Phase III of the Waters Avenue Streetscape Project

Exhibit 1: Map - Waters Avenue.pdf

Exhibit 2: Plat - Waters Avenue.pdf

Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #23, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

24. Settlement #1

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney to settle a worker's compensation matter in the amount of $30,000.00, involving a former Savannah employee, D-Andra Ladson, who injured her right shoulder. Alderman Palumbo seconded Item #24. The motion passed unanimously.

25. Settlement #2

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney to settle a property damage/sewer backup matter in an amount not to exceed $75,000.00, involving Anna Mae Anderson, 1331 Grace Drive. Alderman Palumbo seconded Item #25. The motion passed unanimously.

26. Settlement #3

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney to settle a swimming incident claim in the amount of $1,000,000.00, involving the son of Ammiesha Mitchell who attended summer camp at the Tompkins Regional Center. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderwoman Miller Blakely seconded Item #26. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Johnson asked everyone to continue to wash your hands.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely announced there will be job fair on April 6, 2021 from 10am to 2pm at the W.W. Law Center. A company named Hire Dynamics is hiring for general labor positions.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan extended Kudos to the Hospice of Savannah in recognition and honor of Social Work Day.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter reminded everyone about the 2021 Great Savannah Community Cleanup Day. She encouraged everyone to visit the website for more details. This even is being held on Saturday, March 27, 2021, 8am to 5pm.

Mayor Johnson announced a mass vaccination site has opened in partnership with Gulfstream and the County located at Gulfstream Aerospace near the Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

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SUMMARY/FINAL MINUTES

COUNCIL WORK SESSION & CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

APRIL 8, 2021 – 10:30 a.m.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the City Council Work Session and City Manager's Briefing was held via Zoom video communications at 10:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1, Chairman

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

OTHERS PRESENT:

Acting City Manager Michael B. Brown

Assistant City Manager Health Lloyd

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Workshop Agenda Items

1. Personnel and Real Estate (10:30am - 11:30am)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the Work Session to conduct a Closed Executive Session regarding Personnel and Real Estate, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

The Closed Executive Session began at 10:32 a.m.

(PERSONNEL) The Mayor and Alderman first met with City Attorney Lovett to discuss his performance evaluation, then they met with Clerk of Council Massey to discuss his performance evaluation.

(REAL ESTATE) The Mayor and Alderman discussed real estate matters as presented by the City Manager.

Alderman Palumbo moved to exit/close the Executive Session, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

There were no votes taken and the Executive Session ended at 11:46 a.m.

The Work Session continued in open session at 11:48 a.m.

2. Discussion regarding Appointment of Hearing Officer(s) Pursuant to the Unlawful Discrimination Ordinance (begins at 11:30am)

Exhibit 1: Ordinance - Unlawful Discrimination.pdf

Discussed by the Mayor, Aldermen and Alderwomen. City Attorney Lovett informed Council, it will be at their discretion how many members will serve on the Board; Attorney Lovett suggested three (3) members.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recommended five (5) members; Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Miller Blakely agreed. There were no objections by Mayor or other Aldermen/Alderwomen to the five (5) members.

Mayor Johnson requested five (5) names for consensus from Council. Council Member agreed to appoint six (6) members. The following names were submitted for appointment:

1. Tony Center - Alderman Purtee
2. Joseph Ervin - Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan
3. Gwendolyn W. Fortson - Alderwoman Miller Blakely
4. Nancy DeVetter - Mayor Johnson
5. Joe Steffen - Alderwoman Gibson-Carter
6. Anne C. Westbrook - Alderman Leggett

Alderwoman Miller Blakely questioned the $50.00 fee for anyone filing a complaint. Attorney Lovett responded, an option was included if an applicant could not afford the fee, it would be waived. Alderwoman Miller Blakely questioned the applicants fines, $500.00 first offense and $1,000.00 second offense; she asked if the City could legally fine at those amounts. Attorney Lovett answered, yes it is similar to the City's ordinance violations.

3. Drainage

Exhibit 1: Presentation - Drainage.pdf

Acting City Manager Brown gave a brief background of the stormwater management system followed by a PowerPoint Presentation which included Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd.

During and following the Presentation:

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the improvements in the system included the residents in West Savannah, Carver Village/Flatman Village; they are still experiencing flooding. Mr. Brown explained there were improvements but more improvements are needed. Mayor Johnson indicated some of the plots in the area are a basin and slope downward so the pumps would not be able to access the water for removal. Alderwoman Lanier shared her investigation of the area; there are numerous ditches and faulty grading in the area which need to be addressed. The pumping boxes are in place for the removal of the water, but the old ditches and land grading maintenance will need to take place before the flooding issue can be addressed.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked about the Canal District and Springfield Canal District and where the water rafting section will be, and how will it affect the area residents. Mr. Brown identified the area and explained how the City is working to avoid flooding.

Alderwoman Lanier reported residents concerns about the old plans pertaining to West Victory Drive and Georgia Department of Transportation's (DOT) plans to build a wall. The residents would like the updated plans for their review and she asked if this will be part of the upgraded system. Mr. Lloyd stated the projects are connected and he will work with Georgia DOT for a copy of the modified plans and current status. He will share that information with Council.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz commented most of the stormwater management drainage presentation dealt with the Eastside. She has advocated for eight to nine years in reference to the Springfield Canal. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz identified the Westside of Savannah and feels the presentation shows the omission of drainage work in the Springfield Canal area. She would like to see the City pursue federal dollars to cease waste water issues on the West Side. Mr. Lloyd identified the current pumping station and indicated there are additional pumping stations in the design stage of planning for the Springfield Canal.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz urged Council and staff to be mindful of the needed infrastructure throughout the City and using funds such as SPLOST dollars for drainage issues. She emphasized the need to focus on drainage issues along the Springfield Canal, and encouraged Council to focus the next SPLOST dollars for Springfield Canal drainage and Springfield Basin improvements.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely has concerns for the retention pond off Middleground and Largo Roads; if this retention pond is closed how will if affect the Southside. There may be problems such as the Westside is currently experiencing. Mr. Brown indicated improvements have been made. Mr. Lloyd

discussed the ordinance by which development cannot increase the flood waters; every development must do mitigation onsite or make sure it does no harm to the neighbors. He added, in discussions with Hunter Army Airfield to close the retention pond, the City will need to make sure they do no harm when it comes to increasing the drainage in the neighborhoods. Mr. Lloyd indicated the City will not impact the drainage on the Southside, he will develop and distribute to Council a graph showing an overview of the area. Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated she would like to see the City put more emphasis on Southside drainage; i.e. Largo ditches filled with debris.

While visiting Westside neighborhood residents, Alderwoman Miller Blakely was told the City assesses a charge to residents to clean out ditches. She asked if this charge was included in the water billings. Mr. Lloyd answered, the City does not charge, but there are private ditches in some of the neighborhoods. He asked Alderwoman Miller Blakely to send him pictures of the area in question and he will follow-up with the residents.

Acting City Manager Brown indicated the City is working to improve drainage and infrastructure; the City is committed to doing so throughout the City. The Slide Presentation will be posted on the City's webpage for public viewing. He suggested getting more money into SPLOST for drainage improvement projects; thereafter, the City will need to generate revenue to maintain the new pump stations.

4. Fleet Services Agreement

Exhibit 1: Presentation - Fleet Lease Equity Agreement.pdf

Not Presented/Discussed.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the work session at 1:16 p.m.

The audio recordings of the work sessions can be found by copying and inserting the below links in your url:

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SUMMARY/FINAL MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 8, 2021 – 2:00 p.m.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the regular meeting of the City Council was held via Zoom video communications at 2:01 p.m. Following the roll call, Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Palumbo to introduce Pastor Joseph Wong of the Savannah Chinese Baptist Mission who delivered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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

OTHERS PRESENT:
Acting City Manager Michael Brown
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for April 8, 2021

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of Minutes for the Work Session & City Manager's Briefing Held on March 25, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

Agenda Plus_WS DRAFT MINUTES_March 25, 2021 City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on March 25, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Plus_RM DRAFT MINUTES_March 25, 2021 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Miller

Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

4. A Proclamation Recognizing April 2021 as National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month

Mayor Johnson read a Proclamation recognizing April as National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month to Doris Williams, Executive Director of the Rape Crisis Center of the Coastal Empire.

Ms. Williams thanked the Council for the Proclamation on behalf of the Rape Crisis Center and their Board of Directors. She gave a brief outline of the services provided and asked for the continued support of the City.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter congratulated Ms. Williams on services provided by the Center to th residents of the City of Savannah. She encouraged the City to increase the budgeted funding for th Center to accommodate the volume of reported incidents. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz expressed gratitude to Ms. Williams for the outstanding service provided by the Center and congratulated her on the position of Executive Director.

CONSENT AGENDA - (This section shall include all routine items for which it is anticipated there will be no debate or requests for public input. Any Alderman can remove consent items for discussion or separate consideration.)

5. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Sludge Dewatering Chemicals (Used During the Process for Wastewater Treatment and Disposal) with Polydyne Inc. for an Amount up to $94,000 (Event No. 6930)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Sludge Dewatering Chemicals.pdf

Exhibit 2: Specifications - Sludge Dewatering Chemicals.pdf

Exhibit 3: Purchasing Notes - Sludge Dewatering Chemicals.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5, #6, #8 and #10 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for the Maintenance of 17 Variable Frequency Drives (Used During the Water Treatment Process) with Siemens Industry, Inc. in the Amount of $47,629 (Event No. 6875)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Variable Frequency Drives Maintenance.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Variable Frequency Drives Maintenance.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5, #6, #8 and #10 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Renewal of a Lease Agreement for a 16-Camera License Plate Reader System (for Savannah Police Department) with Flock Group, Inc. in the Amount of $32,000 (Event No. 7713)

Exhibit 1: License Plate Reader Camera System.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - License Plate Reader Camera System.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Attorney Lovett which Districts the license plate reader cameras would be placed. Acting City Manager Brown indicated the 16 cameras will be divided among the precincts (4 in each precinct). Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked for equitable coverage throughout each District. Mayor Johnson and Alderman Purtee discussed the divisions of beats, then precincts as it relates to coverage for the Districts. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter suggested having work sessions agenda items prior to the meeting for discussion/explanations. Mr. Brown explained the cameras will be used based on criminal incidents. He will send Council a memo on the precincts boundaries in each District.

Alderman Palumbo indicated the City uses a data driven police model that tracks units daily by GPS to deploy units as needed, at that time. This focuses on where the need arises at any given time which empowers our police department.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Clerk of Council if this Item is a recurring event. Clerk of Council Massey will research prior meetings. Mr. Brown indicated, this has been a prior item on the agenda and also Council broached the subject briefly at the last meeting during the ShotSpotter equity discussion. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Mayor Johnson had Council voted on this item in prio meetings. Mayor Johnson and Mr. Brown indicated, this was voted on before and is a recurring item for additional cameras for each precinct.

Alderwoman Lanier had a related question some months ago in referring to flock camera placements in regards to illegal dumping. She asked Mr. Brown if this was a separate purchase than the flock cameras for the dumping areas. Mr. Brown indicated this is a totally separate purchase.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #7, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

8. Authorize the City Manager to Procure Railroad Crossing Design Services (For Stiles Avenue Widening Project) from Norfolk Southern in the Amount of $40,635 (Event No. 8371)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Railroad Crossing Design Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Railroad Crossing Design Services.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5, #6, #8 and #10 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Authorize the City Manager to Procure Seven Electric Vehicle Charging Stations for the Eastern Wharf Parking Garage from LilyPad EV in the Amount of $38,049 (Event No. 8375)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Auto Charging Stations.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Auto Charging Stations.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Acting City Manager Brown for the matching funds report update from Georgia Power on the charging stations. She asked if the Eastern Wharf Garage is a private development. Mr. Brown answered, he will ask Assistant City Manager Health Lloyd to follow-up and provide Council with the updated report on matching funds; and the Eastern Wharf Garage is a City owned, public-private partnership, as are several of the City parking garages. In an effort for the City to achieve their clean energy goals, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked why the City is investing resources in a private development. The owners should purchase their own charging stations. Mr. Brown explained, this is a partnership where the City owns space and the private developer owns space; the charging stations would be part of that partnership.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the garage is in a Tax Allocation District (TAD). Mr. Brown answered, part of the infrastructure is in a TAD. She asked if all funds generated will go back into the District. Mr. Brown indicated a portion of the property taxes collected will go back into the District; but this is a separate activity, the garage is funded from the parking funds. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if there were negotiations for the private partners to pay for the charging stations. Mr. Brown answered, in effect there was, the partners put their contributions and the monthly parking fees into the operation of the garage.

Mayor Johnson called the question.

Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #9, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

10. Authorize the City Manager to Procure Replacement Cloth Filters for the Crossroads Water Treatment Facility from Aqua Aerobics in the Amount of $32,336 (Event No. 8372)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Replacement Filter Cloths .pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Replacement Filter Cloths.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5, #6, #8 and #10 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Johnson moved Item #35 up on the Agenda, after Item #10.

PURCHASING ITEMS

11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Street Repair and Resurfacing Services with Savannah River Utilities (Local) for an Amount up to $5,900,000 (Event No. 7496)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Street Repair and Resurfacing.pdf

Exhibit 2: Specifications - Street Repair and Resurfacing.pdf

Exhibit 3: Purchasing Notes - Street Repair and Resurfacing.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Acting City Manager Brown to explain the project for the public. Mr. Brown answered, there are approximately 600 miles of street repaving needed throughout the City. She asked if there is a connection between this project and the robotics program prioritizing which streets get repaved. Mr. Brown indicated the robotics program is the evaluating system used to repave streets. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter suggested having a work session on large ticket items such as this, so Council will have the opportunity to explore all aspects of the project and amounts allocated. She feels there are some streets in desperate need of repaving within the City being overlooked at the expense of others. Mayor Johnson indicated the robotics program is being used to calculate when streets are repaved based on a numbers system that determines the life of the asphalt/concrete.

Alderman Palumbo asked if this is a new contract or a renewal. Mr. Brown indicated, this is a renewal.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked City Attorney Lovett approximately how much the City spent in litigation over potholes. Attorney Lovett answered, the City receives approximately one petition per week in reference to tires, cars and individuals regarding potholes. She feels the robotics program would be a good tool for the City to use for repaving streets.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked which streets would be repaved. Over the last week she drove through West Savannah and noticed there were quite a few streets in dire need of repaving.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely has concerns the City continues to focus on the downtown area at the expense of the outlying residential communities. Mayor Johnson mentioned to Alderwoman Blakely, Mr. Brown has sent an email to Council with a list of the streets to be repaved based on the robotics program technology.

Alderwoman Lanier asked Attorney Lovett how does the weekly street/pothole petitions factor into the robotics program data determining the street repaving priorities. Attorney Lovett answered, not that he is aware of but he will meet with Assistant City Manager Lloyd to discuss petitions received as it relates to the robotics data.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #11, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed 6-3-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier voted no.

12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Two Contract Renewals for Machine Repair and Welding Services with Coastal Sunbelt Associates, Inc. (Local) for an Amount up to $112,465 and L&H Welding (Local) for an Amount up to $25,210 (Event No. 6983)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Machine and Welding Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Specifications - Machine and Welding Services.pdf

Exhibit 3: Purchasing Notes - Machine and Welding Services.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #12, #13, #14 and #16 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion unanimously.

13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Senior Meal Delivery Services with TLT Smiling Faces Transportation (Savannah, GA) (Local) for an Amount up to $112,465 (Event No. 7333)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Golden Age Transportation Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Specifications - Golden Age Transportation Services.pdf

Exhibit 3: Purchasing Notes - Golden Age Transportation Services.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #12, #13, #14 and #16 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion unanimously.

14. Authorize the City Manager to Award a Contract for Debris Monitoring Services and Oversight with Witt O' Brien for an Amount up to $750,000 (Event No. 8113)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Debris Monitoring Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Specifications - Debris Monitoring Services.pdf

Exhibit 3: Purchasing Notes - Debris Monitoring .pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #12, #13, #14 and #16 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion unanimously.

15. Authorize the City Manager to Procure Meals for the Summer Lunch Program from Savannah-Chatham Board of Education for up to $156,055 (Event No. 8383)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Summer Lunch Program.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Summer Lunch Program.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier advised she received calls from residents inquiring about this year's Summer Lunch Program; so she is happy to see it returning this year. Residents also asked if the Summer Daycare and Summer Senior Programs will be available this year. Acting City Manager Brown indicated the Lunch Program contract has been awarded, but the City is depending on information from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) to monitor when the programs can be reinstated. The health and safety of the children are a priority, the City is working on a reopening plan; April, May, and June will be months the City will gradually open Programs. Mr. Brown will send Council the reopening plan via email.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan thanked the staff of Neighborhood Services for securing Grants for the programs; and Mr. Brown acknowledged the Programs are available to children outside of the City.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #15, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Facilities Capital Improvement Planning and Budgeting Software System from Gordian Company, for up to $137,836 (Event No. 8291)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Capital Improvement Budgeting Software.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Capital Improvement Budgeting Software.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #12, #13, #14 and #16 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion unanimously.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

17. Appointment of Hearing Officer(s) Pursuant to the Unlawful Discrimination Ordinance

Exhibit 1: Ordinance - Unlawful Discrimination.pdf

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #17 appointing the following pool of six (6) Hearing Officers, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

Appointed Hearing Officers(6):

1. Tony Center
2. Joseph Ervin
3. Gwendolyn Fortson Waring
4. Nancy DeVetter
5. Anne Allen Westbrook
6. Joseph Steffen

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

18. Approval of Class B (Liquor, Beer)(Manufacturer/Distillery) to Carey Falcone of New Realm Brewing Company at 120 Whitaker Street (Aldermanic District 1)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - New Realm Brewing Company20210401_17185227.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - New Realm Brewing Company20210401_17213694.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - New Realm Brewing Company20210401_17231635.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - New Realm Brewing Company20210401_17235965.pdf

Correction: The New Realm Brewing Company is in Aldermanic District 2 (not District 1 as listed on the Agenda).

Clerk of Council reported no written comments received. Three (3) speakers registered via Zoom video.

Speakers:

- Mr. Cory Falcon, Applicant - Did not speak, supports.
- Mr. Taylor Harper, Applicant's Legal Counsel - supports.
- Mr. Richard Kramer, General Manager - Did not speak, supports.

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearing for Item #18, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #18, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #33 Heard after Item #18.

ZONING HEARINGS

19. Petition to Amend the Zoning Map for 11901 Middleground Road (PIN 20782 02006) from RSF-20 (Single Family Residential-20) to B-N (Neighborhood Business), Karan Patel (Agent) on Behalf of Martin George Grotheer, Jr. (Property Owner), Aldermanic District 6 (File No. 21-000890-ZA)

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - 11901 Middleground Road

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance - 11901 Middleground Road

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearing for Item #19.

Speakers:

- Marcus Lotson, MPC representative, gave a brief description of the project and zoning request. MPC recommended approval.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Mr. Lotson, what type of business will be established at the site. Mr. Lotson answered, he understands there will be a convenience store, but no development plans have been submitted to MPC by the applicant.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely reported there would be three (3) convenience stores in close proximity to this location. She asked Alderman Purtee if there were any concerns from the area residents. Alderman Purtee indicated he has not received any concerns from the area neighborhood associations, but would like to move forward with the current request and address any new petitions for the site when presented before Council.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Mr. Lotson if there was an area or community plan. Mr. Lotson answered, there is no neighborhood plan for the area. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter suggested Council delay any decisions related to the applicants request, until more information is received related to the type of business that will be established at the site. Alderman Purtee added, the Middleground area is rapidly changing and the request is in-line with the changes being made with the Southside Legacy Project; the changes are zoning only.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz stated there is a neighborhood plan for the area. When the work session for the Southside Legacy Project was done, this corridor was not included. It cut off at

Abercorn Street and Montgomery Crossroads, however; this area is a part of the Southside Legacy Project. It is the connecting point for the 5th and 6th Districts as it relates to the Southside Legacy Project. The area where Montgomery Crossroads changes to Middleground Road is part of the overall Project.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely lives in the area and was unaware of the Project and asked for all the information pertaining to the Southside Legacy Project, so she can inform the residents in her area of the pending changes.

a. Alderman Purtee moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #19, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITIONS

20. Petition for a Special Use Permit to Allow the Shelter, Emergency and Shelter, Transitional Uses at 2305 Augusta Avenue (PINs 20025 10001 and 20025 11004). Phillip McCorkle (Agent) on Behalf of the Housing Authority of Savannah (Owner), Aldermanic District 1 (File No. 20-000512-ZA) [Public Hearing Unanimously Closed by City Council on December 10, 2021; No Public Comments Allowed During Meeting]

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation - 2305 Augusta Avenue.pdf

Exhibit 2: Memo to City Council - 2305 Augusta Avenue.pdf

Mayor Johnson explained the public comment forum was on December 10, 2020 and Item #20 is on the Agenda for Council's vote.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter announced the Council Chambers had quite a few people in attendance and she requested to give them an opportunity to speak. Mayor Johnson stated Council voted to close the hearing at the December meeting, and to reconvene for the vote. Due to the special nature of the request, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter suggested extending the public comment to allow individuals to comment.

Mayor Johnson indicated the City did not advertise for public comment on Item #20. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter challenged that the item is on the agenda and the public should be allowed to comment on any agenda item, as per the City rules. Mayor Johnson asked City Attorney Lovett to give an opinion. Attorney Lovett deferred to Clerk of Council Massey. Mr. Massey reported the Council voted on December 10, 2020 to close the public hearing on Agenda Item #10.

Alderwoman Lanier asked if the public hearing for Item #20 (the original Item #10 on December 10, 2020) could be reopened. Clerk of Council cited, procedurally, Council could vote to suspend the rules, but a 2/3 majority vote would be required. Attorney Lovett read from the Agenda 'no public comment allowed during the meeting'. Alderwoman Lanier asked if a motion could be made to change the reading from the Agenda. Attorney Lovett stated, 2/3 vote could change the rule as Clerk of Council previously stated to open for public comment. However, the question then becomes if you vote to override the previous vote, the City did not advertise the possibility of speaking during the meeting. To be fair, both sides should have an opportunity to comment during the meeting if public comment is allowed.

a. Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to suspend rules to allow for public comment, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter. No vote was taken; City Attorney Lovett opined the motion was problematic since Council voted to close the public hearing on December 10, 2020.

Mayor Johnson addressed City Attorney Lovett about his concerns of not having a public notice for comment prior to the meeting; and asked if the City has an issue with notice. Attorney Lovett answered, yes.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Mayor Johnson to repeat his question and Clerk of Council repeat his answer. Mayor Johnson: Being that Council Closed this public hearing on December 10, 2020, and subsequent meetings no public comment was permitted while additional options were explored, and the item on the Agenda today was advertised as 'no public comments allowed during the meeting'. Legally, does the City have an issue if the hearing was reopened for comment since no notice was given to the public? Mayor Johnson indicated the item is under petitions, not public hearings.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated, the item was not under public hearings but the City rules indicate a citizen can make a comment on any agenda item; and given the seriousness of the issue and there are approximately 25 people waiting in Council Chambers waiting to speak, shouldn't Council give some latitude to the citizens. Mayor Johnson indicated it is a legal issue. City Attorney Lovett stated, the City has a notice problem, because the City posted public notices for the December 2020 meeting, and that public hearing was closed by vote of Council. If Council wants to reopen the hearing, it will delay the vote and he feels Council needs to move forward on this issue. Attorney Lovett stated, if Council wants to have public comment, and passes a 2/3 vote, suspending the rules to allow for public comment, then he suggests opening the hearing at the next Council Meeting with proper advertising of a public notice. This would allow both sides the opportunity to speak. Attorney Lovett advises not voting today if you reopen for public comment today.

b. Alderwoman Lanier moved to continue/postpone for two (2) weeks in order to advertise a notice for public comment, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion failed, 3-6-0. Mayor Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Alderman Palumbo and Alderman Purtee voted no. Later in the meeting, Mayor Pro-Tem stated she was not on the Zoom screen for the vote, changing the vote, 3-5-0. Mayor Johnson, Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Alderman Palumbo and Alderman Purtee voted no. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz did not vote.

Alderwoman Lanier stated the residents have come to City Hall for comments on this issue on several occasions, day and evening, only to be told they could not speak. The City should give the residents an opportunity to make comments. Mayor Johnson stated, the Council voted to close the public hearing. Alderwoman Lanier would like Council to reopen the hearing for the residents in attendance.

For clarity, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz stated since it was not advertised the public would not be speaking, both sides would probably not be able to speak today. She is in agreement with Alderwoman Lanier, that any person wanting to speak on the issue would have an opportunity to speak if a public notice was advertised for comments at the next Council meeting.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan does not agree with continuing/posting the vote for two weeks to allow for public comment. She feels the Council should vote today, the two weeks will not change people's opinions, it will only fuel more division in the communities.

Mayor Johnson asked if there was a representative from the Salvation Army present. Major Paul Egan was available via Zoom. If the representative from the Salvation Army is willing to make final statement/summary, Mayor Johnson was not opposed to giving each side ten (10) minutes to speak.

Alderwoman Lanier stressed the Council is about to make a decision that will affect the residents in the community for generations, so the residents should be allowed to speak. Mayor Johnson and Alderwoman Lanier debated on allowing individuals to make comments, trying to come to an agreeable compromise.

Alderman Purtee asked Attorney Lovett, if you allow both sides to make comments, will that reopen the public hearing. Attorney Lovett responded yes. Alderman Purtee suggested not opening for public comment but taking the vote today. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter urged Mayor Johnson to give the residents of the communities an opportunity to make comments; to silence the residents in regard to this important issue would be an embarrassment and an atrocity to democracy. Mayor Johnson indicated this issue has gone on since December 10, 2020, and a decision needs to be made; the City continues to receive public comment by e-mails via the Clerk of Council's office. It is time to vote.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Mayor Johnson what will Council be voting on; to allow the residents to comment. Mayor Johnson responded, Council will be voting on Item #20. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz requested to continue/postpone for two weeks. Mayor Johnson indicated that vote has failed.

Alderman Purtee stated to delay will only fuel political fire and cause communities to be divided. He has spoken to Westside residents, Churches and organizations, he feels the Council should move forward with the vote.

c. Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #20 as presented on the agenda, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. (No immediate vote taken on the motion.)

Due to the long meeting, Alderwoman Miller Blakely requested a five (5) minute recess, if possible.

Mayor Johnson asked Council to respond to the five (5) minute recess. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked if Council takes the break, will the motion still be on the floor when they return. Mayor Johnson, answered, yes.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to recess for five (5) minute. There was no second.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked that all the Good Neighborhood Agreements become part of the record.

Alderwoman Lanier stated at the last Council meeting, Acting City Manager Brown postponed this issue until he conducted an investigation. If Mr. Brown is conducting an investigation, if the investigation was about her, he has not spoken to her; if the investigation was about Ivory Bay, he has not spoken to the CEO of Ivory Bay; if it is about what's been in the media, he has not spoken to representatives of Eco Developers who presented a concept. That investigation is not complete, Council received two (2) correspondences of legal opinion; Tate Law Group and a cease and desist letter from Davis Bozeman Johnson Law Firm. Mayor Johnson informed Alderwoman Lanier Mr. Brown sent an advisement letter to Council Members.

Mayor Johnson entertained the motion (Alderwoman Miller Blakely) to recess. The meeting recessed until 5:00 p.m. (10 minutes).

The meeting reconvened at 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Johnson repeated the motions. He suggested if Council Members wanted to assign a time length from both sides to address Council, then he is amenable. The time length will be per side not person, so each side will have one representative to speak. After discussions, Council Members agreed to allow up to ten (10) minutes for each side to make comments.

d. Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to allow up to ten (10) minutes for a singular representative from each side to give final statements, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Johnson asked Clerk of Council to keep the time to a maximum of ten (10) minutes giving a indicator at the five (5) minute mark.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely identified Reverend Dr. Leonard Small as the representative speaking on behalf of the opposition.

Mayor Johnson identified Major Paul Egan as the representative speaking on behalf of the support.

Speaker(s):

- Reverend Dr. Leonard Small – OPPOSED
- Major Paul Egan – APPLICANT/SUPPORTED

Alderwoman Lanier discussed the City's representation on the Housing Authority and the proposed deal has not been available for Council Members. She discussed the value of the property. Alderwoman Lanier served a notice to produce the deal with all details to City Attorney Bates. She explained there were several different maps outlining the property and the site of The Weeping Time. She requested a professional archeologist to determine if the property is sacred.

e. Alderwoman Lanier made a substitute motion to postpone the measure to get an archeological determination and in order for the City Manager to complete his investigation and to allow for the 30 days the City Manager declared he needed, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion failed, 3-6-0. Mayor Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Alderman Palumbo and Alderman Purtee voted no.

Since the City does not own the property, Mayor Johnson asked Alderwoman Lanier who will pay fo the archeological study. Alderwoman Lanier advised, possibly a local historical society, MPC or an historian.

Since the property in question was government owned, Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the property was ever put out for bid. Mayor Johnson shared the map from MPC showing the property. Alderwoman Lanier stated she has other historical maps for the Georgia Archives showing different information. Mayor Johnson stated HUD approved the property for the project. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked could the City acquire the property through eminent domain. Attorney Lovett answered, the City cannot take Federal property.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan called for the vote.

Mayor Johnson asked Attorney Lovett if the City was permitted to view the purchase and sales agreement between the Housing Authority and the Salvation Army. Attorney Lovett responded, anyone can request 'a freedom of information request', he knows of no Federal exception for the City at this time. Alderwoman Lanier stated the City appoints a Board Member to the Housing Authority, so that should allow for some oversight. Alderwoman Lanier asked when could the City get a copy of the purchase and sales agreement. Attorney Lovett indicated he would submit a freedom of information request.

In an effort to offer a practical solution within the City's Code, Alderman Palumbo asked Acting City Manager Brown, could the Council approve Item #20 conditionally pending an archeological review identifying the specific parameters to determine if any portion is a part of the racetrack. Mr. Brown replied yes. The Federal government approved the plan because it was consistent with their federal purposes. Mr. Brown stated the Ivory Bay proposal nor the the Salvation Army proposal are on the racetrack property. Alderwoman Lanier challenged Mr. Brown's information concerning the racetrack property and challenged the existence of the Ivory Bay proposal. At the direction of Council, Mr. Brown is willing to work with the Housing Authority to obtain an archeological study to make sure the project is not on the historical site. Mayor Johnson asked if the archeological study would be a condition of the special use permit. Mr. Brown described the archeological studies: Phase I, digging and documentation; and Phase II, we found artifacts, so additional digging and documentation is required.

Because he has previously been shown by historians and City staff, the project is not on the Weeping Time site, Mayor Johnson suggested the special use permit be contingent on a Phase I archeological study. If any issues are found, it can be reviewed and/or redrawn . He informed Council if the Salvation Army proposal is not approved, since they own the property, the Housing Authority still reserves the right to construct housing on the site without any City approval. Mayor Johnson indicated if Council agrees to the special use permit being contingent on a Phase I archeological study, the City would be liable for the expense, the Housing Authority will not pay for the study.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Mr. Marcus Lotson if there was a bid process for the property. Mr. Lotson stated, not that he is aware. MPC is not involved in the sale of property between the local Housing Authority and the Salvation Army. There was discussion as to the Housing Authority selling the property without a bid process. Mayor Johnson suggested getting the Housing Authority on the Zoom call. Mr. Brown commented, he had conversations with Executive Director Ms. Earline Davis of the Housing Authority, prior to putting the special use permit on the agenda, and she assured him the project was consistent with federal government use. Alderwoman Lanier requested the information from the Housing Authority regarding the Federal Government (HUD) disposition on uses of federal government property.

Mayor Johnson explained there was no bid, HUD guidelines were followed and the property was appraised at $500,000.00. Alderwoman Lanier stated the property was on SAGIS for $1.5 million. Mayor Johnson stated SAGIS is for tax purposes only and not real value.

Alderwoman Lanier stated about a month ago, Council had discussions on building up the poverty areas within the City and she is now speaking on the future welfare and the benefit of the low-wealth residents of the Westside community who would like to see positive developments in the community according to their visions. This land sits in the middle of three historic neighborhoods where the largest sell of slavery happened in the history of the United States. As a fourth generation resident of the community and as Alderwoman representing the area, she would like this Council to support the will of the people to have a resident-driven development on the property. Mayor Johnson challenged Alderwoman Lanier's comments on the status of wealth, benefits and development for the residents in District 1.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter called for point of order.

Mayor Johnson was able to get Housing Authority of Savannah Executive Director Ms. Earline Wesley Davis on the Zoom call. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Ms. Davis if the property was put up for bid. Ms. Davis answered, HUD has a process of inventory removal and application under Section 18 - Disposition; so it was not necessary for a bid. HUD evaluated the proposal for public benefit and it fits in the overall mission of HUD which is the full spectrum of housing from homelessness to home ownership. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Ms. Davis if she was aware of the project being on a historical piece of property before the agreement with Salvation Army. Ms. Davis cited information from a book entitled, 'The Weeping Time' and information from the City 'Low Land High Road' was used in the evaluation of the site. The slaves were moved from South Georgia up to the Ten Broeck Racetrack for the sale. All information shows the former 'Bartow Property' is not the site of 'The Weeping Time'. The Ten Broeck Racetrack property, South of the HUD property is owned by the Bradley family. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the land was appraised. Ms. Davis answered, HUD used a certified Appraiser and valued the land at $500,000.00. At Council's request, she will send a copy of the appraisal to Acting City Manager Brown. Ms. Davis stated, all requirements of HUD were followed.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated the proximity of the land is not the issue. The issue is, it matters to the residents of the Westside. There is a Kayton Homes property vacant now. Ms. Davis stated the Kayton Homes property is a 164 apartment homes that is currently occupied. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked which housing property is currently vacant in the City. Ms. Davis reported there are no housing properties vacant at this time. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked how the Housing Authority came to be in an Agreement with the Salvation Army. Ms. Davis gave all the information on how the Salvation Army approached the Housing Authority with the project and for the purchase of the land. This required the Housing Authority to obtain the following for submittal to HUD: appraisal, a letter from the chief elected official of the City, a Resolution from the Board of Housing Commissioners, and an environmental study. HUD's Special Application Center reviewed all submitted documents and determined the application did fit with HUD's mission. The Housing Authority received a letter from the HUD's Deputy Secretary for Intergovernmental as an approved project. There was a request from Congressman Buddy Carter's office inquiring about the project; HUD's Deputy Secretary responded the application met all the requirements and was approved for the sale to the Salvation Army.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if a portion of the Frazier Homes apartments were vacant. Ms. Davis stated there are vacancies in Frazier Homes. As the Executive Director of a Housing Authority, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Ms. Davis was any consideration given to the Salvation Army's project location, as it relates to close proximity to other services that will be needed by the residents

of the shelter, i.e., healthcare, Department of Children's Services, transportation, food, employment agencies, and other social services programs. The Housing Authority did look at those factors; the Curtis Cooper Primary Care Center is approximately one mile away, CAT Bus #3 is available for transportation, the residents have access to other nearby services, and the Salvation Army proposed to provide some job training. The Salvation Army's shelter would provide more privacy to women and children, unlike their other facilities, and the Salvation Army social services staff will work with the residents for permanent placement or home ownership to prevent future homelessness. There would also be a recreation space for the children. HUD considered all the above aspects of the project to determine approval.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Ms. Davis who serves on the Housing Authority Board of Directors. There is a five member Board: Commissioner Thomas Henry, Pastor G. Lind Taylor, Commissioner Wanda Parrish, Commissioner Mark Douglas, and one vacancy. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if there was a unanimous decision of the Board on this project. Ms. Davis stated, this decision was made back in 2017-2018 with a different Board of Directors. There was discussion between Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Ms. Davis regarding the procedures for evicting a family and the steps needed to get to the Salvation Army's shelter on the Westside.

Alderwoman Lanier asked Ms. Davis, when HUD considered the sale of the property, was there any consideration for the historic value of the property. Ms. Davis explained, when the application came to the Housing Authority it was submitted to HUD Special Applications Center with all required documents. After evaluation of the application, HUD approved the sale for the project. Alderwoman Lanier asked, if the City does not approve this special use permit, HUD has the Neighborhood Network Housing Model (NN) is it possible for the City to engage/implement the HUD NN Housing Model. Ms. Davis cited the NN Housing Model is focused mainly on internet access and not necessarily housing, but where there is housing to make sure they are connected.

Alderman Palumbo asked Ms. Davis if HUD had any archeological concerns with the site. Ms. Davis answered, based on HUD's approval there were no concerns. Alderman Palumbo asked Ms. Davis, in her opinion, is the proposed Salvation Army proposal on 'The Weeping Time' site. Ms. Davis answered, it is not.

As the owner of the property, Mayor Johnson asked Ms. Davis, is it currently properly zoned and only NewZo required a special use permit. Ms. Davis answered, that is correct. He asked if Council was willing to do a Phase I Archeological Study at the City's expense, pursuant to the special use permit would the Housing Authority be amiable to that decision. Ms. Davis stated one of the requirements of the application was a Phase I Environmental Study, which was approved. She asked the difference between the Phase I Environmental Study and the Phase I Archeological Study. She added, there was public housing on that site for more than seventy years. Mr. Brown stated, typically, a Phase I Environmental Study probably would include a Phase I Historical Study. Mr. Brown sees no harm in reverifying the Phase I and if necessary, proceed to Phase II.

f-1. Alderman Palumbo moved to amend the motion to include under the City's new Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 3, Section 10, Subsection 9, Additional Conditions, Restrictions, and Safeguards which are within our charge, an archeological or environmental assessment to be conducted under the purview of the City Manager's authority in the official use of this special use permit, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. (No immediate vote taken on the motion.)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz stated in reference to archeological and environmental, her understanding is those are two different types of Phases. There should be some clarity. Mayor Johnson indicated Mr. Brown was referencing the Phase I Archeological Study to verify the Phase I Environmental Study which would be attached to grant the special use permit. Attorney Lovett stated, the motion should be modified, you want the Phase I Archeological Study to prove it is not 'The Weeping Time' site. Alderman Palumbo and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan accepted the modification.

f-2. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #20 pursuant to a Phase I Archeological Study and a review of any/all maps, to determine or demonstrate the property is not a part of the location commonly known as 'The Weeping Time', seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 5-4-0. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier voted no.

g. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved a substitute motion to deny Item #20, the petition of the Salvation Army, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion failed, 4-5-0. Mayor Johnson, Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Alderman Palumbo and Alderman Purtee voted no.

Mayor Johnson asked Ms. Davis if Council does not move forward with the special use permit what will be the position of the Housing Authority, will they build on that land which does not require approval of the City. Ms. Davis indicated, her staff will take to her Board a proposal for housing.

Mayor Johnson indicated, if this project was on the land of 'The Weeping Time' he could not support it. For the record, the West Savannah Community Organization, the Woodville Community Action Organization, the two adjacent neighborhoods have supported this project from its inception. There are signed neighborhood benefits agreements which all Council Members have received. Alderwoman Lanier stated there are three neighborhoods and Ms. Tonya Miller of Hudson Hill has sent a letter of opposition which was distributed to Council. Alderwoman Lanier stated the majority of people in West Savannah are in opposition of the project.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Mr. Lotson if there are different maps from the 1800's, are those the maps used by MPC or did they use current maps. Mr. Lotson stated he is not in possession of the maps Alderwoman Lanier referenced. The information used by MPC was found by historical sources and information shared from the Archivist or the City. Alderwoman Lanier had two maps from the Georgia Archives, a 1907 map and an 1897 map. Mayor Johnson indicated Alderman Palumbo's motion would allow time for each map to be verified.

Mayor Johnson instructed Mr. Brown to work with Ms. Davis, Mr. Lotson, Attorney Lovett and others to assure the City starts on the archeological assessments and the maps, including the maps provided by Alderwoman Lanier from the Georgia Archives to determine the location of 'The Weeping Time'.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked if there will be a time limit. Mr. Brown indicated it usually takes 2-3 months but he will start the process promptly.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING

21. Petition to Amend the Zoning Map for 11901 Middleground Road (PIN 20782 02006) from RSF-20 (Single Family Residential-20) to B-N (Neighborhood Business), Karan Patel (Agent) on Behalf of Martin George Grotheer, Jr. (Property Owner), Aldermanic District 6 (File No. 21-000890-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - 11901 Middleground Road (File No. 20-000890-ZA)

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance for 11901 Middleground Road (File No. 20-000890-ZA)

Alderwoman Miller Blakely requested a first reading only in order to share the Southside Legacy Project information with the residents in her area.

FIRST READING ONLY for Item #21. Second reading will be held at the next regular Council meeting.

RESOLUTIONS

22. Approval of a Resolution Ratifying the Mayor's March 30, 2021 Extension of Emergency Mask or Face Covering Order

Exhibit 1: Resolution - Mayor's Emergency Order.doc

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #22, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

AGREEMENTS

23. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with Building Materials Manufacturing Corp, d.b.a. GAF for GAF Savannah Plant Domestic Water Project

Exhibit 1: W/S Agreement - GAF Savannah Plant Domestic Water Project.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, and #26 through #30, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

24. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with Godley Station Enterprises, LLC for Highlands Boulevard Phase 3

Exhibit 1: W/S Agreement - Highlands Boulevard - Phase 3.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, and #26 through #30, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

25. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with Savannah Health Services, LLC for the Children's Hospital of Savannah Revision

Exhibit 1: W/S Agreement - Children's Hospital of Savannah Revision.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #25, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

26. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with Brookhaven Development, LLC for Brookhaven Phase 2

Exhibit 1: W/S Agreement - Brookhaven - Phase 2.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, and #26 through #30, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

27. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with Coastal Georgia Development Group, Inc. for Cumberland Point Phase V

Exhibit 1: W/S Agreement - Cumberland Point - Phase V.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, and #26 through #30, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

28. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with Bradley Lot Development, LLC for Bradley Point Phase 9

Exhibit 1: W/S Agreement - Bradley Point - Phase 9.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, and #26 through #30, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

29. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with Godley Station West, LLC for Herb River Bluff

Exhibit 1: W/S Agreement - Herb River Bluff.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, and #26 through #30, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

30. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with North Godley Developers, Inc. for Highland Falls Phase 7

Exhibit 1: W/S Agreement - Highland Falls Phase 7.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, and #26 through #30, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter cited a refusal by prior Acting City Manager Monahan to create policies to collect impact fees. She suggested to Acting City Manager Brown the City revisit establishing policies to generate new revenue streams from development. Mr. Brown explained the listed Agreements are connections for the use of the City's water and sewer system which are tap fees and not impact fees. He will do a brief report on how impact fees work and send to Council. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter will submit her policy for Council's review. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked to make sure her votes were accurately captured by the Clerk of Council for items #23 through #30. Mayor Johnson asked the Clerk of Council to note her changes.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS

31. Approval to Authorize the Acceptance of a Donation of Real Property Located on Pritchard Street (PIN 20030 04005) – Petition #21-059

Exhibit 1: Pritchard Street Lot Donation - Map.pdf

Exhibit 1: Pritchard Street Lot Donation - Petition Application.pdf

Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #31, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

32. Settlement #1

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney to settle a worker's compensation matter in the amount of $45,000.00, involving a Captain with the Police Department, David Owens, who tore a left quadriceps muscle, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

33. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to John Boyce for Mellow Mushroom at 11 West Liberty Street (Aldermanic District 2) [Public Hearing Closed on March 25, 2021, No Public Comments Allowed During Meeting]

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Mellow Mushroom.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Mellow Mushroom.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Mellow Mushroom.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Mellow Mushroom.pdf

Mayor Johnson moved Item #33 up on the Agenda, after Item #18.

Alderman Leggett reported a Good Neighbor Agreement was estabIlished between the petitioner and the neighborhood association; a copy of said agreement was emailed to Mayor Johnson and the Clerk of Council.

Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #33 including a signed Good Neighbor Agreement, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously.

34. Approval of Relocation of Liberty Marker to North Side of River Street at Morrell Park

Exhibit 1: Submittal Packet.pdf

Exhibit 2: Escrow letter SOR.pdf

Exhibit 3: Signed HSMC Board Decision.pdf

Alderwoman Miller Blakely questioned what is the Liberty Marker. Acting City Manager Brown explained the Marker is to honor the Patriots who served on the Liberty 1775 First Warship of the Georgia State Navy Commissioned by the Georgia Provincial Congress. Due to infrastructure, the Marker is moving to the opposite side of the street.

Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #34, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

35. New Arena Update

Mayor Johnson moved Item #35 up on the Agenda, after Item #10.

Mayor Johnson indicated this will be a monthly report for updates on the progress of the new Arena project.

Acting City Manager Brown and Chief Operating Officer Bret Bell gave a briefing on the status of the building construction via a PowerPoint slide presentation. Mr. Brown introduced Business Opportunity Manager MarRonde Lumpkin-Lotson, Interim Coastal Workforce Services Director Sheron Morgan, and Local 256 Union Representative Meddy Settles to discuss the City's status on DBE, M/WBE, and overall Local DBE participation.

Mr. Brown indicated there is a proposed Ordinance; a local employers ordinance to use local employees (when available). The City Attorney is drafting the Ordinance entitled, The First Source Local Hire, and the ordinance will be sent to Council Members for review before putting the ordinance on an upcoming agenda.

Following the presentations:

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked how many DBE's are currently working at the Arena site. Ms. Lumpkin-Lotson answered, approximately 6-7 firms, she will confirm with AECOM; the numbers change each day depending on the scope of work. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked how many local people are employed by those 6-7 DBE firms, how many were employed from the job fair, and how many are local residents. Ms. Lumpkin-Lotson asked to send the data to Council Members.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Mr. Settles the number of union workers at the Arena site. Mr. Settles answered, there are iron workers, glaziers, and carpenters working at the site now. She asked when general labor work will start and who has the contract. Mr. Settles answered, two contractors have signed an agreement for general labor; additionally, Hollywood Woodwork and DFH and Associates will be coming on board soon to supply general laborers. DFH & Associates, is a local DBE. Alderwoman Miller Blakely would like to meet with Mr. Bell and Ms. Lumpkin-Lotson in the coming week to discuss the DBE participation.

Alderman Palumbo noted this is one of the largest projects in the City and it is on time and meeting all established goals. He encouraged residents to apply for work at one of the largest public works projects in the City's history.

Alderwoman Lanier discussed the original goal of the City to bring the entire public investment to a depressed corridor to attract private investments. Looking at or analyzing the data became management tools to determine if the City is reaching it's original goal/intent; to bring money/benefits to the community. Alderwoman Lanier asked, in analyzing the data, did the City staff compare the current data with trends in other municipalities during the same type of public works projects in a depressed community; did they compare the number of local workers used and were they able to achieve benefits or increase the wealth in the depressed community. Mr. Meddy answered, they try to use as many local residents as possible; the job fairs help achieve the local participation.

At a later date, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked Ms. Lumpkin-Lotson to supply Council with the following information: what system the City has in place to make sure local young residents are part of the project; what is the median age of the workers; what is the retention of the workers; and what steps are in place to make sure the currently employed are able to attend the job fairs and employment opportunities for the project and not lose their current employment. Ms. Lumpkin-Lotson shared information from the last job fair which included young adults signing up for the 'Construction Ready' program. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked how many signed up for the 'Construction Ready' program. Ms. Morgan answered they received over one hundred registrations.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely noted the contract for this project was signed during the prior administration and did not include any DBE requirements, however; this administration is adamant about local, union and DBE participation. Mayor Johnson and Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz emphasized the prior administration did not have any DBE requirements and they were not part of the affirmative vote on the Item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Johnson announced Police Sergeant Billy Gray and his wife Katie welcomed a baby boy (Aaron) on Tuesday.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely announced there will be a job fair in Cloverdale on April 20, 2021.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

The audio recording of the Council Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the below link in your url:

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CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
APRIL 12, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

The special called meeting of the City Council was held at 10:05 a.m. via Zoom communication, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mayor Johnson offered the invocation.

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

APPOINTED STAFF:
Acting City Manager Michael B. Brown
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Chief of Police Roy Minter, along with
Assistant Chief of Police Lenny Gunther

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Closed Executive Session regarding Personnel.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to close the special called meeting and conduct a closed executive session regarding personnel, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

The executive session began at 10:08 a.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the executive session and adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

The special called meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

There was no action taken.

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COUNCIL WORK SESSION & CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

APRIL 22, 2021 – 4:00 p.m.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the City Council Work Session and City Manager's Briefing was held via Zoom video communications at 4:00 p.m. Following the roll call, Mayor Johnson recognized Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz to offer the invocation.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1, Chairman

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

OTHERS PRESENT:

Acting City Manager Michael B. Brown

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Chief Operating Officer Bret Bell

Sustainability Director Nick Deffley

Fleet Services Director Rafael A. Vega Martinez

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Workshop Agenda Items

1. Fleet Services Agreement

Mayor Johnson wished everyone a Happy 'Earth Day'. The City is celebrating 'Earth Month'; the following presentation gives the City an opportunity to achieve its goal of an improved economy and environment.

Acting City Manager Brown, Chief Operating Officer Bret Bell, Sustainability Director Nick Deffley, and Fleet Services Director Rafael A. Vega Martinez presented the Power Point slide presentation. Mr. Bell indicated the fleet agreement to be placed on the May 13, 2021 agenda.

Following the presentation, there were questions and discussions from the Mayor and Aldermen/Alderwomen:

Alderman Palumbo is encouraged to see a newer updated fleet with electric vehicles.

Alderman Leggett asked if staff keeps a record of purchase and destruction dates of the current fleet vehicle. If the cars are taken to the auction for sale, and are the police driving the leased vehicles like race cars? Who would be responsible for destroyed vehicles, and what will happen to mechanical staff when the electric cars are fully established? Mr. Brown and Mr. Bell answered, City staff has worked hard over the past 3-4 years to improve driver safety; there has been marketable improvement with the City experiencing the lowest number of vehicle accidents last year. When retiring vehicles, the City sells the cars at auction, or for scrape. The City has a fairly strict pursue policy for police; Mr. Brown will prepare a report for Council Members. The City is responsible for destroyed vehicles which will be sold for scrape. The City has specialty vehicles that will always need mechanics, so the workforce will not be reduced. Mr. Bell indicated the City has a GPS device to track productivity and location of staff using fleet vehicles.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked how will the City make money from selling the 300 retired flee vehicles, who will purchase the used cars, how many has the City sold and who is responsible for the fleet services. Mr. Bell indicated there is a market for all types of vehicles at all times; auctioning the vehicles over the internet and the GovSystem has made selling more advantageous. Mr. Martinez reported Fleet Services is responsible for the purchase and sell of the vehicles; he will prepare a report on the sale of vehicles and the amounts recovered and submit to Council. Any money recovered from the sale goes back into Fleet Services budget. She asked Attorney Lovett if the City has any liability when selling the vehicles. Attorney Lovett answered, no.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked about the reduced labor hours in the department and inquired if there will be any training for the mechanics when the new cars are purchased. She asked will the City pay for the training. Mr. Brown answered, the stated reduced hours is the equivalent of one full time person which the department can easily absorb. The City has a history of assisting mechanics in specialized training so all vehicles can be serviced; most mechanics are cross-trained for efficiency.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter questioned why the City approved over $7 million earlier this year for gas and vehicles; why approve those inefficient vehicles when the City's goal is to be a clean energy community. Mr. Brown indicated, back in January there was an immediate fleet need, over time old vehicles will be phased out for clean energy cars. It will take five years to replace all the light duty vehicles. She asked if the City will spend the entire (nearly $7 million) amount approved for fuel. Mr. Brown explained the amount was up to, and the City will only use what is necessary.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked about Item #9 on the agenda, purchasing automotive batteries fo vehicles; she asked why the City purchased the batteries before the vehicles. Mr. Brown explained the staff needs to maintain the fleet which requires batteries; the batteries will be used as needed but they must be on hand for repairs. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter feels this is not the most efficient use of City funds to buy batteries to sit on the shelf. Mr. Brown explained the mechanics need to have automotive supplies on hand for repairs, so vehicles can be repaired and placed back in service. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Mr. Bell the cost of the fleet agreement. Mr. Bell answered, $1.5 million per year to own. She asked Mr. Bell why he did not make the recommendation to own in relation to the $10 million to rent and resurface the parking at the Arena. Mr. Bell answered it was the most cost effective way to provide parking at the Arena.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Mr. Deffley if the assistant for the department of Sustainability was hired. Mr. Deffley answered, he is completing the final round of interviews and expects to send an offer letter next week. She asked Mr. Deffley regarding the charging stations at Eastern Wharf, how many were provided by Georgia Power and how many provided by the City. The City provided eighteen total charging stations and Georgia Power provided all the infrastructure for the stations, which was the majority of the cost. Mr. Bell stated there were seven charging stations. She asked Mr. Deffley if staff is working with his office for priority of placement of the charging stations. Mr. Deffley answered, yes.

2. Recycling and Litter

Acting City Manager Brown and Sanitation Director Gene Prevatt presented the PowerPoint slide presentation.

Following the presentation:

Mayor Johnson asked if it would be advisable to share the PowerPoint presentation with the Sustainability Taskforce to share information with the public and gauge suggestions for glass disposal. Mr Brown stated sharing the information is a good idea.

Alderman Purtee has concerns regarding the consistency of pick-up of recycling items on the Southside and the inadequate street sweeping. Mr. Prevatt stated there are challenges for being on time with the recycling pick-up; staff is working to make improvements. Mr. Prevatt will make inquiries concerning the street sweeping schedule and prepare a follow-up report.

Mayor Johnson asked staff to figure out a way to better communicate with residents on delayed trash, recycling and street sweeping schedule. If staff cannot make the scheduled pick-ups, residents should be notified. Mr. Prevatt indicated notifications are sent to residents when schedules are delayed, however Item #13, Route Optimizations and Management Software, on todays agenda will eliminate a majority of delays.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan thanked Mr. Prevatt and his staff for doing an outstanding job and the establishment of 'Rock the Block' programs in each District. She asked if staff takes advantage of submitting Federal grants to EPA. Mr. Prevatt's staff has submitted modest grants in education and outreach; they have not received major resources from grants. Since the establishment of recycling in 2009, the City has not received resources for the establishment of the program. Has the City received any revenue from recycling? Mr. Brown stated, in the beginning the City received $15.00 per ton for recycling, now the City pays $150.00 per ton. If the City doesn't pay, the recycling goes into the landfill. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan recommended more resources and staff for the sanitation department.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked Mr. Prevatt if the new 311 system is capable of sending out robocalls concerning sanitation issues. Mr. Brown answered, the robocalls are used primarily for emergencies. She asked Mr. Prevatt what are the needs of the sanitation department. In the 2021 Budget, Mr. Prevatt submitted a service enhancement request for additional staff and trucks. Item #13, Route Optimizations and Management Software, on todays agenda will greatly improve the efficiency of customer services.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Mr. Prevatt about the 33 staff members he mentioned. Mr. Prevatt stated the employees are in the recycling and abatement division: 1 director, 2 administrative assistants, 2 supervisors, 2 support staff, operators and sanitation workers which comes to nine crews in the fields. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked how many temporary staff are part of the department. It varies depending on how many full-time equivalent positions are vacant. Mr. Prevatt uses local temporary employment agencies for staff to maintain customer service. Alderwoman Miller Blakely recommends hiring full-time staff to fill the vacancies in the sanitation department. Temporary staff do not take the initiative like full-time employees who fulfill assignments. Mr. Prevatt agreed. Mr. Brown reminded Council in November they voted not to increase sanitation fees. The sanitation department is experiencing a 15%-20% increase and need additional staff to accommodate the service needs. Council will be presented, in the future, with a request for a sanitation fee increase for additional resources and staff to meet the demand. Mr. Prevatt makes every effort to fill vacant positions with full-time staff, but there are instances when temporary staff is needed to fill the void for service demands; he would prefer employees who are invested in the community.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter thanked Mr. Prevatt and his staff for helping launch the litter program, '2 Legit 2 Lit". She asked could there be efforts to involve the courts, probation department or sheriff's office in using offenders to help with litter clean-up efforts. Mr. Prevatt has used community service in the past but last year during COVID-19 the program came to a halt. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter requested Mr. Brown revisit the program.

In regards to glass recycling, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter has met Ms. Malena A. Glass, Owner of Lammergeier Glass Recycling, a local African American business. She asked Mr. Brown if the City was using a glass recycling company from South Carolina. Mr. Brown indicated the City is not working with any company for glass recycling. It's possible the City could develop a relationship with Lammergeier Glass Recycling, the challenge is getting the glass from the homes to the recycling center; the logistics would need to be worked out. Mr. Prevatt has contacted Lammergeier Glass Recycling; a system to collect glass from 25,000 homes will need to be discussed.

With the quarterly review of the City Budget, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recommends an increase in salary for sanitation workers; the quarterly City Budget review will lend an opportunity for Mr. Prevatt to submit department requirements for the remainder of the budget year. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated, Council has no desire to increase taxes or service fees, rather adequately allocate resources to the most needed areas for employees needing it the most. She questioned a one million dollar, year-old software system to detect how residents recycled and the status of the system. Mr. Prevatt answered, the system never worked correctly; the City discontinued use. She asked how the staff measures recycling, what the data reveals, and are there any incentives. Mr. Prevatt answered, staff perform hard counts periodically which reveals 48% of residents participate with no incentives; there is no data per community/district, but the requested software system on today's agenda, Item #13, will provide software for specific data.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked how City staff can address tires being thrown on residents private property. Mr. Prevatt stated under State Law, the City cannot place tires in landfills; the City staff collects tires individually, at a cost to the City. Mr. Prevatt encouraged residents to report any person/vehicle tossing/throwing tires on private and/or City property. Neighborhood presidents have requested cameras and 'No Dumping' signs posted, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Mr. Prevatt

how effective are cameras and signs. The City is in the process of posting 'No Dumping' signs on all dead-end streets and hot spots throughout the City, along with some cameras. Little has yielded any results but it will take time. Signs do not deter people, education and outreach is a helpful tool; get more residents aware and involved to address the tire issue.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter reminded Mr. Brown, she will follow-up with Lammergeier Glass Recycling, the probation/courts/sheriff's departments for assistance in litter pick-up, and establishing increases for sanitation workers during the City's quarterly budget review.

Alderman Palumbo discussed the issue of glass recycling; its not the pick-up from the residents, it's market demands. Instead of recycling, the City should upcycle glass and find providers who will utilize the glass as a viable material into the future. Alderman Palumbo suggested keeping the materials local. He will meet with Mr. Prevatt to discuss green waste in the landfill.

Alderman Palumbo suggested allowing more time for workshops and/or Council Members to have staff answer questions prior to the meetings to avoid delays in the meetings.

Alderwoman Lanier expressed the West Savannah residents appreciation to Mr. Prevatt and his staff for cleaning an area this week filled with debris since the last hurricane (2 years); and for the many cleaning events throughout the Districts. Pilot programs should be established to include residents in clean-up events and include education with the Sustainability Department. She discussed citizen information submitted on plastic initiatives, zero carbon and aluminum uses.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz expressed thanks to Mr. Prevatt, his staff and Ms. Carliss Bates for all the clean-up efforts in District 5. She recommended the City continue to put cameras and post signs for dumping violators. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz acknowledged and supports Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderman Palumbo's efforts for sustainability and zero carbon.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked Mr. Brown to communicate with Chief Community Services Officer Taffanye Young regarding the grant submitted last year for the use of homeless individuals to help with City litter pick-up.

Mayor Johnson thanked the presenters and staff for all the hard work on behalf of the City. In the coming weeks, he will present to Council an option/opportunity on how to make a good investment in employees. In past years, different charities have assisted the City with clean-up, but COVID-19 prevented continuation; he is looking forward to reestablishing those relationships. In the near future, Mayor Johnson will introduce a volunteer program for citizens and businesses to significantly reduce the single use of plastic products.

Mr. Prevatt thanked the many staff members from Sanitation who contributed to the PowerPoint presentation.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the work session at 6:27 p.m.

Mayor Johnson ordered the Regular Meeting will begin at 6:40 p.m., in order to give staff time to prepare/readjust.

The audio recordings of the work sessions can be found by copying and inserting the below links in your url:

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SUMMARY/FINAL MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 22, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the regular meeting of the City Council was held via Zoom video communications at 6:40 p.m. Following the roll call, Mayor Johnson recognized Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz to introduce Pastor Joyce C. Hall of Living Hope Community Fellowship who delivered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1, Chairman

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

OTHERS PRESENT:

Acting City Manager Michael Brown

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for April 22, 2021

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked to offer a substitute motion, however the vote had already taken place. She submitted an item earlier in the week to be included on the agenda. Mayor Johnson suggested she submit the item to the Acting City Manager's office for his preview.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of Minutes for the Work Session & City Manager's Briefing held on April 8, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

Agenda Plus_WS DRAFT MINUTES_April 08, 2021 City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on April 8, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes for the Special Called Meeting (Closed Executive Session re: Personnel) held on April 12, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

SCM_DRAFT Minutes_2021-04-12 Special Meeting re Personnel.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

5. Appearance and Recognition of the Coastal Georgia Region's Designation as a Great American Defense Community by the Association of Defense Communities

Representing the Coastal Georgia Military Affairs Coalition, Colonel Pete Hoffman, Dr. Bill Cathcart and Mr. Doug Andrews presented the "Great American Defense Community" poster and will send the City a Flag, which is in route, to City Council. Mayor and Council Members thanked the Coalition for their service and for the recognition of the City's support.

Alderman Palumbo congratulated the Coalition on receiving such a great honor.

CONSENT AGENDA - (This section shall include all routine items for which it is anticipated there will be no debate or requests for public input. Any Alderman can remove consent items for discussion or separate consideration.)

6. Approval of a Resolution Honoring the Life of Lady Sheila Jenks Odum

Exhibit 1: Resolution - Lady Sheila Jenks Odum.pdf

Mayor Johnson expressed condolences to the family of Lady Sheila Jenks Odum. He attended the funeral and gave remarks, where he presented a Resolution.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approved Item #6, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Two License Agreements With Norfolk Southern Corporation to Use Railroad Right of Way for Water Main Relocation in the Amount of $74,000 (Event No. 8052)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Railroad Crossing Licenses.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Railroad Crossing Licenses.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #7, #9, #10 and #11, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for DNA Laboratory Services for the Savannah Police Department with Serological Research Institute for up to $65,000 (Event No. 8143)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Serological Research Institute.pdf

Exhibit 2: Specifications - Serological Research Institute.pdf

Exhibit 3: Purchasing Notes - Serological Research Institute.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Acting City Manager Brown discussed the importance of timing when administering the rape kits. She suggested the City establish a committee to review rape cases where offenders were not captured (cold cases). Mayor Johnson indicated he will pass her request to Mr. Brown and law enforcement officials; this should be addressed by law enforcement. Mr. Brown will prepare a report on how rape kits can be handled in a more efficient manner.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely has concerns relating to gun violence/DNA. She asked what happened to the gun violence coordinator. Acting City Manager Brown will provide a report for Alderwoman Miller Blakely.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #8, seconded by Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of Automotive Batteries for City Vehicles with O'Reilly Automotive Stores Inc. (Local) for up to $63,478 (Event No. 8065)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Automotive Batteries.pdf

Exhibit 2: Specifications - Automotive Batteries.pdf

Exhibit 3: Purchasing Notes - Automotive Batteries .pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #7, #9, #10 and #11, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of Drive Train Components with Savannah Driveline and Hydraulic Repair, Inc. (Local) for up to $57,750 (Event No. 8114)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Drive Train Components.pdf

Exhibit 2: Specifications - Drive Train Components.pdf

Exhibit 3: Purchasing Notes - Drive Train Components.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #7, #9, #10 and #11, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of Automotive Hydraulic Hose Components with Savannah Driveline and Hydraulic Repair, Inc. (Local) for up to $57,000 (Event No. 8115)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Hydraulic Hose Components.pdf

Exhibit 2: Specifications - Hydraulic Hose Components.pdf

Exhibit 3: Purchasing Notes - Hydraulic Hose Components.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #7, #9, #10 and #11, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

PURCHASING ITEMS

12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Forestry Management and Timber Sales Management/Brokerage Services with Marsh Forestry and Appraisal, LLC in the Amount of $5,000 plus 6% Commission of Timber Sales (Event No. 8183)

Event 8183 - Forestry Mgt & Timber Sales FV.pdf

Specs.pdf

Georgia-Forestry-Commission-Plan.pdf

Map Attachment - Event 8183.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz alerted the public, bids are going out for approximately nine hundred acres of timberland and the timber will soon be moving (sold). She described the uses and protection of the timberland.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #12, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Acting City Manager for a report of the contracts approved in an amount under $25,000.00. She requested the report for Council Members. Mayor Johnson indicated he will bring Mr. Brown up to date on the report as Mr. Brown was not aware of the report.

13. Authorize the City Manager to Procure Route Optimizations and Management Software from Rubicon Global LLC in the Amount of $655,152.50 for a Three-Year Contract (Event No. 8377)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Route Management System.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Route Management System.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13 and #14, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a New Water Recirculation System with Mars Company for $106,776 (Event No. 8052)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Water Recirculation System.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Water Recirculation System.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13 and #14, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

15. Approval of a Six-Month Renewal Billboard Rental Agreement with Adams Outdoor Advertising, in the Amount of $112,621

Exhibit 1: Map - Billboard Rental.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 and #16, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

16. Approval to Renew the 2021 – 2022 Airport Liability Insurance Program with USI Insurance Services, in the Amount of $1,121,981

Exhibit 1: Premium Summary.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 and #16, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

17. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License With Sunday Sales to Liang Liu of King Cajun Seafood at 7312 Hodgson Memorial Drive (Aldermanic District 4)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - King Cajun Seafood.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - King Cajun Seafood.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - King Cajun Seafood.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - King Cajun Seafood.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol hearing for Item #17.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderman Palumbo moved to close the alcohol hearing for Item #17, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #17, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

PETITIONS

18. Approval of the Naming of the Dorothy W. Law Pavilion located at 2828 Pate Street in Sarah Wade Playground within the Ogeecheeton Neighborhood (Item Postponed to May 13, 2021 City Council Meeting)

041521 Dorothy W. Law Pavilion MEMO.pdf

041421 D W Law MAP.pdf

Mayor Johnson gave background information about Mrs. Dorothy W. Law and her contributions to the community. She was the matriarch of the Ogeecheeton neighborhood; volunteering endlessly to establishing the neighborhood and a neighborhood park with a playground which proved to be too small. She wanted to see a pavilion in the park for sitting. Mayor Johnson arranged in the last SPLOST funds to have a pavilion built in Mrs. Law's honor; she has since deceased. Mayor Johnson explained naming the pavilion would be contingent on approval by the Sites & Monuments Commission. The target date for naming the pavilion is Mother's Day, May 9, 2021. The Ogeecheeton Neighborhood Celebration would like to make the dedication to the Law family during their celebration.

Alderwoman Lanier stands in support of the pavilion monument; the Law family is an important part of the neighborhood. The annual Mother's Day Celebration is a huge event for the neighborhood and this would be the perfect opportunity for the dedication.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #18, contingent upon a review by the Historic Sites and Monuments Commission, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter previously communicated with the Law family in regard to the pavilion and would like to see the pavilion dedication completed. She asked Mayor Johnson to explain to the public the procedure and timeline for naming a monument in the City. Mayor Johnson outlined the total process of naming streets and monuments.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter shared a humbling conversation with Mrs. Dorothy Law prior to her death, where she indicated the pavilion should not be named after her. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter thought this was very honorable of Mrs. Law and worth mentioning.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

19. Petition to Amend the Zoning Map for 11901 Middleground Road (PIN 20782 02006) from RSF-20 (Single Family Residential-20) to B-N (Neighborhood Business), Karan Patel (Agent) on Behalf of Martin George Grotheer, Jr. (Property Owner), Aldermanic District 6 (File No. 21-000890-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - 11901 Middleground Road

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance for 11901 Middleground Road

Alderman Purtee met with the presidents of the neighborhood associations and they have no issues with the application.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #19, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

AGREEMENTS

20. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with SHDC, LLC for Savannah Highlands Phase 6

Exhibit 1: Water/Sewer Agreement - Savannah Highlands Phase 6.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if Acting City Manager received the Plastics Resolution and Impact Fee Resolution submitted to his office. Mr. Brown is preparing a report on the plastics for the Council's next agenda. He encouraged the Council to seriously consider an Impact Fee Ordinance and how they would apply. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter suggested Mr. Brown move forward with an assessment report on the amounts and where the City would apply the fees. Mr. Brown outlined the impact fee process per Georgia Law. He will prepare a report for Council.

Mayor Johnson asked Mr. Brown to briefly explain to Council what impact fees are and how they are applied. Mayor Johnson indicated water fees are different than impact fees, and impact fees cannot be charged retroactively to a development. Mr. Brown will prepare a report defining an area, how much revenue will be generated with impact fees, and how those revenues will be applied to the City's Budget.

Alderman Leggett asked the difference between tap fees and impact fees. Mr. Brown gave the definition of both fees.

Alderman Palumbo stated it's the Council's duty to be genuine with the public. The Council must stay on course with the current agenda items. As the Council explores impact fees, within the Georgia Law, there are fifteen definitions of what qualifies as impact fees. Council should identify the reasoning behind charging impact fees and the goals associated with the outcome.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #20 through #23, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

21. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with SHDC, LLC for Savannah Highlands Phase 7

Exhibit 1: Water/Sewer Agreement - Savannah Highlands Phase 7.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #20 through #23, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

22. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with Compassion Christian Church for Compassion Christian Church.

Exhibit 1: Water/Sewer Agreement - Compassion Christian Church.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #20 through #23, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

23. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with Bradley Lot Developers, LLC for Bradley Point Phase 6B.

Exhibit 1: Water/Sewer Agreement - Bradley Point - Phase 6B.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #20 through #23, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

24. Approval a Memorandum of Agreement with Mercer University Macon Campus for the Provision of Critical Workforce Shelter Space

Emergency Shelter Facilities License Agreement Savannah GA.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #24, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, as announced by Mayor Johnson.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS

25. Approval to Grant an Easement Across City-Owned Property Located at 1325 Dean Forest Road to Georgia Power for Tree/Brush Trimming Along an Electric Transmission Powerline.

Exhibit 1: GPC Easement -1325 Dean Forest.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #25, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

26. Approval of a Major Subdivision Brookline Subdivision Phase 1

Exhibit 1: Plat: Major Subdivision - Brookline Phase 1

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #26, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

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SUMMARY/FINAL MINUTES

COUNCIL WORK SESSION & CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

MAY 13, 2021 – 12:00 p.m.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the City Council Work Session and City Manager's Briefing was held via Zoom video communications at 12:05 p.m. Alderman Leggett offered the invocation.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1, Chairman

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

OTHERS PRESENT:

Acting City Manager Michael B. Brown

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Workshop Agenda Items

1. Housing Authority Update

Exhibit 1: Housing Authority Update.pdf

Acting City Manager Brown explained the importance of affordable housing, associated cost, and the Housing Task Force. After fact findings, the Housing Task Force will give a briefing to Council in June, then make recommendations during a second briefing. Mr. Brown introduced Housing Authority Director Earline Davis, also attending; Housing Authority Director of Development Services Rafaella Nutini and Housing & Neighborhood Services Director Martin Fretty.

Ms. Davis presented the PowerPoint slide presentation. Following the presentation, there were questions and discussions from the Mayor and Aldermen/Alderwomen:

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Ms. Davis if the Housing Authority is developing affordable housing as well as management. Ms. Davis responded, the Housing Authority provides bond funding for some properties for construction and they manage traditional public housing neighborhoods. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked the timeframe when Yamacraw will be demolished and where will the existing residents go. Ms. Davis answered, the application to HUD will be submitted late Summer or early Fall. Current residents will have first right of refusal to return when the new affordable housing is constructed. Ms. Davis stated the determination on the property use when Yamacraw is demolished will be determined by the Board, after approval of the application, however affordable

housing is the first choice. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked about the Westlake Apartments at the time of the major flood. Ms. Davis responded the Housing Authority could not go in to assist residents as it is a County owned property. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the Section 8 Vouchers will be increased. Ms. Davis answered, HUD establishes the market rates.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked if during the renovations of Westlake, were there any improvements in the infrastructure; she asked Ms. Davis to send her information on that question. She asked if Yamacraw will be demolished and the timeframe. Ms. Davis outlined the process; letters were sent, meetings held, and individual contact with residents were made last Fall to inform them of the Housing Authority's application to HUD on Yamacraw demolish. Two year residents are eligible for rental vouchers, less than two years will be rehoused with the Housing Authority paying relocation expenses. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked if the new houses on Pennsylvania Avenue will be eligible for Section 8 Vouchers for mortgage payments and could Ms. Davis inform the public how to get information on the application process. Ms. Davis responded, the program is for current Section 8 Voucher rental participates who wish to become homeowners, they should contact: the Housing Authority's Homeownership Program for relevant information.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked various questions and made comments on the following: 1.) how does the City fit into the Housing Authority's program for residents who need immediate affordable housing; 2.) concerns with a waiting list at the Housing Authority for homeless individuals; 3.) are there any plans to incorporate life skill programs for the homeless; 4.) the City can partner with the Housing Authority through local nonprofit organizations to make sure families are ready for public housing residency; and 5.) what was the motivation to demolish the Bartow property. Ms. Davis answers: 1.) there is no fast-tracking, the HUD process must be followed; 2. & 3.) for public housing residences, the Housing Authority has resident services. If there are problematic situations, Housing Authority staff will personally visit the resident to align them with community resources to address the problem. The Housing Authority's is not capable of ongoing one-on-one case management due to lack of staff; 4.) 5.) the Salvation Army submitted an application for transitional housing to the Housing Authority and HUD approved the project as an allowable use for the location.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter suggested the Acting City Manager allow more time for serious agenda items like housing. She requested a plan of action for housing for individuals seeking immediate residency. Mr. Brown responded, the presentation was not a plan it was an update on the accomplishments of housing over the past twenty years. For services to families, each project shown during the presentation had a set of services associated with the individual property. Mr. Brown will provide a report of provided services for each location. He asked Council Members that have any questions to submit a memo or a list of the questions to his office and he will address each request.

Mayor Johnson thanked Ms. Davis for the Housing Authority presentation and encouraged Council Members with any questions to submit them to Acting City Manager Brown's office for a response. He informed Council Mr. Fretty works closely with Ms. Davis on the Housing Task Force, and soon the City will have its first Housing Affordability Plan, which includes action steps for the City to get positive results.

Ms. Davis acknowledged the assistance of the Housing Authority Director of Development Services Rafaella Nutini. Mayor and Council thanked both Ms. Davis and Ms. Nutini for the presentation.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Acting City Manager Brown arranged a mobile workshop, to include driving through several neighborhoods and past several housing developments for next week, Tuesday, May 18, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Pickup and drop-off will be at the Civic Center.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the work session at 1:20 p.m.

The audio recordings of the work sessions can be found by copying and inserting the below links in your url:

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SUMMARY/FINAL MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MAY 13, 2021 – 2:00 p.m.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the regular meeting of the City Council was held via Zoom video communications at 2:05 p.m. Following the roll call, Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Purtee to introduce Rabbi Robert Haas, spiritual leader of Congregation of Mickve Israel, who delivered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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

OTHERS PRESENT:
Acting City Manager Michael Brown
Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for May 13, 2021

a. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to amend the Agenda to include a Resolution to commit the City of Savannah to the Protection of Nature, Waterways and Neighborhood Streets through Management of Acceptable Single Use Packaging and Products, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion failed, 2-6-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted yea, with Mayor Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Alderman Palumbo and Alderman Purtee voting no. Alderwoman Lanier did not vote.

Mayor Johnson requested a two (2) week time-frame to allow the Acting City Manager and City Attorney to make recommendations and edits prior to placing the Resolution on the Agenda at the May 27, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

b. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the Agenda as presented, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of Minutes for the Work Session & City Manager's Briefing Held on April 22, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Agenda Plus_DRAFT WS MINUTES_April 22, 2021 City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on April 22, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Agenda Plus_DRAFT RM MINUTES_April-22-2021-city-council-regular-meeting_agenda_packet.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

4. A Proclamation Declaring May as National Historic Preservation Month

PRESENTED after Item#5, due to difficulty of signing on to Zoom.

Mayor Johnson presented the National Historic Preservation Month Proclamation to MPC Executive Director Melanie Wilson.

Ms. Wilson thanked Mayor and Council for the recognition and asked for continued support from the City. She thanked the MPC staff for all their hard work and cited upcoming MPC events.

Mayor Johnson and Aldermen/Alderwomen gave words of encouragement and thanks for the MPC staff and educational events.

5. A Proclamation Recognizing Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Savannah Alumnae Chapter's 80th Anniversary of Chapter Charter

Mayor Johnson presented Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Alumnae Chapter's 80th Anniversary, Chapter Charter Proclamation to Dr. Sametria R. McFall, President, Twana Maben and Laura Wiggins (not present).

On behalf of the membership, Dr. McFall thanked Mayor and Council for the recognition and the Proclamation.

CONSENT AGENDA - (This section shall include all routine items for which it is anticipated there will be no debate or requests for public input. Any Alderman can remove consent items for discussion or separate consideration.)

6. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Victory Drive Median Grounds Maintenance with Russell Landscape Savannah, Inc. (Local) for up to $36,000 (Event No. 6284)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Victory Drive Median Grounds Maint.pdf

Exhibit 2: Specifications - Victory Drive Median Grounds Maint.pdf

Exhibit 3: Purchasing Notes - Victory Drive Median Grounds Maint.pdf

Acting City Manager Brown commented, with respect to Items #6 and #9, Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd and staff has designed an initiative entitled Small Public Works in an effort to promote small business efforts within the City. Mr. Lloyd added the focus will be to give local and MWBE's an opportunity to register and compete for contract awards with the City.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely questioned the local presence of Russell Landscape. Mr. Lloyd assured her that Russell Landscape is a local business. Alderman Palumbo offered the suggestion that the City staff is making an effort to be inclusive of smaller local businesses when awarding bid contracts. Mr. Lloyd agreed with Alderman Palumbo. Mayor Johnson endorsed the local business initiative.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #6, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

Alderwoman Lanier asked about the contract renewals; is this the second or third renewal. Mr. Lloyd will verify which renewal with the purchasing department. Later during the discussions, Mr. Lloyd confirmed by the purchasing department Item #6 is the second renewal for Russell Landscape

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter requested the City Manager to provide the report of purchases made/authorized by the City Manager valued at less than $25,000.00 and an update on the status of the City partnering with the justice system and homeless nonprofits to employ individuals in need of work to help with litter clean-up. Mr. Brown indicated COVID has in some way limited progress on the work program, but City staff is working out the logistics and will submit a report to Council.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked City staff for revisions to the bid/contract breakdown for local, small and MWBE's business inclusions for opportunities to work with the City.

7. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Event and Film Permit Software with Event Approvals, Inc. in the Amount of $45,000 (Event No. 8421)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Event and Film Permit Software.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Event and Film Permit Software.pdf

Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed concerns with the contract amount and asked if staff reached out to Savannah Economic Development Authority (SEDA) and The Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) to assist/share in the cost for the program. Acting City Manager Brown answered, the City is involved in various special and ongoing events, and this software program is necessary to keep track of the business, events, timeline, permits, any obstacles, and fees. Mayor Johnson indicated the program makes for an efficient experience for the customer, and the cost of the program is fully recovered from the fees. SEDA will contribute $10,000.00 towards the cost of the program.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #7, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

8. Notification of an Emergency Purchase for a Water Main Leak Repair with EA Tapping Services in the Amount of $48,500 (Event No. 8425)

Exhibit 1 : Funding Verification - Water Main Leak Repair.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Water Main Leak Repair.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #8, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

PURCHASING ITEMS

9. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Sidewalk, Curb and Cobblestone Repair Services with Savannah River Utilities (Local,Primary) and Savannah Paving, Inc. (Secondary) for up to $1,900,000 (Event No. 7079)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Sidewalk, Curb and Cobblestone Repairs.pdf

Exhibit 2: Specifications - Sidewalk, Curb and Cobblestone Repairs.pdf

Exhibit 3: Purchasing Notes - Sidewalk, Curb and Cobblestone Repairs.pdf

Alderman Purtee asked if the contract is just for Rousakis Plaza and the Riverwalk area. Assistant City Manager Lloyd answered, this is a City-wide service to repair the sidewalks and curbs. Alderman Purtee requested a priority list of sidewalk repairs by District, relative to the 88 trip hazard locations. Mayor Johnson requested staff to provide Council the trip hazards list. Mr. Lloyd will prepare and distribute the list to Council Members.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter suggested having workshops on larger contracts for Council's review prior to inclusion on the agenda. She asked Mr. Brown if the $1.9 million will be used only for cobblestone along Riverwalk. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter requested a priority list of the worst streets in Savannah by RoadBotics. Mayor Johnson clarified the description for the use of the $1.9 million. The contract will be used to install new sidewalks and requested Capital Improvement Projects. Mr. Brown explained the $1.9 million will be used throughout the City, including the Riverwalk area, for the repair of sidewalks and curbs. He encouraged any Council Member who has a question concerning the agenda, to call his office about those items prior to the meeting for clarity.

Alderwoman Lanier stated the City has infrastructure issues and needs to prioritize projects to alleviate many of the problems. She mentioned, sometimes just driving throughout the City and identifying needed sidewalk and curb repairs would make for equitable distribution of the work. Mayor Johnson agreed with Alderwoman Lanier and mentioned part of the work of the taskforces are racial equity and leadership. He will soon present an initiative for the City to start looking at everything through a diversity and equity lense.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #9, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

10. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Budget Management Software from SHI International Corp. in the Amount of $295,000 (Event No. 7075)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Budget Software.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Budget Software.pdf

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #10, #11 and #12, per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. (No vote was taken.)

b. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz revised the motion and moved to approve Items #10 and #12, per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, seconded by Mayor Johnson. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Equity Lease Agreement for 303 Light-Duty City Vehicles with Enterprise Fleet Management in the Amount of $ $1,492,982 (Event No. 8211)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Vehicle Lease Agreement.pdf

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Vehicle Lease Agreement.pdf

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #10, #11 and #12, per Acting City Manager

Brown's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. (No vote was taken.)

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Acting City Manager Brown if staff's statement from the prior meeting "to own is better than to lease" was a correct statement. Mr. Brown stated in some instances it is better to lease than own, especially when it comes to light-duty trucks and sedans because they have a longer life. However, heavy duty trucks, specialty vehicles and dump trucks it is better to own.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked questions concerning the City's conversion to electric vehicles. Mr. Brown stated the City will need to add numerous electric charging stations, prior to purchasing a fleet of electric vehicles. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter reminded Council Members, in 2019 many of the Aldermen/Alderwomen emphasized creating an energy efficient City during campaign pledges. Mr. Brown stated the City staff is working diligently toward an energy efficient City, however, it will take time to migrate to a fully electric fleet.

Alderman Palumbo stated with this agenda, it marks the largest addition of alternative fuel vehicles in the City's history. It will cut C02 emissions by 23% and save taxpayers money by going from $0.46 to $0.40 per gallon. Alderman Palumbo took a point of personal privilege to address references to the 2019 campaign that should not be rehashed during meetings.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely called for point of order.

In reference to the environment, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan noted the City will purchase 21 electric and 91 hybrid vehicles; the largest move toward a cleaner environment. The current administration is in line with their priorities for the City.

Alderman Leggett asked Mr. Brown and Mr. Lloyd if the City was on schedule to replace the current fleet of vehicles with electric vehicles over time and negotiating for a cooperative agreement with the power company for more electric vehicle charging stations. Mr. Brown answered, yes.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely inquired about the 559 vehicles the City will sell over the next five years, where they will be sold, and if the public will be able to purchase any of the vehicles. Mr. Brown and Mr. Lloyd answered the public will be able to purchase the vehicles at an auction; the site is www.govdeals.com.

b. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #11, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter did not vote.

12. Authorize the City Manager to Procure Network Services and Equipment with Layer 3 (Local) in the Amount of $205,054.23 (Event No. 8420)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Network Services and Equipment.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Network Services and Equipment.pdf

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #10, #11 and #12, per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. (No vote was taken.)

b. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz revised the motion and moved to approve Items #10 and #12, per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, seconded by Mayor Johnson. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

13. Approval of a Marketing Agreement with Verb Interactive Inc. for the Production of a Stakeholder Video and a 12-Month Digital Media Marketing Program, in the Amount of $135,000

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13 through #21, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Approval of a Five-Year Renewal Service Agreement with INFAX, Inc. for Multi-User Flight Information Display System (MUFIDS), YCD Video Displays, and SAV's Daktronics Monitor in the Amount of $302,065

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13 through #21, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Approval to Ratify the Acceptance of Airport Coronavirus Response Grant Program (ACRGP) Grant Offer No. 3-13-0100-068-2021 from the Federal Aviation Administration, in the Amount of $312,985

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13 through #21, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

16. Approval to Ratify the Acceptance of Airport Coronavirus Response Grant Program (ACRGP) Grant Offer No. 3-13-0100-069-2021 from the Federal Aviation Administration, in the Amount of $4,987,807

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13 through #21, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

17. Approval to Execute a Contract with Barnett Southern Corporation, Inc. to Cover Construction Services Related to the Southeast Quadrant Stormwater Drainage Project in the Amount of $8,121,466

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13 through #21, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

18. Approval of a Fourth Amendment to Task Work Order Number 2 with AECOM Technical Services Inc. for the Southeast Quadrant Stormwater Drainage Improvements Project, in an Amount Not To Exceed $177,801

Exhibit 1: Agreement - Stormwater Drainage.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13 through #21, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

19. Approval of Task Work Order Number 3 with Pond & Company for the Design and Engineering of the Air Cargo Facility in the Amount of $4,989,416

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13 through #21, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

20. Approval of Change Order Number 1 for a Professional Services Agreement with Reeves Construction Company for the Site Clearing Areas T, U, V & Parking Improvements Project, in the Amount of $156,440

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13 through #21, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

21. Approval of an Emergency Operations Center Land and Facility Lease Agreement and Commission's Pro-Rata Share, in the Estimated Amount of $8,529,055

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13 through #21, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

22. Nomination of Mr. Matthew S. Hallett to Replace Mr. Nelson Gassman, a Vacated Position on the Traffic Calming Committee (Post 1 - At-Large Seat) for a Three-Year Term Ending December 31, 2023, as Recommended by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter

Alderwoman Lanier requested looking carefully at the idea of holding a workshop, prior to the budget review process, pertaining to traffic calming intervention and addressing these related issues due to a high volume of complaints/calls received.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Item #22, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

23. Approval of a Class B (Liquor)(Manufacturer) Alcohol License for Pratt Mathews of HOP Atomica at 535 East 35th Street (Aldermanic District 2)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Hop Atomica.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Hop Atomica.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Hop Atomica.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Hop Atomica.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearings for Items #23 and #25.

No Speakers.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if the two (2) neighboring Homeowners Associations (HOA) had any comments/concerns relating to the establishment, since the neighborhoods are in close proximity to the business selling alcohol. Alderman Leggett reported the Thomas Square HOA approves and he has no other complaints/concerns from local leadership; he is ready to move forward with approval. Mayor Johnson asked if the distance is compliant with State requirements. Acting City Manager Brown stated the item would not be on the agenda, if it did not meet the distance requirements. Attorney Lovett reported the distance requirement is 100 yards.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the hearings for Items #23 and #25, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #23, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan called for point of order, due to multiple people speaking at the same time.

c. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter offered an alternative motion to approve Item #23 contingent upon verification of State distance (yards) requirements from a church, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion failed, 3-5-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier voted yea, with Mayor Johnson, Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Alderman Palumbo and Alderman Purtee voting no. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz did not vote.

Mr. Brown reported the facility is in compliance with State distance requirments. The closest church is Victory Bible Fellowship, 1,760 yards from the business establishment (the minumum requirement is 100 yards); the closest school, Susie King Taylor, is 1,408 yards (the minumum requirement is 200

yards); and the closest hospital, Georgia Regional Hospital, is 9,856 yards (the minumum distance is 100 yards).

24. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine)(By the Package) Alcohol License for Jay P. Patel of Habersham Market at 1220 Habersham Street (Aldermanic District 2)

Exhibit 1: Checklist- Habersham Market.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map- Habersham Market.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports- Habersham Market.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Habersham Market.pdf

At the request of the neighborhood association, Alderman Leggett moved to continue/postpone Item #24 to the May 27, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

25. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales for Mark Hoplamazian of Thompson Hotel at 201 Port Street (Aldermanic District 1)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Thompson Savannah.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Thompson Savannah.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Thompson Savannah.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Thompson Savannah.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearings for Items #23 and #25.

No Speakers.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the hearings for Items #23 and #25, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderwoman Lanier moved to close the hearing for Item #25, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #25, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

26. Approval of a Class C (Beer,Wine)(By the Package) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales for Louis A. Cobello for Screamin' Mimi's at 513 East Oglethorpe Avenue (Aldermanic District 2)(Continued until June 10 Meeting per Applicant)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Screamin' Mimi's.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Screamin' Mimi's.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Screamin' Mimi's.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Screamin' Mimi's1.pdf

Alderman Leggett reported the petitioner for Screamin' Mimi's, Item #26 alcohol license petition, could not be located.

Alderman Leggett moved to continue/postpone Item #26 to the June 10, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

27. Approval of a Resolution Ratifying the Mayor's May 4, 2021 Extension of the Emergency Mask or Face Covering Order

Exhibit 1: Resolution - Emergency Order.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked Mayor Johnson for his continuous diligence to monitor and protect the citizens and visitors of Savannah during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #27, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked when the parks and recreation centers will reopen. Mayor Johnson indicated the parks and recreation centers are now open. The summer sports and summer camps are now operating. Acting City Manager Brown will resend the reopening notices to Council Members.

AGREEMENTS

28. Approval to Modify and Extend the PY2020 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Year-Round Youth Sub-Awards to Administer the WIOA Youth Summer Work Experience Program in the amount of $350,000

Area 19 WIOA PY 20 Youth $ 1,238,673.pdf

CWDB Executive Committee Agenda-Summer WEX.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #28 and #29, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely requested information concerning these awards and grant opportunities be made available to the public. Acting City Manager Brown will post information for public viewing.

29. Approval to Modify and Extend the PY2020 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Year-Round Adult, Dislocated Worker, One-Stop Operator, and Youth Sub-awards in the Amount of $199,832

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #28 and #29, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan congratulated City staff on participating in the programs. This is a step forward in the Council's priority on the decrease of poverty reduction strategy.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS

30. Approval of a Property Exchange with the Georgia Transmission Corporation within the New Hampstead Community to Facilitate Development of a New Electrical Sub-Station

Exhibit 1: Map - GTC Property Exchange.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #30, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

31. Settlement #1

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #31, authorizing the City Attorney to resolve an ankle and knee injury case involving Ms. Darlene Tyson in the amount of $125,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Johnson announced the City of Savannah is now an Amazon community, although it is in the unincorporated area of the County. This accomplishment was a group effort with SEDA, the State and County, and the City, who is the provider of water and sewer. With a focus on robotics, there will be 1000 new jobs in the community, with a minimum salary of $15/hour. The facility will open sometime next year.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed concern about having too many temporary employees and she recommends hiring permanent employees, due to a recent vehicle accident in a City vehicle made by a temporary employee. Alderwoman Miller Blakely is also concerned about a letter left in her mailbox concerning employees in the Recycling Department. She spoke previously to the City Manager about implementing an Ethics policy which she hopes will be on the next meeting agenda.

Mayor Johnson gave a shout-out to Chief Minter and our Police Department for dealing with a very harrowing circumstance, shooting of a mother and kidnapping of two six-year-old twins. The mother is in critical but stable condition. Due to the work of the Police Department and community tips, the two children are now returned to the safe custody of their families.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan commended the citizens of our community, by coming through with tips. If you see something, say something. There was great detective work and a community who cared. It was amazing to see them walk from door-to-door, and to use information from the Ring videos. We are in our third day of cease fire, and it has been proven we can take care of ourselves. The police department did a remarkable job. Kudos to the detectives and the community for bringing those babies home. We will continue to pray for the mother who is in stable but critical condition.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

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SUMMARY/SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

COUNCIL MOBILE WORKSHOP ON HOUSING

MAY 18, 2021 – 11: a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2
Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman
Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ABSENT: Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1, Chairman
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2
Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3
Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem

OTHERS PRESENT:
Acting City Manager Michael B. Brown
Chief Community Services Officer Taffanye Young
Housing & Neighborhood Service Director Martin Fretty
Public Communications Specialist Ken Slats

Special Meeting Agenda Items

1. Mobile Workshop on Housing Initiatives
   - Exhibit 1: Attachment - Mobile Housing Workshop Route.pdf
   - Exhibit 2: Attachment - City Council Mobile Housing Workshop - Information Summary.pdf
   - Exhibit 3: Attachment - City Council Mobile Workshop Booklet.pdf
   - Exhibit 4: Attachment - Housing Department Flyer.pdf
   - Exhibit 5: Attachment - Flyer SAHF.pdf

Pursuant to State Law and as opined by the City Attorney, inspecting facilities or property where no other official action is discussed or taken is not considered a meeting.

SGTV filmed the tour.

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SUMMARY/FINAL MINUTES

COUNCIL WORK SESSION & CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

MAY 27, 2021 – 4:00 p.m.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the City Council Work Session and City Manager's Briefing was held via Zoom video communications at 4:00 p.m. Alderman Palumbo offered the invocation.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1, Chairman

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ABSENT:

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3

ALSO, PRESENT:

Acting City Manager Michael B. Brown

Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Workshop Agenda Items

1. Chatham County - Savannah Comprehensive Plan Update

Acting City Manager Brown introduced Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd, MPC Executive Director Melanie Wilson and Advanced Planning and Special Projects Representative Jackie Jackson for the presentation.

Ms. Wilson and Ms. Jackson presented the PowerPoint presentation with contributions by Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd and Director of Planning & Urban Design Bridget Lidy.

Following the presentation, there were discussions and questions by Mayor and Council Members, answered by Ms. Wilson, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Brown and Ms. Lidy. Some questions and discussions included but were not limited to the following:

- How is the City's goal for a cleaner energy environment reflected in the Comprehensive Plan. (Mayor Johnson)
- How does this Plan relate to the 2033 Plan. (Alderwoman Miller Blakely)
- What is the difference between impact fees and tap fees, and can the City double charge. (Alderman Leggett)

- In regard to revenue and add-backs, how did the City previously compensate developers and will there be any future benefits to developers. She would like the City Attorney to render an opinion of best practices for impact fees. (Alderwoman Gibson-Carter)
- Prior concerns on the Westside regarding impact fees equality. Make sure policies are in place to address the Westside development when creating the comprehensive plan. (Alderwoman Lanier)
- Many thanks to MPC staff and the City staff for all the hard work in putting the comprehensive plan together. (Mayor Johnson and Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz)

Alderwoman Miller Blakely requested a copy of today's presentation for Council Members.

Mr. Brown will send extensive information to Council Members on how impact fees work.

2. Arena Update

Acting City Manager Brown, Economic Development Business Opportunity Manager MarRonde Lumpkin-Lotson and Coastal Workforce Services Interim Director Sheron Morgan presented the PowerPoint slide presentation. Also contributing, Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd and Director of Planning & Urban Design Bridget Lidy.

Following the presentation, there were questions and discussions by Mayor and Council Members, answered by Ms. Lumpkin-Lotson, Ms. Morgan, and Mr. Brown. Some questions and discussions included but were not limited to the following:

- A request for name of the compliance representative for the Arena and the list of DBE's and MWBE's. (Alderwoman Miller Blakely)
- The original intent to build the Arena in this corridor was to uplift the area's quality of life and give the area the attention it needs. The original intent of the investment must not be forgotten. (Alderwoman Lanier)
- Will the Arena parking lot have 2,000 spaces and what formula was used to recoup $5 million for the parking lease. (Alderwoman Gibson-Carter)
- In meeting the goal for Savannah First, staff should continue to hire local first. The continued operation of the entreprenurial center is needed for the development of local and WMBE businesses in the City; thank you for your service and continue to put Savannah First. (Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz)

Mayor Johnson advised a more detailed report was given to Council Members by Mr. Brown pertaining to the Arena project, earlier in the week.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely requested a copy of the DBE/MWBE list.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the work session at 6:06 p.m.

The audio recordings of the work sessions can be found by copying and inserting the below links in your url:

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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
MAY 27, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the regular meeting of the City Council was held via Zoom video communications at 6:30 p.m. Following the roll call, Mayor Johnson introduced Senior Pastor Ricky Temple of Overcoming by Faith Ministries, who delivered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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

OTHERS PRESENT:
Acting City Manager Michael Brown
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for May 27, 2021

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

Acting City Manager Brown requested Item #39 be moved up on the agenda with the alcohol license hearing to, after Item #22. Mayor Johnson granted his request.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of Minutes for the Work Session & City Manager's Briefing Held on May 13, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Minutes - May 13, 2021 City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on May 13, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Minutes May 13, 2021.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA - (This section shall include all routine items for which it is anticipated there will be no debate or requests for public input. Any Alderman can remove consent items for discussion or separate consideration.)

4. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Procure and Install a Warehouse Storage Racking System (for the New Central Warehouse, Interchange Court) with MSC Industrial Supply in the Amount of $87,900 (Event No. 8324). The Racks, Bins and Cabinets will Hold over 700 Commodities (80,000+ Units) for Material Used in all City Operations.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Racking System.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Racking System.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if the facility was in Carver Village and if the City will address the noise pollution with the necessary barriers. Acting City Manager Brown answered, this is the facilit in Carver Village and the City will take all precautions in dealing with visual and noise pollution to b a good neighbor.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #4, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Coliform Reagent from IDEXX Laboratories for an Amount up to $55,000 (Event 8431) for Continuous Bacteriological Testing Agents Used by the City for Source Water Evaluation (c. 60 million gallons per day) [Sole Source].

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Coliform Reagant.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Coliform Reagant.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 and #6, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Brake Parts with O'Reilly Automotive Stores, Inc (Local) for an Amount up to $44,853.90 (Event No. 8186). Parts include Friction Pads, Hydraulic Parts, and Brake Components for Light and Heavy-Duty City Fleet Vehicles and Equipment Maintained by City Mechanics.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Vehicle Brake Parts.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Vehicle Brake Parts.pdf

Exhibit 3: Specifications - Vehicle Brake Parts.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 and #6, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

PURCHASING ITEMS

7. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Construction of an Arena Surface Parking Lot with APAC-Atlantic Inc. (Local) in the Amount of $9,050,378 (Event No. 8322) [See report] The 2,000 Space Lot Previously Approved by Council, (along with the Arena Garage) is critical for Arena and Large-Scale Event Parking, for Protection of Neighborhoods, and for Westside Environmental Remediation.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Arena Surface Lot .pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Arena Surface Lot.pdf

Exhibit 3: Memo.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if the City's Office of Sustainability was contacted prior to the agreement and if any stations for electric cars will be in the parking lot. Acting City Manager Brown answered, no stations are planned at this time and the current agreement moves the City toward a sustainable solution.

Alderman Leggett asked Mr. Brown if the City has saved any money thus far on the Arena project and has the City taken precautions to prevent future environmental issues. Mr. Brown stated the City has saved money by pre-bidding the major components and the City has done their due diligence related to environmental issues.

Alderwoman Lanier has concerns with the drainage problems in the area. She previously asked for comprehensive drainage, traffic and parking plans. Until the City can solve the drainage problems in the Basin, to address the concerns of the residents in Cloverdale and Carver Village areas, she asked staff to increase the maintenance of the drainage problems in that area. However this has not happened. Residents of Cloverdale are experiencing backups in their homes and yards Alderwoman Lanier has advised residents to call 311 to report any and all drainage issues, and t send her the information. She has concerns with the 22 acre parking lot not having permeable cement for the water roll-off.

Mayor Johnson asked Mr. Brown if the 22 acres for the parking lot is East of the canal, so widening of the canal and basin on Gwinnett Street should mitigate those issues. Mr. Brown answered the Basin will need to be expanded to alleviate the problem. He along with Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd will walk the neighborhoods and make sure the drainage maintenance is increased to protect the residents.

Alderman Palumbo is glad the pedestrian and bicycle trails are being discussed for long-range planning. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked for the balance outstanding on the $165 million maximum price for the Arena as presented by Perkins + Will. The 3rd District needs sidewalks, paved streets, traffic calming, etc. but all funds are going to the 1st District.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #7, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 6-3-0, with Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no.

8. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Arena Surface Parking Lot Lights with Georgia Power in the Amount of $105,026 (Event No. 8458) [See report]. Forty-five Large Poles and Fixtures will be Installed and Electricity Provided to the Arena Surface Lot.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Arena Parking Lot Lights.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Arena Parking Lot Lights.pdf

Exhibit 3: Memo.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Acting City Manager Brown if the Office of Sustainability was contacted prior to the item being submitted to the purchasing department. Mr. Brown answered yes, it is sustainable.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Mr. Brown about the City not owning the parking lot and the statement to eventually turn the parking lot into greenspace/recreational facility in the future. Mr. Brown explained and described the long-range plans to restore the area with greenspace, new development and the conversion of the paved parking lot into livable or recreational space.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #8, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed, 7-2-0, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no.

9. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Construction Contract for the Purchase and Unload of the Arena Pedestrian Bridge with Johnson-Laux (Local, DBE) in the Amount of $536,309 (Event No. 8481) [See report]. A Single-Structure, 110-Foot Steel Truss Bridge will be Fabricated to Cross the Springfield Canal and will (Under a Separate Contract) Connect the Surface Lot to the Arena.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Arena Pedestrian Bridge.pdf

Exhibit 2: Memo.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #9, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed, 7-2-0, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no.

10. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Fall Protection System for the Savannah Arena with Evan Fall Protection in the Amount of $266,080 (Event No.8326) [See report]. Part of the Arena Project, the System Allows Safe Worker Access/Fall Protection for Roof and Suspension Trusses for Show and Building Equipment Above the Main Floor of the Arena Building.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Rigging Fall Protection System.pdf

Exhibit 2: Specifications - Rigging Fall Protection System.pdf

Exhibit 3: Purchasing Notes - Rigging Fall Protection System.pdf

Exhibit 4: Memo.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #10, #13, #15 and #16, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Rear Loader Chassis (Cab, Engine and Drivetrain) for Refuse Trucks with Crane Carrier Company in the Amount of $2,068,880 (Event No. 8446). The Contract Provides for Replacement of the Truck and Low-Entry Passenger Compartment of Rear and Side Loading, Heavy-Duty Refuse Trucks for Residential Yard Waste and Recyclables.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Sanitation Truck Chassis.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Acting City Manager Brown if additional special training will be required for the new trucks. Mr. Brown stated the new heavy duty trucks require a commercial drivers license and the City will assist staff in acquiring and maintaining the license. There is also special training for the crews to operate in a safe manner. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter would like to see the sanitation workers receive an increase in wages, this will show the City's investment in its employees.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to approve Items #11 and #12, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Rear Loader Compactor Bodies for Refuse Trucks with Solid Waste Applied Technologies c/o New Way in the Amount of $1,427,353 (Event No. 8445). Contract will Provide for the Replacement of the Compactor-Hauling, Component of Rear and Side Loading, Heavy-Duty Refuse Trucks.

Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - SanitationTruck Bodies.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes.pdf

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to approve Items #11 and #12, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Sewer Lift Station Parts and Pumps with Xylem Water Solutions USA for up to $800,000 (Event No. 8443). The Original Equipment Parts are for Sewage-Lifting, Wet-Well Submersible Pumps and Component Parts in the 210 Sanitary Sewage Lift Stations Throughout the City Service Areas.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Sewer Lift Station Parts and Pumps.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Sewer Lift Station Parts and Pumps.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #10, #13, #15 and #16, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Uniforms and Related Items (for Savannah Fire Department) with A-1 Uniforms (Local, DBE) in an Amount up to $112,990.07 (Event No. 8251). Firefighters are Provided with Duty-Wear Shirts, Pants and Required Clothing.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - SFD Uniforms.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - SFD Annual Contract.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Acting City Manager Brown if uniforms and related items are purchased from different vendors. Mr. Brown answered, the fire department staff require various uniforms, equipment and accessory items. The packages are bid out and vendors bid according to their specialty. Items come from different vendors as needed/required.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Item #14, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Authorize the City Manager to Procure Furniture for Interchange Court in Care of Mason, Inc., in the Amount of $962,045.68. This will Provide Tables, Desks, Chairs, Cabinets, and Equipment for the new 150,000 square feet of Offices at Interchange Court to House 250 Employees of Streets, Traffic, Stormwater, Parks, and Urban Forestr (Existing Equipment will be Re-Used as much as Possible.)

Exhibit 1:Funding Verification - Interchange Ct. Furniture.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Interchange Ct. Furniture.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #10, #13, #15 and #16, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for City-Wide HVAC Maintenance with Edge Air Conditioning and Refrigeration in the Amount of $140,000 (Event No. 4836)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - HVAC Maintenance.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - HVAC Maintenance.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #10, #13, #15 and #16, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

17. Nomination of Dr. Daniel Brantley and Estelle C. Mannion to the Aging Services Advisory Council for a Three-Year Term Beginning July 1, 2021 and Ending June 30, 2024

Exhibit 1: Area Agency on Aging Letter.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #17, appointment of Dr. Daniel Brantley and Estelle C. Mannion to the Aging Services Advisory Council for a three (3) year term, ending June 30 2024, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

18. Nomination of Dr. Deanna Cross to the Hospital Authority of Savannah for a Four-Year Term Beginning April 1, 2021 and Ending March 31, 2025

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #18, appointment of Dr. Deanna Cross to the Hospital Authority of Savannah for a four (4) year term, ending March 31, 2025, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

19. Approval of a Class C (Beer,Wine)(By the Drink) with Sunday Sales to Anny Thongsirimonghoun for Seabass Restaurant at 11215 Abercorn Street (Aldermanic District 6)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Seabass Restaurant.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Seabass Restaurant.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports -Seabass Restaurant.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Seabass Restaurant.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearings for Items #19 through #22, and Item #39.

No Speakers.

a. Alderman Purtee moved to close the alcohol license hearings for Items #19 through #22, and Item #39, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #19, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. Th motion passed unanimously.

20. Approval of a Class D (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By The Package) Alcohol License to Zip-N-Package Store for Dhaval Patel at 2726 Ogeechee Road (Aldermanic District 1)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Zip-N-Package.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map- Zip-N-Package.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Zip-N-Package.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Zip-N-Package.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearings for Items #19 through #22, and Item #39.

No Speakers.

a. Alderman Purtee moved to close the alcohol license hearings for Items #19 through #22, and Item #39, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #20, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

21. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Wine)(By The Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Yulima T. Ospina for Antojo Latino at 44 Posey Street (Aldermanic District 4)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Antojo Latino.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Antojo Latino.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Antojo Latino.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report- Antojo Latino.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearings for Items #19 through #22, and Item #39.

No Speakers.

a. Alderman Purtee moved to close the alcohol license hearings for Items #19 through #22, and Item #39, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #21, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously.

22. (Savannah Airport Commission Item) Approval of a Class D (Liquor)(By the Package) Alcohol License to Carol M. Sellers for the Salt Table at 400 Airways Avenue (Aldermanic District 1)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - The Salt Table.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - The Salt Table.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - The Salt Table.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - The Salt Table.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearings for Items #19 through #22, and Item #39.

No Speakers.

a. Alderman Purtee moved to close the alcohol license hearings for Items #19 through #22, and Item #39, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #22, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously.

ZONING HEARINGS

23. Petition of Marguerite Seckman (Agent) on Behalf of Starland Partners II, LLC (Owner) for a Special Use Permit to Allow Alcohol Sales in Association with a Restaurant for 2418 Desoto Avenue (PIN 20065 47011) Aldermanic District #2 File No. 21-000499-ZA

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for a Special Use Permit - 2418 DeSoto Avenue

Exhibit 2: Maps - 2418 DeSoto Avenue

Exhibit 3: Map of Alcohol Beverage Licenses

Alderman Leggett reported the neighborhood association asked for an additional two (2) weeks for due diligence on Items #23 and #24.

Alderman Leggett moved to continue/postpone Items #23 and #24 to the June 10, 2021 meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

24. Petition of Marguerite Seckman (Agent) for Yvonne Jouffrault (Owner) for a Special Use Permit to Allow Alcohol Sales in Association with a Restaurant for 17 West 41st Street (PIN 20074 07001) Aldermanic District #2 File No. 21-000500-ZA

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for a Special Use Permit - 17 West 41st Street

Exhibit 2: Maps - 17 W. 41st Street

Exhibit 3: Map of Alcohol Beverage Licenses

Alderman Leggett reported the neighborhood association asked for an additional two (2) weeks for due diligence on Item #23 and #24.

Alderman Leggett moved to continue/postpone Items #23 and #24 to the June 10, 2021 meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

25. Petition of Barbara Zinn (Agent) for John Galik (Owner) for a Special Use Permit to Allow the Use "Animal Services, Indoor" for 111 and 113 West Anderson Street (PINs 20066 07025 and 20066 07024) Aldermanic District #2 File No. 21-001844-ZA

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - 111 and 113 West Anderson Street)

Exhibit 2: Map of 111 and 113 West Anderson Street

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearing for Item #25.

Marcus Lotson, MPC Representative gave a brief description of the request. MPC recommended approval.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked how long will the special use permit be in affect, and what happens when/if it expires. Mr. Lotson answered, the permit is governed by the special use permit and must be renewed annually by staff. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan requested notification every time a special use permit application for District 3 is submitted to the City prior to placing the special use permit request on the agenda. Mr. Lotson, Mayor Johnson and Acting City Manager Brown explained and discussed the zoning request process for Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan for clarification on the process. A consensus was reached to notify each Aldermen/Alderwomen when an application for a special use permit was submitted for their respective Districts. Mr. Brown will work with Mr. Lotson on th details and follow-up with a report to Council.

No Speakers.

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #25, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #25, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

26. Petition of Shammy and Shimei Magabo (Owner) to Amend the Zoning Map for 5501 Montgomery Street (PIN 20129 06006) from RSF-6 (Residential Single-Family-6000 SF) to BL (Limited Business). Aldermanic District #5. File No. 21-001901-ZA.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - 5501 Montgomery Street

Exhibit 2: Maps - 5501 Montgomery Street

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance - 5501 Montgomery Street

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearing for Item #26.

Marcus Lotson, MPC Representative gave a brief description of the request. MPC recommended approval.

No Speakers.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #26, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

27. Petition of Jon Pannell (Agent) for Savannah Economic Development Authority (Owner) to Amend the Zoning Map with Conditions for 351 Technology Circle (PIN 20980 03005) from OI-E (Office and Institutional-Expanded) to I-L (Light Industrial) Aldermanic District #1 File No. 21-00864-ZA

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - 351 Technology Circle

Exhibit 2: Maps - 351 Technology Circle

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance - 351 Technology Circle

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearing for Item #27.

Marcus Lotson, MPC Representative gave a brief description of the request. MPC recommended approval.

No Speakers.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #27, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously.

28. Petition of James Gerard (Agent) for Southern Metals Property, LLC (Owner) to Amend the Zoning Map with Conditions for 0 Godley Road (PINs 20980 03002 and 20980 03004) from OI-E (Office and Institutional-Expanded) to I-L (Light Industrial) Aldermanic District #1 File No. 21-000863-ZA

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - 0 Godley Road

Exhibit 2: Maps - 0 Godley Road

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance - 0 Godley Road

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearing for Item #28.

Marcus Lotson, MPC Representative gave a brief description of the request. MPC recommende approval.

No Speakers.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #28, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING

29. Petition of Shammy and Shimei Magabo (Owner) to Amend the Zoning Map for 5501 Montgomery Street (PIN 20129 06006) from RSF-6 (Residential Single-Family-6000 SF) to BL (Limited Business). Aldermanic District #5. File No. 21-001901-ZA.

MPC Recommendation Packet - 5501 Montgomery Street)

Maps - 5501 Montgomery Street

Draft Ordinance - 5501 Montgomery Street

After the first reading was considered the second and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #26, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

30. Petition of Jon Pannell (Agent) for Savannah Economic Development Authority (Owner) to Amend the Zoning Map with Conditions for 351 Technology Circle (PIN 20980 03005) from OI-E (Office and Institutional-Expanded) to I-L (Light Industrial). Aldermanic District #1. File No. 21-00864-ZA.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - 351 Technology Circle

Exhibit 2: Maps - 351 Technology Circle

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance - 351 Technology Circle

After the first reading was considered the second and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #30, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

31. Petition of James Gerard (Agent) for Southern Metals Property, LLC (Owner) to Amend the Zoning Map with Conditions for 0 Godley Road (PINs 20980 03002 and 20980 03004) from OI-E (Office and Institutional-Expanded) to I-L (Light Industrial). Aldermanic District #1. File No. 21-000863-ZA.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - 0 Godley Road

Exhibit 2: Maps - 0 Godley Road

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance - 0 Godley Road

After the first reading was considered the second and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #31, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

32. A Resolution Announcing the City Of Savannah's Intent to Protect its Nature, Waterways and Neighborhood Streets Through Management of Acceptable Single Use Packaging and Products (Non-Essential Plastics Typically Used Once Before Disposal including Plastic Bags, Straws, Coffee Stirrers, Cups, Utensils and Most Plastic Food Packaging)

City of Savannah - Plastics Resolution DRAFT_5.21.2021.docx

Alderman Palumbo was elated to see the Resolution on the agenda for approval and encouraged all citizens to be aware of the dangers of plastics. This Resolution is a step forward in helping to have cleaner waterways, nature and city streets from plastic containers, straws, etc. He cited, on average, each American ingests plastic approximately the size of a credit card per week.

Mayor Johnson stated the Resolution will start with the City in initiating steps to do a better job of moving toward the goal of a more sustainable working and living environment. Each person can start with the single use of plastics to attain the City's goals.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recommended a 'green spot for green restaurants' on the City's web page for any business who would voluntarily commit to making an effort to omit plastics from single uses.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan expressed her thanks for the Resolution and all involved in bringing it before Council for approval.

Alderwoman Lanier mentioned a person from Kenya who has converted plastics into a positive use (bricks). She suggested citizens think outside the box for innovative ways to make plastics a less useful material in todays society.

Alderman Purtee endorsed the Resolution. He mentioned this is the a small first step for the City to reach it's sustainable goals.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #32, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

AGREEMENTS

33. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Sweetwater Investors, LLC for Sweetwater Station Phase 6

Exhibit 1: Water/Sewer Agreement - Sweetwater Station Phase 6.pdf

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #33, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS

34. Approval to Declare Surplus and Available for Sale a Portion of Unopened Right-of-Way at the Eastside Intersection of East Broad Street and 31st Street - Petition #190343

Exhibit 1: Agenda Item - Map Attachment.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #34, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

35. Approval to Authorize the City Manager to Extend an Intergovernmental Agreement with Chatham County for Use of City Property, Located at 2203 Abercorn Street (for A Multi-Agency Resource Center)

Exhibit 1: Map - 2203 Abercorn.pdf

Exhibit 2: IGA Amendment - 2203 Abercorn

Exhibit 3: IGA - 2203 Abercorn.pdf

Mayor Johnson stated this property is know as 'The Front Porch'. He explained this was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the City will extend the Agreement for one (1) year to give the County time to find an alternative location.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #35, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

36. Approval to Authorize the City Manager to Exchange Real Property to Facilitate Maintenance Access to the Bilbo Canal.

Exhibit 1: Plat Exhibit - PMC Land Swap.pdf

Exhibit 2: Photos Exhibit - PMC Land Swap.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier had concerns about the land swap and the maintenance in the canal area. She asked if there were official documents on how the City swaps property. Acting City Manager Brown answered, all land swapped is governed by State Law, and is swapped on a case by case basis. Attorney Lovett opined the City must win the swap. The land the City receives must be more valuable than the land the City swaps. Each swap is done on a case by case bases.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #36, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

37. Approval of a Major Subdivision - The Mayors One Parcel and Parcel R-1, Eastern Wharf

Mayors One Parcel and Parcel R-1, Eastern Wharf.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Acting City Manager Brown how many units are slated for the subdivision. Acting City Manager Brown answered, there will be five (5) individual parcels.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #37, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

38. Approval to Designate the City Attorney as an Employee, as Provided in the Charter

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Mayor Johnson if the City Attorney's position will be designate prior to the City advertising the position. Mayor Johnson indicated a memo was sent to Counc informing Members. Mr. Lovett was part of a recruitment process and chose to work with the City on a contractual basis, therefore Mr. Lovett will not need to go through the recruitment process again.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan called for the vote.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely has concerns with the process because there are other attorneys in the City who would like to apply for the position. Mayor Johnson explained, Attorney Lovett is an appointed official and serves at the pleasure of Council. Alderwoman Miller Blakely recommends the City advertise the position rather than give the position to Mr. Lovett. She asked when the current administration term ends will Mr. Lovett's term end. Mayor Johnson explained the Council appoints three (3) employees; the City Manager, City Attorney, and Clerk of Council. All three employees serve at the pleasure of Council and can be replaced at the will of Council.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #38, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 6-3-0, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier voting no.

39. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine)(By the Package) Alcohol License for Jay P. Patel of Habersham Market at 1220 Habersham Street (Aldermanic District 2)

Exhibit 1: Checklist- Habersham Market.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map- Habersham Market.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports- Habersham Market.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Habersham Market.pdf

Exhibit 5: Neighborhood Agreement - Habersham Market.pdf

Moved up to after Item #22.

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearings for Items #19 through #22, and Item #39.

No Speakers.

a. Alderman Purtee moved to close the alcohol license hearings for Items #19 through #22, and Item #39, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #39, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed her gratitude to the Revenue Department staff for their service today and to Mayor Johnson for his assistance after a security guard denied her access to the building.

Alderman Leggett extended condolences on behalf of the entire Council to Alderman Purtee on the loss of his grandmother in Michigan.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked for the correct operating hours for the Revenue Department for Tuesday, June 1, 2021. She asked if there will be a tax sale on Tuesday, June 1, 2021, and requested a listing of the tax sales for that day. She encouraged citizens to check their tax status to make sure their property is not on the Courthouse steps for sale. Acting City Manager Brown stated the Tax Commissioner will post the times and the City coordinates with those times.

Alderwoman Lanier shared there will be a small lunar eclipse tonight, also called the flower moon.

Mayor Johnson asked everyone to remember those who gave, so we all could live a life of freedom during this Memorial Day weekend.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

The audio recording of the Council Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the below link in your url:

https://savannahgovtv.viebit.com/player.php?hash=tCOx9M8zYJNs

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

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(preliminary)
ACTION MINUTES
June 2, 2021

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

The special called meeting of the City Council was held at 8:01 a.m. via Zoom communication, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Palumbo to offer the invocation.

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

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Closed Executive Session regarding Personnel (City Manager interviews).

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the special called meeting to conduct an executive session regarding personnel, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

The executive session began at 8:01 a.m.

The City Council took a break at 8:14 a.m. and reconvened at 8:31 a.m.

The City Council took another break at 9:38 a.m. and reconvened at 10:01 a.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to exit the executive session regarding personnel, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m. (NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.)

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

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SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
(preliminary)
ACTION MINUTES
June 3, 2021

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

The special called meeting of the City Council was held at 8:25 a.m. via Zoom communication, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan to offer the invocation.

MEMBERS: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, Chairman of Council, Post 1, At-Large
Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, Post 2, At-Large
Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2
Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3
Alderman Nick Palumbo, Vice-Chairman of Council, District 4
Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, Mayor Pro-Tem, District 5
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The executive session began at 8:25 a.m.

The City Council took a break at 9:37 a.m. and reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

Alderman Palumbo moved to exit the executive session regarding personnel, seconded by Alderman Purtee and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Johnson discussed the next steps and adjourned the meeting at 11:08 a.m. (NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.)

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

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SUMMARY/FINAL MINUTES

COUNCIL WORK SESSION & CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

JUNE 10, 2021 – 10:30 a.m.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the City Council Work Session and City Manager's Briefing was held via Zoom video communications at 10:36 a.m. Alderman Leggett offered the invocation.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1, Chairman

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

Commissioner Larry 'Gator' Rivers, 2nd District

Commissioner Bobby Lockett, 3rd District

Commissioner Tanya Milton, 5th District

Commissioner Aaron 'Adot' Whitely, 6th District

Chatham County Manager Lee Smith

Assistant Chatham County Manager Michael A. Kaigler

Assistant Chatham County Manager Linda B. Cramer

Acting City Manager Michael B. Brown

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Maggie Weese, Harvard Fellow

Workshop Agenda Items

1. Poverty in Chatham County and Savannah

Mayor Johnson introduced Ms. Maggie Weese, a Harvard Bloomberg Foundation Fellow, who will assist the City staff in research on zoning and alcohol issues. Ms. Weese will be here from June 1 through August, 2021.

Mayor Johnson and Chatham County Chairman Ellis have met to discuss and address common issues for the City and County, especially poverty.

Acting City Manager Brown introduced and thanked Chatham County Commissioners, County staff and various Georgia Family Connection Partnership representatives for their attendance and participation in the presentation and panel discussions on poverty:

- Gaye Smith, Executive Director
- Elizabeth Turner, Research and Outreach Manager
- Rebecca Rice, Georgia KIDS COUNT Manager
- Akia Lewis, Strategic Innovation Manager & GGR Campaign Director
- LIzann Roberts, Executive Director, Coastal GA Indicators Coalition
- Earline Davis, Executive Director, Housing Authority of Savannah
- Jeff Kole, Kole Management Company

Following the presentation, there was a question and answer period:

Jeff Kole described a nine acre site, leased from the Housing Authority located behind Randy's BBC on Wheaton Street for a purpose built community similar to Eastlake in Atlanta, GA. The site would contain an early learning center that would service 144 students from local neighborhoods with an adjacent library.

Acting City Manager Brown along with County Manager Smith sent City Council and County Commission a report on a collaborative effort between City and County, on the Eastside Center dealing with the critical issues of childhood poverty. Mayor Johnson stated, through SPLOST allocations, the City and County have committed to the project. Mr. Brown indicated the City and County are in the process of creating an Agreement which will be presented to Council for approval. Mr. Brown would also like to pursue State tax credits for companies funding child care programs.

Mayor Johnson recognized and thanked County Commissioner Lockett, Commissioner Whitely and Commissioner Rivers who joined the Zoom meeting.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan stated the partnerships between the City and County is a good start in making these programs work in Savannah. She asked if the City could create Daycare Center in every neighborhood; and if the public school system could offer home economics and shop programs as in prior years. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan stated there is disparity among African American and Hispanic children in District 3 and she would welcome programs for improvement. Mayor Johnson stated the City has a partnership with Lady Bamford Early Childhood Education Center in District 1 which is a good successful working model program.

Alderwoman Lanier attended the early meetings/discussions related to development of the Cente and asked what type of curriculum would be offered. She asked if the intended recipients attending the Center had representatives at the table when the initial education programs were discussed. Alderwoman Lanier has concerns with doing the same things with no different outcome. She is encouraged by the program and she hopes with it's development the local poverty statistics will decrease. She asked how is the City measuring if the investment has achieved the desired goals of reducing poverty as outlined in the Strategic Plan. Ms. Rice and Mr. Kole discussed the poverty rate in Chatham County versus the national average and the strategy to improve the percentages.

Commissioner Whitely discussed in depth the current early learning centers in the targeted area and the affects it would have when the new Center is established. He asked if the staffing will have any training partnerships with Savannah Tech and if the Steering Committee for the new Center will have a national childcare operator as part of the Committee. He recommended a Savannah-Chatham County public school system representative serve on the Steering Committee. Commissioner Whitely asked if any thought was given to having the operator of the new early learning center participate on the Steering Committee along with a Savannah-Chatham County public school administrator. Mr. Kole and Ms. Jennings discussed the concerns of Commissioner Whitely; how the Board of Directors and the three (3) separate sub-committees were chosen and how discussions with the current area childcare centers were incorporated and considered during the development process.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked Mayor Johnson and Commission Chairman Ellis for bringing the project to Council. She asked all parties involved in the creation of the project to continue working together to bring the Center to fulfillment. She asked what efforts have been made to assist those quality-rated childcare centers that were closed during the pandemic. Mr. Brown stated the Eastside model will be used to establish centers in City neighborhoods. Ms. Rice stated the Department of Early Care and Learning is in partnership with Georgia Family Connection Partners and have raised over $18 million in incentives to create ways to get the quality-rated centers up and running again. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz stated, as this model grows and becomes successful, she would like to see a focus on the greater Westside of Savannah.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked where the statistics for the presentation were collected and if she could receive a copy. Ms. Roberts answered from the Georgia Family Connection Partners census data, The Department of Early Care and Learning, Child Resource and Recovery, and school

system data. A copy of the statistics will be sent to Council Members. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Mr. Kole if the Eastlake project in Atlanta was near Decatur (it is DeKalb County). She stated that area in Atlanta has been gentrified. How can the City be assured that the same does not happen here in Savannah and what is the name of the company? Purpose Build Communities is the name of the organization. Mr. Kole stated the gentrification is already happening in the Eastside community of Savannah.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Ms. Davis if the tax credit apartments go to market rates after so many years. Ms. Davis answered, that is not the low-income tax credit program. That program is available directly to developers from HUD and developers can opt out of the program after a specified number of years, then the apartments will rent at market rates.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Mr. Kole about East Savannah United and if a person lives in that area, how can they get involved. Mr. Kole answered, they are currently recruiting neighborhood representatives; hopefully in the Fall, there will be community meetings to inform the residents of the projects coming to the neighborhood and to solicit resident feedback. Step Up Savannah will be used to recruit recent graduates of the leadership programs.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter listed numerous organizations from the late 80's, early 90's with programs and the City is just now studying poverty. She would like to see the City move to action and not just talk about addressing poverty. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked who will benefit financially from the project. Mr. Brown answered, none of the Zoom screen participates would personally benefit financially. Mr. Kole stated the Steering Committee is all volunteers. Moving forward they will hire an Executive Director and possibly two staff members for the nonprofit organization which will be established over the next couple of years. There is a conflict of interest clause that no Board Members or Committee Members can receive contracts or positions. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked in reference to brick and mortar, will any participants receive financial benefits. Mr. Kole answered, not to his knowledge. She asked if Superintendent of Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools Dr. Ann LeVett was invited to today's meeting. Mr. Brown indicated Dr. LeVett was not invited but after today's meeting, he feels the scope should be broadened to include school systems. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter suggested the following parameters:

- include local nonprofit organizations like the Greenbrier Children's Center and Lady Bamford Center;
- in seeking partnerships, the City should recognize and omit those agencies with prior preexisting issues;
- be mindful of the tax credits which can be withdrawn after a twenty year period;
- the attendees of the learning center should be taught their history and cultural, with no restrictions;
- participates in the establishments should look like the attendees;
- there should be a timetable consistent with the City's contribution amount;
- a description of the expectation of the City's responsibilities as a partner; and
- if the tangible outcomes are education, healthcare and wellness, have a detailed written program.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter thanked the participates for the information. She is hopeful that some portion of the first allocation of $57 million from the American Relief Fund will be distributed to the City's existing child care providers.

Mayor Johnson thanked all in attendance and stated the steps taken today are monumental. The City recognizes it will need a hands-on approach to alleviate poverty. Chatham County and the City are working together to create a more livable space for residents.

Acting City Manager Brown thanked everyone who participated today and all participates who will continue to work on the project. He will present to Council a proposal describing how families not in the IRS system can enroll to ensure they receive benefits.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the work session at 1:05 p.m.

The audio recordings of the work sessions can be found by copying and inserting the below links in your url:

https://savannahgovtv.viebit.com/player.php?hash=HXH2m0jhwIgX

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

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SUMMARY/FINAL MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 10, 2021 – 2:00 p.m.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the regular meeting of the City Council was held via Zoom video communications at 2:00 p.m. Following the roll call, Mayor Johnson recognized Alderwoman Gibson-Carter to introduce Master Storyteller & Historian Patt Gilliard Gunn, Founder/Director of Underground Tours, who offered a meditative moment and prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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

OTHERS PRESENT:
Acting City Manager Michael Brown
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for June 10, 2021

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve Item #1, as amended, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, as follows:

ADD-ONs:

- 4A. Proclamation Proclaiming June 19, 2021 as JUNETEENTH Day in the City of Savannah.
- 30. CLOSED Executive Session regarding Personnel.

The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of Minutes for the Work Session & City Manager's Briefing held on May 27, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Agenda Plus_WS DRAFT MINUTES_May 27, 2021 City Council Workshop.pdf

ActionMinutes_2021-06-10.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on May 27, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Plus_RM DRAFT MINUTES_May 27, 2021 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

4. A Proclamation Designating June 14-18, 2021 as Waste & Recycling Workers Week in Savannah

Read by Mayor Johnson and Presented to Gene Prevatt, Sanitation Director.

Mayor Johnson encouraged citizens to take this opportunity to thank the sanitation workers during the week of June 14-18, 2021.

Mayor Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan gave condolences to Mr. Mr. Prevatt on the passing of his mother. Each Alderwoman expressed gratitude to Mr. Prevatt and the sanitation staff for the outstanding work being done throughout the City.

Mr. Prevatt thanked Mayor and Council for their condolences. On behalf of the sanitation workers, he thanked the Council for their support and recognition.

4a. A Proclamation Proclaiming June 19, 2021 as JUNETEENTH DAY in the City of Savannah.

Read by Mayor Johnson and he encouraged citizens to celebrate and become more aware of the meaning of JUNETEENTH as it relates to African American history.

CONSENT AGENDA - (This section shall include all routine items for which it is anticipated there will be no debate or requests for public input. Any Alderman can remove consent items for discussion or separate consideration.)

5. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Procure 23 Variable Frequency Drives for the President Street Plant from GoForth Williamson, Inc. in the Amount of $94,718 (Event No. 8463). The Drives are Electrical Controllers for Pumps, Cooling Fans and Sludge Conveyor Belts within the President Street Plant which Treats 18 Million Gallons of Water per Day.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Variable Frequency Detector.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Variable Frequency Detector.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #5, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

PURCHASING ITEMS

6. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Replace Two Street Sweepers with Environmental Products Group in the Amount of $465,400. Twelve Sweepers Clean 31,630 Miles of Curbed Streets Annually. Work Organized Under 46 Routes, Most Sweepers Used for Night Cleaning (4 Daily, 8 Nightly). Crews Sweep 17 Routes of High-Traffic Streets Weekly, Representing 65% of Total Miles Swept. (See Memo)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Street Sweepers.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Street Sweepers .pdf

Exhibit 3: Memo - Street Cleaning.docx

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter requested an update on the Roadbotics priority of streets and addressing the issue of grass growing in street cracks. Acting City Manager Brown answered, a report of the routes and frequency for street sweepers was sent to Council Members and a service request for removal of grass in the street cracks should be submitted. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if the City issues tickets for cars parked on the street during street sweeper days. Mr. Brown stated there are sweeper zones and people parked in non-sweeper zones are not issued tickets. Mr. Brown stated there is a major issue of litter in the City and additional litter crews should be established to address the problem.

Mayor Johnson stated the problem of grass cuttings blowing into the street is also a major problem as it backs-up the drainage system in the City after a hard rain. Mr. Brown suggested a public campaign for litter and grass cuttings into the street. He encouraged residents to report these issues to the City and a citation will be issued.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the Summer Youth Program will be reinstated this year. If so, has any thought been given to using the youth from the program for a 'Keep Savannah Beautiful' campaign. Mr. Brown will issue a report to Council relating to Summer programs and litter campaigns.

Alderwoman Lanier expressed concern for the illegal construction dumping in the City and she suggested the City inform contractors at the time of issuing permits that construction dumping is illegal on private property. Mr. Brown acknowledged her concerns.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #6, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for Cover Material for the Dean Forest Landfill with Sabe, Inc. for up to $833,000. This is Soil Delivered and Stored on Site to Cover Deposited Waste. Six Inches of Soil is Used to Cover an Estimated 1/2 Acre Daily to Control Disease Vectors, Minimize Rainwater Infiltration, Reduce Leachate Generation, Prevent Fires and Control Odor.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Landfill Cover Material.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Landfill Cover Material.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #7, #8, #9, #11 and #12 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for an Electronic Timekeeping System for Automated Control of Time Worked by 2,421 Employees at 106 Work Sites, Generating 7,500 Pay Checks per Month, to Work4orce Systems Group for up to $471,196. (Total Includes a One-Time Fee of $354,696 for Time Clocks, Software and Installation Costs and $116,500 for Annual Maintenance and System Costs).

Exhibit 3: Scope of Work - Electronic Timekeeping System.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #7, #8, #9, #11 and #12 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Two Contracts for Generator Maintenance with Cummins Power South and Yancey Caterpillar in the Amount of $131,105. 23 Generators Ranging from 75 to 1500KW will Provide Back-Up Power, Pumping 33,000 Gallons of Water per Day, at Seven Stormwater Pump Stations in the Event of an Emergency; Routine Maintenance Ensures Systems are Always in a Ready State.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Generator Maintenance.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Generator Maintenance.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #7, #8, #9, #11 and #12 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Placentia Canal Drainage Improvements on N. and S. Thompkins Blvd., at Savannah State University, with Griffin Contracting, Inc. in the Amount of $1,242,880 for Upgrading Two Double 48"Concrete Pipe Culverts to Double 10'x5' Concrete Boxes. This is the City's Third Improvement to Address Bottlenecks in the Placentia Basin in the Last 12 Months.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Placentia Canal Drainage Improvements.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Placentia Canal Drainage Improvements.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Acting City Manager Brown to give the public information on the $1.2 million project. She requested Mr. Brown reach out to a resident (Mr. Ulysses Lonnon) to address the canal widening that is impacting his neighborhood. Mr. Brown and Assistant City Manager Lloyd will do a site visit to Mr. Lonnon's neighborhood to address concerns. Mr. Brown gave an in depth description of the canal widening project which will lower the probability for flooding.

Mayor Johnson questioned if the DBE percentage participation was met between the first and second bidders for Savannah First. Mr. Brown will have Assistant City Manager Lloyd to check the percentages and give a report to Mayor Johnson.

Alderwoman Lanier asked if the operational cost will be jurisdictional or will this be a total City expense. Mr. Brown answered the service sharing cost is not in construction, but this is a maintenance service of the large canals.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if there will be another upgrading since this is the City's third improvement. Mr. Brown stated the repairs are not in the same location each time, the upgrades are moving along/up the canal.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #10, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Truck and Tractor Tires with Dorsey Tire Company, LLC for an Amount up to $171,704 to Replace Worn and Damaged Tires on Heavy-Duty Vehicles, Tractors and Off-Road Equipment. Tires are Available in Sixteen Sizes at an Average Cost of $163 Per/Tire. Inventory will be Maintained at the Vendor's Location and Available for Staff Pick-up As-Needed.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Truck and Tractor Tires.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Truck and Tractor Tires.pdf

Exhibit 3: Specifications - Truck and Tractor Tires.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #7, #8, #9, #11 and #12 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Passenger Vehicle Tires with SOS Radial Tire for an Amount up to $137,881 to Replace Worn and Damaged Tires for Light-Duty and Midsize Vehicles and Trailers. Tires are Available in 36 Sizes at an Average Price of $84 per Tire. Inventory will be Maintained at the Vendor's Location and Available for Staff Pick-Up on an As-Needed Basis.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Passenger Vehicle Tires.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Passenger Vehicle Tires.pdf

Exhibit 3: Specifications - Passenger Vehicle Tires.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #7, #8, #9, #11 and #12 per Acting City

Manager Brown's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

13. Approval of a One-Year Professional Services Agreement with Steven Baldwin & Associates for Executive Recruitment Services for an Amount up to $84,000

Exhibit 1: Contract for Professional Services - Executive Recruitment Services and Professional Airport Management Support.pdf

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #13, #14 and #15, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Approval to Amend the Military Cooperative Construction Agreement (MCAA) with the Georgia Air National Guard (GA ANG) for the Southeast Quadrant Storm Water Drainage Improvement Projects in the Amount of $1,860,480

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #13, #14 and #15, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Approval of a Contract with Independence Excavating, Inc. for the Air Cargo Apron Project in the Amount of $7,309,651

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #13, #14 and #15, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

16. Approval of a Class C (Beer,Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Louis A. Cobello for Screamin' Mimi's, a Restaurant, at 513 E. Oglethorpe Ave., Between Price and Houston Streets in District 2. No Concerns by Police. Resident Concerns Addressed in Neighborhood Agreement (Exhibit 5). Distance Measurement Met. Cont'd from May 13th per Applicant. (New Owner/Existing Business)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Screamin' Mimi's.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Screamin' Mimi's.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Screamin' Mimi's.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Screamin' Mimi's.pdf

Exhibit 5: Neighborhood Agreement - Screamin Mimi's.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearing for Item #16.

Speakers:

- Attorney Al Wallen, representing the applicant (Mr. Louis Cobello). Expressed appreciation to Council Members and reported a Good Neighbor Agreement has been signed.

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol license hearing for Item #16, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #16 with a Good Neighbor Agreement, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

17. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine)(By the Package) Alcohol License to Zinalben K. Patel for OM Foodmart, a Convenience Store at 8408 White Bluff Rd, between W. Montgomery Cross Roads and Seneca Road in District 4. No concerns by the Savannah Police Department or Issues with Litter or Loitering at Location. No Active Neighborhood Association. Distance Measurement Met. (New Owner/Existing Business)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - OM Foodmart.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - OM Foodmart.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - OM Foodmart.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - OM Foodmart.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearing for Item #17.

No Speakers:

a. Alderman Palumbo moved to close the alcohol license hearing for Item #17, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #17, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

ZONING HEARINGS

18. Petition of Marguerite Seckman (Agent) on Behalf of Starland Partners II, LLC (Owner) for a Special Use Permit to Allow Alcohol Sales in Association with a Restaurant for 2418 Desoto Avenue, Between West 41st Street and West 42nd Street, (PIN 20065 47011) Aldermanic District 2 File No. 21-000499-ZA

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for a Special Use Permit - 2418 DeSoto Avenue

Exhibit 2: Maps - 2418 DeSoto Avenue

Exhibit 3: Map of Alcohol Beverage Licenses

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearings for Items #18 and #19.

Marcus Lotson, representative of MPC, gave a detailed description of the request for Items #18 and #19. MPC recommends approval of both Items.

Speakers:

- Marguerite Seckman, Agent - detailed the business model of both establishments as restaurants.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the establishment at 2418 Desoto Avenue was a consignment shop. Ms. Seckman explained the prior business was a consignment shop.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if Ms. Weese from Harvard Bloomberg could assist staff in special use permits to allow alcohol sales for businesses. Mayor Johnson indicated Ms. Weese will do research to better inform staff to make decisions and Council will determine if a special use permit is approved.

Alderwoman Lanier asked if Ms. Seckman will be allowed to operate her business without Council's approval of the alcohol license (yes). She discussed the City setting a precedence and the absence of a policy for approval of special use permits to allow alcohol sales.

Alderman Leggett asked for hours of operation. For /west 41st Street, 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m. and Desoto Avenue, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Alderman Leggett met with the neighborhood associations who had concerns with hours of operation. He feels the 8:00 p.m. close time would be best for both locations. Alderman Leggett reported the neighborhood associations are in agreement with these businesses.

Alderman Palumbo discussed the City's consistency in approval of alcohol license applications. MPC staff has recommended approval and the area neighborhood associations support the businesses. There are numerous establishments in the immediate area with alcohol license, so with approval, this would be consistence with others area businesses. He will vote for approval.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan has concerns because approval of this request would directly affect all the Districts. She suggested more due diligence, given there have been denials in the 3rd District for similar request. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan along with Alderwoman Miller Blakely suggested Alderman Leggett get more information concerning the business operation before Council votes. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan suggested Ms. Seckman reapply to MPC. She asked Mr. Lotson if MPC has established criteria for making decisions for this type of business.

Alderman Leggett suggested staff prepare more detailed information for Council's decision on establishments of this type. Mayor Johnson recommended City staff establish criteria rather than send the request back to MPC staff. Mr. Brown recommended a two week, date-certain to delay for City staff to supplement the information prepared by MPC staff.

Alderman Leggett requested a site visit with Ms. Seckman. Mr. Brown will coordinate the visit.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Ms. Seckman if the license was for clothing and ice cream (yes); if the food was cooked on the premises (no); how long have you been in operation (1 1/2 years); and was your initial business plan predicated on the sale of alcohol (yes, it was part of the plan). Ms. Seckman explained the reason for the delay for the alcohol license application was due to COVID-19 and she was not eligible for any COVID-19 funds because the business opened two months before the pandemic. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter suggested Council be fair in dealing with local businesses and residents.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan offered the definition of a restaurant (where food is prepared on the premises). She asked Ms. Seckman if the wine and beer will be given to patrons or sold (sold). Mayor Johnson requested Mr. Lotson to send Council the written definition of a restaurant.

Alderman Leggett moved to postpone/continue the zoning hearings for Items #18 and #19 for two weeks to allow staff to supplement the information and for a report at the work session prior to the meeting for Council's review and discussion, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

CONTINUE/POSTPONE the zoning hearings for Items #18 and #19 for two weeks to the June 24, 2021 Meeting.

19. Petition of Marguerite Seckman (Agent) for Yvonne Jouffrault (Owner) for a Special Use Permit to Allow Alcohol Sales in Association with a Restaurant for 17 West 41st Street, Between Whitaker Street and Desoto Avenue, (PIN 20074 07001) Aldermanic District #2 File No. 21-000500-ZA

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for a Special Use Permit - 17 West 41st Street

Exhibit 2: Maps - 17 W. 41st Street

Exhibit 3: Map of Alcohol Beverage Licenses

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearings for Items #18 and #19.

Alderman Leggett moved to postpone/continue the zoning hearings for Items #18 and #19 for two weeks to allow staff to supplement the information and for a report at the work session prior to the meeting for Council's review and discussion, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

CONTINUE/POSTPONE the zoning hearings for Items #18 and #19 for two weeks to the June 24, 2021 Meeting.

20. Amendment to Zone Approximately 12.34 Acres at 0 Grove Point Road, Near Sweetwater Station Drive and Clubhouse Drive, (PIN 11004 02029) from the Residential-Agricultural (RA) Zoning Classification to the Residential-Agricultural-County (RA-CO) Zoning Classification. File No. 21-003048-ZA.

Exhibit 1: Maps for 0 Grove Point Road (File No. 21-003048-ZA)

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance for 0 Grove Point (File No. 21-003048-ZA)

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearing for Item #20.

Acting City Manager Brown gave a brief description of the area and explained the amendment to RA-CO zoning classification. Mr. Brown recommends approval.

No Speakers:

Alderman Purtee had conversations with MPC staff and the developers indicating after approval of the annexation the developers intend to ask for rezoning.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if any campaign contribution disclosures should be made at this time. Mayor Johnson reported all campaign contribution disclosures are on file in the Clerk of Council's office and available on the City's web site for public viewing. She asked if any campaign contribution disclosures need to be read into the record. Clerk of Council Massey stated he had not checked the record for the named developers. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated there were campaign contributions made to the developers. She asked for campaign contributions to Council be read into the record. Mayor Johnson indicated there was no such agreement. City Attorney Lovett stated he had no such knowledge of an agreement.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if any sitting Alderperson has received any campaign contribution from the developer. Alderman Purtee stated the project is in District 6 and he has met with the developers, however he did not receive anything from the developers. Mayor Johnson indicated he possibly received a campaign contribution from Wardlaw but would need to look at his disclosure to verify. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter indicated she was not directing the question to the Mayor or Alderman Purtee. She asked Mayor Johnson if he planned on recusing himself during the vote. He replied, the law does not require him to recuse himself.

In an effort to capture impact fees from current development, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Mr. Brown if the City could place a moratorium on development until an Impact Fee Ordinance can be approved by Council. Mr. Brown indicted the process has started with the City's Comprehensive Plan, but the Impact Fee Ordinance cannot be approved until the Comprehensive Plan is approved.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked for the specific area of Sweetwater Station for the development. Mr. Brown gave a detailed description of the area and the property for the project. Alderman Purtee stated the development will allow for affordable housing in this area of higher priced homes. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked the price of the homes. Alderman Purtee answered, currently the developers are looking at $200,000. or less.

Alderman Purtee moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #20, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed, 8-1-0 with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

21. Approval for the Annexation of 12.34 Acres Located off Sweetwater Station Drive near Clubhouse Drive. The Property is Currently Vacant Land and the Owner Plans to Expand the Sweetwater Station Subdivision by Developing Approximately 60 Detached, Single-Family Homes on the Parcel.

Exhibit I - Annexation Petition - Sweetwater Station

Exhibit 2 - Annexation Ordinance - Sweetwater Station

FIRST READING ONLY.

22. Amendment to Zone Approximately 12.34 Acres at 0 Grove Point Road (PIN 11004 02029) from the Residential-Agricultural (RA) Zoning Classification to the Residential-Agricultural-County (RA-CO) Zoning Classification. File No. 21-003048-ZA.

Exhibit 1: Maps for 0 Grove Point Road (File No. 21-003048-ZA)

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance for 0 Grove Point (File No. 21-003048-ZA)

FIRST READING ONLY.

RESOLUTIONS

23. Approval of a Resolution Accepting a $7,500 Donation from Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund (SAHF). The Fund Supports the Volunteer and Minor Home Repair Programs to Address Local Affordable Housing Needs. (Grant Award Made by First Chatham Bank)

Exhibit 1: Donation Resolution - First Chatham Bank.pdf

Items #23 and #24 moved up on the Agenda after Item #15.

Director of Housing Martin Fretty thanked Ms. Anita Smith-Dixon of First Chatham Bank and staff member Tara Hicks for the hard work put forth in getting the grant funding.

Ms. Smith-Dixon expressed gratitude in working with the City and giving support to residents for their housing needs.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan thanked Ms. Smith-Dixon for the support given to the residents in District 3 to securing funding for a home purchase and for home improvements.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Ms. Smith-Dixon for any updates on the modular homes. The homes are not completed yet, but she will send Council Members an update when completed. Acting City Manager Brown reported there will be a make-up session next week for the housing mobile tour for the 2-3 Council Members who were unable to make the initial tour on Tuesday, May 18, 2021.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23 and #24, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

24. Approval of a Resolution Accepting a $10,000 Donation from Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund (SAHF). The Fund Supports the Volunteer and Minor Home Repair Programs to Address Local Affordable Housing Needs for Veterans. (Grant Award Made by CSX Transportation)

Exhibit 1: Donation Resolution - CSX.pdf

Items #23 and #24 moved up on the Agenda after Item #15.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23 and #24, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS

25. Authorize the City Manager to Approve a Five-Year Lease Extension with City Market Partners Limited Partnership, for Property Located at 219 W. Bryan Street for Use by the Savannah Police Department as a Mini-Precinct. No Rental Cost is Included in the Agreement for Use of the Space.

Exhibit 1: Map - 219 W. Bryan Street.pdf

Exhibit 2: Fourth Lease Amendment.pdf

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #25, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

26. Settlement #1

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #26, authorize the City Attorney to settle an injury claim for Daniel Grooms in the amount of $500,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

27. Settlement #2

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #27, authorize the City Attorney to settle a damage claim for the Thunderbird Inn in the amount of $450,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

28. Settlement #3

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #28, authorizing the City Attorney to settle an injury lawsuit for Jasmyn Palmer in the amount of $42,500.00, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

29. Item Added: A Proclamation Recognizing June 2021 as "Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Pride Month"

Moved up on Agenda after Item #4.

Read and presented by Alderman Purtee. Pastor Candace Hardnett of Proud Savannah accepted the Proclamation and thanked City Council Members for their support and recognition.

ADD-ON:

30. CLOSED Executive Session regarding Personnel.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to recess the meeting and conduct a closed Executive Session regarding Personnel, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

The Executive Session began at 4:08 p.m. Mayor Johnson requested a five minute break to address technical adjustments.

The Executive Session reconvened at 4:15 p.m.

No action was taken during the Executive Session.

Alderman Leggett moved to close and exit the Executive Session, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

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SUMMARY/FINAL MINUTES

COUNCIL WORK SESSION & CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

JUNE 24, 2021 – 4:00 p.m.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the City Council Work Session and City Manager's Briefing was held via Zoom video communications at 4:00 p.m. Alderwoman Lanier offered the invocation.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1, Chairman

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

Acting City Manager Michael B. Brown

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Director of Economic Development Manuel Dominguez

Director of Planning & Urban Design Bridget Lidy

Workshop Agenda Items

1. Enterprise Zone Renewals and Retail Redevelopment Areas and Strategies

Acting City Manager Michal Brown gave an update of Enterprise Zone and retail developments in prior and recent years. He introduced Director of Business Opportunities/Economic Development Manuel Dominguez who discussed the primary incentive zones, and Director of Urban Planning & Design Bridget Lidy who discussed the retail sector.

Following the presentation, there was a question and answer session with presenters and Council, along with various discussion items which include, but were not limited to the following topics:

- Auto Repair Shop on Montgomery corridor, residents have numerous complaints, zoning should be discussed/updated.
- President Biden's American Rescue Plan, an effective plan to fight poverty; housing on Pennsylvania Avenue is greatly needed; local job creation; and equity & wealth issues.
- Southside Legacy Project; poverty as a city-wide issue.
- Concept of walking neighborhoods, this supports local economy.

- The differences between opportunity zone & enterprise zone; policy making needed; and tax credit recipients need to contribute to the community.
- Retail and commercial corridors in the City. Habersham retail area is a wonderful example of expansion.
- Who is receiving the benefits of the opportunity zones.
- Policies should be created by local policy makers; Community Benefits Agreements should be enforced.

Mr. Brown recommended review of the zones. He will provide data of how the zones have worked during the past ten (10) years and information on investors in the opportunity and enterprise zones to Council Members.

2. Briefing on Upcoming Workshops

Acting City Manager Brown gave a brief recap of previous workshop topics:

- budget
- poverty;
- Arena update;
- drainage issues in the City;
- housing;
- blight;
- crime; and
- enterprise/opportunity zones.

Mr. Brown recommended Council focus on the following workshop topics:

- City Manager search;
- 6-month crime data;
- revenue budget update - adopt millage rate; and
- Fairgrounds update.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter suggested revising the list and have Council review and re-prioritize.

Mayor Johnson stated the most pressing issues are: hiring a permanent City Manager; reviewing the fiscal budget and making recommendations; and crime reduction in the City.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz added, there should be a discussion about alcohol issues.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the work session at 5:35 p.m.

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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 24, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:33 p.m., via Zoom video communications. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderwoman Miller Blakely to introduce Reverend Dr. Leonard Small, Pastor of Litway Missionary Baptist Church, who offered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1, Chairman

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

Acting City Manager Michael Brown

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for June 24, 2021

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda as presented, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of Minutes for the Special Called Meeting (re: Personnel - Interviews) held June 2 and June 3, 2021, respectively, at 8:00 a.m.

Exhibit 1: Minutes - June 3, 2021 Special Meeting re Personnel.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes for the Work Session & City Manager's Briefing held on June 10, 2021 at 10:30 a.m.

Agenda Plus_WS DRAFT MINUTES_June 10, 2021 City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on June 10, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Minutes - June 10, 2021 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

PURCHASING ITEMS (- (City Manager Recommends Approval))

5. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Disaster Recovery Base and Support Services with Ranco Response, LLC (Primary) and MLU Services, Inc. (Secondary). Contract Provides Temporary Housing and Meals for up to 500 Essential Workers to Ensure a Safe Re-Opening after a Category 5 Hurricane or Other Disaster When Critical Workforce Shelter is Full; No Access to Facilities. Amount TBD

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Disaster Recovery Base and Support Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Disaster Recovery Base and Support Services

Exhibit 3: Specifications - Disaster Recovery Base and Support Services

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter had concerns there was no amount included in the request. Acting City Manger Brown discussed what happens in the event of a category 5 hurricane, and the steps required to continue City operations. A designated site is needed to house approximately 250 essential City workers for housing, air conditioning, eating and sleeping. The expenses are reimbursable by FEMA. The approximate cost per person/per day is $196.00.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked how vendors would be chosen for services. Mr. Brown stated, staff solicited disaster-response companies to assist the City during the hurricane. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter acknowledged her support of a disaster recovery base, but asked if Council will be notified before any vendors are selected and the amounts requested. Mr. Brown answered, the City operations would normally be out of commission, but Council would receive memos on updates/progress.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked what Ranco Response and MLU Services provided. Mr. Brown stated, Ranco as primary provides multi-purpose services, tents, air conditioning, electrical connectors, flooring, bedding, cots, toiletries, food, etc. MLU is the secondary provider offering the same services as a backup. She asked if this was the first time for the contract and using these vendors. Mr. Brown answered, previously there were remnants of this contract. This is the first time for a comprehensive contract.

Alderman Leggett asked if any of the costs could be shared with Chatham County, and what are the City's current amenities. Mr. Brown answered, the County will have its own set of contracts and the City has a facility on the grounds of the Surface Water I&D Plant. Alderman Leggett asked if the City is ready for a disaster or if a dry-run is necessary. Mr. Brown stated, table-top exercises have been performed and the City is prepared.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #5, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a New Columbarium in Greenwich Cemetery with Eickhof Columbaria, Inc. in the Amount of $63,030 (Includes Delivery and Installation). Contract is for a Fourth Structure that will Provide Ninety-Six Above-Ground Burial Spaces to Hold the Cremated Remains of the Deceased. Each Space Costs $657.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Greenwich Cemetery Columbarium

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Greenwich Cemetery Columbarium

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #6 and #7, Alderwoman Miller Blakely seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Replace Four Sludge Handling Pumps with Southern Civil, LLC in the Amount of $285,176. Pumps Primarily Used at the President Street Plant to Move Sludge to a Solid Handling Dryer, Reducing Volume by 90%, Forming up to Nine Tons of Pellets Daily, Allowing for Transport as Dried vs. Liquid Sludge to the Landfill. Cost is $175 vs. $2,870

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Progressive Cavity Pumps

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Progressive Cavity Pumps

Exhibit 3: Specifications

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #6 and #7, Alderwoman Miller Blakely seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Two Digital Marquee Signs for the New Arena (On Gwinnett Street and Stiles Avenue) with Daktronics in the Amount of $780,577. Includes Design, Fabrication and Installation Services. Signs will Display Upcoming Arena Events and Community Information. Cloud-Based Controlled; Messages can be Changed Remotely. Cost Included in Arena FF&E Budget.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Two New Arena Marquee Signs

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Two New Arena Marquee Signs

Exhibit 3: Marquee Signs Renderings.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concerns that the local residents were not included in the decision and scope of the signage. Ardis Wood, local resident, is somewhat of the downtown signage spokesperson and she should be included in the signage discussions. Acting City Manager Brown stated, he is more of a sign fighter than Ardis. The sign is not in the neighborhood, the signs will be on the building as a monument, it will give recognition to the neighborhoods of West

Savannah, it is not advertising and it will be similar to the Civic Center sign, except it will be more attractive and the wording will change less. At the direction of Mr. Brown, staff is exploring the other signs and he asked that any vendor recommendations be sent to his attention. He recommends doing an attrition ordinance to eliminate visual blight. Mr. Brown strongly recommends approval. A delay could run into chip shortages.

Written Comment:

- Ardis Wood - requested to Table matter.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recommends giving the neighborhood residents an opportunity to give comments or at least notified of the signage. Mr. Brown suggest ordering the signs now to avoid any building delays and then have dialogue with the residents on the messages displayed on the signs. Mayor Johnson stated the signs will also afford the City an opportunity to notify residents of any hurricanes and evaluation information.

After review of Daktronics web site and pricing of signs, Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the cost of the signs could be renegotiated, given the two signs cost over $780,000. Mayor Johnson and Mr. Brown stated the signs include fabrication, design and a look consistent with the building. Mr. Brown stated he visited other signs of this type throughout the Southeast and the signs are in line with other buildings.

Alderwoman Lanier stated the signs are good information sources for the neighborhood and she thanked Ms. Woods for prior education on signage, however, she has concerns that the Arena Committee nor the surrounding community was given an opportunity to weigh-in on the decisions made for the sign. She has received calls and emails concerning the signs. Alderwoman Lanier suggested postponing Item #8 to the July 8, 2021 meeting to allow time for residents to voice concerns and have discussions. Mr. Brown stated, a two week delay would create problems, due to the current national chip shortage.

Alderman Palumbo facilitated a meeting with Ms. Wood, Chair of Scenic Chatham and Chief Operating Officer Bret Bell regarding signage. Regarding the Arena signs, the City would have control of the signs, now and into the future. They will be able to control the frequency of the changes, whether the images are static or moving, the context, and the brightness of the signs. He suggested the City consider an ordinance eradicating billboard signs in the future.

Mayor Johnson suggested the importance of getting the order placed and within the next two weeks have meetings with neighborhood residents. If during those meetings there are any substantial changes decided, the City can place a change order. Alderwoman Lanier clarified with Mayor Johnson and Mr. Brown, that changes could be made after ordering the signs and the meetings with residents. Mayor Johnson and Mr. Brown agreed.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked for clarification on Alderman Palumbo's meeting with Ms. Wood and Mr. Bell in reference to signage. Alderman Palumbo stated, Ms. Wood reached out to him for a general meeting.

Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #8, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

Mayor Johnson instructed Mr. Brown to facilitate a meeting with community residents and include Alderwoman Lanier in the planning.

9. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Parking System Management Services (Maintenance, Secure Access; Credit Card and Transaction Processing) with Parkeon for $332,448. System Allows Payment of Parking Spaces at 310 On-Street Meters; Serves 3,000 – 5,000 Daily; $5 Million Revenue Annually). Also Includes Smart Validation Codes (Replaced Smart Cards; Preloaded Funds).

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Software Management and Validation Codes

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Software Management and Validation Codes

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if this was the parking lot or the garage. Acting City Manager Brown stated, it is a digital on-street parking system. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if there was a pre-existing vendor since there was no pre-bid conference. Mr. Brown answered, a pre-bid conference only happens if someone makes the request. Mayor Johnson indicated this was a sole-source because of the compatibility of the City's current devices. He stated the money will come from the Parking Fund, not the General Fund.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #9 and #10 as recommended by Acting City Manager Brown, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

10. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for 24/7 On Call, Remote Customer Support Services at City Parking Garages with Parker Technology in the Amount of $89,927. Covers Remainder of 2021 and 2022. Includes Software Licenses and Monthly Subscription to System; Provides a Live, On-Call Parking Attendant via Video to Assist Customers with Issues When Entering/Exiting Parking Garages.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - On Call Services

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if this was the parking lot or the garage. Acting City Manager

Brown stated, it is for on-call remote support services for the garage. Mayor Johnson stated the money will come from the Parking Fund, not the General Fund.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the on-call parking attendant will be new or will it be an existing employee. Mr. Brown stated, it will be a subscribed contract service, not a City employee.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #9 and #10 as recommended by Acting City Manager Brown, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Bulkhead and Canal Widening at City Lot with C.A. Murren and Sons Heavy Civil LLC in the Amount of $3,608,336. City Lot Portion will Include 20ft.-Wide Walkway for Pedestrian Access from Gwinnett Street to the Arena.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Acting City Manager Brown to explain the expense to the public. Mr. Brown gave a description of the project and the need for addressing drainage and the improvements in that area.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely is very concerned with the Arena project. The local DBE participation is not working as promised. The local DBE vendor promised participation has not received a portion of the Arena project. Alderwoman Miller Blakely will send Council Members a copy of the memo received in that regard. She is very disgruntled with the entire Arena project. Mr. Brown stated this is a great project meeting all its DBE requirements. He stated it is not appropriate for Council Members to be involved in contractual relationships. If there is a disgruntled vendor, there are established channels for the vendor to report any dissatisfaction.

Mayor Johnson indicated the City has an agreement with a general contractor and the general contractor has contractual and arrangements with WBE's and DBE's. The general contractor is expected to meet the City's requirements as outlined in the agreement. Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated the constituents were told they would be able to receive employment through the Arena construction, and that has not happened. Mayor Johnson indicated this Item has nothing to do with that arrangement.

Alderwoman Lanier asked Mr. Brown for preventive drainage maintenance in the Westside communities (Carver Village, Cloverdale and Brickyard). Based on community calls, the increased maintenance has not happened. She is asking for better maintenance in those neighborhoods. Mayor Johnson concurred with Alderwoman Lanier and stated the increased maintenance should follow the canal into District 5. Mr. Brown assured Alderwoman Lanier he will convey the need for better maintenance in the Westside communities.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz mentioned when the SPLOST dollars decisions come again, she asked Council to make the Springfield Basin, from Hunter to Victory and Ogeechee be a top priority.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #11, Mayor Pro-Tem Shabazz and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

12. Approval of Class C (Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License to Christine Pirovits for 208 Wine Bar, a Bar/Lounge at 208 E. Bay Street, between Abercorn Street Ramp and Lincoln Street Ramp in District 2. No Concerns by Savannah Police Department or Neighborhood Association. No Issues with Litter or Loitering at Location. Distance Measurement Met. (New owner/location)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - 208 Wine Bar20210618_07430325

Exhibit 2: Density Map - 208 Wine Bar20210618_07472064

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - 208 Wine Bar20210618_07484521

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - 208 Wine Bar20210618_07494168

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearings for Items #12, #13 and #14.

No speaker:

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol license hearings for Items #12, #13 and #14, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #12, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Approval of Class E (Beer, Wine)(By the Package) Alcohol License to Bijal Patel for Highland Shell, a Convenience Store at 485 Jimmy Deloach Parkway, Between Benton Boulevard and I-95 in District 1. No Concerns by Savannah Police Department or Issues with Litter or Loitering at Location. No Active Neighborhood Association. Distance Measurement Met. (New Owner/Location)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Highland Shell20210618_07504868

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Highland Shell20210618_07515006

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Highland Shell20210618_07593776

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Highland Shell20210618_08010402

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearings for Items #12, #13 and #14.

No speaker:

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol license hearings for Items #12, #13 and #14, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #13, Alderwoman Miller Blakely seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Approval of Class C (Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) and Class E (Beer, Wine)(By the Package) Alcohol License to Philip Rothman for Alexander's Bistro, a Restaurant at 1201 Bull Street in District 2. No Concerns by the Savannah Police Department or Issues with Litter or Loitering at Location. No Concerns by Neighborhood Association. Distance Measurement Met. (New Owner/New Location)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Alexander's Bistro20210618_08032920

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Alexander's Bistro20210618_08044096

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Alexander's Bistro20210618_08111422

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Alexander's Bistro20210618_08131156

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearings for Items #12, #13 and #14.

No speaker:

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol license hearings for Items #12, #13 and #14, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #14, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Approval of Class E (Beer, Wine)(By the Package) Alcohol to Nikhil M. Patel, of Stop N Save, a Convenience Store at 4004 Montgomery St. Between W. 56th/ 57th St in District 5. No Concerns by Police or Issues with Littering/Loitering. Concerns from Neighborhood Association; Agreement Not Accepted by Neighborhood (Exhibit 5). Distance Measurement Met. (New Management/Existing Business). See Timeline

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Stop N Save20210618_08294828

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Stop N Save20210618_08314711

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Stop N Save20210618_08332552

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Stop N Save20210618_08353092

Exhibit 5: Stop N Save Good Neighbor Agreement

Exhibit 6: Stop N Save Timeline.docx

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the establishment was in the overlay district. Mayor Johnson answered, that is part of the problem and staff is working on the issue. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked, if it's in the overlay district, why delay instead of opposing. Mayor Pro-Tem Shabazz is working with the City Attorney, zoning department, along with the neighborhood association to resolve the issues.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked how can you work-out issues in an overlay district. Mayor Johnson indicated the legal issues are being worked out and they have requested time to address those issues. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated the City needs a blanket rule that covers all the Districts and not pick and chose which area it will apply. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz indicated there is no picking and choosing.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan called for point of order.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated, if there is an overlay the neighborhood and applicant should not be encouraged to apply. The item should not be on the agenda. Mayor Johnson agreed with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, however the City Attorney and Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz are addressing the issue.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter suggested the City set policies that everyone adheres to, with no exceptions. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz stated, it is the policy with the overlay that is in question.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to continue/postpone Item #15 to the July 8, 2021 meeting, Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked how long the overlay last and requested more information on the subject. Mayor Johnson stated the Council will need to have discussions on alcohol and alcohol districts in the City. He has the Harvard Fellow, Ms. Meese, here to help with research on zoning on alcohol issues.

ZONING HEARINGS

16. Petition of Marguerite Seckman (Agent) on Behalf of Starland Partners II, LLC (Owner) for a Special Use Permit to Allow Alcohol Sales in Association with a Restaurant for 2418 Desoto Avenue, Between West 41st Street and West 42nd Street, Fronting Bull Street and Desoto Avenue (PIN 20065 47011) Aldermanic District 2. File No. 21-000499-ZA. MPC Recommended Approval.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for a Special Use Permit - 2418 DeSoto Avenue

Exhibit 2: Maps - 2418 DeSoto Avenue

Exhibit 3: Map of Alcohol Beverage Licenses

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearings for Items #16 and #17.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan performed due diligence for the shop and found an ice cream booth and shelving containing prepackaged snacks (from Walmart or Sam's Club). An approval will negatively impact District 3, and other Districts in the City. City staff will need to increase due diligence when considering special interest items before presenting to Council for consideration. She stated the dictionary's definition of a restaurant is a place that cooks, serves and provides take-out in the establishment. She will not approve of this item.

Mayor Johnson indicated, this is a petition from MPC, which any citizen can submit. He asked Acting City Manager Brown for the definition of a restaurant. Mr. Brown sent a memo to Council describing this and surrounding establishments as 'food service'. As a food service establishment, sometimes the food is cooked and sometimes not cooked. It is not a restaurant, but licensed as a food service establishment with ice cream and confectioners.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan disagreed with Mr. Brown. During her due diligence, she noted the establishment was not a restaurant, according to the Department of Health. Moving forward the City will need to update policies if this administration is working for changes. When a petition has gone through the MPC process, Mr. Brown stated the City is required by law to put the petitions on the agenda. This does not mean the City is recommending approval.

Alderman Leggett had an opportunity to have a meeting at the establishment with the Department of Health and Judee Jones, Director of Revenue. He was told by the representative from the Department of Health, the establishment was a Risk Type 1, meaning frequency of inspections is once per year for establishments that do not cook food, may reheat food such as hot dogs & sausages. Alderman Legget asked Attorney Lovett for the definition of a restaurant. Mr. Lovett stated, restaurant means food service, under the City's ordinance, it means the service of food, not necessarily cooked.

There was discussions with Mayor Johnson, Mr. Brown and Alderman Leggett concerning the approval of Items #16 and #17 setting a precendent, thereby allowing the same type of special use permits throughout the City.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Mr. Brown if staff checked to make sure each of the petitioners were meeting the threshold of the law before adding items on the agenda. If the City allows this petitioner's request of a ice cream and coffee shop to pass as a viable establishment to sell alcohol, it is sending mixed signals to petitioners wishing to apply for an alcohol license. At some point, the City needs to set standards and policies determining how the City sells alcohol and adheres to those policies.

Alderman Palumbo asked City Attorney Lovett the following questions: if the City failed to view an applicant, is that considered a failure of due process (yes); does the City have the obligation to review every appliction by a petitioner (yes); is there any bearing on the use of a special use permit approval in one area of the City setting a precendence for special use permit approval in another part of the City (no); and does each special use permit need to be taken under their own consideation, with their own parameters, under their own rights (yes). Alderman Palumbo suggested the Council needs a refresher on the NewZo special use permits and what it means and the impacts moving forward.

Speaker(s):

- Marguerite Seckman, applicant, asked the Council to recogonize there are two separate businesses, one a coffee shop and one an ice cream shop. Ms. Seckman described the food and activities with patrons at both locations. She compared her shop to Paris Market on Broughton Street with retail, food, coffee and serves alcohol. She doesn't feel a glass of wine will create a DUI.

  Mayor Johnson stated, the problem is the comparisons with other businesses are the concerns of Council, thus the reasons for the discussions on approval of special use permit.

  Ms. Seckman disagreed and stated the definitions in the City ordinance, defines ice cream and coffee as restaurants.

Written comment(s) received (#16 & #17):

- Brianne Halverson, SUPPORTED
- Clinton Edminster, SUPPORTED
- Brigitte Harley, SUPPORTED
- Elizabeth Massey, SUPPORTED

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #16, Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #16, Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion failed, 3-6-0. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo voted yea. Mayor Johnson, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee voted no.

During the vote, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan requested a text message (chat) as to the motion and the vote. Clerk of Council Massey responded by sending her a text. Mayor Johnson stated the motion was to approve, the vote was 3 yeas, and 5 no's. Mr. Massey indicated Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan's vote was not taken, she voted against the motion. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan voted no.

c. Alderman Palumbo requested a reconsideration of the vote for Items #16 and #17, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #16 (coffee shop), Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed, 5-4-0. Mayor Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderman Leggett, Alderman Palumbo and Alderman Purtee voted yea. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan voted no.

17. Petition of Marguerite Seckman (Agent) for Yvonne Jouffrault (Owner) for a Special Use Permit to Allow Alcohol Sales in Association with a Restaurant for 17 West 41st Street, Between Whitaker Street and Desoto Avenue. (PIN 20074 07001) Aldermanic District 2. File No. 21-000500-ZA. MPC Recommended Approval.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for a Special Use Permit - 17 West 41st Street

Exhibit 2: Maps - 17 West 41st Street

Exhibit 3: Map of Alcohol Beverage Licenses

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearings for Items #16 and #17.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan performed due diligence for the shop and found an ice cream booth and shelving containing prepackaged snacks (from Walmart or Sam's Club). An approval will negatively impact District 3, and other Districts in the City. City staff will need to increase due diligence when considering special interest use items before presenting to Council for consideration. She stated the dictionary's definition of a restaurant is a place that cooks, serves and provides take-out in the establishment. She will not approve of this item.

Mayor Johnson indicated, this is a petition from MPC, which any citizen can submit. He asked Acting City Manager Brown for the definition of a restaurant. Mr. Brown sent a memo to Council describing this and surrounding establishments as 'food service'. As a food service establishment, sometimes the food is cooked and sometimes not cooked. It is not a restaurant, but licensed as a food service establishment with ice cream and confectioners.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan disagreed with Mr. Brown. During her due diligence, she noted the establishment was not a restaurant, according to the Department of Health. Moving forward the City will need to update policies if this administration is working for changes. When a petition has gone through the MPC process, Mr. Brown stated the City is required by law to put the petitions on the agenda. This does not mean the City is recommending approval.

Alderman Leggett had an opportunity to have a meeting at the establishment with the Department of Health and Judee Jones, Director of Revenue. He was told by the representative from the Department of Health, the establishment was a Risk Type 1, meaning frequency of inspections is once per year for establishments that do not cook food, may reheat food such as hot dogs & sausages. Alderman Leggett asked Attorney Lovett for the definition of a restaurant. Mr. Lovett stated, restaurant means food service, under the City's ordinance, it means the service of food, not necessarily cooked.

There was discussions with Mayor Johnson, Mr. Brown and Alderman Leggett concerning the approval of Items #16 and #17 setting a precedent, thereby allowing the same type of special use permits throughout the City.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Mr. Brown if staff checked to make sure each of the petitioners were meeting the threshold of the law before adding items on the agenda. If the City allows this petitioner's request of a ice cream and coffee shop to pass as a viable establishment to sell alcohol, it is sending mixed signals to petitioners wishing to apply for an alcohol license. At some point, the City needs to set standards and policies determining how the City sells alcohol and adheres to those policies.

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Speaker(s):

- Marguerite Seckman, applicant, asked the Council to recognize there are two separate businesses, one a coffee shop and one an ice cream shop. Ms. Seckman described the food and activities with patrons at both locations. She compared her shop to Paris Market on Broughton Street with retail, food, coffee and serves alcohol. She doesn't feel a glass of wine will create a DUI.

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  Ms. Seckman disagreed and stated the definitions in the City ordinance, defines ice cream and coffee as restaurants.

Written comment(s) received (#16 & #17):

- Brianne Halverson, SUPPORTED
- Clinton Edminster, SUPPORTED
- Brigitte Harley, SUPPORTED
- Elizabeth Massey, SUPPORTED

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #17, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #17, Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed, 5-4-0. Mayor Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderman Leggett, Alderman Palumbo and Alderman Purtee voted yea. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan voted no.

Mayor Johnson asked Clerk of Council Massey to secure Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan's vote. He indicated Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan indicated a no vote for Item #17 (during the vote of Item #16).

Before the vote, Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Ms. Seckman if the establishment was similar to Paris Market. Ms. Seckman answered they are very similar, with the retail and cafe. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if Paris Market was in the entertainment district. Mr. Brown answered years ago there were various establishments on Broughton Street selling beer and wine. He doesn't know if Paris Market is a match, but they are not a full service restaurant. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the Starland District was an entertainment district. Mr. Brown could not confirm, but stated there is entertainment in the area.

Mayor Johnson asked Ms. Seckman if the establishment had tables (yes, 9 tables). Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz stated her votes are in support of the District Aldermen.

After the vote, Ms. Seckman stated the Council had concerns for the ice cream shop, but it passed. She was told by several people in the City of Savannah that the coffee shop would pass. Mayor Johnson indicated the Council has voted. Ms. Seckman stated, they only want wine in the coffee shop. She asked when can she bring 2418 Desoto Avenue back to Council for another vote. City Attorney Lovett answered, 12 months.

Mayor Johnson stated the Council has deliberated on these two Items during two separate meetings and the vote has been taken. Ms. Seckman asked for clarification. Mayor Johnson read into the record, Item #16, 2418 Desoto Avenue the special use permit was denied; and Item #17, 17 West 41st Street, the special use permit was approved.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked for the location of the ice cream shop, 17 West 41st Street (yes) and the coffee shop is on Desoto (yes). Ms. Seckman stated the Council was confused on the locations. Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated, the ice cream shop failed and the coffee shop was approved (no). Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated there was definitely confusion, the ice cream shop is the one that should not have passed.

Mayor Johnson asked if the entire Council was confused on the locations. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated they voted no on both locations. Mayor Johnson clarified the ice cream shop to be at 17 West 41st Street and the coffee shop at 2418 Desoto. Ms. Seckman confirmed. At Mayor Johnson's polling, Alderwoman Lanier, Alderman Leggett, Alderman Palumbo and Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz stated their vote would not have changed. Alderman Purtee stated, he voted to approve both Items, and his vote would not have changed. Mayor Johnson and Clerk of Council Massey stated, the vote taken for Alderman Purtee for Item #16 was no. Mr. Massey stated even with Alderman Purtee changing his vote, it would not change the outcome of the decisions. Mayor Johnson stated, he would have approved Item #16 and denied Item #17.

Alderman Palumbo stated there were some connection issues with Comcast and suggested a revote on Item #16. Mayor Johnson stated a revote on Items #16 and #17.

c. Alderman Palumbo requested a reconsideration of the vote for Items #16 and #17, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

d. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #17 (ice cream shop), Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion failed, 4-5-0. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderman Leggett, Alderman Palumbo and Alderman Purtee voted yea. Mayor Johnson, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan voted no.

Since the definition for restaurant was vague, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked Attorney Lovett how is staff monitoring the ordinances on food service equaling the alcohol license. Mr. Lovett answered, by audits with establishments receipts, alcohol versus food. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan requested a copy of an audit report.

18. Petition of Vincent J. Del Monte (Agent) on behalf of the Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Savannah (Owner) to Amend the Zoning Map for 15-acre parcel on ACL Blvd from Residential Single Family-6 (RSF-6) to Office Institutional-Expanded (OI-E) with Conditions. Aldermanic District 5. File No. 21-001244-ZA. MPC Recommended Approval with Conditions.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for ACL Boulevard (File No. 21-001244-ZA)

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearing for Item #18.

Speaker(s):

- Melanie Wilson, MPC Executive Director, described the project. MPC recommended approval with conditions.
- Vincent Del Monte, (Agent) on behalf of the applicant.
- Donna Myers, Liberty City resident, supported.
- Harry Frazier, Liberty City area resident, supported.
- Gregg Dixon, supports Boys & Girls Club, discussed other issues/matters.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed concerns with the current building. She had discussions with Mr. Del Monte who promised the current Boys & Girls Club building would not be sold or demolished. The building will be renovated and used for teenage programs. Mayor Johnson requested Mr. Del Monte to provide written confirmation, from the Board of Directors in reference to the plans for the current Boys & Girls Club building, to be added to the Minutes. Mr. Del Monte indicated the action will be taken at the next Board Meeting, in a couple weeks. He will forward the confirmation to Mayor Johnson.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter commended the Boys Club for extending out to reach more young boys. This will keep them in positive programs and hopefully deter some of the gun violence. She also encouraged the citizens to contribute to the Boys & Girls Club's capital campaign. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter encouraged the City to lead the charge in providing resources through the Community Services Fund.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter thanked Mr. Gregg Dixon for his voice and courage. She stated, as a Member of Council, she represents all people not just black people. Since taking office, part of her platform was to engage aggressive and progressive policy initiatives to increase benefits where the most vulnerable population was concerned (which is black/brown people), but that has not been realized. She challenged the assertion that the Council is a task force for black people.

Mayor Johnson indicated, the task forces are for population groups that are under-represented. He believes the black/brown population has received benefits, in spite of the pandemic, since this administration has taken office. This includes affordable housing, poverty reduction and crime reduction.

Alderman Leggett thanked Mr. Del Monte for keeping the Boys Club building in District 2 and extended any assistance needed from his office. He is a product of attending the Boys Club. He requested, if possible, even after Mr. Del Monte's tenure, the building never be sold.

Mayor Johnson commented, when you look at the great men in the Savannah communities, the one common denominator is the Boys Club. If an agency is able to build great men from little boys, the community needs the organization.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan thanked the Catholic Diocese, Frank Callen (her children attended) and Coach Holmes who she worked with as a cheerleader and worked there off-duty with the Sheriff's department. She thanked Mr. Del Monte for working with LB4 & After Foundation and Lawrence, in partnership and the Savannah Golf Club for the LB4 & After yearly golf camp. We will continue to work together for the youth.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked Ms. Wilson and numerous other individuals for all the work done for the City, and she thanked the Boys and Girls Club for not giving up on finding a new location in Savannah for their flagship location in District 5.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #18, Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING

19. Petition of Vincent J. Del Monte (Agent) on behalf of the Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Savannah (Owner) to Amend the Zoning Map for 15-acre Parcel on ACL Boulevard from Residential Single Family-6 (RSF-6) to Office Institutional-Expanded (OI-E) with Conditions. Aldermanic District 5. File No. 21-001244-ZA. MPC Recommended Approval with Conditions.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for ACL Boulevard (File No. 21-001244-ZA)

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance ACL Boulevard (File No. 20-001244-ZA)

After the first reading was considered the second and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #19, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Johnson congratulated Mr. Del Monte and challenged all Council Member to join him in giving the first donations.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

20. Approval for the Annexation of 12.34 Acres Located off Sweetwater Station Drive near Clubhouse Drive. The Property is Currently Vacant Land and the Owner Plans to Expand the Sweetwater Station Subdivision by Developing Approximately 60 Detached, Single-Family Homes on the Parcel

Exhibit 1 - Annexation Petition - Sweetwater Station

Exhibit 2 - Annexation Ordinance - Sweetwater Station

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #20 and #21, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

21. Amendment to Zone Approximately 12.34 Acres at 0 Grove Point Road (PIN 11004 02029) from the Residential-Agricultural (RA) Zoning Classification to the Residential-Agricultural-County (RA-CO) Zoning Classification. File No. 21-003048-ZA

Exhibit 1: Maps for 0 Grove Point Road (File No. 21-003048-ZA)

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance for 0 Grove Point (File No. 21-003048-ZA)

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #20 and #21, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

AGREEMENTS

22. Approval of PY2021 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult/ Dislocated Worker and Youth Provider Sub-awards in the amount of up to $2,109,856 for Delivery of Training and Support Services to Unemployed or Underemployed Adults and to Low-Income Youth Ages 16-24 in the Ten-County Region.. An Estimated 2,013 Adults/Youth will be Served.

CWDB Motion Sheet Investment Board 6-15-2021.Vote Record.pdf

Mayor Johnson indicated there has been an appeal in reference to Item #22 and requested removal from the agenda to give Acting City Manager Brown an opportunity to respond.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Mayor Johnson the status of the Summer youth programs. Mayor Johnson answered, due to the pandemic the City was unable to offer the programs, but there are currently numerous jobs available to youth at this time by various businesses.

23. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with CCC Grove at Ardsley Park for The Grove at Ardsley Park, a Development Consisting of the Construction of Multi-Family Buildings, Clubhouse and Pool at 4634 Abercorn Street.

The Grove at Ardsley Park

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #23, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS

24. Approval to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Third Amendment with T-Mobile to Upgrade Their Equipment on a City-Owned Water Tower at 400 Airport Avenue. The City will Receive an Additional $500 per Month for a Total of $44,394 in Annual Revenue.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #24, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Miller Blakely seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

25. Approval to Grant Easement to Georgia Power to Facilitate Development of Underground Electrical Power Lines to Service the New Arena

Underground Easement - 620 Stiles Avenue

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #25, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion passed, 8-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

26. Settlement #1

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #26, to authorize the City Attorney's office to settle a Worker's Compensation matter involving Gertrude Addison in the amount of $80,000.00, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

27. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing Sale of Alcoholic Beverages for Consumption On Premises on Sunday, July 4, 2021

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #27, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Alderwoman Miller Blakely commented the Council served the Sanitation Department a meal last week. She was not aware of the event, if she had known, she would have participated. She supports the sanitation department 100%. Mayor Johnson indicated, in recognition of Sanitation Week, a request was made for a meal and breakfast was served to the department on behalf of Council.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, as a member of the National League of Cities and a member of the National Black Caucus of Elected Officials, advised speaker, Gregg Dixon, the conversations and actions for reparations are being done throughout the Country. Due to the pandemic, the organizations were unable to meet in Washington, DC, but there are cities with Resolutions in regard to reparations. She wanted Mr. Dixon to know there are Members on Council aware of the issue.

Mayor Johnson reminded Council of the National League of Cities meeting in November in Salt Lake City.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan wished Marty Johnson, Assistant to Mayor Johnson, a Happy Birthday.

Alderman Leggett reported Kroger is hiring young adults. They should complete applications during peak hours of 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., especially the Kroger's in McAlpin Square.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

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SUMMARY/FINAL MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
JULY 6, 2021 – 2:00 p.m.

The special called meeting of the City Council was held at 2:11 p.m., in the Media Room, City Hall 2nd Floor. Mayor Johnson offered the invocation.

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

ALSO, PRESENT:
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Special Meeting Agenda Items

1. Personnel

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the special called meeting to conduct an executive session regarding personnel, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

The executive session began at 2:11 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to exit the executive session regarding personnel, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

The executive session ended at 2:41 p.m.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 2:42 p.m. (NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.)

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COUNCIL WORK SESSION & CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

JULY 8, 2021 – 11:00 a.m.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the City Council Work Session and City Manager's Briefing was held via Zoom video communications at 11:30 a.m. Alderwoman Lanier offered the invocation.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1, Chairman

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

Acting City Manager Michael B. Brown

Deputy City Attorney Jennifer Herman

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Workshop Agenda Items

1. Savannah Police Department 2021 Mid-Year Public Safety Update

Exhibit 1: Presentation - 2021 Mid-Year Public Safety Update.pptx

Mayor Johnson asked Acting City Manager Brown to give an update of Hurricane Elsa. There are still over 350 residents without electric power. Any resident can call Georgia Power at 888-660-5890 or go to http://www.georgiapower.com or the app for assistance.

Acting City Manager Brown introduced Police Chief Roy Minter for the PowerPoint presentation.

Following the presentation, there was a question and answer session with Chief Minter and Council. There were discussions which included, but were not limited to the following topics:

- high crime areas as it relates to high poverty areas;
- Gun Initiative Director, End Gun Violence Director as full-time staff member;
- retention, active officers versus number of positions and lost/separation of officers;
- programs to retain officers & more officers visible in neighborhoods;
- cold case unit needs updating;
- SEDA program jobs for youth;
- probation and parole services and agency relationships (Savannah Impact program);
- PAL's program budget, staff and services;
- gang program/initiative prevention;

- ex-offenders used in community programs to end crime - (Advocates of Restorative Communities in Savannah, ARCS taskforce);
- establish precincts in housing/neighborhood areas;
- partnering with local colleges, the housing authority & engaging retirees in programs;
- all community organizations & resources should be used as partners in addressing crime;
- employee survey recommended as a tool in improvement for morale (police);
- current employees in police department have great ideas, listen to employees; and
- start enforcing the current policies on record;

A copy of the presentation is available in the Clerk of Council's office.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the work session at 1:15 p.m.

A video recording of the work session can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
JULY 8, 2021 – 2:00 p.m.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the regular meeting of the City Council was held via Zoom video communications at 2:02 p.m. Following the roll call, Mayor Johnson recognized Alderwoman Lanier to introduce Bishop Dorothy M. Tanksley, Senior Pastor of Restoration Praise and Worship Ministries, who offered the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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

ALSO, PRESENT:
Acting City Manager Michael Brown
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for July 8, 2021

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of Minutes for the Work Session & City Manager's Briefing held on June 24, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on June 24, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

4. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine)(By the Package) Alcohol License to Nikhil M. Patel of Stop N Save, a Convenience Store at 4004 Montgomery St. in District 5. Existing Business Allowed Under the Current Alcohol and Overlay District Ordinances. (Request is for Transfer of License Back to Original Petitioner/Owner). Concerns from Neighborhood Association; Agreement Not Accepted (Exhibit 5).

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Stop N Save

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Stop N Save

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Stop N Save

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Stop N Save

Exhibit 5: Stop N Save Good Neighbor Agreement

Exhibit 6: Stop N Save Timeline.docx

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearing for Item #4.

Speaker(s):

- Dr. Betty Jones, President, Feiler Park Neighborhood Assoc. - OPPOSED
- Nikhil Patel, applicant – SUPPORTED

City Attorney Lovett clarified the issue regarding the issuance of the alcohol license. There was a question regarding if this establishment was eligible for a license because of the overlay. The overlay prevents new licenses at new locations, but current establishments can reapply for a license within twelve months for a transfer of property ownership. It will be at Council's discretion to allow.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz stated there are 21 out of 24 allowable alcohol license within a one-mile radius of the establishment. The neighborhood association has not accepted the agreement because of the saturation of alcohol establishments within a one-mile radius.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recommended Attorney Lovett communicate with business owners about the alcohol application requirements and process prior to an applicant completing the application. Attorney Lovett will work on wording of a document and report to Council Members.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan read the general provisions from the alcohol beverage ordinance, Section 8-18-20-6, Sec. 6-1202 which clearly states, an alcohol license is a privilege not a right. This should be conveyed to all alcohol applicants.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the hearing for Item #4, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to deny Item #4, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

5. Approval to Amend Section 6-1214 of the Alcohol Ordinance Entitled, 'Consumption of Alcohol on City Streets', to Allow the Use of Aluminum Cups on Public Right of Way Within a Specified Boundary Area (See Narrative for Exact Boundaries). Current Ordinance Allows Paper and Plastic Cups Only; One-Per Person; Up to 16 Ounces. Recommend Approval.

Exhibit 1: Map - Current Open Container Boundaries.pdf

Exhibit 2: COS Code of Ordinances - Section 6.1214 Consumption of Alcohol on City Streets- CURRENT.pdf

Exhibit 3: COS Code of Ordinances - Section 6.1214 Consumption of Alcohol on City Streets- RED LINE CHANGE.docx

FIRST READING, HEARD.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the wording 'aluminum' was the only change. Mayor Johnson answered, yes within a specific boundary. She asked if the City will be receiving the cups from Rome, Ga and who would pay for the cups.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz presided. Mayor Johnson had to leave the meeting due to another obligation (First Lady Biden's visit).

Acting City Manager Brown explained it will be the business owners option to use the aluminum cups. Ball Company will provide the aluminum cups. Alderwoman Miller Blakely has concerns for business owners who may experience additional expenses, like purchasing the aluminum cups. Alderman Palumbo gave a brief description of the aluminum cup factory and the reasons for using Ball Company. He stated, using the aluminum cups will give the public and business owners an alternative to plastic, will be better for the environment, and supports Savannah becoming a more sustainable City.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Mr. Brown who presented the item as an initiative. Mr. Brown answered, Alderman Palumbo. Because this is an initial initiative, and the use of aluminum cups will have a major impact on business owners, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter offered the following motion.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to postpone Item #5 and schedule a workshop on the use of aluminum cups by business owners, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion was not voted upon.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz informed Council this was a first reading only and the opportunity for discussion will be available upon the second reading.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

6. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Dryer Belts and Parts to Huber Technology in the Amount of $90,287. Belts and Other Parts are Used to Move Sludge Through the Solid Handling Dryer at the President Street Plant, Reducing Volume by 90% and Allowing for Transport as Dried vs. Liquid Sludge to the Dean Forest Landfill.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Huber Belts and Parts

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Huber Belts and Parts

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #6, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed, 8-0-1, with Mayor Johnson not present.

7. Authorize the City Manager to Award a Contract for Electronic Upgrades to the Industrial Computer System at the Montgomery Cross Roads Stormwater Pump Station with Control Instruments, Inc. in the Amount of $311,750. Upgrades will Allow Staff the Ability to Remotely Monitor Equipment Used to Control Five 5.5 Ton Pumps Which Move 87,000 Gallons of Water Per Minute Each.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Electronic Upgrades to the Industrial Computer System

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #7, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1, with Mayor Johnson not present.

8. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the DeLesseps Avenue Widening Project with APAC-Atlantic, Inc. in the Amount of $6,910,645. Includes the Addition of Sidewalks, Bike Lanes, Curb and Gutter and Other Drainage Improvements Along Delesseps Avenue from Waters Avenue to Skidaway Road for Improved Pedestrian Safety. Project Publicly Presented/ Vetted. Approved by GDOT.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Contract for the DeLesseps Avenue Widening Project

Exhibit 2: City Manager Memo to Council- DeLesseps Avenue Widening Project.docx

Exhibit 3: Conceptual Plans - DeLesseps Avenue Widening Project.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier asked Acting City Manager Brown if there would be bike tag fees issued to help pay for roads. Mr. Brown answered, there haven't been bike tag fees for about forty years, but he would ask the transportation department staff and the Bike Savannah group for recommendations.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #8, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1, with Mayor Johnson not present.

AGREEMENTS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

9. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with D.R. Horton Homes, Inc. for Godley Park Phase 6, Located Off Troupe Drive in the Godley West Service Area. The Water and Sewer Systems Have Adequate Capacity to Serve This 36-Equivalent Resident Unit Development Located off Troupe Drive in the Godley West Service Area. Recommend Approval.

Exhibit 1: Agreement - Godley Park Phase 6.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Acting City Manager Brown the status of the impact fees ordinance. Mr. Brown answered, when the comprehensive plan is adopted with the impact fees ordinance, Council will be able to move forward with the impact fees ordinance. She asked if there were any community benefits. Mr. Brown answered, the benefits are the meter and tap fees being paid by the residents for the expansion of the City's water and sewer system.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #9, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed 7-1-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no and Mayor Johnson was not present.

10. Approval of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Sub-Recipient Awards to Ross IES and Eckerd Connects-Paxen for $876,473 for Career, Case Management and Training Services for Adults (Ages 18 and Older) and Dislocated Workers (Unemployed or Laid Off) in Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, Long, McIntosh and Screven Counties. (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022)

Exhibit 1: CWDB Motion Sheet Investment Board 6-15-2021.Vote Record.pdf

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Items #10, #11 and #12, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed 8-0-1, with Mayor Johnson not present.

11. Approval of a Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Sub-Recipient Award to Ross IES for $1,033,383 for Academic, Career Development and Training Services for Youth (Ages 16-24) in Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, Long, McIntosh and Screven Counties. (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022)

Exhibit 1: CWDB Motion Sheet Investment Board 6-15-2021.Vote Record.pdf

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Items #10, #11 and #12, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed 8-0-1, with Mayor Johnson not present.

12. Approval of a Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Sub-Recipient Award to In The Door for $200,000 to Support the "One-Stop Delivery System" To Ensure Mandated Partners Comply with Agency Policies as it Pertains to Job Training, Preparation and Placement Services in Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, Long, McIntosh and Screven Counties. (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022)

Since this is an on-going project, Alderwoman Lanier asked Acting City Manager Brown for the data and outcomes associated with the project; i.e., how many workers, what was the impact of the funds, impact on the workforce, etc. Mr. Brown will prepare a report for Council.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Items #10, #11 and #12, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed 8-0-1, with Mayor Johnson not present.

MISCELLANEOUS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

13. Approval of a Major Subdivision - The Pines at New Hampstead, Phase 1, Being a Portion of Parcel 1A into 61 Single Family Lots. Property Located on Highgate Boulevard, West of the Intersection of Highway 204 and I-95.

Exhibit 1: Plat - The Pines at New Hampstead, Phase 1, Being a Portion of Parcel 1A

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #13, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed 7-1-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no and Mayor Johnson was not present.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz adjourned the work session at 2:56 p.m.

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CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
2021 MID-YEAR BUDGET WORKSHOP
JULY 13, 2021 – 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The special called meeting of the City Council was held at the Savannah Civic Center in the Ballroom, 301 W. Oglethorpe Avenue at 9:04 a.m. Alderman Palumbo offered the invocation.

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

ALSO, PRESENT:
Acting City Manager Michael Brown
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Special Meeting Agenda Items

1. 2021 Mid-Year Budget Workshop

AGENDA ITEMS

8:30 AM Budget Workshop Opening (Breakfast served)

9:04 AM Call to Order.....Van R. Johnson II, Mayor

9:05 AM Opening Remarks: Fiscal Capacity Analysis Discussion.....Michael Brown, ACM

10:32 AM Break

10:54 AM FY21 Revenue Update…..……..…..David Maxwll, CFO

11:12 AM FY21 Budget Status Update……Melissa D. Carter, CBO

11:50 AM ARPA – American Rescue Plan Act ……..……..David Maxwell, CFO

12:38 PM Lunch with Prayer by Mayor Johnson

1:40 PM FY20 Year End Results……David Maxwell, CFO and
Mauldin & Jenkins representatives Miller Edwards & Trey Scott

3:08 PM Break

3:24 PM FY22 Budget Planning…….....….Finance, Revenue & Budget

- Millage Rate Setting
- Budget Challenges & Opportunities

4:30 PM Wrap-Up: Council Discussion…….....….Van R. Johnson II, Mayor

Mayor Johnson adjourned the work session at 4:42 p.m. (No action was taken.)

The video recordings of the special meeting can be found by copying and pasting the links below in you url.

- **Morning Session:** https://savannahgovtv.viebit.com/player.php?hash=GgNP7jogUIeP
- **Afternoon Session:** https://savannahgovtv.viebit.com/player.php?hash=nfkiPGWoKeFB

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CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
FAIRGROUNDS PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT CONCEPT PRESENTATIONS
JULY 15, 2021 – 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The special called meeting of the City Council was held at 2:04 p.m. via Zoom communication, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

ALSO, PRESENT:
Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd
Assistant to the City Manager Joe Shearouse
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Special Meeting Agenda Items

1. Fairgrounds Property Development Concept Presentations

Mayor Johnson gave the overall purpose and format for conducting the meeting.

The following vendors made presentations:

1. **The Savannah Bridge Development Team.** (PRESENTED by Benjamin Polote, Sr., Benjamin Polote, Jr., Jessie Wiles and David Murphy. Also on-screen were Charles H. Johnson IV, Mike Garcia and Mary Fellows.)
2. **Knott Development Team.** (PRESENTED by Frank Knott, Denise Grabowski and H. Lamar Willis)
3. **P3 Joint Venture Group.** (PRESENTED by J. Craig Gordon, Robert Gould, Meredith Stone, Patrick Shay, Nancy Dozier, Katie Porco, Bill Gross, Reverend Thurmond N. Tillman, and Steven Nielsen. Also on-screen were Mac Sims, Kirk Johnson and Joyce Fownes.)

Mayor Johnson asked Councilmembers to send any additional questions for the proposers to Joe Shearouse by Friday, July 16 at 2 p.m. Responses to the questions will be due by Monday, July 19 at 5 p.m.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the work session at 4:03 p.m. (No action was taken.)

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COUNCIL WORK SESSION & CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

JULY 22, 2021 – 4:00 p.m.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the City Council Work Session and City Manager's Briefing was held via Zoom video communications at 4:02 p.m. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz offered the invocation, as requested by Mayor Johnson.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1, Chairman

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

Acting City Manager Michael B. Brown

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Workshop Agenda Items

1. Hearing to Receive Public Comment on the 2021 Property Tax Millage Rate (Registration Link to Speak On This Item Can Be Found On The Header of This Agenda, Under "Note to Audience")

Acting City Manager Michael Brown presented a slide presentation on the 2021 Property Tax Millage Rate.

Following the presentation, Mayor Johnson opened the 2021 Property Tax Millage Rate hearing to receive public comment.

Clerk of Council Massey reported there were written comments received and distributed to Council Members prior to the hearing:

Written comment(s) received:

- Peter A. Robyn – OPPOSED
- Sarah Thompson - OPPOSED

City Attorney Lovett reported there were citizens in Council Chambers to speak; however, there were technical difficulties. The hearing was extended to allow for corrections of the difficulties.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked that all speakers state their name, address and if they lived within the City limits before commenting.

Clerk of Council Massey reported Tim Moody, Director of IT, came to his office to report there were no citizens present inside Council Chambers to speak concerning the millage rate, nor via Zoom.

Mayor Johnson accepted no speakers were present, as written record, and declared the public hearing closed.

The hearing was closed at 4:26 p.m.

2. Personnel

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the work session and conduct a closed Executive Session regarding personnel, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

The Executive Session began at 4:27 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to exit the Executive Session, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

The Executive Session ended at 5:09 p.m.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the work session at 5:09 p.m.

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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
JULY 22, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:30 p.m., via Zoom video communications. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Leggett to introduce Pastor Charles O'Berry of the House of Freedom Worship Center Savannah, who offered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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

ALSO, PRESENT:
Acting City Manager Michael Brown
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for July 22, 2021

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of Minutes for the Special Called Meeting (Closed Executive Session re: Personnel) held on July 6, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Agenda Plus_SCM DRAFT MINUTES_July 6, 2021 City Council Special Meeting (re_ Personnel).pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes for the Work Session & City Manager's Briefing held on July 8, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4, seconded by Alderwoman

Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on July 8, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

5. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Wine) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Tod Whitaker for Wright Square Cafe, A Restaurant at 21 W. York Street, Between Whitaker St. And Bull St. in District 2. No Concerns Noted by Police Department or Neighborhood Association. No Issues with Littering or Loitering at Location. Distance Measurement Met. (Existing Business/New Owner)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Wright Square Cafe.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Wright Square Cafe.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Wright Square Cafe.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Wright Square Cafe.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearings for Items #5, #7 and #8.

Clerk of Council Massey reported the following speaker was in Council Chambers:

Speaker(s):

- Michael Higgins - Supports but did not speak (speaker card).

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol license hearings for Items #5, #7 and #8, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #5, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) and Class A (Wine)(Caterer) Alcohol License to Robert Evangelista for Bellwether House, A Hotel at 211 E. Gaston St., Between Abercorn and Lincoln St. in District 2. No Concerns by Police or Issues with Littering or Loitering. Distance Measurement Met. (New Owner/Location) Request Continuance to 08/12 Meeting to Discuss Neighborhood Concerns.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Bellwether House.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Bellwether House.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Bellwether House.pdf

Exhibit 4: Zoning Report - Bellwether House.pdf

Exhibit 5: Measurement Report - Bellwether House.pdf

Alderman Leggett moved to continue Item #6 to the August 12, 2021 Meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Daniel Bathon III for the Phoenix, a Restaurant at 1006 E. Broad St. Between E. Waldburg St. and E. Bolton St. in District 2. No Concerns by Savannah Police Department. Neighbor Agreement Signed by Neighborhood Association and Applicant. Distance Measurement Met. (New Owner/New Location)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - The Phoenix.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - The Phoenix.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - The Phoenix.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report- The Phoenix.pdf

Exhibit 5: Good Neighbor Agreement - The Phoenix.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearings for Items #5, #7 and #8.

Clerk of Council Massey reported the following speakers were present via Zoom video:

Speaker(s):

- D. H. Bathon, III - Applicant (did not speak).
- Tom Oxnard - on behalf of Applicant - stated his support.

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol license hearings for Items #5, #7 and #8, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #7, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine)(By the Package) Alcohol License to Mark Johnson for Tru by Hilton Savannah Airport, a Hotel at 90 Stephen W. Green Dr. Between I-95 and Clyde Martin Dr. in District 1. No concerns by Savannah Police Department or Issues with Littering or Loitering at Location. No Active Neighborhood Association. Distance Measurement Met. (New Existing Business/New Request)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Tru by Hilton Savannah Airport.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Tru by Hilton Savannah Airport.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Tru by Hilton Savannah Airport.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Tru by Hilton Savannah Airport.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearings for Items #5, #7 and #8.

No Speaker(s):

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol license hearings for Items #5, #7 and #8, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #8, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. Approval to Submit a Resolution Transmitting the Draft Chatham County – Savannah 2040 Comprehensive Plan to the Coastal Regional Commission and to the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. Plan provides a unified, long-term vision for Savannah and the unincorporated Chatham County in the topics of land use, housing, economic development, transportation, natural resources, and quality of life.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation - Draft Comprehensive Plan Submittal

Exhibit 2: Resolution - Draft Comprehensive Plan Submittal

Mayor Johnson opened the hearing for Item #9.

Acting City Manager Brown briefly explained the process for the 2040 Comprehensive Plan which paves the way for impact fees for the City. He emphasized this is a draft and recommended approval for submission to DCA for comments.

Alderwoman Lanier reported there were concerns from the Westside leadership because there were no community meetings, possibly due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Westside leadership would like meetings before the end of the month for input in the Plan. Mayor Johnson indicated the Centers are now open and the City can proceed with scheduling meetings for citizen comments.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz recommended MPC provide a model that can be used in all neighborhood districts for comments.

No Speaker(s):

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the hearing for Item #9, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion unanimously.

b. Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #9, in draft form, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderwoman Lanier noted the Plan is for Savannah and unincorporated Chatham County and asked Mr. Brown if the seven (7) municipalities would participate in the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Brown answered, the other seven municipalities opted out of the Plan.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely emphasized, for the public, this is a draft and not the final Plan. She encouraged interested residents to attend the public meetings for their input.

ZONING HEARINGS

10. Petition of Dana Braun (Agent) on behalf of 42/43 LLC (Owner) for a Special Use Permit to Allow Alcohol Sales by the Drink in Association with a Restaurant at 9 West 43rd Street (PIN 20074 24002), in the Starland Area in Aldermanic District 2. (File No. 21-002668-ZA). MPC recommends approval with conditions (Hours of Operations form 7am-10p.m and overflow parking area for a minimum of five spaces.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - 9 West 43rd Street

Exhibit 2: Map of Surrounding Alcoholic Beverage License Establishments - 9 West 43rd Street

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz requested additional research and clarification on the establishment of which District. Mayor Johnson asked Acting City Manager Brown to work with MPC staff on clarification of which District the establishment resides.

Alderman Leggett moved to continue Items #10 and #17 to the August 12, 2021 meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Petition of Krishan Gandhi on behalf of HOS Management (Property Owner/Petitioner) to Amend the Zoning Map for 815 Wheaton St (PIN 20033 12033) from IL (Light Industrial) to IL-T (Light Industrial-Transition). MPC recommends approval with conditions - No bar; tavern; nightclub; substance recovery; pawnshop; check cashing; title pawn; package store; adult-oriented businesses; private club/lodge

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - 815 Wheaton Street

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance - 815 Wheaton Street

Mayor Johnson opened the hearing for Item #11.

Speaker(s):

- Marcus Lotson, MPC representative gave a brief outline of the zoning request change.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Leggett are requesting a meeting with the petitioner to discuss a business agreement for the establishment prior to moving forward with Items #11 and #18.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to continue Items #11 and #18 to the August 26, 2021 meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Petition of Harold Yellin (Agent) on behalf of Alice Keller (Owner) for a Map Amendment to Rezone Little Neck Road (PINs 21007 01001 and 21007 01002) from R-A-CO (Residential-Agricultural-County) to PD (Planned Development) MPC recommends approval with condition that the applicant enters into an agreement with Chatham County regarding issues related to stormwater, traffic, and canal access.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - Rezone Little Neck Road

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance - Rezone Little Neck Road

Mayor Johnson opened the hearing for Item #12.

Speaker(s):

- Marcus Lotson, MPC representative gave a detailed description of the rezoning request.
- Kerri Bieber - Opposes.
- Travis Burke, Engineer - Supports.
- Harold Yellin, Agent for petitioner - Supports.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked Mr. Lotson for clarification on which District the development would reside. Mr. Lotson answered, possibly District 5. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz stated there should be more due diligence performed prior to Council's vote.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked if the agreement with Chatham County has been received. Mayor Johnson indicated if the agreement with Chatham County is not received, there will be no moving forward with the development.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated the West Chatham residents are concerned with disruption to the community. She informed Council the property was the burial ground of slaves and she had concerns that Mayor Johnson had received contributions to his campaign. She asked if he would recuse himself. Mayor Johnson declined.

Attorney Yellin discussed the years he has worked on this project with Chatham County and the meetings with the City related to the annexation of the property into the City, due to City services. He asked Alderwoman Gibson-Carter for the names of the concerned West Chatham residents. Mr. Brown indicated along with the names, residents should disclose their addresses of residence in the City.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to continue Items #12 and 19 to the September 9, 2021 meeting, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Petition of Bridget Lidy (Agent) on behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah for a Zoning Text Amendment to Sec. 7.11.14 of the Streetcar Historic Overlay District Pertaining to Density and Height Standards in TC-2 (Traditional Commercial-2) Zoning Districts for Parcels within the Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. and Montgomery Street Corridor between Anderson Lane and Victory Drive

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - Zoning Text Amendment

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance - Zoning Text Amendment

Mayor Johnson opened the hearing for Item #13.

Speaker(s):

- Marcus Lotson, MPC representative explained the text amendment in detail.
- Bridget Lidy, Urban Planning & Design D**irector**
- Melanie Wilson, MPC Executive Director

Written comment(s):

- John R. Bennett, acting Chair of SDRA – Supports.
- Jason Combs, VP of the Thomas Square Neighborhood Assoc. – Supports.

Alderman Leggett asked Mr. Lotson if any buildings are higher within the stated area. Mr. Lotson answered no. Alderman Leggett has concerns with the current height maximum of construction along MLK and Montgomery. Mr. Lotson indicated the current maximum height is 40 feet.

For clarity, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked if the new amended language would change the maximum height in the area from 40 feet to 55 feet. Mr. Lotson answered yes. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz has concerns of destroying the historic integrity of the area with the change in height to 55 feet and the rapid gentrification. Alderwoman Miller Blakely agreed with Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz.

Alderwoman Lanier recommended having policies in place pertaining to anti-gentrification. Alderman Palumbo recommended MPC and Ms. Lidy identify the importance of the text amendments right now; there is no current distinctions of how the change would impact the area and any benefits to the City.

Mayor Johnson asked Mr. Lotson and Ms. Lidy if they were aware of any individuals who might have approached MPC or the City which would necessitate the City's review of this item at this time. Mr. Lidy indicated she has spoken to an individual who is looking at developing property in this area; this precipitated the review of ordinance text. She clarified the height as 45 feet for a maximum of three stories; and the amendment as 45 feet for four stories.

Ms. Wilson explained why the text amendment came before MPC, but recognizes the need for a more specific detailed corridor/land use plan for the area. If Council requests a more specific detailed corridor/land use plan, MPC will provide the information.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to refer Items #13 and #20 back to MPC for the development of a more detailed corridor/land use plan, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Petition of Bridget Lidy (Agent) on behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah to Amend Section 7.10.4 Contributing Resources Map (of the Cuyler-Brownville Historic Overlay District) of the Zoning Ordinance to Include 90 buildings of historic and architectural significance that were not previously included. Both the MPC and the City sent letters of intent to property owners.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - Proposed Cuyler Brownsville Contributing Resources (new document uploaded 7-22-21).pdf

Exhibit 2 Map - Proposed Cuyler Brownville Contributing Resources.pdf

Exhibit 3: List - Proposed Cuyler Brownville Contributing Resources.pdf

Exhibit 4: Proposed Ordinance Revision - Proposed Cuyler Brownville Contributing Resources.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the hearing for Item #14.

Speaker(s):

- Marcus Lotson, MPC representative, introduced Ms. Michalak.
- Bridget Lidy, Urban Planning & Design Director.
- Leah G. Michalak, MPC Historic Preservation - provided a presentation for Council regarding the 90 buildings in the Brownville Historic District; requesting to reclassify some of the buildings as historic, protecting them from demolition.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo thanked Ms. Michalak and expressed their gratitude for the additional 90 historic buildings. The area was established in 1867 as the closest neighborhood to downtown for freed slaves.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to close the hearing for Item #14, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter informed Ms. Lidy there are other neighborhoods seeking the same historic destination. Ms. Lidy asked Alderwoman Gibson-Carter to have individuals contact her and she will work with MPC for strategies to move forward.

15. Petition of Michael Garcia from LS3P Associates, Ltd. (Agent) on behalf of Brent Watts from Cabretta Capital (Owner) to Amend the Zoning Map for 315 W. 38th Street (PIN 20065 25001) from TN-2 (Traditional Neighborhood- 2) to TC-1 (Traditional Commerical-1). MPC Recommends Approval. Aldermanic District 2. (File No. 21-002322-ZA)

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - 315 W. 38th Street

Exhibit 2: Supporting Documents - 315 W. 38th Street

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance - 315 W. 38th Street

Mayor Johnson opened the hearing for Item #15.

Speaker(s):

- Marcus Lotson, MPC representative, gave a brief outline of the zoning map amendment.
- Kerri Bieber – Opposes.
- Travis Burke, engineer – Supports.
- Brent Watts, petitioner (did not speak).
- Michael Garcia, Project Designer - described building design and parking spaces.
- Harold Yellin, agent for petitioner – Supports. Gave an in depth description of the project naming approval acquired and supporters.

Written comment(s):

- Jason Combs, VP of the Thomas Square Neighborhood Assoc. – Supports.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked Mr. Lotson if staff recommended denial. Mr. Lotson indicated during MPC staff's initial review there was concern for the number of units. The petition was revised and resubmitted to MPC, at which time MPC recommended approval.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked Mr. Yellin for the median rents for the project. Mr. Watts answered, market rate and number of units will determine rents ($1,600 - $3,000 for large 1-bedroom unit). Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked if tax credits are received, how can workforce housing afford the units. Mr. Watts explained the smaller workforce house will be closer to $1,000. She also had concerns for parking (Attorney Yellin reported there will be 22 parking spaces).

Alderman Leggett discussed neighborhood concerns of the units becoming vacation rentals. He suggested language in the agreement to disallow vacation rentals in the building. Attorney Yellin stated the petitioner is agreeable to disallowing vacation rentals in the property for five years, then revisit the language of the agreement. Alderman Leggett reported the neighborhood association

wants the language to read no short term vacation rentals for the life of the project. Mayor Johnson indicated there could be a 'deed restriction' associated with the agreement.

Mayor Johnson thanked Attorney Yellin for serving on the Housing Task Force and asked if he would give a description of affordable housing versus workforce housing. Attorney Yellin described affordable housing and workforce housing as it relates to the City of Savannah.

Alderwoman Lanier asked how can you assure the rental rates will remain affordable for the workforce (downtown area, $40,000 salary). She suggest the City adopt policies to regulate workforce rent rates. Mayor Johnson and Attorney Yellin discussed how the City could avoid students occupying the intended workforce housing units.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter discussed various issues of concern associated with the project:

- Council has a responsibility to protect the neighborhood corridors;
- this area has experienced a high rate of gentrification;
- the property is in close proximity to SCAD, there will be some student applications;
- the City needs policies to regulate workforce rent rates;
- the rent rates for the project are too expensive; and
- the City should create policies to help/support developers in decisions for projects.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked if the tax credits would be from the City or the Federal Government, and how does it relate to the project. Mr. Watts answered, it is historic tax credits that off-set the rents from Federal and State Government.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to close the hearing for Item #15, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

16. Petition of Michael Garcia from LS3P Associates, Ltd. (Agent) on behalf of Brent Watts from Cabretta Capital (Owner) to Amend the Zoning Map for 315 W. 38th Street (PIN 20065 25001) from TN-2 (Traditional Neighborhood- 2) to TC-1 (Traditional Commerical-1). MPC Recommends Approval. Aldermanic District 2. (File No. 21-002322-ZA)

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Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance - 315 W. 38th Street

After the first reading was considered the second and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderwoman Leggett moved to approve Item #16, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 6-3-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan voted no.

17. Petition of Dana Braun (Agent) on behalf of 42/43 LLC (Owner) for a Special Use Permit to Allow Alcohol Sales by the Drink in Association with a Restaurant at 9 West 43rd Street (PIN 20074 24002), in the Starland Area in Aldermanic District 2. (File No. 21-002668-ZA). MPC recommends approval with conditions (Hours of Operations form 7am-10p.m and overflow parking area for a minimum of five spaces.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - 9 West 43rd Street

Exhibit 2: Map of Surrounding Alcoholic Beverage License Establishments - 9 West 43rd Street

Alderman Leggett moved to continue Items #10 and #17 to the August 12, 2021 meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

18. Petition of Krishan Gandhi on behalf of HOS Management (Property Owner/Petitioner) to Amend the Zoning Map for 815 Wheaton St (PIN 20033 12033) from IL (Light Industrial) to IL-T (Light Industrial-Transition). MPC recommends approval with conditions - No bar; tavern; nightclub; substance recovery; pawnshop; check cashing; title pawn; package store; adult-oriented businesses; private club/lodge

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - 815 Wheaton Street

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance - 815 Wheaton Street

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to continue Items #11 and #18 to the August 26, 2021 meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

19. Petition of Harold Yellin (Agent) on behalf of Alice Keller (Owner) for a Map Amendment to Rezone Little Neck Road (PINs 21007 01001 and 21007 01002) from R-A-CO (Residential-Agricultural-County) to PD (Planned Development) MPC recommends approval with condition that the applicant enters into an agreement with Chatham County regarding issues related to stormwater, traffic, and canal access.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - Rezone Little Neck Road

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance - Rezone Little Neck Road

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to continue Items #12 and #19 to the September 9, 2021 meeting, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

20. Petition of Bridget Lidy (Agent) on behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah for a Zoning Text Amendment to Sec. 7.11.14 of the Streetcar Historic Overlay District Pertaining to Density and Height Standards in TC-2 (Traditional Commercial-2) Zoning Districts for Parcels within the Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. and Montgomery Street Corridor between Anderson Lane and Victory Drive

Exhibit 1: Recommendation Packet - Zoning Text Amendment to Sec. 7.11.14 of the Streetcar Historic Overlay District.

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance - Zoning Text Amendment to Sec. 7.11.14 of the Streetcar Historic Overlay District.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to refer Items #13 and #20 back to MPC for the development of a more detailed corridor/land use plan, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman

Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

21. Petition of Bridget Lidy (Agent) on behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah to Amend Section 7.10.4 Contributing Resources Map (of the Cuyler-Brownville Historic Overlay District) of the Zoning Ordinance to Include 90 buildings of historic and architectural significance that were not previously included. Both the MPC and the City sent letters of intent to property owners.

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Exhibit 4: Proposed Ordinance Revision - Proposed Culyer-Brownville Contributing Resources

After the first reading was considered the second and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #21, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

22. Approval to Amend the 2021 Revenue Ordinance, Adopt the 2021 Property Tax Millage Rate, and Adopt the Special Service District Tax Rate for the Water Transportation District. [Proposed millage rate of 12.739 mills is unchanged from the final rate for 2020]

Exhibit 1: 2021 Millage Rate Ordinance.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the hearing for Item #22.

Speaker(s):

- Charles A. Feagain (Lives in District 2 on W. Perry Street) – Opposes. He asked the City Attorney to have the City conduct the hearings at the specified times as published.
- Gene Robinson (not a City resident, lives on Blackshell Road - notaxesnow@gmail.com) – Opposes. He read the proposed amendment to the Constitution and offered a copy to any interested person.

Mayor Johnson indicated there were two (2) hearings today, one at 4:00 p.m. and one at the Regular Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Citizens were encouraged to send or attend meetings to provide comments.

Acting City Manager Brown cited two separate dedicated hearings were available for citizens. On the issue of the tax increase, it is a 2% tax increase for services. No services were discontinued during the recession and there were no increases of sanitation rates or water and sewer fees. He is recommending the 2% tax increase.

Mayor Johnson instructed the Clerk of Council to contact Mr. Robinson and send Council Members a copy of the proposed amended Constitution.

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing closed.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

23. Approval to Amend Section 6-1214 of the Alcohol Ordinance Entitled, 'Consumption of Alcohol on City Streets', to Allow the Use of Aluminum Cups on Public Right of Way Within a Specified Boundary Area (See Narrative for Exact Boundaries). Current Ordinance Allows Paper and Plastic Cups Only; One-Per Person; Up to 16 Ounces. Recommend Approval.

Exhibit 1: Map - Current Open Container Boundaries.pdf

Exhibit 2: COS Code of Ordinances - Section 6.1214 Consumption of Alcohol on City Streets- CURRENT.pdf

Exhibit 3: COS Code of Ordinances - Section 6.1214 Consumption of Alcohol on City Streets- RED LINE CHANGE.docx

Mayor Johnson thanked Alderman Palumbo, Assistant to City Manager Joe Shearouse, Jr., and other various organizations for their work on allowing the use of aluminum cups on public right of ways.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Alderman Palumbo, how much will the aluminum cups cost the business owners. Alderman Palumbo responded, questions should be addressed to the Chair. The aluminum cups are more cost affective than other sustainable alternatives such as cups made of corn. Mayor Johnson indicated each business can purchase as many or as little as their budgets will allow. Participation is totally voluntary and the business will purchase the cups from the vendor.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed her concerns with not getting items put on the agenda. Mayor Johnson explained the process of getting items on the agenda with the support of other Council Members.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #23, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 6-3-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier voted no.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Policy Management and Training System for the Savannah Police Department with LexiPol in the Amount of $75,246. (Grant-funded; Provides a centralized digital platform for policies with faster updates in response to new state and federal legislation. Also includes online library of training courses and videos to enhance personnel safety)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - LexiPol

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - LexiPol.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24 through #31 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Renovations to the John S. Delaware Center, Located at 1815 Lincoln Street, to Johnson-Laux Construction (Local, DBE) in the Amount of $1,059,162 (Facility is several decades old and in need of improvements. Project includes: installation of new windows, flooring, appliances and cabinets; painting; landscaping; and redesign of main entrance)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Joint Delaware Center Renovation.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Joint Delaware Center Renovation.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24 through #31 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Sandblasting and Recoating Three Metal Clarifiers, Used to Remove Bio-Solids from Wastewater Through a Sedimentation Process at the President Street Plant, with E and D Coating, Inc. (Local) in the Amount of $786,639 (Each clarifier holds 1.6 million gallons of water; Plant treats 18 million gallons daily; Work protects structural integrity)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Sand Blasting

Exhibit 2: Bid - Sand Blasting

Exhibit 3: Purchasing Notes - Sand Blasting

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24 through #31 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

27. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Replacement Parts for the Belt Press Machine at the Crossroads Treatment Plant, to Ovivo in the Amount of $42,079. Machine used to compact and dewater excess bio-solids from the waste stream. Allows dried transport of sludge. Longer lead times require staff maintain more on-hand part inventory to prevent equipment downtime and permit violations.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Ovivo Belt Parts

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Ovivio Belt Parts

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24 through #31 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

28. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Ecosorb Odor Eliminator with OMI Industries in the Amount of $70,000. The chemical neutralizes industrial odors at the President Street Plant, providing a more friendly environment for the surrounding neighborhoods.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Eco-Sorb Odor Control Solution

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - Eco-Sorb Odor Control Solution

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24 through #31 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

29. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for the Upgrade of City Works, an Asset Management System used by Public Works Departments to Maintain Water Infrastructure, with Woolpert, Inc. in the Amount of $75,397.50. Current version of system no longer supported by vendor. Requires upgrade to new version and re-integration with City's billing system. Cost covers both.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - CityWorks CMMS Professional Services.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24 through #31 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

30. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Final Close-Out Modification for the Highlands Fire Station, Located at 480 Highlands Boulevard, with Dabbs-Williams General Contractors in the Amount of $153,959. Modification is needed to cover a net cost increase for additional upgrades, reimbursements, and cancellations necessary for project completion and closeout. [See narrative for itemized list]

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Highlands Fire Station – Summary Contract Modification

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Highlands Fire Station – Summary Contract Modification.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24 through #31 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

31. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for the Parking Access and Revenue Control System (PARCs) for Parking Services from Carolina Time & Aspis Parking in the Amount of $117,440. System provides barrier gates and pay stations at all City garages, including management software. Modification is needed for additional networking and wiring to properly install system.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Parking Garage Conduit.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24 through #31 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

32. Approval of a Contract with Danton Hydroblasting, LLC for the Runway 10-28 Paint Cleaning and Thermoplastic Sign Replacement Project in the Amount of $67,066.

Mayor Johnson moved Items #32 through #39 up on the Agenda, after Item #9.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #32 through #39, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

33. Approval to Procure Services from Allen Enterprises, Inc. for the Airfield Lighting Control and Monitoring System (ALCMS) Upgrade for an Amount Up To $29,960.

Mayor Johnson moved Items #32 through #39 up on the Agenda, after Item #9.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #32 through #39, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

34. Approval of Task Work Order No. 14 with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. for Planning, Design and Construction Phase Services for the North Baggage Carousel Replacement Project, for an Amount Up to $61,953.

Mayor Johnson moved Items #32 through #39 up on the Agenda, after Item #9.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #32 through #39, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

35. Approval of a Contract with Twist Aero, LLC for the Passenger Boarding Bridge Pre-Conditioned Air Unit Replacement Project in an Amount Up to $580,030

Mayor Johnson moved Items #32 through #39 up on the Agenda, after Item #9.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #32 through #39, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

36. Approval to Execute a Contract with Johnson-Laux Construction, LLC for the Rental Car Facility Improvements Project, in an Amount Up to $5,463,647.

Mayor Johnson moved Items #32 through #39 up on the Agenda, after Item #9.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #32 through #39, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

37. Approval of Change Order No. 2 with Reeves Construction Company for the Site Clearing Areas T, U, V and Parking Improvements Project for an Amount Up to $100,178

Mayor Johnson moved Items #32 through #39 up on the Agenda, after Item #9.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #32 through #39, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

38. Approval of Task Order No. 12 with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. for the Final Design and Construction Phase Services for the Security Checkpoint Expansion, for an Amount Up to $841,498

Mayor Johnson moved Items #32 through #39 up on the Agenda, after Item #9.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #32 through #39, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

39. Approval of Task Work Order No. 13 with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. for Final Design Services for the Terminal Concourse Expansion Project, for an Amount Up to $201,501

Mayor Johnson moved Items #32 through #39 up on the Agenda, after Item #9.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #32 through #39, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

40. Approval of a Resolution to Annually Adopt an Operating and Capital Budget, a Strategic Priorities Plan and Fiscal Capacity Analysis Plan Beginning in 2021 and Each Fiscal Year Thereafter.

Exhibit 1: Resolution - Fiscal-Capacity-Plan.pdf

Alderwoman Miller Blakely had concerns with the language being an automatic annual renewal without Council vote. Mayor Johnson explained, Council will annually adopt a new plan.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #40, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

41. Settlement #1

Mayor Pro-Tem Shabazz moved to approve Item #41, authorize the City Attorney's office to resolve a personal injury claim involving Bryanne Jenkins in the amount of $37,000.00, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

42. Approval to Add Granite Slab to Chatham Artillery Monument in Emmet Park (Located on the Eastern End of Bay Street) to Commemorate and Honor the Service of Men and Women Assigned to the 1st Battalion, 118th Field Artillery Regiment, Savannah, Georga Army National Guard for Their Service in Afghanistan from 2018-2019. Historic Site and Monument Commission recommends approval with condition.

Exhibit 1: Signed HSMC Board Decision - Chatham Artillery.pdf

Exhibit 2: Submittal Packet - Chatham Artillery.pdf

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #42, seconded by Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

43. New Item: Appointment of the Savannah City Manager

Mayor Johnson announced the upcoming departure of Michael Brown as Acting City Manager, effective July 30, 2021, pursuant to receipt of his resignation letter.

Mayor Johnson moved to appoint Heath Lloyd as Acting City Manager, effective July 30, 2021, at the same interim rate of $20,000.00/month through September 10, 2021, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Johnson moved to appoint Joseph "Jay" Melder as City Manager, starting September 10, 2021, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Johnson advised his motion is contingent on the terms of employment being voted upon at the next City Council meeting and pursuant to a satisfactory background examination.

Lastly, Mayor Johnson thanked Mr. Melder and the entire City Council for their hard work during this process. He thanked the search firm of Developmental Associates and their representatives, Steve and Heather. He thanked the City Attorney for being intrinsically involved and helping the City Council to get to this point. And Mayor Johnson thanked the citizens who came and participated in the forums, and for their patience with the City Council during this process. Finally, he thanked Heath Lloyd whom they are counting on to help lead during the transition, and Michael Brown for being a consummate professional.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 10:01 p.m.

A video recording of the regular meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

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SUMMARY/FINAL MINUTES

COUNCIL WORK SESSION & CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

AUGUST 12, 2021 – 11:00 a.m.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the City Council Work Session and City Manager's Briefing was held via Zoom video communications at 11:01 a.m. Alderman Leggett offered the invocation, as requested by Mayor Johnson.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1, Chairman

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

Acting City Manager Heath Lloyd

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Workshop Agenda Items

1. Hearing to Receive Public Comment on the 2021 Property Tax Millage Rate (Registration Link to Speak On This Item Can Be Found On The Header of This Agenda, Under "Note to Audience")

Exhibit 1: 2021 Millage Rate Public Hearing.pptx

Mayor Johnson opened the hearing and gave a complete overview of the proposed 2021 Property Tax Millage Rate.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked for the correct time for speakers. At the request of Mayor Johnson, Clerk of Council Massey indicated, two (2) minutes for each speaker. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan requested each speaker include their City address.

Speaker(s) present:

1. Sarah Thompson (City resident – District 4) – OPPOSED to proposed millage rate.
2. Jennifer Salandi (not a City resident – County) – OPPOSED to proposed millage rate.
3. William Robyn (City resident – District 3) – OPPOSED to proposed millage rate.

At 11:28 a.m., Mayor Johnson declared the hearing closed, since there were no other speakers present.

Mayor and Council Members discussed the meeting schedule, dates and times to determine if any changes should be made. The consensus from Council was to maintain the current meeting schedule.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely requested information regarding the use of the $54 million American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding received by the City and using the earned interest on the funds for salary increases for City employees. The City has only received half ($27 million) of the funds, and Acting City Manager Lloyd will compile the information for Alderwoman Miller Blakely.

There was an additional speaker in Chambers who was detained at the security desk during the hearing due to other residents' resistance to wear face masks.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to re-open the hearing, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

Additional speaker(s):

1. Keith Padgett (City resident – District 6) – OPPOSED to proposed millage rate.

For the record, written comment(s) were received by Clerk of Council Massey, as follows:

1. Sara Laine Moneymaker (not a City resident – County) – OPPOSED to proposed millage rate.
2. Gene Karl Robinson (not a City resident – County) – OPPOSED to proposed millage rate.
3. Sarah Thompson (City resident – District 4) – OPPOSED to proposed millage rate.

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing closed and adjourned the work session at 11:38 a.m.

A video recording of the work session can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

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CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 12, 2021 – 2:00 p.m.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:02 p.m., via Zoom video communications. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan to introduce Reverend Dr. Bernita Rivers Smalls, Pastor of Second Bethlehem Baptist Church, who offered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1, Chairman

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

Acting City Manager Health Lloyd

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for August 12, 2021

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda as presented, Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of Minutes for the Special Called Meeting (Mid-Year Budget Workshop) held on July 13, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Agenda Plus_SCM DRAFT MINUTES_July 13, 2021 City Council Special Meeting (re_ 2021 Mid-Year Budget Workshop).pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3, #4 and #5, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes for the Special Called Meeting (Fairgrounds Presentations) held on July 15, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Agenda Plus_SCM DRAFT MINUTES_July 15, 2021 City Council Special Meeting (re_ Fairgrounds Property Development Conceptual Presentations).pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3, #4 and #5, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes for the Work Session & City Manager's Briefing held on July 22, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Agenda Plus_WS DRAFT MINUTES_July 22, 2021 City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3, #4 and #5, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on July 22, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Plus_RM DRAFT MINUTES_July 22, 2021 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3, #4 and #5, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

6. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Wen Zhang for OD Crab House, a New Restaurant at 1915 E.Victory Dr., between Skidaway Rd. and Harry S. Truman Pkwy in District 3. No Concerns by Savannah Police Department or Neighborhood Association. No Issues with Litter or Loitering at Location. Distance Measurement Met.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - OD Crab House Savannah20210727_16224355.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - OD Crab House Savannah20210727_16232589.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - OD Crab House Savannah20210727_16240848.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - OD Crab House Savannah20210727_16250716.pdf

Exhibit 5: Overlay Map for Skidaway Rd20210805_17204785.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearings for Item #6 through #10.

No speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the hearing for Items #6 and #8, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #6 conditioned upon a good neighbor agreement, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Approval of Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to M. Douglas Godley for Ballastone Inn, at 14 Oglethorpe Ave., Between Bull St. and Drayton St. in District 2. No concerns Noted by Neighborhood Association or the Police. No Issues with Littering or Loitering. (Existing Business/New Owner)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Ballastone Inn20210727_16140327.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Ballastone Inn20210727_16154010.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Ballastone Inn20210727_16162740.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Ballastone Inn20210727_16174992.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearings for Item #6 through #10.

No speaker(s):

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the hearing for Item #7, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #7, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Approval of Class C (Wine) and Class G (Wine)(Complimentary) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Angela King for Presidents Quarter, an Inn at 225 E. President St., Between Abercorn St. and Lincoln St. in District 2. No concerns Noted by Neighborhood Association or the Police. No Issues with Littering or Loitering. (Existing Business/New Owner)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Presidents Quarter Inn20210727_16261609.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Presidents Quarter Inn20210727_16270400.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Presidents Quarter Inn20210727_16274071.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Presidents Quarter Inn20210727_16294759.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearings for Item #6 through #10.

Speaker(s):

- Josh Yellin, representing the applicant.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the hearing for Items #6 and #8, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #8, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

Acting City Manager Lloyd indicated there were outstanding items for clarity and the petitioner is requesting a continuation for Item #8.

c. Alderman Leggett moved for reconsideration of Item #8, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lloyd recommended continuation to the August 26, 2021 Meeting to allow code enforcement to comply with the outstanding issues. Alderman Leggett recommended code enforcement address petitioner's issues prior to listing items on the agenda. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked for the security plans for each application be attached to the agenda item, prior to Council Meetings.

d. Alderman Leggett moved to postpone/continue Item #8 to the August 26, 2021 City Council Meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine)(By the Package) Alcohol License to Vinaybhai Patel for Eagle Market, a Convenience Store, at 2120 W. Bay St. in District 1. Original License Issued Before Alcohol Overlay District; Time Period for Re-establishing Use Met. No concerns by Police or Neighborhood Association. No Issues with Littering or Loitering. Distance Measurement Met. Existing Business/New Owner

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Eagle Market20210727_16184639.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Eagle Market20210727_16201330.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Report - Eagle Market20210727_16210033.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Eagle Market20210727_16214542.pdf

Exhibit 5: Overlay Map for West Bay Street Area20210805_17274807.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearings for Item #6 through #10.

Speaker(s) present:

- Justin D. Maines, representing applicant – SUPPORTED
- Jason T. Whipple, hired employee – SUPPORTED
- Diedra Lewton, hired employee – SUPPORTED

Written comment(s) received:

- Joann Johnson Polite – OPPOSED
- Lucille Jackson – OPPOSED
- Tonia Miller – OPPOSED
- Jacqueline White – OPPOSED
- Vinay Patel (submitted a petition list) - SUPPORTED

Alderwoman Lanier moved to postpone/continue Item #9 to the September 9, 2021 Meeting, pending a good neighbor agreement, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) and Class A (Wine)(Caterer) Alcohol License and Resolution Providing Zoning Conditions (See Exhibit 6 for Details) to Robert Evangelista for Bellwether House, A New Hotel at 211 E. Gaston St., Between Abercorn and Lincoln St. in District 2. No Concerns by Police or Issues with Littering or Loitering. Distance Measurement Met. (Item Cont'd from 7/22)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Bellwether House.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Bellwether House.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Bellwether House.pdf

Exhibit 4: Zoning Report - Bellwether House.pdf

Exhibit 5: Measurement Report - Bellwether House.pdf

Exhibit 6: Resolution of Zoning Conditions for Bellwhether House.pdf

Exhibit 7: Signed Good Neighborhood Agreement

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearings for Item #6 through #10.

Speaker(s) present:

- Robert Evangelista, applicant – SUPPORTED

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the hearing for Item #10, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #10, conditioned upon a good neighbor agreement, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

ZONING HEARINGS

11. Petition of Phillip R. McCorkle from McCorkle, Johnson & McCoy, LLP (Petitioner) on behalf of Whitaker @ Charlton Lane, LLC (Owner) for a Special Use Permit to have a Restaurant at 348 Whitaker Street (PIN 20032 05001). Aldermanic District 2. File No. 21-002772-ZA.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 348 Whitaker Street

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearings for Items #11, #12, #13 and #14.

Alderman Leggett moved to continue Item #11 to the August 26, 2021 City Council Meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

Speaker(s) present:

- John Northup - OPPOSED

Written comment(s) received:

- Terry & Marlborough Packard – OPPOSED
- Ardis Wood – OPPOSED
- Mary Wegman, Joan Levy, and Dr. & Mrs. Finger – OPPOSED
- Austin Hill – SUPPORTED
- Angus & Leslie Littlejohn – SUPPORTED
- Cheryl Lang – SUPPORTED
- Henry & Heidi Reed – SUPPORTED
- Celia Dunn – SUPPORTED
- Glen Nicotra – SUPPORTED
- Vance Peacock & Darren Bryenton – SUPPORTED

12. Petition of Bob Isaacson (Agent) on behalf of Savannah Core (Owner) to Amend the Zoning Map for 527 E. 39th Street (PIN 20075 05010) from TN-2 (Traditional Neighborhood-2) to East Broad Market Lofts PUD. Aldermanic District 2. (File No. 21-002411-ZA)

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet 21-002411-ZA

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance 20-002411-ZA

Exhibit 3: East Broad Market Lofts PUD Proposed Map

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearings for Items #11, #12, #13 and #14.

Speaker(s):

- Marcus Lotson, MPC representative - MPC staff recommended denial of Items #12 and #13, MPC Board recommended approval for Item #12 and denial for Item #13. Baldwin Park Community Association recommended approval with conditions.
- Bob Isaacson, agent - SUPPORTED

Written comment(s) received:

- Bob Isaacson – SUPPORTED
- Kathryn Dillon – SUPPORTED
- Smith Mathews – SUPPORTED
- Dr. Daniel Chapman – SUPPORTED
- Scott Cleveland – SUPPORTED
- Megan Miller - SUPPORTED

Mr. Lotson, Mayor and Council Members discussed the property's current and future use, affordable housing opportunities, prior redevelopment efforts, area gentrification, community opportunity zone possibilities (not in an opportunity zone per City staff), community benefits, and current ownership of the PUD area.

Council Members had concerns with displacement of current residents and with the petitioner having stakehold in the community.

City staff recommends approving both or denial of both.

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the zoning hearing for Items #12 and #13, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Petition of Bob Isaacson (Agent) on behalf of Savannah Core (Owner) to Amend East Broad Market Lofts PUD to include 527 E. 39th Street (PIN 20075 05010). Aldermanic District 2. (File No. 21-002377-ZA)

Exhibit 1: MPC Report File No. 21-002377-ZA

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance 21-002377-ZA

Exhibit 3: East Broad Market Lofts Proposed PUD Map

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearings for Items #11, #12, #13 and #14.

Speaker(s):

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possibilities (not in an opportunity zone per City staff), community benefits, and current ownership of the PUD area.

Council Members had concerns with displacement of current residents and with the petitioner having stakehold in the community.

City staff recommends approving both or denial of both.

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the zoning hearing for Items #12 and #13, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Petition of Chris Rowland on behalf of Macmillan Properties, Inc. to Rezone a Portion of Ogeechee Road (PIN 20873 01003) from B-C (Business Community) to I-L (Light Industrial). Aldermanic District 1. (File No. 21-001285-ZA)

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for Ogeechee Road (File No. 21-001285-ZA)

Exhibit 2: Final Plat for Lot Recombination (File No. 21-001285-ZA)

Exhibit 3: Parcels 1 and 2

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearings for Items #11, #12, #13 and #14.

Speaker(s):

- Marcus Lotson, MPC representative

a. Alderwoman Lanier moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #14, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was not present.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

15. Petition of Bob Isaacson (Agent) on behalf of Savannah Core (Owner) to Amend the Zoning Map for 527 E. 39th Street (PIN 20075 05010) from TN-2 (Traditional Neighborhood-2) to East Broad Market Lofts PUD. Aldermanic District 2. (File No. 21-002411-ZA)

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet File No. 21-002411-ZA

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance 20-002411-ZA

Exhibit 3: East Broad Market Lofts Proposed PUD Map

a. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Items #15 and #16 with the following conditions: There was no second, the motion was not carried.

- hours of operation from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.;
- no full service kitchen operation; and
- no alcohol sales

Mayor Johnson recommended sending Items #15 and #16 back to MPC for stronger conditions per Council Member's concerns.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recommend staff spend time in due diligence to identify concerns of Council, i.e. affordable housing, opportunity zones, gentrification, etc., prior to placing item on the agenda.

b. Alderman Leggett withdrew the previous motion and moved to send Items #15 and #16 back to MPC for stronger conditions as discussed by Council Members, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely.

Rather than sending Items #15 and #16 back to MPC for stronger conditions, Acting City Manager Lloyd requested time for City staff to coordinate with MPC on revised conditions and then resubmit Items #15 and #16 to Council.

c. Alderman Leggett moved to postpone/continue Items #15 and #16 to the September 9, 2021 City Council Meeting, thereby allowing the Acting City Manager time to coordinate with MPC on revised conditions to be presented to the Mayor and Aldermen/Alderwomen, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was not present.

16. Petition of Bob Isaacson (Agent) on behalf of Savannah Core (Owner) to Amend East Broad Market Lofts PUD to include 527 E. 39th Street (PIN 20075 05010). Aldermanic District 2. (File No. 21-002377-ZA)

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17. Petition of Chris Rowland on behalf of Macmillan Properties, Inc. to Rezone a Portion of Ogeechee Road (PIN 20873 01003) from B-C (Business Community) to I-L (Light Industrial). Aldermanic District 1. (File No. 21-001285-ZA)

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet File No. 21-001285-ZA

Exhibit 2: Final Plat for Lot Recombination File No. 21-001285-ZA

Exhibit 3: Parcels 1 and 2

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #17, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was not present.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

18. Approval to Amend the 2021 Revenue Ordinance, Adopt the 2021 Property Tax Millage Rate, and Adopt the Special Service District Tax Rate for the Water Transportation District

Exhibit 1: 2021 Millage Rate Ordinance.pdf

Mayor Johnson moved Item #18 up on the Agenda, to be heard after Item #5. He gave a complete overview of the proposed 2021 Property Tax Millage Rate and opened the hearing. Speakers were asked to state their name and address for the record:

Speaker(s):

- David J. Tootle (City resident – District 2) – OPPOSED to the proposed millage rate.
- Sara Laine-Moneymaker (not a City resident – County) – OPPOSED to the proposed millage rate.
- Gary Plotycia (City resident – District 2) – OPPOSED to the proposed millage rate.
- Ben Adams (City resident – District 5) – OPPOSED to the proposed millage rate.
- Sarah Thompson (City resident – District 4) – OPPOSED to the proposed millage rate.
- Keith Padgett (City resident- District 6) - OPPOSED to proposed millage rate.

Written comment(s) were received:

- Sara Laine Moneymaker (not a City resident – County) – OPPOSED to proposed millage rate.
- Gene Karl Robinson (not a City resident – County) – OPPOSED to proposed millage rate.
- Sarah Thompson (City resident – District 4) – OPPOSED to proposed millage rate.

At the request of Mayor Johnson, City Attorney Lovett explained the wording as it relates to the millage percentage rate and how millage rates are calculated. The City is maintaining the same millage rate as last year. Mayor Johnson indicated there are steps being taken by GMA for the State to simplify the wording for citizens.

During the work session Alderwoman Miller Blakely requested information regarding the use of the $54 million American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and using the earned interest on the funds for salary increases for City employees. She asked if Acting City Manager Lloyd had retrieved the information related to the $54 million ARPA funds. The City will receive $27,000.00 in interest from half of the funds received from ARPA; however the $27 million must remain in the Georgia State Treasury, Fund 1, for one (1) year prior to the City using the entire interest amount.

Mayor Johnson asked Mr. Lloyd the dollar amount if the City adopted the roll back rate. Mr. Lloyd answered, $1.9 million with no plans in the current budget to meet the $1.9 million shortfall. Mr. Lloyd's recommendation to Council is to adopt and maintain the existing millage rate.

a. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #18, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 6-3-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier voted no.

b. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter offered an amended motion to roll back the millage rate from 12.739 mills to 12.401 mills, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion failed, 3-6-0. Mayor Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Alderman Palumbo and Alderman Purtee voted no.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Office and General Furnishings for the Enmarket Arena with Center Office Systems Inc. (Local) in the Amount of $627,677. Over 1,000 items will be Procured, Including 800 Chairs, 6 Sofas and Loveseats, 130 Tables and other Items that will be Placed Throughout the Arena. Facility will Open in February 2022. Expenditure Included in Project Budget.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes.pdf

Exhibit 3: Arena Office and General Furniture Specs.pdf

Exhibit 4: Fee Sheet.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter requested for any SPLOST funds for the Arena project be identified on the agenda. Alderwoman Lanier requested the purchasing documents be corrected to reflect Center Office Systems, Inc. as the awarded vendor. Acting City Manager Lloyd will comply to both requests.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #19, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed, 6-2-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no, and Alderman Purtee was was not present.

20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Two Electric-Powered Ice Resurfacing Machines for the Enmarket Arena with All Star Arenas in the Amount of $299,999. Equipment will be used to Clean and Properly Maintain the Ice Rink to Ensure Safe Conditions for Skaters. Two Electric Charging Stations are also Included in the Purchase Amount. Expenditure Included in Project Budget.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier shared the information concerning the community benefits/partners from the proposed ice hockey initiative.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #20, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed, 6-2-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no, and Alderman Purtee was was not present.

21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Expansion of Greenwich Cemetery, Located at 330 Greenwich Road, with Sandhill ALS Construction Inc in the Amount of $231,970. Project will Create Space for 1,978 Burial Plots which can be Sold to the General Public, Generating an Estimated $2.2 Million Dollars in Revenue (40% Goes to Cemetery Capital Funds/60% Goes to Perpetual Care Trust).

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes

Alderwoman Miller Blakely had concerns with the Evergreen Cemetery's maintenance. Mayor Johnson indicated Evergreen Cemetery is private but City Attorney Lovett and Mr. Lloyd are working on a solution to the situation. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter suggested the City look for volunteer opportunities for Evergreen Cemetery maintenance; Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz welcomed/asked for organizations and citizens to volunteer for clean-up of Evergreen Cemetery.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to approve Item #21, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was not present.

22. Notification of an Emergency Procurement of Yard Waste Disposal Services with Waste Management of Georgia in the Amount of $135,660. Used to Dispose of Vegetative Material Collected by Sanitation Staff from Sept. 2020 to Mar. 2021. Previous Vendor was Unable to Continue Providing Services Due to a Fire at Its Location. Council Approved a New Service Contract with Daly Organics, LLC in March 2021.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification

Exhibit 2: Notification of Emergency Procurement

Exhibit 3: Purchasing Notes

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked the City to respond to the complaints from residents who are experiencing strong odors. Acting City Manager Lloyd will contact Waste Management related to the odor concerns.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #22, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was not present.

23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Dredging Services, which will be Used to Remove 3,500 Cubic Yards of Alum Sludge from a Pond at the I & D Plant, with C & M Dredging, Inc. in the Amount of $131,250. Sludge is Dried On-site and Transported to the Dean Forest Landfill. Dredging is Required to Meet Georgia Environmental Protection Division Requirements.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification

Exhibit 2: Specifications

Exhibit 3:Purchasing Note

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #23, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was not present.

24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Close-Out Modification for City Hall Third Floor Renovations with Landmark Preservation in the Amount of $38,107. Project Includes Flooring Replacement and Restoration, Window and Ceiling Replacement, Cabinet Installation, and Electrical, Mechanical and Plumbing Upgrades. Modification was for Additional HVAC, Electrical, Mechanical and Plumbing Work

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes.pdf

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #24, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 7-1-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no and Alderman Purtee was not present.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

25. Recommend Approval to Procure Three Replacement Self-Contained Compactors from Reaction Distributing, Inc., $67,467

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #25, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was not present.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

26. Nomination of Mr. Rob Hessler to the Cultural Affairs Commission for a Three-Year Term ending December 31, 2023, as recommended by Alderman Palumbo. There are a total of three (3) vacancies.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to approve Items #26, #27 and #28, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was not present.

27. Consideration to Appoint Ms. Yolandra Shipp (D3) and Ms. Chrissy Flemming (D2) to the Savannah Development and Renewal Authority (SDRA) for Four-Year Terms ending December 31, 2024. This request was made by SDRA member, Hunter Hall, to ensure a quorum for meetings. There are a total of four (4) vacancies.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to approve Items #26, #27 and #28, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was not present.

28. Nomination of Mr. Shane Lawson (District 6) to the Traffic Calming Committee, as recommended by Alderman Purtee for a Three-Year Term ending December 31, 2023.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to approve Items #26, #27 and #28, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was not present.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

29. Approval of a Resolution to Re-Designate the Pennsylvania Avenue, Martin Luther King, Jr./Montgomery Street Enterprise Zones as Qualifying Enterprise Zones Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-88-6 for a Period of Ten Years

Exhibit 1: Re-Designating Enterprise Zones Resolution

Exhibit 2: Enterprise Zone Renewal Data

There were discussions related to the Martin Luther King, Jr./Montgomery Street area being an enterprise zone and the benefits to the community. Acting City Manager Lloyd will provide the enterprise zone information for the specific area and send to Council.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #29, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed, 7-1-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no and Alderman Purtee was not present.

Written comment(s):

- John R. Bennett, SDRA – SUPPORTED

30. Approval of a Resolution to Transfer Title to Property known as 225 Cumming Street to the Land Bank Authority for the Renovation of an Affordable Home

Exhibit 1: 225 Cumming Street Resolution.pdf

Exhibit 2: 225 Cumming Street Letter.pdf

Exhibit 3: 225 Cumming Street Transfer.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier suggested creating policies for landowners to retain their property to create family wealth. Alderwoman Miller Blakley requested a listing of the homes owned by the Land Bank Authority. Mayor Johnson instructed Acting City Manager Lloyd to provide the list of homes owned by The Land Bank Authority for Council.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked how each home was acquired. Mr. Lloyd provided the information for Alderwoman Gibson-Carter. Mayor Johnson and City Attorney Lovett explained in detail how The Land Bank Authority criteria is used in acquiring and renovating/restoring the houses. Attorney Lovett suggested a workshop for The Land Bank Authority to explain the process for Council.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Items #30, #31 and #32, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 7-1-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no and Alderman Purtee was not present.

31. Approval of a Resolution to Transfer Title to Property known as 618 Magazine Avenue to the Land Bank Authority for the Renovation of an Affordable Home

Exhibit 1: 618 Magazine Avenue Resolution.pdf

Exhibit 2: 618 Magazine Avenue Transfer (Heir).pdf

Exhibit 3: 618 Magazine Avenue Transfer (COS).pdf

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Items #30, #31 and #32, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 7-1-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no and Alderman Purtee was not present.

32. Approval of a Resolution to Transfer Title to Property known as 1202 Graydon Street to the Land Bank Authority for the Renovation of an Affordable Home

Exhibit 1: 1202 Graydon Street Resolution.pdf

Exhibit 2: 1202 Graydon Street Letter.pdf

Exhibit 3: 1202 Graydon Street Transfer.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Items #30, #31 and #32, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 7-1-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no and Alderman Purtee was not present.

33. Approval of a Resolution Accepting a $15,000 Donation from Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. into the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund

Exhibit 1: Truist Resolution.pdf

Mayor Johnson moved Items #33 through #37 up on the Agenda, after Items #5 and #18.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Items #33 through #37, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

Speaker(s):

- Anita Smith-Dixon, Community Housing Services Agency, Inc.
- Patton Dugas, Truist Bank (SunTrust and BB&T)

34. Approval of a Resolution Accepting a $7,000 Donation from Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. into the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund

Exhibit 1: Wells Fargo Resolution.pdf

Mayor Johnson moved Items #33 through #37 up on the Agenda, after Items #5 and #18.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Items #33 through #37, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

Speaker(s):

- Anita Smith-Dixon, Community Housing Services Agency, Inc.
- Sheri Butler, Wells Fargo
- Aprill Springfield-Blanco, Wells Fargo

35. Approval of a Resolution Accepting a $20,000 Donation from Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. into the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund

Exhibit 1: United Way Resolution.pdf

Mayor Johnson moved Items #33 through #37 up on the Agenda, after Items #5 and #18.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Items #33 through #37, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

Speaker(s):

- Anita Smith-Dixon, Community Housing Services Agency, Inc.
- Nola Johnson, United Way

36. Approval of a Resolution Accepting a $10,000 Donation from Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. into the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund

Exhibit 1: Georgia Power Resolution.pdf

Mayor Johnson moved Items #33 through #37 up on the Agenda, after Items #5 and #18.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Items #33 through #37, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

Speaker(s):

- Anita Smith-Dixon, Community Housing Services Agency, Inc.
- Swann Seiler, Georgia Power

37. Approval of a Resolution Accepting a $2,000 Donation from Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. into the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund

Exhibit 1: George Bowen Resolution.pdf

Mayor Johnson moved Items #33 through #37 up on the Agenda, after Items #5 and #18.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Items #33 through #37, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

Speaker(s):

- Anita Smith-Dixon, Community Housing Services Agency, Inc.
- George Bowen (unable to attend)

38. Approval of the Mayor's Emergency Declaration Requiring Face Coverings or Masks be Worn in the City of Savannah During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

Exhibit 1: Resolution - July 26, 2021 Emergency Order.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #38, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

AGREEMENTS

39. Approval of an Employment Contract for the City Manager Appointee

Exhibit 1: Employment Agreement-Jay Melder.pdf

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #39, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

40. Approval of a Major Subdivision, The Remaining Portion of Parcel R-1, Eastern Wharf

Exhibit 1: Plat - Eastern Wharf Remaining Portion of Parcel R-1

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #40, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakley voted no.

41. Approval of a Major Subdivision, The Pines at New Hampstead Phase 2, Being a Portion of Parcel 1A

Exhibit 1: Plat - The Pines at New Hampstead Phase 2 Portion of Parcel 1A

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #41, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Alderman Purtee extended thoughts and prayers to Effingham County Sheriff's Department and Port Wentworth Police Department on the loss of officers due to COVID-19. He congratulated Alderman Palumbo on being included in Georgia Southern University's 40 Under 40 Alumni.

Alderwoman Lanier encouraged residents to view the MPC or City web pages to see the meeting times in an effort to let your voices be heard as it relates to the 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely encouraged residents to file for Stephens Day Exemption to lock in your property tax rate. She asked for prayers, her daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter are suffering with COVID-19.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan thanked Rebecca & Anthony Debreeze for partnering with LB4 & After Foundation during the employee appreciation dinner.

Alderman Palumbo congratulated Team Savannah staff on the stormwater management plan which will assist in acquiring federal grant monies for infrastructure. Alderman Palumbo congratulated Alderman Purtee for Georgia Southern University's 40 under 40 Alumni.

Congratulations were given to Heath Lloyd on his first week and first Council Meeting as Acting City Manager.

Mayor Johnson announced a job fair for Unions jobs, Thursday, August 19, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Civic Center. He thanked Council and Team Savannah for hosting the GMA Convention.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

The audio recording of the Council Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the below link in your url:

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AUGUST 26, 2021, 6:30 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:30 p.m., via Zoom video communications. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Palumbo to introduce Pastor Marsha Buford, House of Favor Full Gospel Ministries, who offered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1, Chairman

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

Acting City Manager Health Lloyd

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Due to a National incident involving the deaths and injuries of service members in Afganistan, Mayor Johnson asked residents to lend their thoughts and prayers for those lost, those injured, and their families.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for August 26, 2021

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda as amended to add Items #30 and #31, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of Minutes for the Work Session & City Manager's Briefing held on August 12, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

Agenda Plus_WS DRAFT MINUTES_August 12, 2021 City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on August 12, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Agenda Plus_RM DRAFT MINUTES_August 12, 2021 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

4. Approval of a Class C (Wine)(By the Drink) and Class G (Wine)(Complimentary Service) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Angela King for Presidents Quarter, Inn at 225 E. President, in District 2. No Concerns Noted by Neighborhood Association or Police. No Issues with Littering or Loitering. (Existing Business/New Owner) (Petitioner Requested Continuance to September 9, 2021)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Presidents Quarter Inn.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Presidents Quarter Inn.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Presidents Quarter Inn.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Presidents Quarters Inn.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Presidents Quarter Inn.pdf

Alderman Leggett moved to continue/postpone Item #4 to the September 9, 2021 Meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Kathy Maher for Cafe at City Market, Restaurant at 224 W. Saint Julian Street in City Market Between Barnard and Jefferson Streets in District 2. No Concerns Noted by the Neighborhood Association or Police. No Issues with Littering or Loitering. Distance Measurement Met. (Existing Business/New Owner)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Cafe @ City Market.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Cafe @ City Market.pdf

Exhibit 3: Neighborhood Association Comments - Cafe @ City Market.pdf

Exhibit 4: Alcohol Reports - Cafe @ City Market.pdf

Exhibit 5: Measurement Report - Cafe at City Market.pdf

Exhibit 6: Security Plan - Cafe @ City Market.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearings for Items #5, #6 and #7.

No Speaker(s):

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol public hearings for Items #5, #6 and #7, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #5, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Michael Fekete for Java Burrito, Restaurant at 420 E. Broughton Street Between Price and Habersham Streets in District 2. No Concerns Noted by the Neighborhood Association or Police. No Issues with Littering or Loitering. Distance Measurement Met. (Existing Business/New Owner)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Java Burrito Company.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Java Burrito Company.pdf

Exhibit 3: Neighborhood Association Comments -Java Burrito Company.pdf

Exhibit 4: Alcohol Reports - Java Burrito Company.pdf

Exhibit 5: Measurement Report - Java Burrito Company.pdf

Exhibit 6: Security Plan - Java Burrito Company.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearings for Items #5, #6 and #7.

No Speaker(s):

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol public hearings for Items #5, #6 and #7, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #6, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Charles Aimone for East Bay Inn, Inn at 225 E. Bay Street Between Lincoln and Abercorn Streets in District 2. No Concerns Noted by the Neighborhood Association or Police. No Issues with Littering and Loitering. Distance Measurement Met. (Existing Business/New Request)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - East Bay Inn.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - East Bay Inn.pdf

Exhibit 3: Neighborhood Association Comments - East Bay Inn.pdf

Exhibit 4: Alcohol Reports - East Bay Inn.pdf

Exhibit 5: Measurement Report - East Bay Inn.pdf

Exhibit 6: Security Plan - East Bay Inn.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearings for Items #5, #6 and #7.

No Speaker(s):

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol public hearings for Items #5, #6 and #7, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #7, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

ZONING HEARINGS

8. Petition of Phillip R. McCorkle from McCorkle, Johnson & McCoy, LLP (Petitioner) on Behalf of Whitaker @ Charlton Lane, LLC (Owner) for a Special Use Permit to Have a Restaurant at 348 Whitaker Street (PIN 20032 05001). Aldermanic District 2. File No. 21-002772-ZA.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - 348 Whitaker Street.pdf

Mayor Johnson continued/opened the hearing for Item #8 from the August 12, 2021 Meeting.

Speaker(s) present:

- Marcus Lotson, MPC Representative - explained/described request in detail. MPC recommended denial.
- Robert McCorkle, Applicant Representative
- Erika Snayd, Co-Owner – SUPPORTED
- Ardis Wood – OPPOSED
- Sabrina Nagel – SUPPORTED
- Elissa Habib – OPPOSED
- Colonel Henry Reed – SUPPORTED
- John Northup – OPPOSED
- Mary Ellen Wegman – OPPOSED
- Gale Singer & Jennifer Brayson– SUPPORTED
- Cheryl Lang – SUPPORTED. She was not able to connect/present. Clerk of Council Massey asked Ms. Lang to submit her letter of support to his office for the permanent record of the Mayor and Aldermen/Alderwomen.

Written comment(s) received:

- Erika Snayd – SUPPORTED
- Johno Morisano – SUPPORTED
- Justin O'Neill – SUPPORTED
- Logan Smith Pollak – SUPPORTED
- Staci Donegan – SUPPORTED
- Elizabeth Lytle – SUPPORTED
- Henry & Heidi Reed – SUPPORTED
- Glen Nicotra – SUPPORTED
- Terry Packard - OPPOSED
- Elisa and Hank McCaffrey – OPPOSED
- Joan Levy, Mary Ellen Wegman and Dr. & Mrs. Finger – OPPOSED
- Anne Gantt – SUPPORTED
- Cheryl Lang - SUPPORTED

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the hearing for Item #8, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

Council Members suggested specific language for Special Use Permits as it relates to the definition of a restaurant and a possible moratorium until clarity of restaurant language is formulated by staff. There was extensive discussion on the location and number of table and chairs to be placed outside the establishment by Council.

Alderman Leggett expressed concerns with the neighbors immediately adjacent to the property and unwillingness to sign the Good Neighbor Agreement. He asked Mr. Lotson for the current MPC recommendation (denial). He asked Acting City Manager Lloyd for staff recommendations. Mr. Lloyd recommended approval with the following conditions: limit seating to 20 outside the establishment, hours of operation limited to 10:00 am to 7:00 pm, along with all conditions listed in the Good Neighbor Agreement. Mayor Johnson reported some neighbors did not have an opportunity to view/read the Good Neighbor Agreement. Alderman Leggett stated the majority of neighbors saw the Agreement, but some did not sign because they were not in agreement with some of the conditions as it would change their quality of life. He would like to table Item #8 to allow time for further review of the Good Neighbor Agreement.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked City Attorney Lovett to opine for Council. Attorney Lovett stated Council could move to approve the Special Use Permit contingent upon any conditions and the Good Neighbor Agreement being part of the approval.

b. No action taken. Alderman Leggett moved to continue/postpone Item #8 to the September 9, 2021 Meeting to allow for resolutions between the petitioner and neighbors relating to the conditions in the Good Neighbor Agreement, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

9. Petition of Krishan Gandhi on Behalf of HOS Mgmt. (Property Owner/Petitioner) to Amend Zoning Map for 815 Wheaton St. (PIN 20033 12033) from IL (Light Industrial) to IL-T (Light Industrial-Transition). MPC Recommends Approval w/Conditions, No Bar/Tavern/Nightclub/Substance Recovery/Pawnshop/Check Cashing/Title Pawn/Package Store/Adult-oriented Businesses/Private Club/Lodge (Cont'd from 7/22/2021)

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - 815 Wheaton Street.pdf

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance - 815 Wheaton Street.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the hearing for Item #9.

Speaker(s):

- Marcus Lotson, MPC representative. MPC recommended approval with conditions.
- Applicant was not present.

No hearing conducted.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan would like to know what the petitioner is planning for the site. She would like to know, with the zoning change, what projects are allowed and not allowed on the property. Mayor Johnson suggested continuing the hearing to allow enough time for Council to receive additional information on all possible uses for the property from the petitioner.

No action taken. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to continue/postpone Items #9 and #11 to the September 23, 2021 Meeting to allow for more specific information from the petitioner on project uses, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

10. Zoning of Buckhalter Road (PIN 10948 01001) Owned by Rockingham Farms, LLC from M (Manufacturing) to M-CO (Manufacturing-CO) (File No. 21-004510-ZA)

Exhibit 1: Rockingham Farms #2 - Annexation Petition.pdf

Exhibit 2: Rockingham Farms Subdivision.pdf

Exhibit 3: Development Agreement.pdf

Exhibit 4: Map for Rockingham Farms File No. 21-004510-ZA.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearing for Item #10.

Speaker(s):

- Heath Lloyd, Acting City Manager
- Bridget Lidy, Director of Planning & Urban Design
- Mr. Steve Hall, Landmark 24 Homes

Mayor Johnson asked Acting City Manager Lloyd if the petitioner has lived up to assurances and the City has received funds as agreed. Mr. Lloyd reported the City has received the twenty year bond as agreed for infrastructure. The petitioner is meeting the required DBE requirements as outlined by the City.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz requested to be included in all correspondence and meetings regarding the Rockingham Farms project. She has not received any notifications or information on the progress of the project. In response, Acting City Manager Lloyd assured Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz he would send her all relevant information pertaining to the Rockingham Farms project and will notify her of any meetings or correspondence. Mr. Lloyd will send an updated report to Mayor and Council on the status of the Rockingham Farm project.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked how many DBE companies are working on the project and how many scholarships were given at Savannah Tech and names of the recipients. Mr. Hall indicated the project is still in the early stages and the scholarships will be implemented later, and SEDA as the project manager has the DBE information. Mr. Lloyd informed Alderwoman Miller Blakely of the four DBE companies. She requested Mr. Lloyd to send the Council the DBE information.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #10, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

11. Petition of Krishan Gandhi on Behalf of HOS Mgmt. (Property Owner/Petitioner) to Amend Zoning Map for 815 Wheaton St. (PIN 20033 12033) from IL (Light Industrial) to IL-T (Light Industrial-Transition). MPC Recommends Approval w/Conditions, No Bar/Tavern/Nightclub/Substance Recovery/Pawnshop/Check Cashing/Title Pawn/Package Store/Adult-oriented Businesses/Private Club/Lodge (Cont'd from 7/22/2021)

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - 815 Wheaton Street.pdf

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance - 815 Wheaton Street.pdf

No action taken. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to continue/postpone Items #9 and #11 to the September 23, 2021 Meeting to allow for more specific information from the petitioner on project

uses, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

12. Approval to Annex 20 Acres Located on the Southwest Bypass (Veterans Parkway) near Old Burkhalter Road. The Property will be Developed as Industrial Warehouses

Exhibit 1: Petition - Rockingham Farms

Exhibit 2: Ordinance - Rockingham Farms

Exhibit 3: Development Agreement - Rockingham Farms.pdf

Heard/read. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz read Item #12, first reading only.

13. Zoning of Buckhalter Road (PIN 10948 01001) Owned by Rockingham Farms, LLC from M (Manufacturing) to M-CO (Manufacturing-CO) (File No. 21-004510-ZA)

Heard/read. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz read Item #13, first reading only.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Courtside Seating for the Enmarket Arena with Hussey Seating Company in the Amount of $263,610. Includes 2,500 Portable Folding Chairs that will Match the Color and Fabric of the Arena's Fixed Seating. Chairs will Provide Additional Capacity for Various Events Such as Basketball Games and Concerts. Expenditure Included in Project Budget.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Courtside Seating.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Courtside Seating

Exhibit 3: Picture - Courtside Seating

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #14, #16, #19, #21 and #22, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Two Commercial Washers and Two Dryers for the Enmarket Arena with Stafford Smith, Inc in the Amount of $28,728. The Equipment will be Used to Launder: Team Uniforms, Dining Tablecloths, Napkins, Towels, Industrial Mop Heads, Etc. Expenditure Included in Project Budget.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Washers & Dryers

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Washers & Dryers

Alderwoman Miller Blakely had concerns that no local vendor was used for the equipment. Mayor Johnson and Acting City Manager Lloyd explained there are no local vendors who supply or can acquire the commercial washers and dryers (costing approximately $7,000.00 each).

Alderwomann Lanier moved to approve Item #15, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

16. Notification of an Emergency Purchase of an Electromagnetic Flow Meter Replacement from Calibration Controls and Automation in the Amount of $59,589.42. Equipment will be used by the Water Supply and Treatment Department to Measure Up to 50 Million Gallons per Day of Surface Water Withdrawn from Abercorn Creek and Savannah River.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Meter Replacement

Exhibit 2:Purchasing Notes - Meter Replacement

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #14, #16, #19, #21 and #22, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Medical Care Coordination Services for the City's Healthcare Program from Quantum Health in the Amount of $490,000. This will Provide a Single Point of Contact for Employees, Pre-65 Retirees, and Dependents for Precertification of Medical Care, Patient Advocacy and Education, Physician Coordination, Data Reporting, and Analysis, etc.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Medical Care Coordinator

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes.pdf

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if this will allow employees to administer cardiac arrest emergency treatment. Acting City Manager Lloyd explained, this contract is for medical one-stop facilities for healthcare.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to approve Item #17, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Final Close-Out Modification for the Extension of a Crane Rail Located at the Springfield Canal Pump Station Facility with Southern Civil, LLC in the Amount of $9,600. Project will Extend Crane Rail from 8 to 15 feet to Allow for Removal of Pumps to Perform Maintenance. Modification is Needed to Change the Design of the Support for the Concrete Foundation.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier asked for the number of modifications and if the DBE was local. Acting City Manager Lloyd answered, there was only one contract modification to close out the contract and the DBE was a partnership, one local (S&S Supply, Bull Street), and one non-local.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #18, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

19. Authorize the City Manager to Renew a Contract for Software Subscription for Water Meter Testing with Mars Company in the Amount of $43,510. Software will be used to Test Approximately 80,000 (10% Tested Annually) Small Commercial, Institutional, Industrial, and Residential Water Meters in the City's Water Distribution System.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification

Exhibit 2:Purchasing Notes

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #14, #16, #19, #21 and #22, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Renovation of the Existing Facility at 8 Interchange Court with Johnson-Laux (Local, DBE-owned) in the Amount of $1,247,356. Facility will be Occupied by Fleet Services (City Lot Location). Renovations will Include Flooring, Lighting, Ceiling Tile & HVAC Replacement along with Upgrades for Security Access, Bays and Overhead Doors, etc.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Renovation of Fleet Services

Alderwoman Miller Blakely had concerns the Johnson-Laux employees were not diverse and not a DBE. Acting City Manager Lloyd answered, they are a local DBE (7001 Chatham Center) and have sub-contracted with other local contractors. Mayor Johnson instructed Mr. Lloyd to verify Johnson-Laux is a local vendor and how they qualify as a DBE company, and send the information to Council Members.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #20, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 7-1-1. Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no and Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Trenchless Rehabilitation of a Sixty-Inch Sewer Trunk Main and Two Junction Boxes for the Conveyance of Sewage from Montgomery Crossroads north to the President Street Water Reclamation Plant With Vortex Companies in the Amount of $687,675. Services are Needed to Prevent a Massive Sewage Spill into the Savannah River.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Sewer Trunk Main

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Sewer Trunk Main.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #14, #16, #19, #21 and #22, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Moving Services to Relocate Fifteen City Departments to the Interchange Court Facility (14 Interchange Court) from VIP Office Furniture and Supply, Inc. in the Amount of $174,580.

Exhibit 1- Funding Verification- Interchange Court.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Interchange Court

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #14, #16, #19, #21 and #22, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

23. Approval of Supplemental Amendments to the FY 2021 Budget Resolution to Implement a 3% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)

Exhibit 1: Table - COLA.pdf

Exhibit 2: Resolution - COLA.pdf

Mayor Johnson recommended a 3% cost of living adjustment for employees retroactive to July 1. This was possible due to maintaining the current millage rate.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #23, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

24. Approval of a Resolution to Instruct the City Manager to Work with Other Local Governmental Organizations to Develop an Incentive Based Program to Encourage Vaccinations

Mayor Johnson discussed how the City will work with other local governments to achieve a higher percentage of vaccinated employees. Alderwoman Miller Blakley suggested including language for individuals to take all safety measures with or without the vaccine.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #24, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

AGREEMENTS

25. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Godley Station Enterprises, LLC for Brookline Subdivision Phase One, a Development Consisting of 48 Single Family Homes Located off Highlands Boulevard in the Godley West Service Area.

Exhibit 1: Brookline Subdivision Phase 1.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Items #25 and #26, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

26. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with DGK Real Estate, LLC for Kahn Warehouse a 52,500 sq. ft. facility located at 40 Westgate Boulevard.

Exhibit 1: Kahn Warehouse - 40 Westgate Blvd.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Items #25 and #26, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

27. Approval to Grant Additional Easement to Georgia Power at 13710 Coffee Bluff Road

Exhibit 1: Map and Transmission Line Easement.pdf

Exhibit 2: Easement Documents.pdf

Exhibit 3: Ferguson Avenue.pdf

Exhibit 4: Plan Sheets Ferguson Avenue - Little Ogeechee (Strs 56-65)_Plans.pdf

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #27, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

28. Settlement #1

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney to settle an injury matter involving former employee Mr. Dexter Johnson in the amount of $86,725.33, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

MISCELLANEOUS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

29. Approval of a Resolution Ratifying the Mayor's Emergency Order Requiring that Face Coverings or Masks be Worn in the City of Savannah During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

Exhibit 1: Resolution - Ratification of Mayor's Emergency Order (updated 082621).docx

Exhibit 2: Resolution - Mayor's Renewed Emergency Order.docx

Mayor, Council and Acting City Manager Lloyd discussed in detail the deaths and recent increase in COVID cases in the Savannah area and among City staff. There was consensus to continue the mask mandate and any other precautions by employees and residents to prevent the spread of the virus. The City will close most of the City offices to the public and the community centers will close, effective September 3, 2021.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #30, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present.

30. Added Item: A Resolution Celebrating the Life of Georgia House Representative Mickey Stephens, House District 165

20210824_Representative Edward Stephens.pdf

Moved up on Agenda after Item #3, per Mayor Johnson.

Mayor Johnson expressed condolences on the passing of Georgia State Representative Edward "Mickey" Stephens, District 165. He was a friend to the City of Savannah, championing legislation at the State Capitol on behalf of the City. At the Funeral Mass, Mayor Johnson issued a Resolution to Representative Stephens' family with Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo in attendance.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #30, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

31. Added Item: A Proclamation Recognizing August 26, 2021 as Tammi Celeste Brown Day

Moved up on Agenda after Item #3, per Mayor Johnson.

Mayor Johnson read and presented the Proclamation for Tammi Celeste Brown to her and her mother. Ms. Brown accepted the Proclamation from Mayor Johnson and thanked the Mayor and Council for the opportunity to serve the residents of Chatham County.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked for prayers for the Savannah State Football Team players who have a number of players testing positive for COVID including her grandson, Bubba, who tested positive today; and the producer of her weekly podcast had a family member, who recently passed from COVID-19. Additionally, her husband's brother passed away at Grady Hospital in Atlanta awaiting medical treatment. She encouraged everyone to be safe and avoid COVID, whether you have had the vaccine or not. Sanitize and wear your masks.

Alderwoman Lanier thanked Mr. Lloyd and Alderwoman Miller Blakely for reaching-out and helping with the Baker-Jenks Street Park situation, including the cleanup efforts, materials used, and notating the infrastructure problems that exist there.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:56 p.m.

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SEPTEMBER 9, 2021, 1:30 p.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the Workshop of the City Council was held at 1:30 p.m., via Zoom video communications. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Leggett to offer the invocation.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1, Chairman

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

Acting City Manager Health Lloyd

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Workshop Agenda Items

1. COVID-19 Update

Mayor Johnson introduced Dr. Lawton Davis, Health Director of the Coastal Health District for an update on COVID-19 in the coastal district.

Dr. Davis presented local updates with a Power Point presentation showing the Chatham County data as it relates to age, gender, race, transmission index, hospitalizations, deaths and types of virus. The FDA will meet on September 17th for consideration of a booster vaccine. If and when the booster vaccine is officially released for distribution, Dr. Davis discussed which individuals will be recommended for the booster vaccine and the long-term advantages/effects.

There followed a question and discussion session from Council which involved Dr. Davis' input on regular temper checks and when/how to get the booster vaccine if approved.

Mayor Johnson thanked Dr. Davis for all the shared information and reinforced the City's recent Emergency Order as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Workshop at 2:01 p.m. He further indicated the Regular Meeting will convene at 2:11 p.m.

A video recording of the workshop can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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SEPTEMBER 9, 2021, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:13 p.m., via Zoom video communications. Mayor Johnson recognized Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz to introduce Bishop Dorothy M Tanksley, Senior Pastor of Restoration Praise and Worship Ministries, who offered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1, Chairman

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

Acting City Manager Health Lloyd

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for September 9, 2021.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda as amended to add an appearance of David Singleton, Executive Director of Live Oak Public Libraries in honor of National Literacy Month and Library Card/Account Month, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Johnson welcomed Mr. David Singleton who explained the reasoning and benefits of National Literacy Month. He encouraged citizens to obtain a library card/account during the month by various options including a library card in person or a digital account on line.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan inquired about the possibility of Bookmobiles in the neighborhoods. Mr. Singleton explained, at this time, the cost to maintain and operate Bookmobiles makes it impossible

to reestablish the service. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan offered assistance in pursuing grants for literacy program in an effort to reinstate Bookmobiles back in the communities.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on August 26, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Plus_RM DRAFT MINUTES_August 26, 2021 City Council Regular Meeting (2).pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #2, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

3. A Proclamation Declaring September 12 as Savannah Day

Inspired by an idea from a young person, Mayor Johnson presented and read the Proclamatio outlining the founding of the City of Savannah and declared September 12th annually, as Savannah Day. He encouraged all citizens to show love, enjoy and celebrate this Sunday as Savannah Day.

4. A Proclamation Declaring the Month of September as Buy Local Month in Savannah

Mayor Johnson presented and read the Proclamation. Ms. Courtney Rawlins, President of Buy Local Savannah received the Proclamation, along with other Buy Local representatives Liz Saxton, Kristen Harkleroad, and Tiffany Ringle.

Ms. Rawlins thanked the Mayor and Council on behalf of Buy Local Savannah and it's Board of Directors. Local businesses will find information and can apply for membership by going to www.buylocalsavannah.com to complete an application.

5. A Proclamation Recognizing the 20th Anniversary of Terrorist Attacks on the United States of America on September 11, 2001, and the Men and Women who Lost Their Lives and Those who Fought to Protect Us Since That Day

Presented and read by Mayor Johnson. He offered a moment of silence for those who suffered and lost their lives on September 11, 2001. He asked all citizens to commemorate the day at 8:46 a.m. on Saturday, September 11, 2002 with a moment of silence and all houses of faith to ring their bells twenty consecutive times.

As a Public Service Announcement, Mayor Johnson recognized September as National Suicid Prevention Awareness Month. He encouraged any citizen with suicidal thoughts or if you kno someone suffering with suicidal thoughts to call the suicidal hotline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255).

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

6. Approval of a Class C (Wine)(By the Drink) and Class G (Wine)(Complimentary Service) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Angela King for Presidents Quarter, Inn at 225 E. President, in District 2. No Concerns Noted by Neighborhood Association or Police. No Issues with Littering or Loitering. (Existing Business/New Owner) (Continued from August 26, 2021 Meeting))

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Presidents Quarter Inn.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Presidents Quarter Inn.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Report - President Quarters Inn.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Presidents Quarter Inn.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Presidents Quarter Inn.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol hearing for Items #6, #7, #8 and #9.

No Speaker(s):

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearing for Items #6 and #8, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #6, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine)(By the Package) Alcohol License & Resolution to Vinaybhai Patel for Eagle Market (Convenience Store) at 2120 W. Bay Street, District 1. Original License Issued Before Alcohol Overlay District; Time Period for Re-establishing Use Met. No concerns by Police or Neighborhood Association. No Issues with Littering/Loitering. Distance Measurement Met.(Cont'd from 08/12)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Eagle Market.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Eagle Market.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Report - Eagle Market.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Eagle Market.pdf

Exhibit 5: Overlay Map for West Bay Street Area.pdf

Exhibit 6: Neighborhood Agreement - Eagle Market.pdf

Exhibit 7: Resolution- Eagle Market.pdf

Exhibit 8: Security Plan - Eagle Market.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol hearing for Items #6, #7, #8 and #9.

Speaker(s) present:

- Vinay Patel, applicant – SUPPORTED
- Lucille Jackson, Vice President, Hudson Hill Neighbor Association – SUPPORTED
- Deidra L. – SUPPORTED
- Jason T. Whipple – SUPPORTED
- Joseph Polite – SUPPORTED
- Justin Maines – SUPPORTED

Written comment(s) received by:

- Tonia Miller - SUPPORTED

a. Alderwoman Lanier moved to close the alcohol hearing for Item #7, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #7 as conditioned upon a Good Neighbor Agreement, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License to Robert D. Phillips Jr. for Savannah Gentlemen's Club, a Club at 325 E. Montgomery Cross Roads Between Edgewater Road and Hurst Avenue in Aldermanic District 4. No Concerns by Police or Issues with Littering or Loitering. Distance Measurement Met. (Existing Business/New Owner)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Savannah Gentlemen's Club.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Savannah Gentlemen's Club.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Savannah Gentlemen's Club.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Savannah Gentlemen's Club.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Savannah Gentlemen's Club.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol hearing for Items #6, #7, #8 and #9.

No Speaker(s):

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearing for Items #6 and #8, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #8, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine)(By the Package) Alcohol License to Mrugesh Patel for Marathon, a Convenience Store at 329 E. Montgomery Cross Road, Between Edgewater Road and Hurst Avenue in Aldermanic District 4. No Concerns by Police, Issues with Littering or Loitering. Distance Measurement Met. (Existing Business/New Owner)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Marathon.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Marathon.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Marathon.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Marathon.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Marathon.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol hearing for Items #6, #7, #8 and #9.

No Speaker(s):

a. Alderman Palumbo moved to close the alcohol hearing for Item #9, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #9, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Approval of Class C (Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License to Seshu Kotcherlakota for The Hideaway Cafe, a Cafe at 105 Tibet Avenue, Between Abercorn Street and LaBrea Boulevard in District 6. No Concerns by Police or Issues with Littering or Loitering. Distance Measurement Met. (Existing Business/New Request) (Staff Request Continuance to September 23, 2021)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - The Hideaway Cafe.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - The Hideaway Cafe.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - The Hideaway Cafe.pdf

Exhibit 4: Neighborhood Association Comments - The Hideaway Cafe.pdf

Exhibit 5: Measurement Report - The Hideaway Cafe.pdf

Exhibit 6: Neighborhood Agreement - The Hideaway Cafe.pdf

Exhibit 7: Security Plan - The Hideaway Cafe.pdf

Alderman Purtee moved to continue/postpone Item #10 to the September 23, 2021 City Council Meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

ZONING HEARINGS

11. Petition of Phillip R. McCorkle from McCorkle, Johnson & McCoy, LLP (Petitioner) on Behalf of Whitaker @ Charlton Lane, LLC (Owner) for a Special Use Permit to Have a Restaurant at 348 Whitaker Street (PIN 20032 05001). Aldermanic District 2. File No. 21-002772-ZA (Public Hearing Closed on August 26, 2021) [Continued by Petitioner to September 23, 2021]

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - 348 Whitaker Street.pdf

Exhibit 2: Good Neighborhood Agreement - 348 Whitaker Street.pdf

Mayor Johnson asked if the citizens who were unable to speak at the August 26, 2021 zoning hearing in reference to a Special Use Permit for 348 Whitaker Street were in attendance or present via Zoom for comment. After inquiring, the young lady was not available for comment; however, Clerk of Council Massey indicated her written comment was made part of the permanent record of the previous meeting.

No action taken. Acting City Manager Lloyd stated the petitioner requested to continue Item #11 to the September 23, 2021 Meeting.

Alderman Leggett moved to continue/postpone Item #11 to the September 23, 2021 City Council Meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Petition of Harold Yellin (Agent) on Behalf of Alice Keller (Owner) for a Map Amendment to Rezone Little Neck Road (Parcel ID# 21007 01001 and 21007 01002) from R-A-CO (Residential-Agricultural-County) to PD (Planned Development) MPC Recommends Approval with Condition that the Applicant Enters into an Agreement with Chatham County Regarding Issues Related to Stormwater, Traffic and Canal Access

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - Little Neck Road.pdf

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance - Rezone Little Neck Road.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearing for Item #12.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked if Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz would agree to continue Item #12 to the next Council Meeting to allow time to secure additional information and due diligence on the Little Neck Road impact when/if passed. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz agreed to continue Item #12 but wanted to allow any residents in chambers and via Zoom an opportunity to make comments.

Speaker(s):

- Kerrie Bieber – OPPOSED - read a list of questions. Mayor Johnson requested the list of questions be made a part of the permanent record of the Mayor and Aldermen.
- Diane Brannen – OPPOSED
- Patrick Welsh – OPPOSED
- Commissioner Tanya Milton - OPPOSED
- Travis Burke, representing applicant – SUPPORTED
- Harold Yellin, agent - SUPPORTED

Acting City Manager Lloyd indicated staff has started and continues due diligence on the issue related to stormwater, traffic and canal access in and around Little Neck Road and Little Ogeechee Canal. He stated thirty continuous days would be enough to complete their studies. Mayor Johnson requested Mr. Lloyd to send proof positive to Council and Chatham County information related to the portion of the canal that bisects on Bush Road is definitively the responsibility of Chatham County.

Mayor, Council Members, Mr. Lloyd and Mr. Yellin had open discussions concerning community benefits for the residents, timing of a City Impact Fee Ordinance, current and prior campaign contributions, and the timing for continuing the vote for Item #12.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #12, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

b. No action taken. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to continue/postpone Items #12 and #15 to the October 14, 2021 City Council Meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. Mayor Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Lanier, Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Alderman Palumbo and Alderman Purtee voted yea. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no. The motion passed, 7-2-0.

c. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter amended the motion to delay Items #12 and #15 until the City has established an Impact Fee Ordinance in September 2022, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted yea. Mayor Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier, Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Alderman Palumbo and Alderman Purtee voted no. The motion failed, 1-8-0.

d. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan called for the vote.

e. Alderwoman Miller Blakely amended the motion to continue Items #12 and #15 for sixty (60) days to allow for additional information to consider the needs and concerns of the area residents , seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett voted yea. Mayor Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Alderman Palumbo and Alderman Purtee voted no. The motion failed, 4-5-0.

13. Petition of Nathan Pollard on Behalf of Linda B. Morgan and Charles D. Broome to Amend the Zoning Map for 1103 East 69th Street (PIN 20114 19002) from RSF-6 (Residential Single Family-6) to O-I (Office Institutional) (File No. 21-003122-ZA)

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - 1103 East 69th Street

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance - 1103 East 69th Street

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearing for Item #13.

Speaker(s) present:

- Marcus Lotson, MPC representative - described the project. MPC recommended approval.
- Nathan Pollard - Agent for Petitioner - SUPPORTED

Written comment(s) received:

- Richard Mackin – OPPOSED

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to continue/postpone Items #13 and #16 to the September 23, 2021 City Council Meeting in order to canvas the area for resident input, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Approval to Amend the Zoning Map for 6078 Ogeechee Road (PIN 11029 05004) Owned by F & A of Savannah, LLC from B-N (Neighborhood Business) to B-N-CO (Neighborhood Business-County) to Support Annexation (File No. 21-004509-ZA)

Exhibit 1: Map - 6078 Ogeechee Road

Exhibit 2: Annexation Petition - 6708 Ogeechee Road.pdf

Exhibit 3: Map - 6078 Ogeechee Road

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearing for Item #14.

Speaker(s):

- Heath Lloyd, Acting City Manager - described the property to be annexed from Chatham County into the City, this will bring revenue to the City from a tractor supply store currently existing on the property. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if the owners were affiliated with Thomas & Hutton Engineering. Mr. Lloyd indicated he was not familiar with F & A Savannah, LLC being associated with Thomas & Hutton.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #14, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

15. Petition of Harold Yellin (Agent) on Behalf of Alice Keller (Owner) for a Map Amendment to Rezone Little Neck Road (Parcel ID# 21007 01001 and 21007 01002) from R-A-CO (Residential-Agricultural-County) to PD (Planned Development) MPC Recommends Approval with Condition that the Applicant Enters into an Agreement with Chatham County Regarding Issues Related to Stormwater, Traffic and Canal Access

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - Little Neck Road.pdf

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance - Little Neck Road.pdf

No action taken. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to continue/postpone Items #12 and #15 to the October 14, 2021 City Council Meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. Mayor Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Lanier, Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Alderman Palumbo and Alderman Purtee voted yea. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no. The motion passed, 7-2-0.

16. Petition of Nathan Pollard on Behalf of Linda B. Morgan and Charles D. Broome to Amend the Zoning Map for 1103 East 69th Street (PIN 20114 19002) from RSF-6 (Residential Single Family-6) to O-I (Office Institutional) (File No. 21-003122-ZA)

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - 1103 East 69th Street

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance - 1103 East 69th Street

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to continue/postpone Items #13 and #16 to the September 23, 2021 City Council Meeting in order to canvass the area for resident input, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously.

17. Petition of Bob Isaacson (Agent) on Behalf of Savannah Core (Owner) to Amend the Zoning Map for 527 E. 39th Street (PIN 20075 05010) from TN-2 (Traditional Neighborhood-2) to East Broad Market Lofts PUD. Aldermanic District 2. (File No. 21-002411-ZA)

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - 527 E. 39th Street

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance - 527 E. 39th Street

Exhibit 3: Map - 527 E. 39th Street

Mayor Johnson indicated Items #17 zoning hearing was held on August 12, 2021. He stated the MPC recommended approval.

Alderman Leggett shared a letter from the neighborhood association with Council Members indicating no other type business can exist at this location without submitting a new special use permit for approval before Council. Marcus Lotson, MPC Representative stated MPC is in agreement with Alderman Leggett's conditions for approval as a condition upon the motion today or as a First Reading Only today and the second reading at the next Council Meeting to allow time for MPC to formulate the language for the conditions of the special use permit.

Alderman Leggett requested Item #17 be heard as a First Reading Only.

18. Petition of Bob Isaacson (Agent) on Behalf of Savannah Core (Owner) to Amend East Broad Market Lofts PUD to include 527 E. 39th Street (PIN 20075 05010), Located in Aldermanic District 2. (File No. 21-002377-ZA)

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - 527 E. 39th Street

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance - 527 E. 39th Street

Exhibit 3: Map - 527 E. 39th Street

Exhibit 4: Draft Ordinance PD Revisions as of 09.03.2021 (File No. 21-002377-ZA)

Exhibit 5: Letter - 39th Street .pdf

Alderman Leggett requested Item #18 be heard as a First Reading Only.

19. Approval to Amend Section 8-7046.3.b.i of the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance Entitled "Specific Standards," to Ensure Manufactured Homes' Lowest Horizontal Member is Elevated One-Foot Above FEMA's NFIP Base Flood Elevation (BFE) Plus One Foot Freeboard. The Current Ordinance Allows Manufactured Homes to be Either One Foot Above the BFE or Three Feet Above the Existing Grade.

Exhibit 1: Flood Damage Protection Ordinance - Language Existing.pdf

Exhibit 2: Flood Damage Protection Ordinance - Language Proposed.pdf

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #19, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

20. Approval for the Annexation of 5.019 Acres Located off Ogeechee Road Near Canebrake Road. The Property has been Developed as a Tractor Supply Company Store.

Exhibit 1 - Petition - Tract A-1 Ogeechee Road.pdf

Exhibit 2 - Annexation Ordinance - Tract A-1 Ogeechee Road.pdf

No action taken.

21. Approval to Amend the Zoning Map for 6078 Ogeechee Road (PIN 11029 05004) Owned by F & A of Savannah, LLC from B-N (Neighborhood Business) to B-N-CO (Neighborhood Business-County) to Support Annexation (File No. 21-004509-ZA)

Exhibit 1: Map - 6078 Ogeechee Road

Exhibit 2: Annexation Petition - 6708 Ogeechee Road

Exhibit 3: Map - 6078 Ogeechee Road

Heard/Read for the First Reading only.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

22. Approval for the Annexation of 20.0 Acres Located on the Southwest Bypass (Veterans Parkway) near Old Burkhalter Road. The Property Will be Developed as Industria Warehouses.

Exhibit 1 - Petition - Rockingham Farms.pdf

Exhibit 2 - Ordinance - Rockingham Farms.pdf

Mayor Johnson indicated the developer has signed a payment in lieu of taxes agreement with the City to help pay for the debt service on the bonds issued for the project.

Acting City Manager Lloyd indicated he provided a memo to Council based on requested information. He explained it is a three part agreement with SEDA, Rockingham Farms, LLC and City of Savannah. He attended a meeting with Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Director of Planning & Urban Design Bridget Lidy, and the property owners to discuss this project. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter also attended the meeting via telephone. She indicated some residents have concerns with the project infringing on their quality of life. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked what the payments in lieu of taxes would be. Mr. Lloyd cited examples.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #22, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion was approved, 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

23. Approval to Amend Zoning of Buckhalter Road (PIN 10948 01001) Owned by Rockingham Farms, LLC from M (Manufacturing) to M-CO (Manufacturing-CO) (File No. 21-004510-ZA)

Exhibit 1: Annexation Petition - Rockingham Farm #2.pdf

Exhibit 2: Plat - Rockingham Farms.pdf

Exhibit 3: Development Agreement - Rockingham Farm.pdf

Exhibit 4: Map - Rockingham Farms.pdf

Exhibit 5: Draft Ordinance - Rockingham Farms.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #23, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for 57,000 Sanitation Curbside Calendar Packets with Patriot Precision Printing (Local, SBE) in the Amount of $64,165. Packets Contain a Magnet with the 2022 Sanitation Schedule Highlighting Collection Days for Refuse, Recycling, Yard Waste, and Bulk Items Along with a Letter and Brochure About Services

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Curbside Calendar Packets

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Curbside Calendar Packets

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter has concerns that residents recycling items are not being collected. Acting City Manager Lloyd explained there are some challenges with recycling pick-ups, but the City staff is working to alleviate those hurdles. Mayor Johnson requested a larger print schedule and Mr. Lloyd informed Mayor Johnson the schedule has been enlarged from 5-1/2 "x8-1/2" to 8-1/2"x11" and doorknockers will be finalized within the week.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #24, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Construction of a 10,380 Sq. Ft. Gym with a Full-Size Basketball Court for the New Grant Center (West St. and Barnes Dr.) Along with Conversion of Two Rooms into a Fitness and Weight Room and Window Replacements at Moses Jackson Community Center (1410 Richards St.) to Dabbs-Williams General Contractors, LLC (Local) in the Amount of $3,840,000

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Grant Center Gymnasium

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Grant Center Gymnasium

Exhibit 3: Site Plan - Grant Center Gymnasium

Exhibit 4: Renderings - Grant Center Gymnasium

Alderwoman Lanier thanked the residents of West Savannah for being patience in waiting for the New Grant Center facility. Mayor Johnson indicated SPLOST dollars were used for the project and a listing of SPLOST unused funds will be sent to Council Members. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Acting City Manager Lloyd which SPLOST funds were used for renovations of the Mayor's office. Mr. Lloyd informed Alderwoman Gibson-Carter he did not have the information readily available, but would provide her the information before the end of today's meeting. Mayor Johnson indicated SPLOST V dollars were used for the renovations of City Hall. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated Council Chambers on the second floor and the first floor of City Hall need to be renovated.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #25, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously.

26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Renovation of 2155 West Gwinnett Street, Savannah Fire Support and Code Compliance Building to Johnson-Laux Constructions (7001 Chatham Center Dr., Savannah, GA) (Local-DBE Company) in the Amount of $2,408,855

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Renovation of 2155 W Gwinnett St. Savannah Fire Support and Code Compliance Building

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Renovation of 2155 W Gwinnett St. Savannah Fire Support and Code Compliance Building

Acting City Manager Lloyd confirmed Johnson-Laux Construction was a local DBE.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #26, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

27. Approval to Ratify the Acceptance of Airport Improvement Program Grant Offer No. 3-13-0100-066-2021 from the Federal Aviation Administration for $1,111,111 in Funding

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #27 through #31, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

28. Approval to Ratify the Acceptance of Airport Improvement Program Grant Offer No. 3-13-0100-067-2021 from the Federal Aviation Administration, in the Amount of $6,679,565 in Funding

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #27 through #31, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

29. Approval of a Contract with ECS Southeast, LLP for the Quality Assurance Testing – Air Cargo Apron Project, $40,760

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #27 through #31, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

30. Approval of Amendment Number One to Task Work Order Number Ten for the Navigable Waters Protection Rule Assessment with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. in the Amount of $32,000

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #27 through #31, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

31. Approval of Advertising Placement in the Hilton Head Island and Bluffton Vacation Planners in the Amount of $42,445

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #27 through #31, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

32. Approval of a Resolution to Adopt the 2021 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Floodplain Mitigation Plan and the Repetitive Loss Area Analysis

Exhibit 1: Resolution - FEMA Floodplain Mitigation Plan and Repetitive Loss Area Analysis (RLAA)

Exhibit 2: Savannah Flood Mitigation Plan Update Draft.pdf

Exhibit 3: Savannah RLAA Draft.pdf

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee requested a work session to review and discuss the FEMA Floodplain Mitigation Plan and the Repetitive Loss Area Analysis in more detail before a vote. Mayor Johnson's concerns are, without approval, the City would jeopardize FEMA funding if a major event occurred (hurricane). Acting City Manager Lloyd explained the FEMA Plan is the document the City must submit to receive the 25% discount on flood insurance for the residents. Mr. Lloyd will answer any questions or concerns of Council Members, but stated this is the City's five-year FEMA Plan and there are no substantial changes from the previous Plan. He recommends approval today.

There was consensus with Council Members to have a work session to further discuss the FEMA Floodplain Mitigation Plan.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #32, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. Th motion passed unanimously.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

33. Approval of a 3-Year Lease Agreement in an Amount of $34,000 Per Year for a Facility at 5521 Abercorn Street for the Project DeRenne Relocation Assistance Program (RAP). The RAP will be Chaired by City Staff and Operated by a Committee of City, Federal, State and Local Partners. Office Space is Needed for the RAP so Affected Owners & Tenants can Obtain Information and Resources on the Project.

Exhibit 1: Map - 5521 Abercorn Street.pdf

Exhibit 2: Blue Sky Boulevard Exhibit - Project DeRenne.pdf

Exhibit 3: Map - Project DeRenne.pdf

LL signed Lease - 5521 Abercorn Street.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #33 through #36, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter did not vote.

34. Approval of an Underground Easement to Georgia Power Company on Parcel Identification Numbers (PINs) 20030 08001 & 20030 08005 Stiles Avenue.

Exhibit 1: Agreement - Underground Easement - Stiles Avenue.pdf

Exhibit 2: Map - Underground Easement - Stiles Avenue.pdf

Exhibit 3: Agreement - Underground Easement Stiles Avenue.pdf

Exhibit 4: Agreement - Underground Easement Stile Avenue.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #33 through #36, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter did not vote.

35. Approval of a Ground Lease with the Housing Authority of Savannah to Facilitate Force Main Project.

Exhibit 1: Ground Lease Agreement - Housing Authority.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #33 through #36, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter did not vote.

MISCELLANEOUS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

36. Approval of Supplemental Budget Appropriations

FY 2021 Supplement Budget Appropriation Detail.pdf

Mayor Johnson moved to reconsider Item #36, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

Acting City Manager Lloyd provided a brief overview of the fourth 2021 budget appropriation.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked if the City received the $65 million could those funds have assisted with paying for some of the renovation projects. Mr. Lloyd answered any additional funds received would assist the City in renovations and capital projects.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely questioned pricing of some of the projects. Mr. Lloyd explained some of the renovations in greater detail and the cost associated with the repairs. Mayor Johnson indicated some of the cost of repairs are due to the historical restorations by specific companies that specializ in historical restorations. Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated the $65 million was not approve because they were not willing to give $7.5 million to improvised communities.

Alderwoman Lanier asked if the approved projects will be listed on the agenda for Council's approval. Acting City Manager Lloyd stated each project will be put out for bid and then placed on the agenda with the awarded vendor for Council's approval.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #36, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Mr. Lloyd which SPLOST funds were used for the second floor renovations. He did not identify the funds, but requested additional time.

37. Approval of the Naming of the New City Services Complex Located at 14 Interchange Court to "Floyd Adams, Jr. City Services Complex"

City Services Complex.pdf

Naming Petition Floyd Adams Jr. City Services Complex.pdf

Mayor Johnson briefly described the new complex at Interchange Court and the City departments that will be relocated in the facility.

On the 25th anniversary of Mayor Floyd Adams taking office, Mayor Johnson indicated how the City will honor and remember Mayor Adams. The new complex will be named the "Floyd Adams, Jr. City Services Complex" in memory of and to honor the first African-American Mayor of the City of Savannah. Mayor Adams was a visionary who was dedicated and committed to serving the residents of the City. He championed concerns of the residents such as homelessness, affordable housing, and blight, just to name a few. He was loved and respected by the employees, who still talk about him. He was loved and respected by all and will be remembered as a tireless and dedicated servant of the public.

Mayor Johnson thanked Pastor Marsha Buford and the West Savannah Community Association for yielding when they learned the City planned to name the new complex after Mayor Floyd Adams and withdrew naming a park after him.

Council Members offered praises and accolades to Mayor Adams for his dedicated service to residents and staff of the City of Savannah and joined Mayor Johnson in honoring Mayor Adams by naming the new City complex after the first African-American Mayor in Savannah.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #37, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously.

Acting City Manager Lloyd responded to Alderwoman Gibson-Carter's request for additional information on SPLOST funds. The 3rd floor renovations were done with general fund maintenance of facilities line item. There is $5 million designated/allocated in SPLOST VII for City renovations, ($3 million in the initial SPLOST and $2 million if the SPLOST exceeds the anticipation). Alderwoman Gibson-Carter indicated, this did not answer her questions. She requested information concerning the renovations in the Mayor's office on the 2nd floor.

Mayor Johnson asked Mr. Lloyd to explain for the public the renovations on the 3rd and 2nd floors of City Hall. Mr. Lloyd stated renovations were done on the 3rd floor of City Hall in an effort of move staff to alleviate outside rental/lease expenses. There were modifications on the 2nd floor, painting, carpet, etc. similar to the 3rd floor which were paid from the general fund. Mr. Lloyd agreed to prepare complete information on the renovations and distribute to Council Members. Mayor Johnson asked Mr. Lloyd to include the renovations and moving of staff on the 4th floor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked the Guerry Lumber Company for the gift of reusable water bottles to Mayor and Council on pushing for a more sustainable City.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan spoke to "Free Lunch Baby" and offered to wear tee shirts for "Mother's Against Murdered Sons".

Alderman Leggett congratulated Mr. Jack Patterson on his 90th birthday and Ms. Rue Mack on her 70th birthday. He asked everyone to pray for those Souls who we have loss in the last couple of weeks, especially, Daniel Frazier, Mr. Sidney Johnson, Ms. Elizabeth, Ms. Ben Levy, Ms. Claire T. James, and a host of others. Black Voters Matters will sponsor COVID-19 vaccines outside at 37th & Waters Avenue, It's Amazing, Friday afternoon, September 10th.

Alderwoman Lanier announced starting this weekend, the "Westside Fights Dirty Clean-up Campaign" will have dumpster available for residents to place tires and yard waste.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked all residents to be safe and mask-up. She sends condolences to the family of Ms. Sheila Smalls who lost her battle to COVID.

Mayor and Council thanked Heath Lloyd on his last day as Acting City Manager and congratulated him on receiving his Manager designation credentials from ICMA. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Mayor Johnson when Mr. Lloyd will have a ceremony to have his picture on the wall in City Hall. Mayor Johnson indicated Mr. Lloyd was interim. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter personally thanked Acting City Manager Lloyd for assisting her on several projects.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

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September 13, 2021, 11:30 a.m. - CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINS OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The special called meeting of the City Council was held at 11:36 a.m. via Zoom communication, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Palumbo to offer an invocation.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2
Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman
Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem
Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ABSENT: Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1, Chairman
Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2
Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

OTHERS PRESENT:
City Manager Jay Melder
Deputy City Attorney Jennifer Herman
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Special Meeting Agenda Items

1. Discussion re: Vaccine Incentive Plan

Mayor Johnson welcomed the new City Manager Jay Melder to his first meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen, and explained the overall purpose for the meeting and the vaccine incentive program.

City Manager Melder explained the initiative in further detail, along with the Deputy City Attorney and Mayor Johnson. They responded to questions and comments raised from Council Members.

Mr. Melder indicated he already has the authority needed to implement the Vaccine Incentive Plan, as coordinated with Chatham County Board of Commissioners, Savannah-Chatham County Public School System/Board of Education and CAT (Chatham Area Transit).

Mr. Melder announced there will be a press conference later today at 2 p.m. on the second floor of the Chatham County Legislative Courthouse.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Meeting at 12:06 p.m. (**NO ACTION WAS TAKEN**).

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SEPTEMBER 23, 2021, 4:00 p.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the regular meeting of the City Council was held at 4:02 p.m., via Zoom video communications. Mayor Johnson recognized Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz to offer the invocation.

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

ALSO, PRESENT:
City Manager Joseph A. Melder
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Workshop Agenda Items

1. City Manager's 90-Day Action Plan

Exhibit 1: 90 Day Plan - City Manager Joseph A Melder.pptx

Mayor Johnson welcomed and introduced the new City Manager Jay Melder to Savannah. Mr. Melder thanked Mayor, Council, Clerk of Council and the City Attorney for their support and proceeded to the slide presentation outlining his 90 Day Plan.

Following the presentation, there was a discussion which included questions and answers.

- Hiring a permanent End Gun Violence Director and what happened to the last Director (Alderman Leggett).
- Defining the process and timeline to make appropriations for ARPA funds (Alderman Palumbo).

- Any policy changes and updates to the City's Charter and updating the grievance procedure (Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan).
- Staff sensitivity training in relation to low wealth citizens requests; poverty as it relates to African American homeownership; community benefit strategic approach; problems with drainage and drainage maintenance (Alderwoman Lanier).
- Poverty reduction, neighborhood revitalization and equity across the City (Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz).

2. Presentation of the Savannah Housing Action Plan

Mayor Johnson gave an outline of the Housing Task Force and the importance of having the Task Force to address the housing challenges in Savannah. He introduced Ms. Brynn Grant and Mr. Israel Small, co-chairs of the Savannah Housing Task Force, and Martin Fretty, Housing & Neighborhood Services Director for the presentation on the Housing Savannah Action Plan.

Following the presentation, below are some of, but not all discussion items with input from all participants:

- The Savannah Housing Action Plan dated July 2021, pre-fab housing prices, and implementation of housing initiatives to assist buyers, homeowners and the elderly right now (Alderwoman Miller Blakely).
- Housing affordability, equity/equity component, disparity, livable wages, policies dealing with equity component, displacement of residents due to affordability and including homeless people in discussions (Alderwoman Lanier).
- Quality housing that is energy efficient, multi-family affordable housing, and intensive education on estate planning and wills (Mayor Johnson).
- City allocated $500,000 Task Force funds used (Mayor Johnson identified the $500,000 as funds for Savannah Affordable Housing Fund), and homeless individuals, families and children needing housing now (Alderwoman Gibson-Carter).
- As development moves westward housing cost will increase, the City needs policies to protect current homeowners and renters in development areas, and maintaining the character in historic neighborhoods (Alderwoman Lanier).
- Landlords in rooming houses and compliance issues, City staff may need to pay close attention and interact with the landlords (Alderwoman Gibson-Carter).
- Can the $10 million in the Savannah Housing Fund be used now to assist the elderly, renters and homeowners right now (Alderwoman Miller Blakely).

Mayor Johnson thanked Marty Fretty and the entire Savannah Housing Task Force who worked tirelessly for no payments. He will put the Housing Savannah Action Plan on the agenda in two weeks for Council approval. He is asking for the support of Council Members.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Workshop at 6:01 p.m.

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SEPTEMBER 23, 2021, 6:30 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:30 p.m., via Zoom video communications. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Purtee to introduce Pastor Andre Kicklighter of Mount Herman Baptist Church in Coffee Bluff, who offered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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

ALSO, PRESENT:
City Manager Joseph A. Melder
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for September 23, 2021.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve/adopt the agenda, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion was not carried.

b. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve/adopt the agenda as amended to add the following as presented by Mayor Johnson, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

- Acknowledgement of a perpetual Proclamation designating the City of Savannah as an International City of Peace; and,
- A Resolution honoring the life of employee, Mr. Harold Robinson, Jr.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of Minutes for the Work Session & City Manager's Briefing held on September 9, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - September 9, 2021 City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on September 9, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - September 9, 2021 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of Minutes for the Special Meeting held on September 13, 2021 at 11:30 a.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - September 13, 2021 City Council Special Called Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

5. Appearance by SAFE Shelter Representatives to Receive a Proclamation Designating October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Mayor Johnson read and presented the SAFE Shelter Proclamation to Chairperson of the Board Ms. Toni Marwitz. Ms. Marwitz thanked the City for its support and gave an open invitation to the October 1, 2021, Vigil at the Fountain in Forsyth Park. Mayor Johnson recognized Major Robert Gavin of the Savannah Police Department as a member of the SAFE Shelter Board.

Other Council Members recognized and thanked Ms. Marwitz along with Executive Director Ms. Cheryl Branch and Program Director Doretha Rice, for the outstanding work SAFE Shelter has provided to the residents of Savannah.

Alderwoman Gibson Carter recognized a local ministry, 4 The Jewel N U, providing support for domestic violence victims. 4 The Jewel N U will host their inaugural 'Walk Run As One' on October 2, 2021 at Lake Mayer at 8:30 a.m. Ms. Karen Alston is Founder and CEO of 4 The Jewel N U.

6. A Proclamation Recognizing September 15, 2021 - October 15, 2021 as Hispanic Heritage Month

Exhibit 1: National Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation.docx

Presented by Mayor Johnson, and received by Hola Savannah Task Force members City employee Myriam Baker, Pastor Samuel Rodriguez, Daniela Rodriguez, Alfonso Ribot, Elizabeth Galarza, Iris Sarria, and Daisy Figueroa. The various flags of spanish speaking nations will hang in the City's rotunda during Hispanic Hertiage Month. Members of the Hola Savannah Task Force expressed their gratitude to the Council and the recognition of the hispanic population.

6a. Acknowledgement of Perpetual Proclamation designating the City of Savannah as an International City of Peace.

Read and presented by Mayor Johnson. An International City of Peace banner will hang in the City's rotunda through the end of the month.

6b. A Resolution honoring the life of Mr. Harold Robinson, Jr.

Read and presented by Mayor Johnson.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve and transmit the Resolution to the family of Mr. Harold Robinson, Jr., seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

There was a moment of silence observed for Mr. Robinson.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

7. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License to Seshu Kotcherlakota for The Hideaway Cafe, a Cafe at 105 Tibet Avenue, Between Abercorn Street and LaBrea Boulevard in District 6. No Concerns by Police or Issues with Littering or Loitering. Distance Measurement Met. (Existing Business/New Request) (Continued from September 9, 2021)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - The Hideaway20210825_17242286.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - The Hideaway20210825_17250239.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - The Hideaway Cafe20210923_09060005.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - The Hideaway20210825_17360333.pdf

Exhibit 5: Neighborhood Agreement - The Hideaway20210825_17345644.pdf

Exhibit 6: Security Plan - The Hideaway Cafe20210826_16461965.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearings for Items #7 and #8.

No Speaker(s):

a. Alderman Purtee moved to close the alcohol license hearings for Items #7 and #8, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #7, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Approval of a Class C (Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Margurite Seckman for Superbloom, A Coffee Shop at 2418 Desoto Ave., Between W. 40th St. and W. 41st St. in District 2. No Concerns by Police or Issues with Littering or Loitering, Distance Measurement Met. (Existing Business/New Request)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Superbloom.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map- Superbloom.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports- Superbloom.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report- Superbloom.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Superbloom.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearings for Items #7 and #8.

Speaker(s) present:

- Marguerite Seckman, petitioner - SUPPORT (did not speak)

Written comment(s) received by:

- Marguerite Seckman – provided 15 letters of SUPPORT

a. Alderman Purtee moved to close the alcohol license hearings for Items #7 and #8, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #8, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson Carter voted no.

ZONING HEARINGS

9. Petition of Phillip R. McCorkle from McCorkle, Johnson & McCoy, LLP (Petitioner) on Behalf of Whitaker @ Charlton Lane, LLC (Owner) for a Special Use Permit with Conditions to Have a Restaurant at 348 Whitaker Street (PIN 20032 05001). Aldermanic District 2. File No. 21-002772-ZA (Public Hearing Closed on August 26, 2021) [Continued from September 9, 2021 by Petitioner]

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - 348 Whitaker Street.pdf

Exhibit 2: Good Neighborhood Agreement - 348 Whitaker Street.pdf

Exhibit 3: Signed Good Neighborhood Agreement and Conditions of Special Use Permit 09.17.2021.pdf

Mayor Johnson advised the hearing for Item #9 was closed at the previous meeting, September 9, 2021.

Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #9 as conditioned upon the signed September 17, 2021 Good Neighborhood Agreement and Conditions of Special Use Permit, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Petition of Nathan Pollard on Behalf of Linda B. Morgan and Charles D. Broometo to Amend the Zoning Map with Conditions for 1103 East 69th Street (PIN 20114 19002) from RSF-6 (Residential Single Family-6) to O-I (Office Institutional) (File No. 21-003122-ZA). Aldermanic District 3. (Continued from September 9, 2021)

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendations - 1103 E 69th Street.pdf

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance with Conditions - 1103 E 69th Street.pdf

Exhibit 3: Proposed Conceptual Layout - 1103 E 69th Street.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearing for Item #10.

Speaker(s):

- Marcus Lotson, MPC Representative
- Nathan Pollard, architect representing petitioner – SUPPORT
- Richard Mackin – OPPOSE
- Alderwoman Wilder Bryan would like additional time for due diligence to meet and discuss the petition with the business owners and area residents before Council votes.

Written comment(s):

- Mr. Greg Durkin - SUPPORT

Alderwoman Wilder Bryan moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #10, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderwoman Wilder Bryan requested to postpone/continue Items #10 and #11 to the October 14, 2021 City Council Meeting.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

11. Petition of Nathan Pollard on Behalf of Linda B. Morgan and Charles D. Broometo to Amend the Zoning Map with Conditions for 1103 East 69th Street (PIN 20114 19002) from RSF-6 (Residential Single Family-6) to O-I (Office Institutional) (File No. 21-003122-ZA). Aldermanic District 3. (Public Hearing Held on August 12, 2021 and Item Continued from September 9, 2021)

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendations - 1103 E 69th Street.pdf

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance with Conditions - 1103 E 69th Street.pdf

Exhibit 3: Proposed Conceptual Layout - 1103 E 69th Street.pdf

HEARD Item #11 for First Reading Only, as requested by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

12. Approval for the Annexation of 5.019 Acres Located off Ogeechee Road near Canebrake Road. Property has been Developed as a Tractor Supply Company Store (Opened in July 202)

Exhibit 1 - Petition - Tract A-1 Ogeechee Road

Exhibit 2 - Annexation Ordinance - Tract A-1 Ogeechee Road

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #12 and #13, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Approval to Amend the Zoning Map for 6078 Ogeechee Road (PIN 11029 05004) Owned by F & A of Savannah, LLC from B-N (Neighborhood Business) to B-N-CO (Neighborhood Business-County) to Support Annexation (File No. 21-004509-ZA) (Tractor Supply Company Store; Opened in July 2021)

Exhibit 1: Map - 6078 Ogeechee Road

Exhibit 2: Annexation Petition - 6708 Ogeechee Road.pdf

Exhibit 3: Map - 6078 Ogeechee Road

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #12 and #13, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Petition of Bob Isaacson (Agent) on Behalf of Savannah Core (Owner) to Amend the Zoning Map for 527 E. 39th Street (PIN 20075 05010) from TN-2 (Traditional Neighborhood-2) to East Broad Market Lofts Planned Unit Development (PUD). Aldermanic District 2. (File No. 21-002411-ZA)

Exhibit 1 MPC Recommendations - 527 E 39th Street.pdf

Exhibit 2 Draft-Ordinance - 527 E 39th Street.pdf

Exhibit 3 Map - 527 E 39th Street.pdf

Alderman Leggett moved to approve Items #14 and #15, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Petition of Bob Isaacson (Agent) on Behalf of Savannah Core (Owner) to Amend East Broad Market Lofts Planned Unit Development (PUD) to Include 527 E. 39th Street (PIN 20075 05010) with a Special Use Permit Condition for All Uses Except Residential. Located in Aldermanic District 2. (File No. 21-002377-ZA)

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendations - 527 E 39th Street.pdf

Exhibit 2: Map - 527 E 39th Street.pdf

Exhibit 3: Baldwin Park Letter - 527 E 39th Street.pdf

Exhibit 4: Draft PD Ordinance Revised as of 09.17.2021

Alderman Leggett moved to approve Items #14 and #15, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Consulting Services for an Impact Fee Program with Ross + Associates in the Amount of $92,800. Services will Include: Preparation of an Impact Fee Methodology Report, Capital Improvements Element, Final Impact Fee Schedule and Ordinance for Council Approval, Assistance with Program Implementation, etc. (Approx. 10 Months)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Impact Fees

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Impact Fees

Exhibit 3: Proposal Letter - Impact Fees

Exhibit 4: Scope of Work - Impact Fees

Exhibit 5: Statement of Qualifications - Impact Fees

Exhibit 6: Example of an Impact Fee Schedule - Impact Fees

Exhibit 7: Development Impact Fees Executive Summary Memo 07.16.2021 - Impact Fees

Exhibit 8: Henry County Matrix - Impact Fees

Exhibit 9: Ross Proposal - Impact Fees

Exhibit 10: Henry County RFP - Impact Fees

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #16 through #21, and Items #23 through #26, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson Carter and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

17. Notification of an Emergency Procurement for the Repair of a Fire Truck with Williams Fire Apparatus in the Amount of $41,663. Fire Pumper Unit # 4518 Incurred Extensive Damage Due to an Accident. To Avoid Service Disruption, Immediate Repair is Necessary.

Exhibit 1- Funding Verification - Fire Pumper

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #16 through #21, and Items #23 through #26, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson Carter and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Fuel Monitoring System with MECO of Savannah, Inc. (Local) in the Amount of $38,157. System will Serve Approx. 38 Heavy-Duty Diesel Vehicles Dispatching from the Interim Sanitation Headquarters at 1809 West Highway 80. Facility will be Used by Various Departments During the Design and Construction of the Permanent Facility on Dean Forest Road.

Exhibit 1- Funding Verification - Fuel Master

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Fuel Master

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #16 through #21, and Items #23 through #26,

seconded by Alderwoman Gibson Carter and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

19. Authorize the City Manager to Issue a Payment to S2K Consulting in the Amount of $75,569.93 for Completion of an Organization-wide Telecom Audit. Company Performed a Comprehensive Audit of the City's Telecommunications Billing Structure to Identify Services No Longer Needed. An Estimated Annual Savings of $203,350 was Identified.

Exhibit 1- Funding Verification - Audit of Telecom Bills

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #16 through #21, and Items #23 through #26, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson Carter and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Other Post Employee Benefits with United Healthcare in the Amount of $1,379,297. Contract will be Used by the Human Resources Department to Provide Group Medicare Advantage Plan with Part D Coverage for Retirees (65 and Older) and Spouses Who are Medicare Primary. Annual Cost is for Approximately 775 Covered Individuals.

Exhibit 1- Funding Verification - Other Post Employee Benefits

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Other Post Employee Benefits

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #16 through #21, and Items #23 through #26, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson Carter and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for East Bay Street Stair Repairs with E & D Contracting Services, Inc. (Local,DBE) in the Amount of $65,540. Contract will be Used to Repair Factors Walk Wall Stairwell Near 316 East Bay Street in Emmet Park. Stairwell has been Closed to the Public Since February 2020.

Exhibit 1- Funding Verification - Factors Walk Stairwell

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Summary - .Factors Walk Stairwell

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #16 through #21, and Items #23 through #26, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson Carter and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for Grounds Maintenance for Public Rights of Way with Samjay Services (Local) in the Amount of $85,000. Contract is Used to Maintain Grounds on Approximately 70 Miles of Medians and Street Rights of Ways (i.e. Abercorn St., White Bluff Rd., Middleground Rd., W. Bay Street, Derenne Avenue and Ogeechee Road).

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes

Alderwoman Lanier has concerns with levels of maintenance in different areas of the City and would like to see a more equitable manner of carrying out maintenance throughout the City.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely wanted the citizens to know that Samjay Services is a local DBE and does exceptional work. Mayor Johnson and City Manager Melder verified that Samjay Services is not a DBE but is a local vendor.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #22, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Installation of the Foundation and Substructure along with the Assembly of the Pedestrian Bridge at the Enmarket Arena with Johnson-Laux (Local, DBE) in the Amount of $749,931. The Enmarket Arena is Expected to Open in 2022. (Cost Included in Project Budget, SPLOST VI Funds)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Arena Pedestrian Bridge

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Arena Pedestrian Bridge

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #16 through #21, and Items #23 through #26, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson Carter and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of Two Electric Forklifts & Charging Stations (Internal Use) at the Enmarket Arena with Thompson Lift Truck in the Amount of $70,188. Equipment will be Used for Heavy Equipment and Materials. Due to Supply Chain Shortages, Expediting Purchase will Ensure Equipment is in Place for Arena Opening. (Cost Included in Project Budget)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Arena Forklifts

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Arena Forklifts

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #16 through #21, and Items #23 through #26, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson Carter and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Removal of Diesel and Gasoline Fuel Pumps and Tanks (Including Potential Remediation) at the Old City Lot with Central Industries, Inc. in an Amount not to Exceed $80,000. Equipment is no Longer Needed at this Location Since Departments Have Relocated Operations to the New Floyd Adams Jr. Complex. (Cost Included in Project Budget)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Notes - Removal of Fuel Tank

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #16 through #21, and Items #23 through #26, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson Carter and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for The Purchase and Installation of a Portable Basketball Floor System at the New Enmarket Arena with Connor Sports in the Amount of $165,612. (Cost Included in Project Budget)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Arena Basketball Flooring

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Arena Basketball Flooring

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #16 through #21, and Items #23 through #26, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson Carter and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

27. Appointment of City Manager Jay Melder to Serve on the Following Boards in his Official Capacity: Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC); Pension Board; Visit Savannah; and Savannah Resource Recovery Development Authority.

Board Positions for Mayor and Alderman_20210923.pdf

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to approve Item #27, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The Motion passed unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

28. Settlement #1

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney to settle a Worker's Compensation claim/matter of John "Corey" Polite, a former employee, in the amount of $40,000.00, Alderwoman Miller Blakely seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Johnson issued the City's sincere condolences on the passing of former Georgia State Representative Anne Mueller who was 91 years old. Alderman Purtee offered prayers and condolences to her family in recognition of her service on the Southside, where her legacy will live on. The Forest River Bridge is named in her honor.

Alderman Leggett offered condolences on behalf of City Council to Sara Williams, a member of the Clerk of Council's office, and her family who lost her mother in the last couple of days. She also lost her father recently. Mayor Johnson asked the Clerk of Council to extend condolences on behalf of the City Council.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely offered condolences to the family of Sheila Smalls. She thanked the City Manager for meeting with them to discuss the agenda prior to the meeting.

Alderwoman Lanier advised the public of activities they will see around the Arena. Work will begin on the bridge which is going to connect to the parking lot, and it will extend across the Springfield Canal. Also, on today's agenda was a purchase of two forklifts which will extend the City's work and movement toward a clean, green, carbon-neutral and sustainable energy. Lastly, clearing and burning of trees for parking will be happening, so do not be alarmed. The Fire Department will be managing it.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan stated they are still doing free vaccinations on the corner of Pennsylvania and Gwinnett. She encouraged employees from the City, CAT and the Board of Education to go, since there was still about thirty more minutes left today. She advised she is wearing a shirt due to an incident which happened on May 5, 2017 involving Clarence Fleming and Desmond Lanier who were ambushed and shot down in the third district. This is a cold case, so she encouraged anyone who may have information or have seen something to say something.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz announced a continuation of events on Saturday, October 30th and Sunday, October 31st, with Ms. Shameka Simmons. The 5th District is having a Fall Festival on Sunday in the parking lot of End Time Commission Church across the street from the Liberty City Community Center, and a call-to-action to cleanup the Fifth District on Saturday. She asked everyone to save-the-date since more information will be coming in October, but there will be vaccinations, flu-shots, get-out-the-vote activities, environmental justice information, and activities for young people through the Fire and Police departments, as well as "Trunk-or-Treat."

Alderman Purtee announced, in conjunction with Alderman Palumbo, they will be hosting a joint Town Hall meeting on September 30th at 6:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. via Zoom. Also, on September 24th they will both be honored by Georgia Southern University for the 40 Under 40 award and celebration.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely announced the vigil for SAFE Shelter is on October 1st but is there a time. Mayor Johnson replied at 6:00 p.m. by the fountain at Forsyth Park. She reminded citizens of an upcoming election for House Seat 165. If they are not registered to vote, she asked them to go to the Voter Registration office on Eisenhower Drive to avoid any issues. Get registered and make sure you vote. COVID is real, make sure you protect yourself, sanitize, social distance and wear your mask.

Mayor Johnson asked everyone to get vaccinated. He asked to lift-up the names of Angela Sistrunk and Dr. Frederico Foster, educators who passed away due to COVID. Ms. Sistrunk came out of retirement to help out and Mr. Foster was a 40-year-old, band director.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

The audio recording of the Council Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the below link in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: 10/14/2021

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OCTOBER 14, 2021, 12:00 noon - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the regular meeting of the City Council was held at 12:00 p.m., via Zoom video communications. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan to offer the invocation.

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

ALSO, PRESENT:
City Manager Joseph A. Melder
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Workshop Agenda Items

1. Fairgrounds Development Project Update

Exhibit 1: Fairgrounds Workshop FINAL.pdf

Mayor Johnson thanked prior Acting City Managers Patrick Monahan, Michael Brown and Heath Lloyd for the diligent work on the Fairgounds Development Project and thanked City Manager Melder in advance for continuing the work on the Fairgrounds Development Project to its completion. He indicated there will be a decision within the next couple of weeks based on a variety of factors which City Manager Jay Melder will go into detail and discuss. Mayor Johnson introduced Mr. Melder.

City Manager Melder presented a PowerPoint presentation giving detailed information on updates to the Fairgrounds Development Project. He anticipates a recommendation will be ready for Council at

the next regular Council Meeting, October 28, 2021. Mr. Melder will send copies of the presentation to Council Members and Clerk of Council.

Mayor Johnson thanked City Manager Melder for the informational presentation. Following the presentation there was a question and discussion session from Council Members.

- Of the three (3) final proposals, will the City Manager give final recommendations for Council's decision (Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan).
- When was the property zoned for wetlands and conservatory purposes. Before or after the purchase (Alderwoman Miller Blakely).
- Thank you for the presentation. Council is ready to move forward with the Project (Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz).
- Thank you for being the last City Manager to work on the Project. Congratulations to the 5th District and the surrounding communities who will benefit from the Project. Thank you for reaching out to the 5th District Coalition and listening to their opinions (Alderwoman Gibson-Carter).
- This proposal was a hybrid and different than the traditional, taking into consideration the community benefit approach. With respects to the 'RFP" parameters, how will the community benefit and community input portions weigh-in the final proposal recommendation (Alderwoman Lanier).

Mayor Johnson reiterated Council's commitment in early January 2020 to complete this project. Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the project will be completed as Council wanted. He thanked City Manager Melder, Patrick Monahan, Michael Brown and Heath Lloyd for working with Council and staff to bring the project to completion.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Workshop at 12:30 p.m.

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: 10/28/2021

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OCTOBER 14, 2021, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:00 p.m., via Zoom video communications. Mayor Johnson introduced Senior Pastor Da'Henri R. Thurmond Sr. of St. Paul Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church, who offered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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

ALSO, PRESENT:
City Manager Joseph A. Melder
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for October 14, 2021.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of Minutes for the Work Session & City Manager's Briefing held on September 23, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Minutes - September 23, 2021 City Council Worksop.pdf

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on September 23, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Minutes - September 23, 2021 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

4. Amend the 2021 City Council Regular Meeting Schedule to Accommodate the November and December Holidays: Thereby Changing the November 11 Meeting to Tuesday, November 9 at 2:00 p.m.; Changing the November 25 Meeting to Tuesday, November 23 at 2:00 p.m.; and Changing the December 23 Meeting to Tuesday, December 21 at 2:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Revised 2021 Meeting Schedule.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #4, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

5. A Proclamation Recognizing St. Paul CME's 150th Church Anniversary. The Church is located at 1601 Barnard Street.

READ into the record and PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to Senior Pastor Da'Henri R. Thurmond, Sr.

Pastor Thurmond thanked the Mayor and Aldermen/Alderwomen for the Proclamation recognizing St. Paul CME's 150th Church Anniversary. Members of Council along with the Mayor thanked Pastor Thurmond for his leadership and the Church's outstanding service to Savannah residents (Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz).

6. An Appearance by Savannah State University President, Kimberly Ballard-Washington, Student Government Association President, Dhruvi Shah, Mister Savannah State, Christian Hill, and Miss Savannah State Ottoria Foremen to Recognize Homecoming 2021

Item #6 was heard following Item #7.

READ into the record and PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to Savannah State University President Kimberly Ballard-Washington, Student Government Association (SGA) President Dhruvi Shah, Vice President Anastasia Stephens, Miss Savannah State University Ottoria Foremen, Mr. Savannah State University Christian Hill, and Homecoming Committee Chair Mr. Moncello Stewart and Co-Chair Ms. Trenace Johnson.

On behalf of staff, students and faculty President Ballard-Washington thanked the Mayor, Aldermen/Alderwomen and the residents of Savannah for their support of Savannah State University and she welcomed all to celebrate Homecoming weekend.

7. A Proclamation Recognizing October 11, 2021, and Every Succeeding 2nd Monday of October Thereafter as Indigenous Peoples Day in Savannah, GA

Item #7 was heard following Agenda Item #46.

READ into the record by Mayor Johnson.

Alderman Palumbo welcomed Indigenous Peoples Day in Savannah. As a proud Italian American, in the future, he recommends not having a Proclamation honoring one nation of people over another. Each nation of people should have their own day/month to honoring their heritage. Columbus Day has great significance to him and in the future he would like October as the month to honor Italian Americans or choose another day to honor Columbus.

Mayor Johnson stated, across the nation, President Joe Biden has declared October 11, 2021 as Indigenous Peoples Day.

City Manager Jay Melder reported the Savannah Fire Department received reaccreditation status with the The Commission On Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) for meeting the criteria established through CFAI's voluntary self assessment and accreditation program. There are only 11? fire departments with both ISO Class 1 status and CFAI accreditation in the nation. Savannah Fir Department ranks in the top .04% of the nations 29,705 fire departments. Congratulations to Chie Minard and the entire Fire Department in Savannah.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

8. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License to Arthur Rudy Gaskin for Frosty Frog Express, a Bar/Lounge at 224 W. Factors Walk, Between Barnard St. Ramp and Montgomery St. in Aldermanic District 2. No concerns noted by the neighborhood association or the Savannah Police Department. The applicant plans to operate a bar/lounge. (New Owner/New Location)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Frosty Frog Express.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Frosty Frog Express.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Frosty Frog Express.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Frosty Frog Express.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Frosty Frog Express.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol hearings for Items #8, #9, #10, #11, #12 and #13.

No speaker(s) present.

a. Mayor Johnson closed the alcohol hearing for Item #8.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #8, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Donald McGraw for McGraws, A Restaurant at 14 N. Abercorn St. Ramp, Between E. River St. and E. Bay St. in Aldermanic District 2. No concerns noted by the neighborhood association or the Savannah Police Department. Distance Measurement Met. (New Owner/ Request)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - McGraw's.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - McGraw's.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - McGraw's.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - McGraw's.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - McGraw's.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol hearings for Items #8, #9, #10, #11, #12 and #13.

No speaker(s) present.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #9, #11, #12 and #13, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #9, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Mary Githens for Mint to be Mojito Bar & Bites, A Restaurant at 12 W. State St., Between Whitaker St. and Bull St. in Aldermanic District 2. No concerns noted by the neighborhood association or the Savannah Police Department. (Existing Business/New Owner)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Mint To Be Mojito Bar and Bites.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Mint To Be Mojito Bar and Bites.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Mint To Be Mojito Bar and Bites.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Mint To Be Mojito Bar and Bites.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Mint To Be Mojito Bar and Bites.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol hearings for Items #8, #9, #10, #11, #12 and #13.

***Speaker(s) present*:**

- Mary Githens – applicant (Owner)
- Quentin Marlin – representing applicant
- Ian Phillips – applicant's employee (Manager)

a. Mayor Johnson closed the alcohol hearing for #10.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #10, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Approval of a Class E (Wine)(By the Package) Alcohol License to Carol Sellers for Salt Table, A Package Store at 190 W. Bryan St., Between Barnard St. and Whitaker St. in District 2. No concerns noted by the neighborhood association or the Savannah Police Department. Distance measurement met. (New Location/Existing Owner)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - The Salt Table.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - The Salt Table.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - The Salt Table.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report- The Salt Table.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - The Salt Table.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol hearings for Items #8, #9, #10, #11, #12 and #13.

No speaker(s) present.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #9, #11, #12 and #13, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #11, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Approval of a Class C (Beer)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Edilma A. Martin Lopez for LaFonda, a Restaurant at 310 E. Montgomery Cross Roads, Between Bruce Ave. and Aegean Ave.in District 4. No concerns by the Savannah Police Department or issues with littering or loitering. No active neighborhood association in the area. Distance measurement met. (New Owner/New Location)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - La Fonda.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - La Fonda.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - La Fonda.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - La Fonda.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - La Fonda.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol hearings for Items #8, #9, #10, #11, #12 and #13.

No speaker(s) present.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #9, #11, #12 and #13, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #12, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine)(By the Package) Alcohol License to Dharmeshkumar Patel for Frank's Corner, a Convenience Store at 3701 Bull St., Between West 54th St. and West 55th St in Aldermanic District 5. No concerns noted by the neighborhood association or the Savannah Police Department. Distance measurement met. (Existing Business/New Owner)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Frank's Corner.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Frank's Corner.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Frank's Corner.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Frank's Corner.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Frank's Corner.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol hearings for Items #8, #9, #10, #11, #12 and #13.

No speaker(s) present.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated the Council has previously denied an alcohol license for a similar business in the same District with an alcohol moratorium. Mayor Johnson indicated this applicant is not located in the alcohol overlay district. They are an existing business with a new owner. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz indicated the application was presented to the neighborhood association with no concerns. The pizza business questioned by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter is located near 60th Street on Montgomery in the alcohol overlay district.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #9, #11, #12 and #13, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #13, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

ZONING HEARINGS

14. Petition of Dana Braun (Agent) on Behalf of 42/43 LLC (Owner) for a Special Use Permit to Allow Alcohol Sales by the Drink in Association with a Restaurant at 9 W. 43rd Street (PIN 20074 24002) in the Starland Area, Aldermanic District 2. (File No. 21-002668-ZA). MPC Recommends Approval w/Condition [Hours 7am to 10pm; permit is non-transferrable]

Exhibit 1: Map of Surrounding Alcoholic Beverage License Establishments - 9 West 43rd Street

Exhibit 2: MPC Recommendation Packet - 9 West 43rd Street

Exhibit 3: Map - 9 West 43rd Street

MPC recommended approval with the condition, the permit is non-transferrable and hours of operation are 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Speaker(s) present:

- Marcus Lotson, MPC Representative
- Dana Braun, representing applicant
- Anne Smith, architect
- Maria Laprea, applicant

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #14, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #14 conditioned upon the hours of operation being 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and the permit being non-transferable, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Petition of Jeremy Hammonds for Underdog Brewing on Behalf of J. Scott Vaughn for a Special Use Permit to Operate a Microbrewery at 120 E. 42nd Street (PIN 20074 10009)(PIN 20074 24002) in the Starland Area, Aldermanic District 2. (File No. 21-004011-ZA). Condition that permit is non-transferrable.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - 120 E. 42nd Street

Exhibit 2: Map of Alcohol Establishments - 120 E. 42nd Street

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearing for Item #15.

Speaker(s) present:

- Marcus Lotson, MPC Representative
- Jeremy Hammonds, applicant (brewery expert)
- Terry Bailey, representing applicant

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked the applicant the difference between a craft and micro brewery. The Applicant and his representative Mr. Bailey answered her questions.

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #15, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #15 conditioned upon the permit being non-transferable, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

16. Zoning of 6098 Ogeechee Road (PIN 11029 05014) Owned by Thankful Baptist Church, Inc. from RA (Residential Agriculture) to RA-CO (Residential Agriculture-County) to Support Annexation (File No. 21-005068-ZA)

Exhibit 1: Annexation Petition - 6098 Ogeechee Road

Exhibit 2: Map - 6098 Ogeechee Road

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance - 6908 Ogeechee Road

Mayor Johnson opened the hearing for Item #16.

Speaker(s) present:

- Bridget Lidy, Planning & Urban Design Director

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #16, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

17. Petition of Harold Yellin (Agent) on Behalf of Alice Keller (Owner) for a Map Amendment to Rezone Little Neck Road (Parcel ID# 21007 01001 and 21007 01002) from R-A-CO (Residential-Agricultural-County) to PD (Planned Development). File No. 20-005235-ZA. (Hopeton Landing Master Plan)

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - Little Neck Road (Hopeton Landing)

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance - Rezone Little Neck Road - (Hopeton Landing)

Exhibit 3: Master Plan - Hopeton Landing

Exhibit 4: Water and Sewer Agreement - Hopeton Landing

Exhibit 5: Traffic Analysis - Hopeton Landing

Exhibit 6: Stormwater Management Strategy - Hopeton Landing

Exhibit 7: Memo to City Council dated September 7, 2021 - Hopeton Landing

Exhibit 8: Community Questions dated October 1, 2021 - Hopeton Landing

Questions were asked of staff that have been addressed and/or answered.

Speaker(s) present:

- Bridget Lidy, Planning & Urban Design Director
- Travis Burke, Engineer representing applicant
- Harold Yellin, representing applicant - explained in great detail the applicant's project and plans for the site including all background leading up to current actions.

Alderwoman Lanier asked Mr. Yellin the price point of single family homes on the proposed site. (Unknown at this time as no developer is secured at this time. There will be smaller lots and greater density which means more affordable).

Alderman Purtee asked Mr. Yellin if approved or not approved, will the property be developed and how will the environmental issues previously discussed be addressed. (Property can be developed now through Chatham County Ordinance but the lots and price point would be increased. Mr. Burke discussed/explained how all environmental concerns will be addressed). Alderman Purtee asked will the City approve each phase of the development separately. (Mayor Johnson answered, each phase of the development will come before Council for approval).

If approved today, Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the City could collect impact fees from the development? (City Manager Melder answered yes. If the City approves an Impact Fee Ordinance it will be applied at the time of the building permits). Traffic surrounding the proposed site has increased, Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked how and when the traffic concerns of residents will be addressed. (Mr. Burke answered, when the current traffic construction on I-16 and I-95 is completed, the flow of traffic will return to normal. Forseeing the future developments, Chatham County has commissioned designs to alleviate the proposed increase in traffic for new development areas).

Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated she has met with the residents surrounding the development site and they are totally against the development as it will be a negative impact on their quality of life. Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated the agenda includes a traffic study not a traffic plan. She will be voting against the request.

Alderwoman Lanier questioned what kind of development the residents wanted on the site, will there be community benefit agreements for the area and is there a traffic plan? (Mr. Yellin answered yes to all of the above, adding Little Neck Road will be widened to accommodate the increased traffic).

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter confirmed Mr. Yellin met with the West Chatham Community on September 3rd via Zoom and the community was satisfied with all responses. She asked if the ground radar study was completed. (City Manager Melder answered, a ground study was delivered

today due to an open records request to Chatham County). She expressed concerns for this community being underserved and as such, she will not support this request.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan expressed concern for Members wanting the City to collect impact fees but not voting for developments. Mr. Melder stated the impact fee ordinance study is moving forward and he will give Council updated information. Mayor Johnson stated, each development plan meets the current requirements of the rules and ordinances in place.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked Mr. Melder to quote the amounts the City would receive from impact fees for this development. Full build-out tax revenue generated annually will be $805,863. Each phase amount will need to be re-calculated at time of build out. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz stated she will be voting no on the map amendment to rezone Little Neck Road. If the Item is approved, she will work with staff, City Manager and Chatham County on an Intergovernmenta' Agreement (IGA) to address issues associated with Little Neck Road and revise the current IGA t include canal maintenance.

Written comments received:

- Joseph Darieng – OPPOSED
- Diane B. Brannen – OPPOSED
- Damon Mullis – OPPOSED
- Ben Darieng – OPPOSED
- Joni Darieng – OPPOSED
- Kerrie Bieber – OPPOSED
- Mike Mayhew - OPPOSED

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

18. Petition of Harold Yellin (Agent) on Behalf of Alice Keller (Owner) for a Map Amendment to Rezone Little Neck Road (Parcel ID# 21007 01001 and 21007 01002) from R-A-CO (Residential-Agricultural-County) to PD (Planned Development), (Hopeton Landing Master Plan) File No. 20-005235-ZA.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - Little Neck Road (Hopeton Landing)

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance - Little Neck Road - (Hopeton Landing)

Exhibit 3: Master Plan - Hopeton Landing

Exhibit 4: Executed Water and Sewer Agreement - Hopeton Landing

Exhibit 5: Traffic Analysis - Hopeton Landing

Exhibit 6: Stormwater Management Strategy - Hopeton Landing

Exhibit 7: City Council Memo dated September 7, 2021 - Hopeton Landing

Exhibit 8: Community Questions dated October 1, 2021 - Hopeton Landing

Mayor Johnson indicated all Council Members must agree to vote as First and Second Reading on Item #18.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved for the vote. The motion was not carried, as requested by Mayor Johnson since it was not unanimous.

Item #18 HEARD, First Reading Only, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely opposed to the second reading.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

19. Approval for the Annexation of 14.585 Acres Located off Ogeechee Road Near Canebrake Road. The Property is currently vacant and no current development is planned.

Exhibit 1: Annexation Petition - 6098 Ogeechee Road

Exhibit 2: Ordinance - 6098 Ogeechee Road

Exhibit 3: Map - 6098 Ogeechee Road

Item #19 HEARD, First Reading Only.

20. Zoning of 6098 Ogeechee Road (PIN 11029 05014) Owned by Thankful Baptist Church, Inc. from R-A (Residential Agriculture) to R-A-CO (Residential Agriculture-CO) to Support Annexation (File No. 21-005068-ZA)

Exhibit 1: Annexation Petition - 6098 Ogeechee Road

Exhibit 2: Map - 6098 Ogeechee Road

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance - 6098 Ogeechee Road

Item #20 HEARD, First Reading Only.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

21. Petition of Nathan Pollard on Behalf of Linda B. Morgan and Charles D. Broometo to Amend the Zoning Map with Conditions for 1103 East 69th Street (PIN 20114 19002) from RSF-6 (Residential Single Family-6) to O-I (Office Institutional) (File No. 21-003122-ZA). Aldermanic District 3.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendations - 1103 E 69th Street.pdf

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance with Conditions - 1103 E 69th Street.pdf

Exhibit 3: Proposed Conceptual Layout - 1103 E 69th Street.pdf

Mayor Johnson stated Item #21 was continued from the September 9, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

Speaker(s) present:

- Richard Mackin – OPPOSED (had trouble connecting via zoom)

Written comments received:

- Richard Mackin - OPPOSED

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #21 conditioned upon the hours of operation being 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and office medical use only, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Construction Contract for the New Hudson Hill Community Center Building (20%DBE /10%LDBE Goal) to Paul S. Akins Company, Inc. in the Amount of $2,774,827. This Amount Reflects Vendor's Original Bid Less Exclusions Necessary to Value Engineer the Project to Meet the Approved Budget. (Expected Completion in Ten Months)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Hudson Hill Community Center

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Hudson Hill Community Center

Exhibit 3: Rendering - Hudson Hill Community Center

Alderwoman Lanier discussed the challenges associated with the new Hudson Hill Community Center's building and requested a rendering for inclusion on the property. She thanked everyone involved in the approval of the new center.

Mayor Johnson gave background information on the old center and cracking of the cinder blocks which caused the center to be closed. After years without a center and amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the newly built facility will replace the old center to meet the needs of the Hudson Hill neighborhood.

Alderman Purtee would like to see additional community centers for the 6th District and Alderman Palumbo expressed concerns for a new facility in close proximity to other facilities recently approved in the same general area. He had concerns for residents ability to access the facilities, i.e. bus, car, walk. Alderman Palumbo requested City Manager Melder to outline the pedestrian accessibility to the Hudson Hill Community Center and he requested detailed information on future planned capital projects (community centers), district, timeline and cost, along with associated budget approvals. City Manager Melder will provide walk ability information to the Community Center to Council.

Mayor Johnson answered/addressed Alderman Purtee and Alderman Palumbo's concerns and questions by explaining the timing and approval of expenditures for each facility mentioned and the plans for obtaining land for future community centers throughout the City.

Alderman Palumbo asked City Manager Melder for the budget total for Item #22 and information on the chosen contractor. Mr. Melder explained the total budget amount and the process for vendor selection.

The following Members of Council commented:

- Alderwoman Lanier - Thanked everyone involved in getting the Hudson Hill Community Center approved. She discussed how the City was built on the sweat of slaves and how the West Savannah community's years of being overlooked for improved facilities at the expense of other City neighborhoods.
- Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan called for point of order.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz detailed the entire process of the Hudson Hill community facility destruction and Council's approval of the new facility. The project was approved and budgeted by a previous administration.
- Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan reminded Council Members there were no projects in the budget for the 3rd District until 2024. She expressed her concerns for District 1 receiving numerous projects and then stating it's not enough and then citing happenings from 400 years prior. She is concerned with what is happening today and would like to move forward with projects in other districts.
- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter called for point of order.
- Mayor Johnson called for point of order.
- Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan stated District 3 has not received street calmings and sidewalks while District 1 requests additional projects. She would like to have the same projects as District 1. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan noted the $30 million not approved by certain Council Members directly impacted the lack of projects in numerous Districts, however Council continues to approve projects in District 1.
- In light of prior statements, Alderman Purtee stated it is not just West Savannah with a rich history of African-American community and culture; Coffee Bluff, Whilshire and Winsor Forest all have a rich history along with the City of Savannah. All Savannahians built Savannah. He stated the 6th District needs infrastructure, development and maintenance projects completed.
- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter reminded Council Members they represent all citizens of Savannah in programming, project development and service. Council Members must come together for the

greater good of all Savannah.

- Mayor Johnson stated, the items voted on have taken years of diligent work by Council Members and he is committed to ensuring there is equity and inclusion citywide. He will work with all Districts to meet the needs of the constituents.

Speaker(s) present:

- Ms. Tonia Miller, representing Hudson Hill Neighborhood

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #22, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Final Contract Modification for Heavy Equipment Rental and Labor (Dump Trucks, Dozers, Excavators, and Roll-Off Trucks) with Savannah River Utilities (Local) for up to $420,000. Contract Primarily Used by Sanitation at the Dean Forest Road Landfill When City-Owned Equipment is Down for Repair to Remain Compliant with the Environmental Protection Division

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Heavy Equipment Rental

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Heavy Equipment Rental

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, #27, #28, #29, #32, #33 and #34 per City Manager Melder's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for the Engineering Agreement with Thomas & Hutton for the Jimmy Deloach Connector 48-Inch Water Main Relocation in the Amount of $325,600

Exhibit 1: 371 CM5 48in I&D Line Relo FV.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, #27, #28, #29, #32, #33 and #34 per City Manager Melder's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Information Technology (IT) Services and Equipment from Layer 3 Communications, LLC (Local) in the amount of $249,545. Services and Equipment will be Used to Upgrade the City's Fiber Optic Cabling, Improving Ethernet Speeds at City Facilities.

Exhibit 1- Funding Verification - Layer 3 Communications.pdf

Exhibit 2-Purchasing Notes - Layer 3 Communications.pdf

Alderman Purtee asked if the modifications will be used for all City facilities. City Manager Melder answered, this will support every City facility.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #25, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion was approved 7-0-2. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely were not present.

26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Temporary Staffing Services for the Information Technology Department with Robert Half International, Inc. in the Amount of $170,000. Services Will be Used to Provide Technical Knowledge and Skill in Specialized Computer Applications for City Staff Through the Remainder of the Year to Allow the Department an Opportunity to Fill Vacant Positions.

Exhibit 1- Funding Verification - Temporary Staffing

Exhibit 2- Purchasing Notes - Temporary Staffing

Alderman Purtee asked for the timeframe involved. City Manager Melder answered, the contract is a not to exceed for one year. The term is not a calendar year, but October 2021 through October 2022. Alderman Purtee asked what steps the City has taken to ensure vacant staff positions will be filled and maintained. City Manager Melder answered, staff is working to alleviate vacancies.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #26, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

27. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Arboricultural Consultancy & Reporting Services with Davey Resource Group, Inc. in an Amount up to $90,000. Services Shall Include Tree Inspections, Tree Risk Assessments, Tree and Landscape Appraisals, Qualified Arborist Reports, Expert Witness Services & Tree Inventories on an as-Needed Basis for Trees Located on Public and Private Properties.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Arboriculture Consultancy

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Arboriculture Consultancy

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, #27, #28, #29, #32, #33 and #34 pe City Manager Melder's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

28. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Four Replacement Bar Screens with WSG & Solutions, Inc. in the Amount of $53,030. Bar Screens Used To Remove Debris From Incoming Stormwater at the DeRenne Pump Station, Allowing Proper Water Flow Through the Conveyance Process.

Exhibit 1:Funding Verification - Bar Screens

Exhibit 2:Purchasing Note - Bar Screens

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, #27, #28, #29, #32, #33 and #34 per City Manager Melder's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

29. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for Overhead Door Maintenance and Repair for the Fire Department with Action Overhead Door & Supply

for up to $25,000. Contract is Used to Maintain and Repair Overhead and Bay Doors at Fire Stations. This Modification is Necessary to Continue Quarterly Inspections, Preventative Maintenance and Emergency Repairs.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Overhead Door Maintenance

Exhibit 2: Purchase Notes - Overhead Door Maintenance

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, #27, #28, #29, #32, #33 and #34 per City Manager Melder's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

30. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification For One-Ton Chlorine Cylinders With JCI Jones Chemicals in the Amount of $18,180. The Chlorine Disinfects Over 13 Billion Gallons Of Water and Waste Water Annually. This Modification is Due to the Increase in Cost of Raw Material.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Chlorine Cylinders

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Chlorine Cylinders

Alderman Purtee has received numerous complaints from the Southside and Pooler area residents about the smell of water. City Manager Melder requested Alderman Purtee to forward any such complaints to his office and he will follow-up on the complaints and send copies to Council Members. Alderwoman Lanier stated the problem could be the level of sulfur in the water which can be adjusted.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #30, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

31. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Engineering and Design Services for Additions to the City Lot Bulkhead with Hussey Gay Bell (Local) in the Amount of $80,000. Services are Needed for Bulkhead Wall Additions, to Provide Improved Drainage for the Outfall and to Lay the Groundwork for Future Drainage Improvements into the Carver Village Neighborhood.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Future Drainage Carver Village

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Future Drainage Carver Village

Alderwoman Lanier asked if this will be a replacement of the 36" storm drain pipe. Mayor Johnson and City Manager Melder answered, the 5' 10" box will replace the 36" pipe for improved water flow. Since residents in the area are still experiencing flooding issues, Alderwoman Lanier requested staff members to attend community meetings to explain the water flow improvements that will alleviate flooding to residents.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated she has received drainage issues and flooding complaints from residents of the Cloverdale area and would like to see improvements and updated maintenance to alleviate the problems. Mayor Johnson indicated he lives in the center of the Northside of Cloverdale and has not experienced any flooding.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #31, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

32. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Portable Staging and Barricades for the Enmarket Arena with StageRight in the Amount of $181,709. The Stage will Include Guardrails, Drapery, Barricades and an Access Ramp. Expenditure Included in Project Budget.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Portable Staging for Arena

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Portable Staging for Arena

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, #27, #28, #29, #32, #33 and #34 per City Manager Melder's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

33. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Point-of-Sale Equipment with Appetize Technologies, Inc. at the Enmarket Arena in the Amount of $170,000. Equipment will be Used to Allow Credit/Debit Card and Cash Transactions, Inventory Tracking, Transaction Security, Transaction Efficiency and Reporting. Expenditure Included in Project Budget.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Point-of-Sale

Exhibit 2- Purchasing Notes - Point-of-Sale

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, #27, #28, #29, #32, #33 and #34 per City Manager Melder's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

34. Notification of an Emergency Procurement for Two Engine Replacements for Marine 1, Savannah Fire Rescue's Multi-Purpose Fire Boat, with Donnelly Yachts in the Amount of $186,730. Mechanical Issues Were Discovered That Were Caused In-Part by an Extended Period of Down Time.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Marine 1 Engine

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Marine 1 Engine

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, #27, #28, #29, #32, #33 and #34 per City Manager Melder's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

35. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Interior Painting Services for the former Development Services Building at 5515 Abercorn St. with E&D Coatings (Local) in the Amount of $37,800. Services are Needed to Prepare the Space for the Relocation of Staff Currently Working in the Savannah Morning News Building by the End of this Year.

Exhibit 1- Funding Verification - Painting

Exhibit 2- Purchasing Notes - Painting

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked which staff will occupy the 5515 Abercorn Street space. Mayor Johnson indicated, Human Resources and Housing. She then asked about the 3rd floor space in City Hall being designated for Council Members and when/if Council will have designated space. Mayor Johnson answered the 3rd floor space was discussed for Council, but Council approved moving staff out of the Savannah Morning News (SMN) facility at Chatham Parkway; therefore, staff from SMN facility was moved to the 3rd floor space in City Hall.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely requested space to meet with constituents. Mayor Johnson indicated Acting City Manager Brown previously sent Council Members a list of facilities for their use throughout the City including a conference room at City Hall. He indicated, there has never been office space for Council Members at City Hall.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter informed City Manager Melder there has been space available fc Council Member's use at City Hall. Prior Acting City Manager Brown made the decision (a knee-jerk reaction) to remove office space at City Hall for Council. She asked Mr. Melder to do what is fair and balanced for Council Members.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan called point of order. So noted by Mayor Johnson.

For the record, Mayor Johnson stated Council Members have never had office space at City Hall.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recommended City Manager Melder give thought to assigning space and administrative support to Council Members. She suggested the City Manager meet with the entire Council to have input from all Members.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #35, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

36. Approval of a One-Year Extension with Hancock Askew & Co., LLP, for the Audit of the 2021 Financials and Preparation of the 2021 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, in the amount of $53,125.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #36, #37 and #38 per the City Manager's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

37. Recommend Approval to Renew the Diio Software Subscription with Reed Business Information for Two Years, in the Amount of $63,950.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #36, #37 and #38 per the City Manager's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

38. Recommend Approval to Renew the Paychex Service Subscription for Two Years, in the Amount of $153,750.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #36, #37 and #38 per the City Manager's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

39. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and Aldermen to Adopt the City of Savannah Plan 2040 Comprehensive Plan that Provides a Unified, Long-Term Vision for Savannah and Unincorporated Chatham County in the Areas of Land Use, Housing, Economic Development, Transportation, Natural Resources and Quality of Life

Exhibit 1: Resolution - Comprehensive Plan.pdf

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked when the final Plan was distributed to Council. Mayor Johnson indicated Council received the document as part of the agenda packet on July 22, 2021. Since June 2021, there were three (3) additional public meetings for feedback into the process.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #39, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 6-3-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier voted no.

40. Approval of a Resolution to Adopt the Housing Savannah Action Plan

Exhibit 1: Resolution - Housing Savannah Action Plan.pdf

Mayor Johnson gave a brief background of the Plan. Alderwoman Lanier related previous and recent affordable housing efforts in the City of Savannah. After meeting with City Manager Melder, she has written issues that should be addressed prior to adoption of the Housing Savannah Action Plan focusing on input and inclusion from residents impacted for the next ten (10) years. Mayor Johnson stated Council is adopting the Plan. The next phase will be for the City Manager to recommend to Council definite action steps.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the Plan is available to the public and if so, how would they receive a copy. It is available on the City of Savannah web site. She encouraged the citizens to view the plan and share ideas with Council Members.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #40, seconded by Alderman Palumbo and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 6-3-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier voted no.

AGREEMENTS

41. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with Bobby Chu, LLC for Natalie's Place, a Development Consisting of 25 Single-Family Homes on Clayton Street and Betz Creek Road on Wilmington Island

Exhibit 1: Water and Sewer Agreement - Natalies Place.pdf

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #41, seconded by Alderman Palumbo and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 6-2-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present.

42. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with D.R. Horton Homes, Inc. for The Pines at New Hampstead Phase 1. Development Consists of 61 Single-Family Homes and is Located on Highgate Boulevard.

Exhibit 1: Water and Sewer Agreement - The Pines at New Hampstead.pdf

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #42, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 7-1-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

43. Approval of a Resolution Ratifying the Mayor's September 24th Emergency Order Requiring Masks or Facial Coverings Within the City to Slow the Spread of COVID-19

Exhibit 1: Emergency Order - September 24, 2021.pdf

Mayor Johnson and City Manager Melder met with local medical advisors and reports the COVID-19 numbers have decreased and vaccination numbers are at or around the 50% level. As such, the City will move into the next phase to allow for larger events in November. City Manager Melder reported community centers, The Civic Center and John Mercer Auditorium will open for events/services. Mask are still required in all government centers and in-person meetings of Council is expected to resume at the November 9, 2021 Council Meeting. The Rock'N'Roll Marathon is approved for November with restrictions (10 listed restrictions).

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the City will hire additional staff to monitor the restrictions for the November Roc'N'Roll Marathon. No. She expressed concerns with approximately 15,000 marathon participates the City COVID-19 number may increase. She encouraged Savannah residents to stay-in and keep protected.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the City was contributing any funds toward the Rock'N'Roll Marathon. City Manager Melder reported this is the final year of the City's contribution of a 3-year agreement of $25,000.00. The City will no longer contribute. The Mayor suggested a cost benefit analysis and a community climate survey to determine future participation.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder to give (early and often) consideration to Council Members interested in matters such as the Marathon. Mayor Johnson indicated, the Rock'N'Roll Marathon meeting was the Mayor's meeting and the meeting ended just before 4:00 p.m. Immediately following the meeting, Mayor Johnson sent the notice to Council Members.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #43, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

44. Approval of the Naming of an Unnamed Park Located at Atlantic Avenue and East 66th Street in Aldermanic District 4 as "Ridgewood Park". The Historic Site and Monument Commission Recommends Approval.

Exhibit 1: HM Board Recommendation to City Council - Unnamed Park.pdf

Exhibit 2: Submittal Packet HM - Unnamed Park.pdf

Alderman Palumbo shared background information on the unnamed 'park that could' and how the selection of the name was chosen by the neighborhood.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #44, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed 6-0-3. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier were not present.

45. Approval of an Honorary Street Designation for "LT. White Avenue" Located Along Bouhan Avenue Between Wheaton Street and Reid Court to Commemorate Lieutenant John White as the Last Remaining Survivor of "The Original Nine", Who were the First African-Americans to Serve in the Savannah Police Department. Aldermanic District 3

Exhibit 1: Location Map-LT John White.pdf

Exhibit 1: LT. White Avenue- Honorary Street Designation Memo Supporting Packet.pdf

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan cited the history of Lt. John White and his service to the City of Savannah as one of the first African-American police officers. Alderwoman Lanier and Mayor Johnson provided additional information on the life and contributions of Lt. John White and his many contributions to the City and residents of Savannah.

Alderwoman Wilder Bryan moved to approve Item #45, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

46. Added Item: A Proclamation Designating October as National Planning Month

Item #46 was heard following Agenda Item #5.

Mayor Johnson READ into the record and PRESENTED to Metropolitan Planning Commission Executive Director Melanie Wilson and Pamela Everett the Proclamation Designating October as National Planning Month.

On behalf of Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) staff, Ms. Wilson thanked Mayor and Council for recognition and support as the local planning agency.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

City Manager Melder reminded residents and viewers our Police Department recommends celebrating Halloween on Saturday, October 30 from 5pm to 8pm, instead of celebrating it on Sunday, October 31. Several community centers will be open from 4pm to 6pm on October 30th in order to welcome Trick or Treaters and have a safe place to celebrate, including Grant, Eastside, Thompkins, W.W. Law and Windsor.

Mayor Johnson advised although October 30 is the Georgia v. Florida game, we are sorry. The City wants to celebrate Halloween during a time when our resources are available.

Aldermen Leggett expressed condolences and strongest regards to the family and coworkers of Steve Boatwright, maintenance director at Chatham Area Transit (CAT) who passed away at St. Joseph's. CAT employees wrestled with a COVID outbreak within the maintenance department, although most recovered.

Mayor Pro-Tem Shabazz announced the date and times for the "One Chatham" listening sessions in her district, along with Chatham County Commissioner Tanya Milton. The listening sessions will take place on Thursday, October 21 from 4:30pm to 5:30 pm, and from 6:15pm to 7:15pm at the Liberty City Community Center, located at 1401 Mills B. Lane Blvd. Topics will include street repaving, traffic flow improvements, sidewalk connections (additions and improvements), intersection safety enhancements, bike path and trail developments, larger regional transit challenges and drainage.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely announced on Saturday, October 16 from 10am to 1pm at the Savannal Center for Blind & Low Vision at 1141 Cornell Street, they will be giving away free eye exams and free glasses. She encouraged to call them at 912.236.4473. She also reminded everyone Savannah State's homecoming is also on Saturday. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked everyone to participate and wear masks, but to be safe. COVID is real.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan announced she is wearing the T-shirt of Ricardo Morris a 38-year old father of six children and the grandson of Brenda Johnson. His body was found on July 11, 2015. She will continue to wear these shirts. There are mothers whose cases are not cold anymore, but they are icicles. If you see or know anything, say something, including silent witnesses to Councilmembers or moms of murdered sons (MOMS). Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan also announced Rock the Block initiative starts again on the first Friday in November.

Alderman Purtee announced Rock the Block will occur this weekend in Windsor Forest at the corner of Windsor and Largo. Also, this Saturday is the Southside Community Day hosted by the Southside Precinct of the Savannah Police Department at 1143 Mohawk Street, co-sponsored by the Spiva Law Group. Then on October 31st (Halloween), they are hosting a community celebration at Tribble Park from noon to 3pm.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

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OCTOBER 28, 2021, 4:00 p.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the work session of the City Council was held at 4:01 p.m., via Zoom video communications. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier to offer the invocation.

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

ALSO, PRESENT:
City Manager Joseph A. Melder
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Workshop Agenda Items

1. Presentation of the Racial, Equity and Leadership (REAL) Task Force Final Report

Exhibit 1: REAL Final Presentation.pdf

Mayor Johnson provided detailed information on the decision to establish the task force, the individuals volunteering, and the final racial equity document.

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson, along with the Chair of the Savannah Racial Equity and Leadership Task Force and former Mayor Otis Johnson, Attorney, author and social critic Dr. Lloyd Johnson, Executive Director of Step Up Savannah Alicia M. Johnson, Founder of Bluknowledge LLC Dr. Erika D. Tate, a representative of Savannah State Shykeria Edwards, REACH representative Armand Turner, Healthy Savannah representative Tiffany Pertillar, Executive Director of the Housing Authority

of Savannah Earline Davis, and Executive Director of Coastal GA Indicators Coalition Lizann Roberts.

Following the presentations there was a question and discussion session from Council Members.

- Fairness and justice is not always in place so how do we get values injected (instilled) in our youth and the decision makers to bring about racial equity (Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan).
- The current Council must demonstrate racial equity by prioritizing allocation of resources and finances, build in equity in all decisions to minimize bias and state/declare racial equity as a value (Alderwoman Lanier).
- Various topics presented should be a separate subject for future workshops (Alderman Leggett).
- Pleased to have an actual document to start the conversations on equity, race and equality. Thanked all members of the task force for their outstanding work (Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz).
- The final request is for the City Council to create a Resolution indicating a commitment to move forward with a racial equity agenda (former Mayor Otis Johnson).
- Facts are in, now it's time to do the work to make change (Alderwoman Miller Blakely).
- City Manager Melder was asked how he feels about getting the work done on establishing racial equity (Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan).
- Going forward, we should look internally as we approach this work. Prior to adopting a Resolution, she would like the current administration to make changes within before calling on others. Savannah had prior African American leadership, if we want change, we must be the change (Alderwoman Gibson-Carter).

Mayor Johnson stated, Savannah is fair but not fair to all, equitable, but not equitable to all, equal but not equal for all. We have perceived, we have believed and now quantified and documented inequity. Now, what will Savannah do with what is now confirmed. It will take a city-wide effort, not just the City of Savannah. It will take a multi-jurisdictional approach. At the November 9, 2021, regular meeting, Council will be asked to adopt the racial equity plan and ask the City Manager to put into action a plan to address issues as it pertains to the City's budget.

Mayor Johnson thanked every task force member for the work put forth in creating the racial equity plan for the City of Savannah. He thanked the SAPELO Foundation and The Center for Southern Equity for partnering with the City, along with a few local organizations to finance the project. Savannah now has a Plan.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Workshop at 6:03 p.m.

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

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OCTOBER 28, 2021, 6:30 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:30 p.m., via Zoom video communications. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter to introduce Reverend Dr. Stephen Williams, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, and co-president of JUST, an interfaith, interracial coalition advocating for justice issues in Savannah, who offered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1, Chairman

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for October 28, 2021.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda as amended to add Item #36, a Resolution honoring former employee Mr. Lindsay Bostick, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of Minutes for the Work Session & City Manager's Briefing held on October 14, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakley and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on October 14, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

4. An Appearance by the Veteran's Council of Chatham County to Announce the Veteran of the Year 2021-2022 and 2021 Parade Grand Marshall

ACKNOWLEDGED by Mayor Johnson. He recognized Chatham County Veterans Council Chairman Mr. Joe Higgins who announced the 2021 Veterans Parade Grand Marshal Jim Grismer and 2021 Veteran of the Year Mr. O.C. Fowler. Also present were American Legion Post 135 Commander Sam Currie, and past Veterans of the Year Rich Noel and Jim Bay.

Mr. Higgins recognized Alderwoman Miller Blakely as a veteran and thanked her for her service. He gave a brief background on the Parade Grand Marshall Jim Grismer and Veteran of the Year O.C. Fowler. Mr. Higgins invited the Council out to view the Parade on Veteran's Day, November 11, 2021.

5. An Appearance by Patrick Kelsey, Executive Director of the Arts and Culture Alliance of Chatham County to Receive a Proclamation Designating October as National Arts and Humanities Month

READ and PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to Executive Director of the Arts and Culture Alliance of Chatham County Mr. Patrick Kelsey. Mr. Kelsey thanked Mayor and Council for the recognition and requested Council remember Arts and Culture during their budget negotiations.

As a point of personal privilege, Mayor Johnson moved Item #36 up on the agenda to be heard after Item #5, and Item #33 to be heard after Item #36.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. Second Public Hearing to Receive Comments Concerning the City's 2022 One-Year Action Plan. The plan serves as the blueprint for how the City will use Federal entitlement funds and other resources to address the needs of low and moderate income persons and to improve housing, economic and other conditions within predominantly low-income neighborhoods.

Exhibit 2: Document - One Year Action Plan.pdf

Mayor Johnson provided a brief description/background information on the Federal entitlement funds and resources to assist the residents of Savannah to improve housing, the economy and other conditions in low-income communities.

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing open for Item #6.

No speaker(s) were present.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the public hearing for Item #6, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

ZONING HEARINGS

7. Petition of Historic Savannah Foundation (HSF) to Amend the Zoning Map for 1811 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard (PIN 20066 24003) from TR-1 (Traditional Residential-1) to TC-1 (Traditional Commercial-1). Aldermanic District 1 (File No. 21-004867-ZA). The Metropolitan Planning Commission recommends approval.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 1811 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd (File No. 21-004867-ZA)

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance for 1811 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd (File No. 21-004867-ZA)

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #7.

Speaker(s) present:

- Marcus Lotson, MPC Representative described the project. MPC recommended approval.
- Ryan Avary, representing the applicant

No written comment(s) received.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #7, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Petition of Harold Yellin for America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia (Owner PHRM Holdings, LLC) to Amend the Zoning Map for 1380 Chatham Parkway (PIN 20834 01021) from B-C (Community Business) to IL-T (Light Industrial-Transition). Aldermanic District 1 (File No. 21-004875-ZA). The Metropolitan Planning Commission recommends approval.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 1380 Chatham Parkway (File No. 21-004875-ZA)

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance for 1380 Chatham Parkway (File No. 21-004875-ZA)

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #8.

Speaker(s) present:

- Marcus Lotson, MPC Representative described project. MPC recommended approval.
- Josh Yellin, representing applicant
- Mary Crouch - SUPPORTED

No written comment(s) received.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan expressed appreciation for the outstanding work America's Second Harvest Coastal Georgia's food bank contributed to the 3rd District and suggested with the move to District 1, the food bank consider satellite locations throughout the City.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #8, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Petition of Harold Yellin for Vista Realty Partners (Owner PHRM Holdings, LLC) to Amend the Zoning Map for 1000 Chatham Center Drive (PIN 20739 01013) from B-C (Community Business) to RMF-2-25 (Residential Multi Family-2-25 Dwelling Units Per Acre). Aldermanic District 1 (File No. 21-004876-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 1000 Chatham Center Drive (File No. 21-004876-ZA)

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance for 1000 Chatham Center Drive (FIle No. 21-004876-ZA)

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #9.

Speaker(s) present:

- Marcus Lotson, MPC Representative described property. MPC recommended approval.
- Harold Yellin, representing applicant
- J. Patrick Connell – OPPOSED - represents Walden Apartments and its residents.
- Michael Neyhurt – SUPPORTED
- Natalie de Guardiola – SUPPORTED

Written comment(s) received:

- J. Patrick Connell – OPPOSED

Alderwomann Lanier recommended meeting with the opposed parties for due diligence and have a 1st reading only of the petition today.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #9, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

10. Petition of Historic Savannah Foundation (HSF) to Amend the Zoning Map for 1811 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard (PIN 20066 24003) from TR-1 (Traditional Residential-1) to TC-1 (Traditional Commercial-1). Aldermanic District 1 (File No. 21-004867-ZA). The Metropolitan Planning Commission recommends approval.

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Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance for 1811 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd (File No. 21-004867-ZA)

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #10, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The Motion passed unanimously.

11. Petition of Harold Yellin for America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia (Owner PHRM Holdings, LLC) to Amend the Zoning Map for 1380 Chatham Parkway (PIN 20834 01021) from B-C (Community Business) to IL-T (Light Industrial-Transition). Aldermanic District 1 (File No. 21-004875-ZA). The Metropolitan Planning Commission recommends approval.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 1380 Chatham Parkway (File No. 21-004875-ZA)

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance for 1380 Chatham Parkway (File No. 21-004875-ZA)

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #11, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Petition of Harold Yellin for Vista Realty Partners (Owner PHRM Holdings, LLC) to Amend the Zoning Map for 1000 Chatham Center Drive (PIN 20739 01013) from B-C (Community Business) to RMF-2-25 (Residential Multi-Family-2-25 Dwelling Units Per Acre). Aldermanic District 1 (File No. 21-004876-ZA). The Metropolitan Planning Commission recommends approval.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 1000 Chatham Center Drive (File No. 21-004876-ZA)

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance for 1000 Chatham Center Drive (FIle No. 21-004876-ZA)

FIRST READING HEARD ONLY for Item #12, as requested by Alderwoman Lanier

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

13. Approval for the Annexation of 14.585 Acres Located off Ogeechee Road Near Canebrake Road. The Property is currently vacant and no current development is planned. (This item is associated with the zoning of 6098 Ogeechee Road for Thankful Baptist Church)

Exhibit 1: Annexation Petition - Tract A-2 6098 Ogeechee Road

Exhibit 2 : Ordinance - Tract A-2 6098 Ogeechee Road

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #13, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Zoning of 6098 Ogeechee Road (PIN 11029 05014) Owned by Thankful Baptist Church, Inc. from R-A (Residential Agriculture) to R-A-CO (Residential Agriculture-CO) to Support Annexation (File No. 21-005068-ZA)

Exhibit 1: Annexation Petition - 6098 Ogeechee Road

Exhibit 2: Map - 6098 Ogeechee Road

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance - 6098 Ogeechee Road

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #14, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Petition of Harold Yellin (Agent) on Behalf of Alice Keller (Owner) for a Map Amendment to Rezone Little Neck Road (Parcel ID# 21007 01001 and 21007 01002) From R-A-CO (Residential-Agricultural-County) to PD (Planned Development). File No. 20-005235-ZA. (Hopeton Landing Master Plan). The Metropolitan Planning Commission recommends approval with conditions. (See narrative for conditions)

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - Little Neck Road (Hopeton Landing)

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance - Rezone Little Neck Road - (Hopeton Landing)

Exhibit 3: Master Plan - Hopeton Landing

Exhibit 4: Water and Sewer Agreement - Hopeton Landing

Exhibit 5: Traffic Analysis - Hopeton Landing

Exhibit 6: Stormwater Management Strategy - Hopeton Landing

Exhibit 7: Memo to City Council dated September 7, 2021 - Hopeton Landing

Exhibit 8: Community Questions dated October 1, 2021 - Hopeton Landing

Clerk of Council Massey reported one (1) written comment was received and forwarded to Members of Council prior to the meeting. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter requested the comment be read. Mayor Johnson indicated the written comment was sent to Council Members prior to the meeting and will become part of the permanent record.

Written comment(s) received:

- Kerrie Bieber - OPPOSED

a. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #15, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 5-4-0, with Mayor Johnson, Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Alderman Palumbo, and Alderman Purtee voting yea. Mayor Pro-Tem Shabazz, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier voted no.

b. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter amended the motion pending a completed ground radar study by Chatham County, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. With a roll-call of the vote requested by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, the motion failed, 3-6-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier voting yea. Mayor Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Alderman Palumbo and Alderman Purtee voted no.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with P3 Venture Group for the Development of the Fairgrounds Property, Located at 4701 Meding Street.

Exhibit 1: Fairground Property.pdf

Item #16 heard after Item #17.

Mayor Johnson gave a brief history of the Fairgrounds property from the purchase date up to and including presentations by proposed vendors, and the final selection of P3 Venture Group.

Alderwoman Lanier stated it is important to support the residents most impacted by the development and make sure their quality of life does not decrease. Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated the concept development for the public:

- 20.5 acres of conserved wetlands with public trails,
- 2.4 acres of a public central park with public off-street parking,
- 18.3 acres of multi-purpose playing fields, basketball courts, community gardens and an indoor recreation facility,
- 14.5 acres for single and multifamily homes with a focus on senior housing and mixed-use retail,
- 6.2 acres for a production studio and career development opportunities, and
- 11.4 acres for public streets, sidewalks, tree lawns and on-street parking.

Mayor Johnson added, the purchase price was $2 million with an expected City tax revenue of $3.8 million; total financial benefit for the City is estimated at close to $5.9 million over a twenty year period.

Written comment(s) received:

- Reverend Dr. Betty M. Jones, representing Feiler Park Neighborhood Association, Inc.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #16 per City Manager Melder's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz outlined numerous benefits realized by the approval of the Fairgrounds property development. She thanked the citizens, City staff, Mayor Johnson and the Council for the hard work and support during the decision-making process.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan stated the residents of the 3rd District require maintenance work on lanes, traffic calming and other issues to be addressed. She is waiting for equity for the 3rd District. Mayor Johnson stipulated the same requests for all Districts.

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for up to $100,000 for Lot Clearing Services for the Remainder of 2021 and a Contract Renewal for up to $350,000 for 2022 with Beers Housing, Inc. This contract is used when property owners fail to respond to notices of violations. Lot clearing includes mowing and cutting of vegetative growth. 20% DBE goal, including 10% LDBE

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Lot Clearing

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Lot Clearing

Item #17 heard before Item #16.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely has concerns with local and DBE businesses not receiving the contract. City Manager Melder discussed the responses received during the bid process and stated this is a service the City needs to continue right now. In the future, City staff will provide greater equity to allow local and DBE's a greater opportunities to secure this type of contract. He recommends Council approve Item #17.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder what two (2) vendors submitted bids, and when the City is responsible for the lot clearing service, who will decide the responsible department. City Manager Melder answered, the two bidders were; Beers Housing from Georgia and Moss Construction from South Carolina; and the decision to assign such work orders to City departments is the responsibility of the City Manager's office.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #17, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Smallwares with Bargreen Ellingson in the Amount of $270,571. The Smallwares will be used in the Enmarket Arena for food preparation and service. Items include utensils, ovens, food storage containers, cutting boards, cleaning equipment, and beverage dispensers. Expenditure included in project budget.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Smallwares

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Smallwares

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #18 through #29 per City Manager Melder's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Amendment with Arnge Consulting LLC for Water, Sewer, and Capital Project Management Services in an Amount Not to Exceed $175,000. Contract will be used to continue project management services through the end of the Arena development and to allow for continued water and sewer planning services. Expenditure included in Project Budget.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #18 through #29 per City Manager Melder's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of Security Equipment to Include 19 Walk-Through Metal Detectors and 19 Handheld Metal Detectors for the Enmarket Arena from CEIA USA in the Amount of $72,389. Expenditure included in Project Budget.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #18 through #29 per City Manager Melder's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for Recycled Crushed Aggregate Stone with Savannah River Utilities (Local) for up to $60,000. This contract is used to procure recycled crushed aggregate stone (i.e. stone, concrete, asphalt). Material is used to provide traction for vehicles driving into the landfill for the Sanitation Department.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Crushed Stone

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Crushed Stone

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #18 through #29 per City Manager Melder's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for Improvements to the "MySavannah" Site with Robert Half/Protiviti (Local) in the Amount of $4,390 (Event No. 8036). "MySavannah" is a technology solution used for internal team collaboration and communication for City employees. It offers 24/7 access and provides the City with the most flexible and responsive workforce possible.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Sharepoint.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Sharepoint.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #18 through #29 per City Manager Melder's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Self-Funded Health Plan Third Party Administration Services with Health Plans, Inc. in the Amount of $310,935. The Human Resources uses this contract is to provide self-funded health plan third-party administration (TPA) for medical claims processing, COBRA administration and various plan administration services.

Exhibit 1- Funding Verification - Self-Funded Heatl Plan Third Party Administration Services.pdf

Exhibit 2- Purchasing Notes - Self-Funded Heatl Plan Third Party Administration Services.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #18 through #29 per City Manager Melder's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Voluntary Employee Accident Insurance with Hartford Financial Services, Inc. at No Cost to the City. The Human Resources Department offers eligible employees and dependents access to voluntary accident insurance coverage. The estimated premium is paid 100% by those members who are enrolled in the insurance coverage.

Exhibit 1- Funding Verification - Voluntary Employee Accident Insurance

Exhibit 2- Purchasing Notes - Voluntary Employee Accident Insurance.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #18 through #29 per City Manager Melder's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Voluntary Cancer Insurance Coverage with TransAmerica Corporation at No Cost to the City. The Human Resources Department offers eligible employees and dependents access to voluntary cancer insurance coverage. The estimated premium is paid 100% by those members who are enrolled in this insurance coverage plan.

Exhibit 1- Funding Verification - Voluntary Cancer Insurance Coverage.pdf

Exhibit 2- Purchasing Notes - Voluntary Cancer Insurance Coverage.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #18 through #29 per City Manager Melder's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Voluntary Employee Critical Illness Insurance with Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc. at No Cost to the City. The Human Resources Department offers eligible employees and dependents access to voluntary critical illness insurance coverage. The estimated premium is to be paid by those members who are enrolled in the insurance coverage.

Exhibit 1- Funding Verification - Voluntary Employee Critical Illness Insurancepdf

Exhibit 2- Purchasing Notes - Voluntary Employee Critical Illness Insurance.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #18 through #29 per City Manager Melder's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

27. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Employee Dental Insurance with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company at No Cost to the City. The Human Resources Department offers eligible employees, retirees and family members access to voluntary dental insurance coverage. The estimated premium is to be paid 100% by those members who are enrolled in the insurance coverage.

Exhibit 1- Funding Verification - Employee Dental Insurance.pdf

Exhibit 2- Purchasing Notes - Employee Dental Insurance.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #18 through #29 per City Manager Melder's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

28. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Employee Short-Term Disability Benefits with Lincoln Financial Group at No Cost to the City. The Human Resources Department offers eligible employees and dependents access to voluntary short-term disability insurance coverage. The estimated premium is paid 100% by members who are enrolled in the insurance coverage.

Exhibit 1- Funding Verification - Short-Term Disability Benefits.pdf

Exhibit 2- Purchasing Notes - Short-Term Disability Benefits.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #18 through #29 per City Manager Melder's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

29. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Voluntary Employee Vision Insurance with National Vision Administration at No Cost to the City. The Human Resources Department offers eligible employees and dependents access to voluntary vision insurance coverage. The estimated premium is to be paid 100% by those members who are enrolled in the insurance coverage.

Exhibit 1- Funding Verification - Voluntary Employee Vision Insurance.pdf

Exhibit 2- Purchasing Notes - Voluntary Employee Vision Insurance.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #18 through #29 per City Manager Melder's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

30. Approval of a Resolution Adopting the City's 2022 One-Year Action Plan. The plan serves as the blueprint for how the City of Savannah will use Federal entitlement funds and other resources to address the needs of low and moderate income persons and to improve housing, economic and other conditions within predominantly low-income neighborhoods.

Exhibit 1: Resolution.2022 OYA Plan.docx

Exhibit 2: Document - One Year Action Plan.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier asked how the City will inform and educate the public on the amount of Federal funds received and how they will be disbursed. Mayor Johnson indicated the City has a department that will handle the funds and there are legal standards which must be given by public notice. City Manager Melder stated the Human Services Department did a good job of educating and engaging the public during the public notifications.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #30, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

31. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Submission of the FY2021 Continuum of Care (CoC) Application. The grant is in the amount of $788,095 to implement a CoC supportive housing program known as City 54, which provides $40,219 in administrative expenses and $747,876 for tenant-based rental subsidies and supportive services.

Exhibit 1: Council RESOLUTION Authorizing FY21 Application.pdf

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Items #31 and #32 per City Manager Melder's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

32. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Accept Reimbursement Funds from the Environmental Protection Division in the Amount of $231,145. Reimbursement is for costs associated with the remediation of the Deptford Tract Site.

Exhibit 1: 2021 Resolution_Hazardous Waste Trust Fund Reimbursement.docx

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Items #31 and #32 per City Manager Melder's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

33. Approval of a Resolution Designating Juneteenth Celebrated on June 19th, as a Paid City Holiday Beginning in 2022. Juneteenth marks the oldest African-American holiday observance in the U.S. and commemorates the beginning of the emancipation of enslaved Americans.

Exhibit 1: RES Juneteenth Day jnh10222021.docx

Item #33 was heard after Item #36.

Mayor Johnson explained the meaning of Juneteenth and announced President Biden has designated Juneteenth as a Federal Holiday.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely gave recognition to The Daughters of Mary Magdalene, Marilyn Jackson and Ivan Cohen for celebrating Juneteenth at 38th Street Park for over twenty years. They have worked tirelessly over the years to make Juneteenth a national holiday. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz expressed appreciation to those who have worked to make Juneteenth a national holiday and asked the citizens of Savannah to participate in Juneteenth festivities by remembering the individuals and the reason for the celebration.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #33, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

34. Approval for the City Manager to Accept a Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Youth Grant Award in the Amount of $1,120,105. The award will be used to provide youth programs from April 1, 2021 to June 30, 2023 to low-income youth between the ages of 16 and 24. The City serves as the fiduciary agent for the 10-county region.

Exhibit 1: PY21 Youth Statement of Award.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Items #34 and #35 per City Manager Melder's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

35. Approval for the City Manager to Accept a Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Adult and Dislocated Worker Grant Award in the Amount of $444,152. The award will be used to provide programs from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023 to to adults who are unemployed or underemployed, and adults who have lost their jobs. The City serves as the fiduciary agent for the ten-county region.

Exhibit 1: PY21 Adult Statement of Award.pdf

Exhibit 2: PY21 DW Statement of Award.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Items #34 and #35 per City Manager Melder's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

ADD-ON

Item #36 was heard after Item #5.

36. Resolution honoring Lindsay Bostick, a City of Savannah employee in the Parking Services Department.

Mayor Johnson PRESENTED the Resolution honoring Mr. Lindsay Bostick to his family and expressed deep condolences on behalf of the Council and staff. There was a moment of silence honoring the memory of Mr. Bostick.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #36, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Johnson thanked Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan for all of her work at Stillwell Towers.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan announced Trunk-or-Treat with Captain Young from Eastside Precinct in Daffin Park on Friday, October 29, 2021, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; on November 3, 2021. She invited the public to stand at Waters & Bowens Street to commemorate Lt. White, the oldest, longest living and last surviving member of the first nine African Americans members who served on the Police Department in Savannah. Lt. White turned 97 on October 27. On November 5, 2021, Rock-the-Block will occur in the 3rd District; and on Sunday a cleaning detail on President Street. They need volunteers. She is wearing a tee-shirt honoring Madea & Kenneth Clark. Their son was stolen at Savannah State on February 24th, if you have any information, please contact the Savannah police department. She thanked Mayor Johnson for the amazing 'State of the City Address' given last evening.

Mayor Johnson thanked City Council Members for their support on the many projects approved during their administration. He thanked City Manager Melder & Public Communications staff for the virtual experience for the younger participants.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan thanked SCAD for donations and feeding 200 members at Stillwell Towers. She, Alderman Leggett and other volunteers fed the first responders in Daffin Park today during the rain.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter personally thanked City Manager Melder for responding to the families at Stillwell Towers. SCAD provided food but it would be nice if SCAD provided the residents with needed replacement housing. Coffee and a biscuit is nice but the residents are begging for relief. Stillwell Towers has deplorable units in housing authority. In addressing City Manager Melder, she hopes he will investigate and provide some relief to the families of Stillwell Towers (a ticking time bomb on Waters Avenue). It was in the Mayor's purview to appoint two people to the Housing Authority Board, but she has not received any updates.

For the record, Mayor Johnson asked City Attorney Lovett who appoints members to the Housing Authority Board. Attorney Lovett answered, he believes its the Mayor. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Attorney Lovett if a letter was sent to the Housing Authority asking if the Mayor had the authority to unilaterally appoint two Board Members to the Housing Authority Board outside of the knowledge of the Council. Attorney Lovett answered, he doesn't have the answer right now but he will send the information to the entire Council.

Mayor Johnson stated, the enabling Ordinance of the Housing Authority of Savannah stipulates the Mayor of the City of Savannah appoints the members of the Housing Authority of Savannah. The Mayor of the City of Savannah carried out his responsibilities in appointing two members to the Housing Authority of Savannah.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder to advise Council Members if there is a prescription for any relief available to the residents of Stillwell Towers.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked residents of the 5th District to come out to 'Hello Neighbor' this Saturday, October 30, 2021, from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. She will be the guest speaker at Tatemville Center, open air, open space. Dr. Shabazz along with Shameka Simmons from Black Voters Matter will be at the Liberty City Center on November 6th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to host a vaccine clinic. Information will be posted on Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz Facebook page.

Mayor Johnson announced this is the last virtual Council meeting. The next meeting will be in person at City Hall in Council Chambers, 2 East Bay Street, 2nd Floor. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. followed by a Tuesday, November 23, 2021, 2:00 p.m. meeting due to holidays.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan announced partnering with the Housing Authority on November 6th at the Veranda for an 'Appreciation of Residents'.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

The audio recording of the Council Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the below link in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: Tues. 11/9/2021

Signature: Mark Massey

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NOVEMBER 9, 2021, 12:00 noon - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 12:01 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Detric Leggett to offer the invocation.

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

ALSO, PRESENT:
City Manager Joseph A. Melder
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Workshop Agenda Items

1. Discussion regarding Impact Fees

Exhibit 1: Presentation - Impact Fees.pdf

City Manager Melder introduced Bill Ross, ROSS & Associates, and Paige Hatley, Hatley Plans LLC who gave the presentation on impact fees.

Following the presentation, Council Members discussed and asked questions of the presenters:

- Savannah could look at Stormwater treatment, wastewater, water supply, etc. as part of impact fee collections. Describe the current level of service versus the level of service needed by the City from developers (City Manager Melder).
- Asked to see the scope of service (Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan). The full proposal was sent to Director of Planning & Urban Design Bridget Lidy which included a description of the full scope of service, City Manager Melder will make sure Council receives a copy.

- What are the next steps (Mayor Johnson). Establish an Advisory Committee/Board with up to 5 members but no more than ten members having 1-4 meetings. Council would create a process to establish the Advisory Board (City Manager Melder).
- Who is part of the Advisory Committee (Alderwoman Miller Blakely). Five Developers and five local citizens, or 50% developers with up to a 10-member Board.
- Will the area and taxes increase in price (no it's market driven) (Alderwoman Lanier).
- In the methodology report how do you determine the forecast (Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan). Mr. Ross responded with the formula. She asked how many years projected (20-25 years) and what is the formula to charge the impact fees (Mr. Ross used several mathematical formulas).
- Has there ever been an instance when you recommended a City not to impose impact fees (no) (Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan).
- The City should look at building codes to make sure every house has a door knob and ligh fixtures. Every home should be turn-key (Alderman Palumbo).

Mayor Johnson asked the Clerk of Council to work with the City Manager in assisting the Council on seating the Impact Fee Advisory Board. City Manager Melder advised the Clerk of Council has already started the process and applications are open beginning tomorrow through December 1, 2021. Council will have applications to consider at the next Council Meeting.

Mayor Johnson indicated the Council will set an appointment session for Board appointments for the new year, and will include the Impact Fee Advisory Board.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked Mayor Johnson, City Manager Melder, Mr. Ross and Ms. Hatley for the presentation. It was a workshop Council has worked towards since the new administration took office in 2020.

Mayor Johnson thanked Mr. Ross, Ms. Hatley and City Manager Melder for the work involved in bringing the presentation before Council.

2. Discussion regarding Future Plans for the Civic Center Facility and Gamble Building

Mayor Johnson briefly discussed prior administration's decisions regarding future plans for the Civic Center Facility and the Gamble Building. The current administration now has an opportunity to make a decision on how to proceed with the properties.

With consent of the City Council, Mayor Johnson asked City Manager Melder to take a look at both properties and bring back options/observations for their review. In addition, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter requested the City Manager to review the proposal made by the Savannah Coalition of Coaches intended to address crime on the streets and bring back recommendations for the City Council's consideration.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Workshop at 12:55 p.m.

A video recording of the workshop can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: Tues. 11/23/2021

Signature: Mark Massey

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NOVEMBER 9, 2021, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:02 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderwoman Miller Blakely to introduce Junior Minister Darion Seabrook, Graceful Gospel Church, and a high school junior attending Calvary Day School, who offered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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

ALSO, PRESENT:
City Manager Joseph A. Melder
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session & City Manager's Briefing held on October 28, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

Agenda Plus_WS DRAFT MINUTES_October 28, 2021 City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4 as amended to correctly spell "SAPELO (Foundation)" in the Workshop Minutes, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on October 28, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Plus_RM DRAFT MINUTES_October 28, 2021 City Council Regular Meeting (2).pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4 as amended to correctly spell "SAPELO (Foundation)" in the Workshop Minutes, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

4. Adoption of the 2022 Meeting Calendar for the Mayor and Aldermen.

2022_COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4 as amended to correctly spell "SAPELO (Foundation)" in the Workshop Minutes, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

5. Approval of a Resolution Accepting a Donation from the Ardsley Park-Chatham Crescent Garden Club in the Amount of $5,000 for the Beautification of Theus Park, Located at Chatham Crescent and E. 45th St. in Dist. 4. Improvements will include turf grass replacement, the addition of ornamental shrubs, mulch and other enhancements to the existing landscape.

Exhibit 1: APCC Garden Club Resolution - Theus Park.docx

Exhibit 2: APCC Neighborhood Assoc Resolution - Theus Park.docx

Item #5 is related to the Resolution under Item #25.

Ms. Ardis Wood of the Ardsley Park-Chatham Cresent Garden Club presented City Council with a check for $6,000.000 for improvements and upgrades of Theus Park.

As a public-private partnership, Alderman Palumbo thanked the Ardsley Park-Chatham Cresent Garden Club and Neighborhood Association for their donations. The checks were passed to Mr. Gordon Denney, Senior Director of Greenscapes who thanked both organizations for their contributions over the years.

Alderman Palumbo encouraged the City to continue the partnership tradition. The combined contributions over the past years from the Ardsley Park-Chatham Cresent Garden Club and Neighborhood Association to the City is well over a half million dollars.

6. Approval of a Resolution Accepting a $5,000 Donation from the Ardsley Park-Chatham Crescent Neighborhood Association for the Beautification of Theus Park, Located at Chatham Crescent and E. 45th St. in Dist. 4. Improvements will include turf grass replacement, the addition of ornamental shrubs, mulch and other enhancements to the existing landscape.

Item #6 is related to the Resolution under Item #26.

Mr. Charles Vilushis representing the Ardsley Park-Chatham Cresent Neighborhood Association presented City Council with a check for $4,850.00 for improvements of Theus Park.

As a public-private partnership, Alderman Palumbo thanked the Ardsley Park-Chatham Cresent Garden Club and Neighborhood Association for their donations. The checks were passed to Mr. Gordon Denney, Senior Director of Greenscapes who thanked both organizations for the contributions over the years.

Alderman Palumbo encouraged the City to continue the partnership tradition. The combined contributions over the past years from the Ardsley Park-Chatham Cresent Garden Club and Neighborhood Association to the City is well over a half million dollars.

7. A Proclamation Recognizing the Extraordinary Effort Put Forth by City Staff to Provide Technical Support for the Continuation of City Council Meetings via ZOOM for the Past Twenty Months

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and READ by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz in recognition of the City's Information Technology Service (ITS) department for outstanding service during the COVID-19 pandemic by providing Zoom technical support for Council meetings, conferences and various other meetings.

Representatives from ITS and the Office of Marketing and Communications expressed their thanks and appreciation to the City for the Proclamation.

8. A Proclamation Recognizing Omar Temple No. 21 Prince Hall Affiliated (PHA) Shriners for Serving the Greater Savannah Community for Over 115 Years

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and READ by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan in recognition of 115 years of service to the Savannah communities by Omar Temple No. 21 Prince Hall Affiliated (PHA).

Members of Omar Temple No. 21 expressed appreciation and thanks to City Council for recognition and the Proclamation, including but not limited to Potentate Elrico “Rico” Rackard, Imperial Deputy of the Oasis of Savannah John Parker who spoke and brought greetings from the Imperial Potentate John T. Chapman, and Deputy of the Desert Anthony Kelly. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan acknowledged Mayor Johnson as a Noble of Omar Temple No. 21 and announced the newly elected Mayor Pro-Tem Michael Johnson. This weekend is the Annual Hertiage Ball which is sold out.

Item #29 was heard after Item #8.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

9. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Sheel Patel for Eclipse, A Restaurant at 127 W. Congress St., Between Barnard St. and Whitaker St. in District 2. No concerns noted by Police, no Issues with littering or loitering. Distance measurement met. This will be a full-service restaurant, on-premises consumption only (New Owner/New Request)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Eclipse.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Eclipse.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Eclipse.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Eclipse.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Eclipse.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol public hearings for Items #9, #10 and #11 open.

No speakers(s) were present.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol public hearings for Items #9, #10 and #11 closed, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #9, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Meng X. Wang for The Juicy Seafood, A Restaurant at 7805 Abercorn St., Between White Bluff Rd. and Echols Ave. in District 4. No concerns noted by Police, no issues with littering/loitering. Distance measurement met. No active neighborhood association. On-premise consumption (Existing Business/New Owner)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - The Juicy Seafood.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - The Juicy Seafood.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - The Juicy Seafood.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - The Juicy Seafood.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - The Juicy Seafood.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol public hearings for Items #9, #10 and #11 open.

No speakers(s) were present.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol public hearings for Items #9, #10 and #11 closed, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #10, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to David Walker for Pakwan Indian Cuisine, A Restaurant at 7102 Abercorn St., Between Stephenson Ave. and Eisenhower Dr. in Dist. 4. No concerns noted by Police, no issues with littering/loitering. Distance measurement met. No active Neighborhood Assoc. in the area. (Existing Business/New Owner)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Pakwan Indian Cuisine.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Pakwan Indian Cuisine.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Pakwan Indian Cuisine.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Pakwan Indian Cuisine.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Pakwan Indian Cuisine.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol public hearings for Items #9, #10 and #11 open.

No speakers(s) were present.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol public hearings for Items #9, #10 and #11 closed, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #11, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

ZONING HEARINGS

12. Petition of Neil McKenzie, Coleman Company on Behalf of Sweetwater Land Developers, LLC to Amend the Zoning Map from RSF-6 (Residential Singl- Family-6) to RSF-5 (Residential Single-Family-5 5) for 500 Grove Point Rd. (PIN 21004 02071). Aldermanic Dist. 6. File No. 21-005167. MPC recommends approval.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - 500 Grove Point Road

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance - 500 Grove Point Road

Exhibit 3: Sweetwater Station Revised Master Plan - Phase 8, 10 and 11

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning public hearing for Item #12 open.

Speaker(s) present:

- Marcus Lotson, MPC Representative described single-family lot sizes and the Sweetwater Station petition. MPC recommended approval.
- Neil McKenzie, representing the applicant.

Alderman Purtee asked if there were any traffic concerns and the purpose for the zoning change. Mr. McKenzie shared the traffic study with Council and the zoning change is to decrease the price of the homes.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked for pricing of the homes. Mr. McKenzie could not speculate on pricing, the developer would have the pricing of the homes.

Alderwoman Lanier asked Mr. Lotson if zoning RSF-5 means larger lots (no). In the market analysis, she asked Mr. McKenzie if the lots were smaller. (yes, to make the homes more affordable).

Alderman Purtee moved to close the zoning public hearing for Item #12, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

13. Petition of Neil McKenzie, Coleman Company on Behalf of Sweetwater Land Developers, LLC to Amend the Zoning Map from RSF-6 (Residential Single-Family-6) to RSF-5 (Residential Single-Family-5 5) for 500 Grove Point Rd. (PIN 21004 02071). Aldermanic Dist. 6. File No. 21-005167. MPC recommends approval.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - 500 Sweetwater Road

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance - 500 Sweetwater Road

Exhibit 3: Sweetwater Station Master Plan

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #13, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

14. Petition of Harold Yellin for Vista Realty Partners (Owner PHRM Holdings, LLC) to Amend the Zoning Map for 1000 Chatham Center Drive (PIN 20739 01013) from B-C (Community Business) to RMF-2-25 (Residential Multi-Family-2-25 Dwelling Units Per Acre). District 1 (File No. 21-004876-ZA). Metropolitan Planning Commission recommends approval. Public hearing and 1st reading held October 28, 2021.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - 1000 Chatham Center Drive

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance - 1000 Chatham Center Drive

Mr. J. Patrick Connell representing Walden Apartments, reported a meeting was held to address prior concerns. There was no new information concerning the development and all concerns were addressed.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #14, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Final Close-Out Modification for the Extension of an Office Trailer Lease with William Scotsman (Local) in the Amount of $19,600. The Lease also includes furnishings and appliances utilized by the sanitation department while renovations are completed through November 2021 at 1809 US 80 West Garden City.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Trailer Lease

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Trailer Lease

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #20, and Item #23, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Stage Lighting for the Enmarket Arena with Wenger Corporation in the amount of $157,600. Lighting equipment will be used during events at the facility. Expenditure included in project budget.

Exhibit 1- Funding Verification - Stage Lighting

Exhibit 2- Purchasing Summary - Stage Lighting

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #20, and Item #23, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of Three Portable Basketball Backstops for the Enmarket Arena from Porter Athletics in the Amount of $62,776. Expenditure included in project budget.

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Notes - Portable Basketball Backstops

Exhbit 2: Funding Verification - Basketball Backstops

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #20, and Item #23, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Leachate Pumping and Hauling Services with ED Trucking (Local, DBE) for up to $450,000. Contract will be utilized to remove and transport landfill leachate from the Dean Forest Landfill to the City's Wastewater Treatment Facility for disposal.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Pumping and Hauling Services

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Pumping and Hauling Services

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #20, and Item #23, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for Structural Welding and Fabrication with L&H Welding (Local) for up to $17,500. The contract will be utilized for the continued repair and maintenance of refuse disposal machinery and equipment through the end of 2021.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Welding and Fabrication

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Welding and Fabrication

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #20, and Item #23, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for Low-Voltage Cabling Installation Services at Various City Facilities with NetPlanner in the Amount of $225,000. The contract will also provide security access control equipment and services, security camera procurement and installation.

Exhibit 1- Funding Verification - Low-Voltage Cabling Installation Services.pdf

Exhibit 2- Purchasing Notes - Low-Voltage Cabling Installation Services.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #20, and Item #23, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Scanning and Indexing Services with Intellinetics in the Amount of $150,000. Currently, the Human Resources Department has over 400 boxes of employee files. Services will begin the process for digitizing personnel records in an effort to save storage space, improve search ability, security and visibility of employee records.

Exhibit 1- Funding Verification - Scanning and Indexing Services.pdf

Exhibit 2- Purchasing Notes - Scanning and Indexing Services.pdf

The following topics were discussed by Council Members:

- City Manager Melder outlined the process of digitizing nearly two million current employee files stored at Savannah Morning News (SMN) by a vendor currently used by the City. This is an opportune time to digitize the files while the City is moving staff from the SMN building by year end.
- What procedure is the City taking to making sure none of the information is lost during the process of digitizing (Alderman Leggett). The City archives the original hard copies and established back-up procedures for digitized files (City Manager Melder).
- Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked is there a current contract for storing employee records, (records are currently stored at SMN in a separate room). She supports delaying a decision pending a cost analysis: digitizing versus an additional employee to digitize, (this vendor contract would cost the City .05¢ per page, the cost of a full-time employee digitizing files has not been calculated).
- In light of the City's move from SMN, if digitizing is not approved, will the City need to rent additional space for the paper files and what is the City doing for cyber security protection (Alderwoman Lanier). The City would need to rent or provide a 12'x12' room to store the files and the City has malware and cyber security protection. Director of Information Technology Services Tim Moody provided a brief description of how files are safe-guarded.
- Mayor Johnson has concerns with paper files being lost during a catastrophe like Hurricane Katrina. Having the files digitized makes for good government.
- Alderman Palumbo supports delaying a decision until more information is collected. He has concerns with this being a nationwide application with only one bidder and what happens to the data once stored to make sure it's not on a proprietary system the City must continually pay.
- Is the City out of the SMN building on Chatham Parkway (Alderwoman Gibson-Carter). Director of Real Estate David Keating indicated the City is currently vacating the building and the lease with SMN will end on December 31, 2021 ($65,000/mo for office space and $400/mo for storing of files).
- Alderman Palumbo asked will delaying a vote for two weeks impact the City's ability to move out of the SMN building. It will not impact the City's ability to move out of the SMN building but it will impact the City's ability to move out by December 31, 2021. City Manager Melder is willing to provide the additional information requested rather than Council vote the item down. He would provide information regarding cyber security management. He further stated it's best to contract the digitizing out to a vendor, and receive the benefits from indexing the files.
- Where will the files go when the SMN lease ends on December 31, 2021, if Council does not approve Item #21 (Alderwoman Miller Blakely). With the Human Resources Department (City Manager Melder).
- Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked City Manager Melder how many files (two million files) and how long does the City retain the files. How much time will it take to scan documents (30 weeks to scan by the vendor versus years for staff to scan).

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Item #21, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Legislative Services with Holland and Knight in the Amount of $102,000. The City's legislative services contract provides professional representation and liaison services with the Georgia General Assembly, Chatham County Legislative Delegation, and the executive departments and agencies of the State of Georgia.

Exhibit 1- Funding Verification - Legislative Services.pdf

Exhibit 2- Purchasing Notes - Legislative Services.pdf

Mayor Johnson discussed the disadvantaged position last year of the City, without the use of legislative services. The City would have greater impact with representation at the Capitol during the Legislative Sessions.

After research, Alderwoman Miller Blakely discussed the two (2) other firms who responded to the RFP for less money. The Vaquer Firm had a Savannah resident and Ohio River South had a better diverse personnel. Holland and Knight had only one minority person and the local person chosen from Holland and Knight, in her opinion, is not a qualified Lobbyist. Why did the City select Holland and Knight. City Manager Melder responded, this was not a bid but an RFP with more categories; none of the three (3) responders are local Savannah firms, but The Vaquer Firm is in Chatham County. All three (3) firms had a local partner, but Holland and Knight was the only firm with a local person of color. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the City staff check references of the Holland and Knight local person for lobbyist experience. City Manager Melder responded, firms are graded on prior experience and their qualifications as lobbyist.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter questioned the $27,000.00 difference over the lowest RFP versus Holland and Knight; and the last Lobbyist hired by the City was a total of $60,000.00. She has concerns with the local person representing the City at the Capitol from Holland and Knight since he worked on the Mayor's campaign. Mayor Johnson asked Attorney Lovett, during his review process, did he observe any indications of unethical practices. Attorney Lovett answered, no.

At City Manager Melder's reception, Alderwoman Miller Blakely reported the Chairman of the Savannah Chamber of Commerce (Bill Hubbard) asked her if the person in question would be a good lobbyist, her response was, he has no experience. Based on that conversation, in good faith, she cannot vote for Item #22.

Mayor Johnson asked City Manager Melder if Holland and Knight was registered in the State of Georgia as Lobbyist, City Manager Melder replied, yes.

Alderman Purtee called for the vote.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #22, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed 6-3-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier voted no.

23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of Archival Shelving from Spacesaver Storage Systems for City Municipal Archives in the Amount of $264,773. New archival shelving will be installed at the City Hall archival vaults and Administration Building at the Floyd Adams, Jr. City Services Complex.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Archival Shelving

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Archival Shelving.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #20, and Item #23, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Water, Sewer and Stormwater Line Repair Services with South Champion Construction in the Amount of $4,353,500. Services will be used by various Public Works departments. Currently, over 2,000 miles of water, sewer and stormwater mains are maintained by the City.

Exhibit 1:Funding Verification - Line Repair

Purchasing Note - Line Repair

Exhibit 3 Specifications - Line Repair

The name of the winning bidder was corrected as Southern Champion Construction.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter requested City Manager Melder to discuss the pricing and the recent sewage spills in the City. She discussed the sewage spills in Ms. Holly Pace's neighborhood and asked for some type of resolution to the problem.

City Manager Melder asked Assistant City Manager Lloyd to discuss Item #24 and the City's recent sewage spills. Mr. Lloyd described the miles of infrastructure covered by the contract which includes water, sewer and stormwater. Southern Champion Construction is on a 24/7 notice which allows the City's lines to be repaired immediately. This and the diverse infrastructure in Savannah is the reason for the pricing, which in his opinion is reasonable . The sewage spill has been taken care of in the City including Ms. Pace's neighborhood. Ms. Pace also has a stormwater drainage issue which the City is currently working to remedy.

Alderwoman Lanier asked Assistant City Manager Lloyd how long the contract for Southern Champion Construction will last. Mr. Lloyd responded, it is an annual contract.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #24 as corrected with the name Southern Champion Construction, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

25. Approval of a Resolution Accepting a Donation of $5,000 by the Ardsley Park-Chatham Crescent Garden Club to Help Beautify Theus Park, Located at Chatham Crescent and E. 45th St. in Dist. 4. Improvements will include turf grass replacement, the addition of ornamental shrubs, mulch and other enhancements to the existing landscape.

Exhibit 1: APCC Garden Club Resolution.docx

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve related Items #25 and #26, as amended to reflect Item #25, $6,000.00 for the Garden Club; and Item #26, $4,850.00 for the Neighborhood Association,

seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

26. Approval of a Resolution Accepting a Donation from the Ardsley Park-Chatham Crescent Neighborhood Association to Help Beautify Theus Park, Located at Chatham Crescent and E. 45th St. in Dist. 4. Improvements will include turf grass replacement, the addition of ornamental shrubs, mulch and other enhancements to the existing landscape.

Exhibit 1: APCC Neighborhood Assoc Resolution.docx

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve related Items #25 and #26, as amended to reflect Item #25, $6,000.00 for the Garden Club; and Item #26, $4,850.00 for the Neighborhood Association, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

27. Approval to Accept a Quit Claim Deed of a Portion of Normandy Street Right-of-Way from the Housing Authority of Savannah.

Exhibit 1: Quit Claim Deed - Portion of Normandy Street Right of Way.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter has concerns with Stillwell Towers and the issues/problems facing the residents which include code violations. She asked City Manager Melder to convey concerns to the Housing Director along with the appointed Board Members by the City to meet with Council for a briefing on a plan of action. She asked City Manager Melder to express his thoughts concerning Stillwell Towers.

City Manager Melder acknowledged the City's responsibility for all Savannah residents when it comes to quality of life. His staff will provide the resources necessary to support the Stillwell Towers residents and the Housing Authority. The City will make the Federal partners aware of the challenges facing the City at Stillwell Towers and the need for more dollars to improve the quality of life for Stillwell Towers residents.

Mayor Johnson described the building and the recent fire at Stillwell Towers and how the residents were assisted by the City's fire department, City Manager Melder, Chatham Area Transit, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and the Housing Authority. He recently contacted the office of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to discuss the many issues/problems at Stillwell Towers. Staff will continue to communicate with HUD to increase funding for upgrades and/or repairs, but in the meantime the City will do everything it can to assist the residents.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder to further discuss steps to help the residents of Stillwell Towers. Mr. Melder discussed processes of working with HUD to receive federal dollars and how the City could continue to work with the Housing Authority to assist the Stillwell Towers residents.

Alderman Palumbo asked for a parliamentary inquiry, the discussion was off topic. Clerk of Council Massey indicated the discussion was not germane to Item #27.

As an At Large Alderman of Post 1, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed her commitment to the residents of the City. She expects to hear soon from Housing Authority Director Davis and Mayor Johnson's two (2) appointed Board Members of the Housing Authority on the current situation at Stillwell Towers. Mayor Johnson indicated discussions are underway with the Housing Authority and updates will be provided to Council Members.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder if the Perry Lane right-of-way parcel would be included in the quit claim deed. The parcel was deeded years ago and now the City is reclaiming the right-of-way from the Housing Authority.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #27, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

28. Settlement #1

At the request of Alderwoman Miller Blakely, City Attorney Lovett gave a complete description of the litigation lawsuits.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #29, to authorize the City Attorney to resolve twenty-four (24) property tax litigation lawsuits near the Savannah Airport for no more than $2,600,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

29. Adoption of the Racial Equity and Leadership (REAL) Task Force Report. Adoption of the Task Force Report will direct the City Manager to review and recommend implementation strategies to Council.

Exhibit 1: Resolution - REAL Savannah.docx

Item #29 heard after Item #8.

Mayor Johnson read the Racial Equity And Leadership (REAL) Resolution and presented same to Council for adoption and approval. He directed the City Manager to review the recommendations and provide future considerations to City Council.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #29 thereby directing the City Manager to review the recommendations for City Council's future consideration, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if City residents could offer suggestions to the City Manager's office. City Manager Melder will put metrics and indices in place in a racial equity manner with scoring as a benchmark before moving forward, and include any new policies and partnerships that provide community-wide equity.

Mayor Johnson indicated the adopted Resolution will be shared with community partners such as the Board of Education, and agencies/organizations that deal with environmental issues for their input and suggestions.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Mayor Johnson if sharing would include the SBAC. Mayor Johnson answered the SBAC is a partner and will be included. She recommended the City Manager review the City's past behavior with the SBAC who excluded a majority of African American businesses during the CARES Act Funding; and to look at the City's administration as it relates to a balance in staffing, promotions, and salary disparity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Alderman Purtee thanked the Windsor Forest Team for litter and trash removal for Saturday starting at 10:00 a.m.

Alderwoman Lanier announced the cleanup campaign in Carver Village Saturday starting at 8:30 a.m. gathering at Stiles and Gwinnett Shopping Center.

Alderman Leggett announced a cleanup campaign Friday, Saturday and Sunday in District 2. Three dumpsters will be placed at 37th Street.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan thanked Team Savannah for the event naming a street for Lt. White.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter is committed to cleaning up the City streets and welcomed Jenkins High School to the 2-Legit-2-Lit campaign that will launch Saturday at 9:00 a.m. She also hopes the Community Services Department will lead the charge to clean-up the streets of Savannah.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked the City Manager and his staff for all the help at the vaccination clinic at Liberty City Center Saturday. On November 27th there will be vaccination booster shots available at the Liberty City Center. They are currently working on the vaccination for children 5-11 years old and will notify the public when available. She thanked Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan for supplying the name of Ms. Simmons who was very helpful.

Mayor Johnson thanked everyone who made it possible for the in-person meeting today. He recognized Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz's birthday today and congratulated former Mayor Edna Jackson now State Representative-elect on becoming House Representative of District 165. He thanked City Manager Melder and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan for the assistance at Stillwell Towers on a cold rainy day.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely announced door knockers will be available soon for the bulk items and trash collections.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

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ACTION MINUTES
2021 Budget Retreat
November 16, 2021 – 8:30 a.m.
Savannah Civic Center – Ballroom (3rd Floor)

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

ALSO, PRESENT:
City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Assistant to the City Manager Joe Shearouse
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Assistant City Attorney Denise Cooper
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox
Nick Zoller, Senior Director, Office of Marketing & Communications

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Purtee to offer the Invocation.

The following agenda was used to conduct the Budget Retreat, as provided by the Office of Management & Budget noting the additional City officers and employees who were present.

8:30 AM **Budget Workshop Opening** *(Breakfast will be served)*

9:00 AM **Call to Order** ..... Van R. Johnson II, *Mayor*

9:05 AM **FY22 Proposed Budget Overview** ..... Jay Melder, *City Manager*

9:30 AM **FY21-22 Financial Update** ..... David Maxwell, Melissa Carter, *Finance & Budget*

9:50 AM **Morning Break**

10:00 AM **American Rescue Plan Spending Framework** ..... Jay Melder, *City Manager*

10:20 AM **Going Big on Housing, Homelessness & Family Supports** ..... Martin Fretty, *Sr. Director, Housing & Neighborhood Services* & Kerri Reid, *Sr. Director, Human Services*
- Proposing Historic Investments in Housing Affordability
- Funding Solutions to Homelessness
- Adding More Capacity Through Community Partnerships

11:30 AM **Keeping Savannah Safe** ..... Taffanye Young, *Chief Community Services*
- Bringing a Whole-of-Government Approach to Eradicating Gun Violence
- Making the Investments We need in SPD, Chief Roy Minter
- Making the Investments We need in SFD, Chief Derik Minard

12:15 PM **Lunch**

1:30 PM **Investing in Our Neighborhoods** ..... Taffanye Young, *Chief Community Services*
- Re-Imagining Recreation...in every Park, in every District

- Creating New and Improved Community Centers
- Going Further with Tide-To-Town, Nick Deffley, *Director, Sustainability* & Sean Brandon, *Director, Mobility*

2:00 PM **Getting Back-to-Basics** ..... Heath Lloyd, *Assistant City Manager*
- Building & Maintaining Critical Infrastructure,
- Up-sizing Sanitation Services, Gene Prevatt, *Sr. Director, Sanitation*
- Modernizing our Water Meter Services and Operations
- Knowing Who to Call...SAV-311, Daphanie Williams, *Asst. to the City Manager*

2:40 PM **Investing in Team Savannah**..... Bret Bell, *Chief Operations Officer*
- Investing in Our People, Jeff Grant, *Sr. Director, Human Resources*
- Getting the Technical Tools We Need, Tim Moody, *Sr. Director, ITS*

3:00 PM **Afternoon Break**

3:15 PM **Next Steps** ..... Jay Melder, *City Manager*

3:20 PM **Wrap-Up: Council Discussion & Direction** .....Van R. Johnson II, *Mayor*

4:00 PM **Adjournment**

Mayor Johnson asked the City Manager to make himself available for individual conversations pertaining to the proposed budget with City Council Members, prior to the next budget retreat scheduled to take place on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

The audio recordings of the Budget Retreat can be found by copying and inserting the below links in your url:

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Respectfully submitted (action minutes),

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: November 23, 2021

Signature: Mark Massey

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NOVEMBER 23, 2021, 12:00 noon - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 12:01 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderwoman Miller Blakely to offer the invocation.

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

ALSO, PRESENT:
City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Assistant to City Manager Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
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Workshop Agenda Items

1. Presentation on Food Deserts in Savannah

Exhibit 1: Presentation - Innovation Track city.pptx

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson in partnership with the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative – Innovative Track, along with a Team of City employees as follows: Willie Mae Knight; Candra Teshome; DeAnni Gibbs; Amanda LaBrot; Chip Colley; Ann Cannon (absent); Jeff Shaffer (absent); and Sgt. William Barnett (absent).

Following the presentation, there was a question and answer session with Team Members and Council. There were discussions which included, but were not limited to the following topics:

- Questioned the small corner stores versus the larger stores on major streets. Food desert versus food apartheid. Revisit NewZo creating policies to justify densities (Alderwoman Lanier).
- Asked were other areas considered during the project or just the Westside. Each neighborhood is unique so the model might not work for other areas of the City (Alderman Leggett).
- Food issues are important as it impacts everyday life. Most neighborhoods were food secure when originally built, but through deliberate design decisions they became food deserts. It's good to see a blueprint for city-wide food security. What are the next steps to sustain the urban plan once the grocery stores are implemented (Alderman Palumbo).
- Asked will there be opportunities for community gardens for youth (Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan).
- If NewZo changed requirements for communities to create density, she recommended amending the NewZo Ordinance to allow enough density in the areas for grocery stores (Alderwoman Miller Blakely).
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz congratulated Mayor Johnson on completing the Bloomberg Harvard program and thanked team members for all the hard work on the prototype.

Mayor Johnson referred the program back to City Manager Melder for adjustments and creation of a timeline. He thanked Bloomberg Harvard, The Connick Group and the Centre for Public Impact for the opportunity and support. He asked team members to give their individual impressions of the program. Each member responded.

Mayor Johnson thanked all supervisors for allowing their staff to participate in the study/program.

2. 2022 Legislative Agenda for Savannah

Exhibit 1: Presentation - 2022 Legislative Agenda.pptx

PRESENTED by City Manager Melder and Assistant to City Manager Joe Shearouse.

Following the presentation, there was a question and answer session with presenters and Council Members, along with various discussion items which included, but were not limited to the following topics:

- Would like to see the term limits for Council Members on the legislative agenda before the current administration's terms end (Alderman Purtee).
- Asked for clarification on the following items: confiscated weapons can be auctioned but the City would like the option to destroy the weapons; percentage of the hotel/motel tax given to Savannah Chamber of Commerce; will there be racial requirements when selecting the board members for the Development Authority; can the Workforce Housing Initiative include/add rooming houses; and extend short-term vacation rental zones (Alderwoman Miller Blakely).
- Mayor Johnson indicated there will be a session in December to review board appointments. He will provide Council Members with updates.
- Public Service Commission has an impact on the day-to-day lives of residents. It's important for the City to have a strong presence (Alderman Palumbo).
- Recommended changing Workforce Housing Initiatives definitions and advocacy items and include State and/or local polices to protect residents. Questioned if there is a jurisdictional component to DDA, SDRA & SEDA (Alderwoman Lanier).
- Discussed child sex trafficking; asked to resurrect child protection act; hotel/motel tax percentage going to Visit Savannah reduced; and protection regarding gambling & casinos entering the Savannah area (Alderwoman Gibson-Carter).
- Language on Item #1 revised; weapons could be placed in a museum; reinstate fair housing programs; and create a program for storage of abandoned property for citizens who are evicted (Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan).
- Discussed confiscation of weapons being destroyed or auctioned; allow City Council to set rate for hotel/motel tax; and Workforce Housing Initiatives put on priority list (Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz).

Council Members will receive a survey (support or remove item) to complete and to prioritize items on the list. The session begins on January 10, 2022.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Workshop at 1:40 p.m.

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

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NOVEMBER 23, 2021, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:04 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier to introduce Pastor Vernell Cutter of Jesus Worldwide Ministries, who offered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1, Chairman

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder

Assistant to City Manager Daphanie Williams

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, November 23, 2021.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda as amended to add Item #42, a Resolution in honor of the extraordinary Reverend Matthew Southall Brown, Sr., seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session & City Manager's Briefing Held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of the Minutes for the Special Meeting re: the 2022 Budget (Retreat) held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

5. A Proclamation Recognizing Captain Morgan Winsor, Advanced Firefighter Matthew Spivey, and Advanced Firefighter Andrew Stevenson as Heroes and Public Servants who Saved a Life in the Call of Duty on November 6, 2021 during the Rock 'N' Roll Marathon.

Exhibit 1: Proclamation - SFD Employee Recognition.docx

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and READ by Alderman Palumbo. Fire Chief Minter expressed appreciation to the Firefighters quick action and contribution to save a life, and thanked the Council for recognition of their service to the public. City Manager Melder complimented and expressed appreciation to the Fire Department staff for the diligent responses to the City residents.

6. A Proclamation Recognizing Captain Morgan Winsor, Fire Engineer Michael Greene, Advanced Firefighter Matthew Spivey, and Advanced Firefighter Ronald Strauser as Heroes and Public Servants who Saved a Life in the Call of Duty While Responding to a Call for Service on November 13, 2021.

Exhibit 1: Proclamation - SFD Employee Recognition Nov 13th Event.docx

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and READ by Alderman Purtee.

Item #11 was heard after Item #6.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

7. Approval of a Class C (Wine, Liquor)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Edilma A. Martin Lopez for La Fonda, a Full-Service Restaurant at 310 E. Montgomery Crossroads, Between Bruce Ave. and Aegean Ave.in District 4. No concerns by Police or issues with littering or loitering, Distance measurement met. (Existing Business/New Request)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - La Fonda.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - La Fonda.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports- La Fonda.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report- La Fonda.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - La Fonda.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings for Items #7, #8, #9 and #10 open.

No speaker(s) were present.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #7, #8, #9 and #10, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #7, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License to Diane M. Boyette for Captain's Lounge, a Bar at 8414 Waters Ave., Between E. Montgomery Crossroads and Shannon Ave. in District 4. No concerns by Police or issues with littering or loitering, Distance measurement met. (Existing Business/New Owner)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Captain's Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Captain's Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Captain's Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Captain's Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Captain's Lounge.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings for Items #7, #8, #9 and #10 open.

No speaker(s) were present.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #7, #8, #9 and #10, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #8, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License to Diane M. Boyette for Candlelight Lounge, A Bar at 8606 White Bluff Rd., Between Wesley St. and Travis St. in District 4. No concerns were noted by the Police or issues with littering or loitering, Distance measurement met. (Existing Business/New Owner)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Candlelight Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Candlelight Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Candlelight Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Candlelight Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Candlelight Lounge.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings for Items #7, #8, #9 and #10 open.

No speaker(s) were present.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #7, #8, #9 and #10, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #9, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales for Jacqueline Somesso for Sloppee Toppee, A Full-Service Restaurant at 416 W. Liberty St., Between Martin L. King Blvd. and Montgomery St. in District 2. No concerns noted by Police or issues with littering or loitering. Distance measurement met. (New Owner/New Location)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Sloppee Toppee.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Sloppee Toppee.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Sloppee Toppee.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Sloppee Toppee.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Sloppee Toppee.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings for Items #7, #8, #9 and #10 open.

No speaker(s) were present.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #7, #8, #9 and #10, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #10, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

11. First Public Hearing to Receive Comments on the 2022 Proposed Service Program and Budget

Item #11 was heard after Item #6.

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing for Item #11 open.

Speaker(s) present:

- Terry Tolbert, EOA Executive Director – OPPOSED to funding levels
- Adam Solender, EOA Treasurer – OPPOSED to funding levels
- Nicholas Scannell, Georgia Southern University Student Veterans of America (SVA) – SUPPORTED implementation of a municipal internship program
- Anand Rao, Georgia Southern University Student Veterans of America (SVA) – SUPPORTED implementation of a municipal internship program

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing for Item #11 closed.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concern over a comment that City Manager Melder was not informed about about the existence and scope of EOA's services. In future allocations for non-profits, she hopes Council will see the need for equity among the non-profit organizations in the City. She acknowledged $60,000.00 was allocated for interns in the previous year's budget. Currently she is unaware of any Council Member receiving support of an Intern. She is asking for a fiscal report on the $60,000.00 and how the funds were allocated. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder to allocate administrative support, supplies and space for Council Members.

Mayor Johnson indicated two (2) staff members, Edith Gregory and Sharonte Turner are available to serve all Council Members upon request. He indicated the City did not hire interns this year and the allocated funds were not used.

Item #42 was heard after Item #11.

ZONING HEARINGS

12. Petition of Rebecca Holcombe on Behalf of Property Owner Jaki Gatch for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 5313 Skidaway Road (PIN 20122 02021) from RSF-10 (Residential Single Family-10) to O-I (Office Institutional). Aldermanic District 3 (File No. 21-004900). MPC Recommends Rezoning to OI-T (Office Institutional-Transition) with Conditions.

Exhibit 1: Maps -- 5313 Skidaway Road

Exhibit 2: MPC Recommendation -- 5313 Skidaway Road

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance -- 5313 Skidaway Road

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing for Item #12 open.

Speaker(s) present:

- Marcus Lotson, MPC Representative. MPC recommended approval with conditions.
- Rebecca Holcombe, representing the petitioner.

Written comment(s) received:

- Carolyn Gunn - OPPOSED

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #12, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Petition of Wesley Dixon on Behalf of Property Owner Hal Jenkins for a Special Use Permit to Permit Vehicle Sale, Rental, and Leasing at 2301 Montgomery Street (PIN 20073 14004) Within the TC-2 Zoning District. Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 21-004407-ZA). MPC Recommends Approval with Conditions.

Exhibit 1: Maps -- 2301 Montgomery Street

Exhibit 2: MPC Recommendation Packet -- 2301 Montgomery Street

Exhibit 3: Applicants Improvements to Property for Special Use Permit -- 2301 Montgomery Street

Exhibit 4: Handicapped Parking Standards

Mayor Johnson declared zoning hearing for Item #13 open.

Speaker(s) present:

- Marcus Lotson, MPC Representative. MPC recommended approval with conditions.
- Omir Benson, representing the petitioner.

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #13, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Schabazz and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderwoman Lanier asked Mr. Lotson, should the project fail, will the zoning automatically revert back to the previous zoning. Mr. Lotson answered, the special use permit is granted to the petitioner/owner. A new owner would need to apply separately for their special use permit but the underlying TC-2 zoning would remain with the property.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #13 with the stated MPC conditions, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

14. Petition of Rebecca Holcombe on Behalf of Property Owner Jaki Gatch for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 5313 Skidaway Road (PIN 20122 02021) from RSF-10 (Residential Single Family-10) to O-I (Office Institutional). Aldermanic District 3 (File No. 21-004900). MPC recommends rezoning to OI-T (Office Institutional-Transition) with conditions.

Exhibit 1: Maps -- 5313 Skidaway Road

Exhibit 2: MPC Recommendation -- 5313 Skidaway Road

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance -- 5313 Skidaway Road

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan requested first reading only to allow time for her due diligence. The second reading will occur on December 9, 2021.

HEARD for FIRST READING ONLY.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

15. Approval of the 2022 Revenue Ordinance

Exhibit 1: Revenue Ordinance - Cover Memo.pdf

Exhibit 2: Revenue Ordinance - Redline Version.pdf

Exhibit 3: Revenue Ordinance - Clean Version.pdf

FIRST READING ONLY.

16. First Reading of a Resolution to Approve the Proposed 2022 Service Program and Budget and Five-Year Capital Plan.

FIRST READING ONLY.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of Three Fire Pumpers with Sutphen Corporation in the Amount of $2,000,000 (SPLOST-VII Funded). Savannah Fire Department will use the fire apparatuses to replace fire apparatuses reaching their end-of-service life.

Exhibit 1- Funding Verification - Fire Pumpers.pdf

Exhibit 2- Purchasing Summary - Fire Pumpers.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked for the total amount of SPLOST VII spent to date. Senior Director of Finance David Maxwell did not have the projected amounts readily available but will get the amounts to Alderwoman Gibson-Carter. He does not see any issues with the collections or remaining projects. City Manager Melder will send Council Members an update of the SPLOST VII collections and projects. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter requested the information, given Mayor Johnson stated he used SPLOST VII funds for renovation of the Mayor's office.

Alderman Palumbo called for point of order.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #17, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Computer Replacement Devices with Dell, Inc. in the Amount of $950,000. This agreement will allow for the purchase of end-user devices such as, laptops, desktops, monitors, and rugged tablets to replace broken or damaged devices across the City in all user departments.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Dell

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Dell

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked what happens to the old equipment, can they be placed at the community centers. City Manager Melder answered the surplus equipment goes to outside vendors but he will look into alternatives. She would like to see the old equipment given to families.

Mayor Johnson asked Attorney Lovett for the protocol for public entities to surplus property. Attorney Lovett indicated when there are surplus items, the City can sell surplus for a nominal amount or place surplus items in various centers.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to approve Item #18, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Design of the Savannah Springfield Canal with EMC Engineering, Inc. (Local) in the Amount of $546,559. First phase will Include widening the 100-foot bottom width. The improvements will be the first initial steps toward the Springfield Canal upgrades which will provide 100-year storm conveyance to the Savannah River outfall.

Exhibit 1:Funding Verification - Design of the Savannah Springfield Canal

Exhibit 2:Purchasing Note - Design of the Savannah Springfield Canal

Alderwoman Lanier asked Mayor Johnson to read each item (#19 - #22) so the public will be aware of the timeline and items being purchased for the final phase of the Enmarket Arena project.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Items #19, #20, #21 and #22, per City Manager Melder's recommendation, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of Food Service Carts/Kiosk for the Enmarket Arena from Stafford-Smith, Inc. in the Amount of $530,204. The purchase will include a total of 22 carts and allow patrons to purchase snacks, food, and beverages at multiple locations throughout the arena. (Expenditure included in Project Budget)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes

Exhibit 3: Food Service Portables

Alderwoman Lanier asked Mayor Johnson to read each item (#19 - #22) so the public will be aware of the timeline and items being purchased for the final phase of the Enmarket Arena project.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Items #19, #20, #21 and #22, per City Manager Melder's recommendation, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of Playground Equipment for the Enmarket Arena with Great Southern Recreation in the Amount of $297,313. (Expenditure included in Project Budget)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Playground Equipment

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Playground Equipment

Exhibit 3: Proposed Playground Equipment

Alderwoman Lanier asked Mayor Johnson to read each item (#19 - #22) so the public will be aware of the timeline and items being purchased for the final phase of the Enmarket Arena project.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Items #19, #20, #21 and #22, per City Manager Melder's recommendation, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for 115 Motorola Handheld Radios for the Enmarket Arena with Mobile Communications America in the amount of $69,015. The devices will be used for staff communication in the facility. (Expenditure included in Project Budget)

Alderwoman Lanier asked Mayor Johnson to read each item (#19 - #22) so the public will be aware of the timeline and items being purchased for the final phase of the Enmarket Arena project.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Items #19, #20, #21 and #22, per City Manager Melder's recommendation, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for Quality Assurance Services with Atlantic Coast Consulting (Local) in the Amount of $232,863. Services are for professional engineering, sampling, and testing required to document compliance with the EPD for the Dean Forest Landfill. The modification will cover additional costs associated with known time delays & addt'l work items.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, #25, #26 #27, #29, #30 and #31, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification ($46,000 for FY21) and Renewal ($150K for FY22) for Microsoft Enterprise with Insight Public Sector, Inc.

in the total amount of $196,000. The Information Technology Department will be adding the Azure Environment, used for MySavannah and other resources) to the existing contract.

Exhibit 1- Funding Verification - Azure Environment.pdf

Exhibit 2 - Purchasing Summary - Azure Environment.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, #25, #26 #27, #29, #30 and #31, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Utility Access Rings and Covers with Ferguson Facility Supply/DBA Ferguson Enterprises (Local) in the Amount of $187,097. The equipment will be utilized by Public Works divisions to keep sanitary sewer collection systems free of extraneous inflow and infiltration by preventing rain water from entering the system.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, #25, #26 #27, #29, #30 and #31, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Upgrade the Existing Internet Connection at the Critical Workforce Shelter (2 Water Filtration Drive) and Fire Station #5 (10 W. 32nd Street) with Lumen/DBA Level 3 Communications, LLC in the Amount of $84,974. This purchase will allow for a more robust and redundant internet service for the City.

Exhibit 1- Funding Verification - Upgrade Primary Internet Infrastructure.pdf

Exhibit 2- Purchasing Summary - Upgrade Primary Internet Infrastructure.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, #25, #26 #27, #29, #30 and #31, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

27. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Replacement Roll-Off Containers with Lewis Steel Works for up to $75,785. The contract is utilized to procure roll-off containers to replace worn and damaged units. Units are used throughout the City and Chatham County to containerize construction project debris by contractors and to assist City departments with cleanups.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Roll-Off Containers

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Roll-Off Containers

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, #25, #26 #27, #29, #30 and #31, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

28. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for Automated Vehicle Location Services (AVL) with Cal/Amp for up to $73,423. The Savannah Police Department use the AVL Services to track police vehicles.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Automated Vehicle Location Services

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Automated Vehicle Location Services

Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #28, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

29. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for the Montgomery Cross Road Stormwater Pump Station Electronic Controls Upgrade with Control Instruments, Inc. in the Amount of $65,555. This modification allows for upgrading the Montgomery Cross Roads and The DeRenne Stormwater pumping stations to more stable, user-friendly and less expensive VT SCADA software.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Electrical Upgrades

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Electrical Upgrades

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, #25, #26 #27, #29, #30 and #31, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

30. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Carpeting at 5515 Abercorn Street (Former Development Services Building) with Culver Rug Company, Inc. (Local) in the Amount of $36,498. These services will be used to replace carpet at the facility prior to moving staff from the Human Resources, Budget and Housing Departments into the building.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, #25, #26 #27, #29, #30 and #31, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

31. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Close-Out Modification for the Placentia Canal Drainage Improvements with Griffin Contracting, Inc in the Amount of $2,053. Improvement modifications include the installation of additional metal pipe and adjustments to quantities for flatwork, backfill, erosion control, gravel drive, and fencing.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Placentia Canal

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Placentia Canal

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, #25, #26 #27, #29, #30 and #31, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

32. Recommend Approval of Task Work Order Number 16 with AECOM Technical Services, for Design and Construction Phase Services for the Demo Air Cargo / Construct Apron / Construct SE Taxi lane Project, in the Amount of $408,590

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #32, #33, #34, #35 and #36, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

33. Recommend Approval to Procure a Pavement Marking and Striping System from Sherwin Williams, for Replacement, Calibration and Testing, in the Amount of $73,546

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #32, #33, #34, #35 and #36, seconded by

Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

34. Recommend Approval to Procure Services from Thomas Industrial Coatings, Inc, for the Fuel Tank Interior Coating, in the Amount of $66,761

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #32, #33, #34, #35 and #36, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

35. Recommend Approval of the Commission's Agreement Share for City Works License Renewal with the City of Savannah, in the Amount of $40,000

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #32, #33, #34, #35 and #36, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

36. Recommend Approval of Executive Recruitment Fee with Steven Baldwin and Associates, in the Amount of $41,250.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #32, #33, #34, #35 and #36, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

37. Approval for the Sale of Timber on a Portion of the New Hampstead Conservation Tract (NHCT), an 863-Acre Tract of Land Donated to the City in 2020. Tract is situated along New Hampstead Parkway at Little Neck Road in the amount of $200,071 ($188K to the City; Remainder to Broker). Funds will be used to establish & maintain trails, fire breaks, enhance wildlife habitat & replant harvested areas.

Exhibit 1: Map Attachment - Little Neck Road.pdf

Exhibit 2: Georgia Forestry Commission Plan.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #37, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

38. Settlement #1

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #38, authorizing the City Attorney's office to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Georgia and Johnson & Johnson for the settlement of opioid litigation, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

39. Settlement #2

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #39, authorizing the City Attorney's office to settle the claim of Henry Robinson for no more than $90,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

40. Settlement #3

City Attorney Lovett requested Item #40 be withdrawn.

MISCELLANEOUS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

41. Approval of a Major Subdivision, Sweetwater Station, Phase 9, which is located southwest of the intersection of Sweetwater Station Drive and Grove Point Road in Aldermanic District 6. This phase will consist of 29 single family lots with varying lot sizes.

Exhibit 1: Plat of Major Subdivision, Sweetwater Station, Phase 9

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #41, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

ADD-ON

Item #42 was heard after Item #11.

42. Resolution honoring Reverend Matthew Southall Brown, Sr.

Mayor Johnson read a portion of a Resolution honoring Reverend Matthew Southall Brown, Sr. to be presented to his family in entirety, and expressed deep condolences on behalf of the Council and staff. As a member of St. John's Baptist Church where Reverend Southall Brown served as pastor for over 45 years, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed her condolences.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #42, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Johnson expressed his gratitude for Council Members and Team Savannah. He is grateful for the many donations of canned food (over 29,000 cans) collected this week for residents.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz invited residents to a vaccination clinic with Georgia Department of Health at the Liberty City Community Center for free COVID-19 shots from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. at 1401 Mills B. Lane Blvd.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed thanks for the staff's presentation today on the workshops; however, she would like the previous roster of priority list items for workshops be revisited. Several workshop topics have not been given consideration.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan called for point of order stating it takes five votes to get an item on the agenda.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely thanked City Manager Melder and Assistant to City Manager Daphanie Williams for participating in the End Gun Violence rally on Saturday. The next rally will be at Cann Park honoring an individual from that community for outstanding work. The rally will be repeated across the City.

Alderman Purtee is thankful for people who are working and keeping people safe during the holidays. Most of us will be sitting down to enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner, there are individuals who will be out on the streets keeping us all safe. He is grateful for public safety.

Alderman Leggett gave a shout-out to all the organizations which handed out 500 turkeys yesterday and to all the other organizations continuously feeding people, such as Nancy Heart, Chris Christopher, LB4 and Representative Carl Gilyard.

Mayor Johnson thanked the Anthony Lanier Foundation in Carver Village on Saturday, the Tate Law Group and St. John's Baptist Church for handing out 600 turkeys on Saturday and radio station Love 101.1FM who gave out 200 turkeys this morning.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan is grateful for the City's permanent City Manager (Jay Melder) and she invited Aldermen/Alderwomen from the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 6th Districts to participate in holiday cheer by caroling in the districts.

Alderman Palumbo thanked Team Savannah for the canned food drive this year. He congratulated the service center that donated the highest number of canned goods.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely announced on Waters Street between 36th and 37th Street, Grandma's Diner will be feeding citizens on Thanksgiving Day at 12:00 noon. There will be a food drive and food give-a-way Port to Port Music Studio, details will follow.

Alderwoman Lanier shared a Southern Belle joke and expressed her gratitude for every day.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter sent shout-outs to all local organizations and groups feeding citizens. Often, senior citizens are overlooked; Latasha Barnes of Save Our Youth Savannah is feeding residents at Summit and Stillwell. Ms. Barnes is also providing cleaning supplies to assist with mold clean-up. Thanks to all the helping hands across Savannah.

Mayor Johnson wished a 'Happy Thanksgiving' to all staff.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:21 p.m.

The audio recording of the Council Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the below link in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: 12/9/2021

Signature: Mark Massey

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ACTION MINUTES
2021 Budget Retreat
November 30, 2021 – 8:30 a.m.
Savannah Civic Center – Ballroom (3rd Floor)

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

ABSENT: Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

ALSO, PRESENT:
City Manager Joseph A. Melder
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Nick Zoller, Senior Director, Office of Marketing & Communications

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Mayor Johnson offered the Invocation.

The following agenda was used to conduct the Budget Retreat, as provided by the Office of Management & Budget noting the additional City officers and employees who were present.

8:30 AM **Budget Workshop Opening (Breakfast will be served)**

9:00 AM **Call to Order** .....Van R. Johnson II, *Mayor*

9:05 AM **Opening Remarks** ..... Jay Melder, *City Manager*

9:15 AM **Enterprise Funds Overview** ..... David Maxwell, *Sr. Director, Finance*

9:45 AM **2022-2026 Capital Plan & Debt Service Overview**...Melissa Carter, Sr. Director, *Budget*

10:15AM **Break**

10:45 AM **Municipal Space-Planning**.....Bret Bell, *Chief Operating Officer with* David Keating, Sr. Director of Real Estate

11:15 AM **Wrap Up: Council Discussion and Direction** ..... Van R. Johnson II, *Mayor*

12:00 PM **Lunch**

~~1:00 PM **Adjourn**~~

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Council Members shared recommendations and adjustments to the Budget.

Alderman Purtee offered prayer for lunch.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted (action minutes),

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: 12/9/2021

Signature: Mark Massey

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DECEMBER 9, 2021, 1:00 p.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 1:04 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Palumbo to offer the invocation.

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

ALSO, PRESENT:
City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Assistant to City Manager Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

Workshop Agenda Items

1. 100% Savannah Clean Energy Plan

PRESENTED by City Manager Melder, Sustainability Director Nick Deffley, and Alicia Brown, Energy Analyst.

Following the presentation, some but not all topics listed below were discussed in comments, questions, or discussions by City Manager Melder, Mr. Deffley, Ms. Brown and Council Members:

- Requested to contact City Partners like CAT, SCAD, etc. about the electric vehicles (Alderman Leggett).

- Requested a spreadsheet and an updated report in one year. Suggested including Board of Education, local schools, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, etc. (Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan). Mayor Johnson recommended a six month updated report.
- Suggested grant proposals to assist with enabling actions; Council Members can be advocates; appreciate the programs for home repairs and how will the $3.5 million funds be distributed (Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz).
- Asked they come back often with updates; the energy ordinance is a good suggestion. Suggested an annual trade show to introduce the concept of clean energy (Alderman Palumbo).
- Concerned with timeline & target as the current administration could change in 2025; State policies provide opportunities; other grant opportunities should be pursued; impact fee ordinance, changing stations and fair housing division suggested (Alderwoman Gibson-Carter).
- Concerned with equitability of the $3.5 million to the effected areas; what steps are being taker to reduce the high poverty level in the City; who will pay for 100% clean energy in the City; and include residents from the poverty area in discussions and on panels (Alderwoman Mille Blakely).
- Suggested making major industries City partners; asked to consider other clean energy sources besides solar; air quality improvements; and homes with structural issues will need grants to address foundation problems (Alderwoman Lanier).

Mr. Deffley asked Council Members to review the Plan and is requesting a Letter of Endorsement.

Mayor Johnson thanked Mr. Deffley, Ms. Brown and others involved in making the plan a success.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Workshop at 2:07 p.m.

Mayor Johnson requested the City Council to reconvene at 2:17 p.m. to allow staff ten minutes of transition time, prior to beginning the Regular Meeting.

A video recording of the workshop can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

https://savannahgovtv.viebit.com/player.php?hash=3JT3NKcU4SSd

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: December 21, 2021

Signature: Mark Massey

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DECEMBER 9, 2021, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:18 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Detric Leggett to introduce Reverend Paul E. Smith, Pastor of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church, who offered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1, Chairman

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder

Assistant to City Manager Daphanie Williams

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, December 9, 2021.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda as amended to recognize representatives from our Sister City, Halle (Saale) Germany, led by Deputy Mayor Dr. Judith Marquardt, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session & City Manager's Briefing Held on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Minutes - November 23, 2021 City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Minutes - November 23, 2021 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of the Minutes for the Special Meeting re: the FY2022 Budget (Retreat) Held on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 8:30 a.m.

Exhibit 1: Minutes - Special Meeting re: FY2022 Budget Retreat.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

ADD-ON:

Appearance and recognition of Savannah's Sister City, Halle (Saale) Germany, led by Deputy Mayor Dr. Judith Marquardt.

PRESENTED and READ by Mayor Johnson. Deputy Mayor Dr. Judith Marquardt along with delegations and representatives from the US Department of State and Homeland Security met in Mayor Johnson's office yesterday to reinforce the Sister City relationship instituted in 2011.

Dr. Judith Marquardt thanked Mayor and Council for the opportunity to reestablish the partnership and looks forward to a long and lasting relationship. She invited all to visit the City of Halle, Germany.

PRESENTATIONS

5. Appearance and Recognition of Carver State Bank Donation of $2,500 to the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund

Mayor Johnson PRESENTED and READ donation amounts from Carver State Bank, United Community Bank, Wal-Mart, St. Joseph's/Candler Health System and Community Housing Services Agency (CHSA).

Community Housing Services Director Anita Smith-Dixon recognized CHSA Directors, Israel Small, President of CHSA Development & Co-Chair of Savannah Housing Task Force; and Deborah Wright, Vice President of United Community Bank & CHSA Director. She announced there are five (5) other donors in attendance to donate $43,500.00 to the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund. Year-to-date, CHSA has raised $197,750.00 for the Fund.

Representatives from Carver State Bank ($2,500.00), South State Bank ($5,000.00) and United Community Bank ($2,500.00) presented checks to the City. Ms. Smith-Dixon reported the representative from Wal-Mart/Sam's Club Foundation was unable to attend, but CHSA has received their check of $2,000.00.

St. Joseph's/Candler Health System President & CEO Paul P. Hinchey stated 52 employees have purchased homes through the program. He introduced Mr. James Williams, dietary employee at St. Joseph's Hospital who recently purchased a home through CHSA who expressed his appreciation for the Dream Maker Program. Mr. Hinchey announced the donation was changed from $15,000.00 to $40,000.00.

Ms. Smith-Dixon presented the check from Community Housing Services Agency ($16,500.00). She stated in addition to the funds raised for the Savannah Affordable House Fund, they have received $424,500.00 from the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund (CDFI) toward housing efforts in Savannah.

6. Appearance and Recognition of South State Bank Donation of $5,000 to the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund

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7. Appearance and Recognition of United Community Bank Donation of $2,500 to the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund

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8. Appearance and Recognition of Wal-Mart Donation of $2,000 to the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund

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9. Appearance and Recognition of St. Joseph's/Candler Health System Donation of $15,000 to the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund

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10. Appearance and Recognition of Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. Donation of $16,500 to the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund

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11. A Proclamation Recognizing Melissa Carter, Senior Budget Director, and the Office of Management and Budget, as Public Servants Who Safeguard the City's Long-term Financial Sustainability

HEARD after Item #39.

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and after thanking City Manager Melder and Council for an adopted/approved budget, Alderwoman Lanier READ the Proclamation.

Senior Budget Director Melissa Carter thanked Council on behalf of the Management & Budget Department. She introduced and thanked each staff member for outstanding performance during the budget process.

Mayor Johnson and Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz gave a special thank you to the Management & Budget staff.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

12. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Victoria E. Agudelo for Katrina's Burritos Xpress, a Full-Service Restaurant at 2 Park of Commerce Boulevard, Between Chatham Parkway and Park of Commerce Way in District 1. No concerns by Police or issues with littering or loitering. Distance measurement met. (New Owner/New Location)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Katrina's Burritos Xpress.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Katrina's Burritos Xpress.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Documents - Katrina's Burritos Xpress.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Katrina's Burritos Xpress.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Katrina's Burritos Xpress.pdf

HEARD after Item #15.

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearings for Items #12 and #13 open.

No speaker(s) were present.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the hearings for Items #12 and #13, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #12, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) with Sunday Sales and Class E (Beer, Wine)(By the Package) Alcohol Licenses to Colleen Edwards for Creekfire RV Resort, a resort at 275 Fort Argyle Road, Between I-95 and Bush Road. No concerns by Police or issues with littering or loitering. Distance measurement met. (Existing Business/New Owner)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Creekside RV Resort.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Creekside RV Resort.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Documents - Creekside RV Resort.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Creekside RV Resort.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Creekfire RV Resort.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearings for Items #12 and #13 open.

No speaker(s) were present.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the hearings for Items #12 and #13, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #13, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

14. Final Public Hearing to Receive Comments on the 2022 Service Program and Budget

HEARD after Item #45.

City Manager Melder gave an overview of the 2022 proposed Budget and highlighted the major investments in Team Savannah and community services.

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing for Item #14 open.

Written comment(s):

- Betty & Mark Armstrong – Funding for stormwater system to drain rainwater into the Vernon River more efficiently.

Speaker(s) present:

- The Rev. Guillermo A. Arboleda – SUPPORT, Funding for Affordable Housing.
- Reverend Katie Callaway – SUPPORT, Funding for Affordable Housing.
- River Ray Webb Hopkins – Homelessness, demographics, drugs, and double-standards of laws against low-wealth citizens.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

Following an overview given by the City Manager pertaining to Clearview Homes tenants being displaced, Mayor Johnson permitted public comment from the following:

- Diane Washington - Honor extension to December 31, 2021 and removal of the dispossessory proceedings from their record.
- Debra Johnson - Honor extension to December 31, 2021 and removal of the dispossessory proceedings from their record.
- Dione W. Hicks - Honor extension to December 31, 2021 and removal of the dispossessory proceedings from their record.

City Manager Melder indicated the developer had agreed to give Clearview residents time to vacate the building but did not live up to the agreed upon timeframe. The City Manager, City Attorney and City staff will work with local agencies and the court system to try and alleviate the dispossessory. Mayor Johnson indicated the City will continue to fight for the residents of Clearview Homes.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

15. Approval of the 2022 Revenue Ordinance

Exhbit 1: Cover Memo - Revenue Ordinance.pdf

Exhibit 2: Revenue Ordinance - Redline Version.pdf

Exhibit 3: Revenue Ordinance - Clean Version.pdf

HEARD after Item #11.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #15, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Johnson asked Finance Director David Maxwell to stand for recognition and a thank you for the 2022 Revenue Ordinance.

16. Petition of Rebecca Holcombe on Behalf of Property Owner Jaki Gatch for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 5313 Skidaway Road (PIN 20122 02021) from RSF-10 (Residential Single Family-10) to O-I (Office Institutional). Aldermanic District 3 (File No. 21-004900). MPC recommends rezoning to OI-T (Office Institutional-Transition) with conditions.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - 5313 Skidaway Road

Exhibit 2: Maps - 5313 Skidaway Road

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance - 5313 Skidaway Road

HEARD after Item #13.

Speaker(s) present:

- Rebecca Holcombe - petitioner

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #16, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Armed Security Services with Sunstates Security, LLC in an amount of $1,523,837. Services will be used for ten facilities, to include: City Hall, Gamble Building, SMN/5515 Abercorn St., Ellis Square, Coastal GA Center, I&D Water Plant, President Street Plant, Forsyth Cafe, Floyd Adams Complex, and special requests by Risk Management.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Security Services

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Security Services

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17, #19, #21, #22, #23, #26, #27, #28, #30, and #31, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for One Fire Apparatus and One Emergency Support Fire Apparatus with Sutphen Corporation in the Amount of $1,500,000. The fire apparatuses will help Savannah Fire support the City of Savannah's Strategic Initiatives to ensure that citizens feel safe in their neighborhoods.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Fire Apparatuses

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Fire Apparatuses

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter supports the purchase, but has concerns for entities like the Stillwel' Towers when operating in a fashion that is a danger to firefighters, the City has a responsibility tc assign compliance violations.

Mayor Johnson indicated the discussion must be associated with the Item. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated her discussion had direct association with the purchase as it relates to the safety of police and firefighters.

Alderman Palumbo callled for a point of order. He asked Parliamentarian, Clerk of Council Massey if the discussion was germane to Item #18. As parliamentarian, he replied no. Mayor Johnson ruled the discussion was out of order. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter's discussion was not germane to item #18, and he asked for a motion to approve.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #18, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No.1 for Electrical Repair Services with Aiken Harper Electrical in the Amount of $500,000. The Modification is for the Completion of Stand-By Power Generator, On-Going Lift Station Needs, and Replacement of Mission 3G Monitoring Systems for Sanitary Sewer System with LTE and 5G Technology

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Electrical Repairs

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Electrical Repairs

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17, #19, #21, #22, #23, #26, #27, #28, #30, and #31, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Interview Room Camera Systems with Axon Enterprise, Inc. in the Amount of $243,841 for a Five (5) Year Contract. This Agreement Approves Replacement of the Recording Equipment in All Nine (9) Interview Rooms with a System that is Compatible with the Department's Body-Worn Cameras.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Interview Room Cameras

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Interview Room Cameras

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter thanked City Manager Melder and dedicated the purchase to the life lost of William Zackery Harvey. His cause of dead was never determined. To his mother, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated this contract is a part of efforts to make sure that we have done what we said we would do.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan called for a point of order. Mayor Johnson stated, the point of order is taken and he called for the vote.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #20, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Maintenance Agreement for Radio Software and Network Support Services with Motorola Solutions, Inc. in the Amount of $229,820. The maintenance covers radio network monitoring, dispatch services, telephone/online support, preventative maintenance, security update service, remote security patch installation and onsite repair and replacement.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Radio Software and Network Support Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Radio Software and Network Support Services.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17, #19, #21, #22, #23, #26, #27, #28, #30, and #31, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Maintenance and Repair of Motorola Equipment with Motorola Solutions, Inc. in the amount of $211,722. Public Safety, Public Works, and Water Resources staff use the radio equipment for communication support.

Exhibit 1- Funding Verification - Motorola Solutions.pdf

Exhibit 2- Purchasing Notes - Motorola Solutions.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17, #19, #21, #22, #23, #26, #27, #28, #30, and #31, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Furniture for the Sanitation Headquarters Through Corporate Environments of Georgia, Inc. (Local) in the amount of $133,403. The furniture will support the completed renovation of the sanitation interim headquarters facilities located at 1809 Highway 80.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Sanitation Furniture

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Sanitation Furniture

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17, #19, #21, #22, #23, #26, #27, #28, #30, and #31, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for External Auditing Services with Mauldin and Jenkins, LLC in the amount of $130,409.The City is required by State and Federal regulations to undergo an annual external audit to determine whether or not the published financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable standards.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - External Audit

Exhibit 2- Purchasing Notes.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Item #24, contract renewal, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for Govern Software Maintenance with MS Govern in the amount of $108,569. The agreement will provide maintenance and support for the Revenue Department's Govern Software for property taxes, central cashiering, business license and utility billing.

Exhibit 1- Funding Verification - Govern Software

Exhibit 2- Purchasing Notes - Govern Software

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter advised the public this service will help track utility billing and residents can get assistance by contacting Ecomonic Opportunity Authority (EOA) and United Way. She expressed concern for those individual's homes on the tax sales recently and this service will provide better communications to avoid tax sales on the courthouse steps. Mayor Johnson confirmed with City Attorney Lovett tax sales are governed by State Law.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Item #25, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Rental of Box Trucks with Enterprise Holdings in the Amount of $80,507. The Litter Crews will assist the Sanitation Department with meeting the growing service demands associated with emptying litter, recycling baskets, removing loose litter from blocks, and maintaining a clean appearance for the City of Savannah.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Box Trucks

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Box Trucks

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17, #19, #21, #22, #23, #26, #27, #28, #30, and #31, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

27. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Fuel Cleaning Services with Southern Fox Services, Inc. in the Amount of $56,550. Services will be used to clean approximately 97,000 gallons of number 2 diesel fuel for 22 emergency generators powering stormwater pumping stations.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Fuel Cleaning Services

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Fuel Cleaning Services

Exhibit 3: Specifications - Fuel Cleaning Services

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17, #19, #21, #22, #23, #26, #27, #28, #30, and #31, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

28. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for EnerGov with Tyler Technologies in the Amount of $47,960. The Department of Information Technology (DoIT) will use EnerGov to track permitting and inspections activities with various City departments.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - EnerGov

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - EnerGov

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17, #19, #21, #22, #23, #26, #27, #28, #30,

and #31, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

29. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for NEOGOV Software Maintenance with GovernmentJobs.com, Inc./dba NEOGOV in the amount of $47,717. The City uses the NEOGOV tracking system for automation during the hiring process.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - NeoGov

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - NeoGov

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter has received complaints from department heads and she has requested to interview individuals, particularly in the police department. For a point of clarification, Mayor Johnson stated all staff work under the direction of the City Manager and Council is not in a position to determine and dictate how to interact with staff.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Item #29, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

30. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for an Internet Service Provider with Hargray Communications Group (Local) in the amount of $42,072. This purchase will add secondary internet service points which will become failovers during primary connectivity outages, segment guest traffic and provide augmented services in conjunction with SCADA.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Internet Service Provider

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Internet Service Provider

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17, #19, #21, #22, #23, #26, #27, #28, #30, and #31, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

31. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of One (1) Jaws of Life from Municipal Emergency Services in the Amount of $30,650. This Device is an Essential Tool that Enables a Quick and Efficient Extricate of Victims Trapped in Vehicles and Collapsed Structures.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Emergency Equipment

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Emergency Equipment

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17, #19, #21, #22, #23, #26, #27, #28, #30, and #31, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

32. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for 15 Automated External Defibrillators (AED) from Stryker Medical in the Amount of $28,084. The Equipment Will Help Ensure that Savannah Fire Continues to Provide Quality Emergency Medical Services to the Citizens/Visitors of Savannah. AED's are Used to Treat Citizens/Visitors Who Suffer From Sudden Cardiac Arrest.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Defibrillators

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Defibrillators

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder the training requirements in departments where there are AEDs. Mr. Melder will follow-up with information on the training requirements and Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked to be a part of the training.

Alderman Leggett asked City Attorney Lovett the City's liability when staff is not experienced with using AEDs. Attorney Lovett answered, there is not liability, the courts look favorably on trying to save a life (covered by the 'Good Samaritan Act').

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Item #32, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

33. Approval to Procure Environmental Services Supplies from Southeastern Paper Group, The Home Depot, Unipak Corporation, MAGA Industries and Haskins Doyle, in the Amount not to Exceed $200,000

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Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #33 through #38, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

34. Approval of Annual Retainer Fee for Airport Legal Services with Panzitta Law, LLC in the Amount of $48,000

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #33 through #38, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

35. Approval to Execute a Four-Year Sponsorship Agreement with OVG Facilities, LLC in the Amount of $140,509

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Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #33 through #38, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

36. Approval to Renew the Out of Home Advertising on Highway 278 with Adams Outdoor Advertising in the Amount of $233,816

Agenda Items 2.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #33 through #38, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

37. Approval of a Paid Search Campaign on Google in the Amount of $102,595

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Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #33 through #38, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

38. Approval to Ratify the Acceptance of Airport Rescue Grant Offer No. 3-13-0100-070-2022 from the Federal Aviation Administration in the amount of $11,693,915

SAV-SOG-3-13-0100-070-2022-Grant Agreement (part 1) - signed.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #33 through #38, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

39. Adoption of the 2022 Service Program and Budget, Five-Year Capital Plan

HEARD after Item #14.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve Item #39, seconded by Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Alderman Palumbo and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter congratulated City Manager Melder on a successful completion of the 2022 Budget

Alderman Palumbo asked City Attorney Lovett the statutory regulations related to municipal budgets each year. Attorney Lovett answered, municipalities must balance their budgets each year, expenditures must equal revenues, must present a balanced budget to the residents, and must have two public hearings within certain time frames before the budget is approved/adopted by Council. Alderman Palumbo asked if the City met the requirements. Attorney Lovett responded, absolutely.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely thanked City Manager Melder for recognizing and responding to resident's concerns and requests, including the youth and elderly.

40. Approval of a Resolution Accepting a $2,500 Donation from Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. via Carver State Bank for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund

Exhibit 1: CHSA Carver State Bank SAHF Donation Resolution 2021.pdf

HEARD after Item #10.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #40 through #45 as amended, changing St. Joseph's/Candler Health Systems' donation to $40,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

41. Approval of a Resolution Accepting a $5,000 Donation from Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. via South State Bank for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund

Exhibit 1: CHSA SSB SAHF Donation Resolution.pdf

HEARD after Item #10.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #40 through #45 as amended, changing St. Joseph's/Candler Health Systems' donation to $40,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

42. Approval of a Resolution Accepting a $2,500 Donation from Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. via United Community Bank for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund

Exhibit 1: CHSA UCB SAHF Donation Resolution.pdf

HEARD after Item #10.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #40 through #45 as amended, changing St. Joseph's/Candler Health Systems' donation to $40,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

43. Approval of a Resolution Accepting a $2,000 Donation from Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. via Wal-Mart for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund

Exhibit 1: CHSA Wal-Mart SAHF Donation Resolution.pdf

HEARD after Item #10.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #40 through #45 as amended, changing St. Joseph's/Candler Health Systems' donation to $40,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

44. Approval of a Resolution Accepting a $15,000 Donation from St. Joseph's/Candler Health Systems for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund.

SJCHS SAHF Donation Resolution 2021.pdf

HEARD after Item #10.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #40 through #45 as amended, changing St. Joseph's/Candler Health Systems' donation to $40,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

45. Approval of a Resolution Accepting a $16,500 Donation from Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund

Exhibit 1: CHSA SAHF Donation Resolution.pdf

HEARD after Item #10.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #40 through #45 as amended, changing St. Joseph's/Candler Health Systems' donation to $40,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

46. Approval of a Development Agreement with CCC President Street LLC for the development of Felicity at Perry Lane, a 290-unit apartment complex located at 1947 E. President Street.

Exhibit 1: Development Agreement - CCC President Street LLC.pdf

HEARD after Item #38.

Mayor Johnson asked City Manager Melder if the development was affordable units. Mr. Melder replied, it's his understanding it's market and parceled into townhouses.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter commented in tandem to this item (#46) and Item #50, regarding the gentleman who spoke during the public hearing, this is a part of the duplicitous nature of what we do as a local government.

Alderman Palumbo called, point of order. The term duplicitous is inflammatory.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated, racist, could you please let me speak, you always talk to me when I'm talking about a vulnerable or black community.

Mayor Johnson instructed Alderwoman Gibson-Carter to direct comments to the chair. He stated he believes the word duplicitous is inflammatory and asked Alderwoman Gibson-Carter to rephrase her comments.

City Manager Melder made corrections to his statement. The developer is making an investment of $2 million to make right-of-way improvements for the development.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter questioned Mayor Johnson's comment on the development being affordable. City Manager Melder answered, he misstated that it's market and parceled into townhomes, that is a later item on the agenda (#50). He is not sure on the affordability, he believes it's market rate.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated her comment was, this is part of the duplicitous nature of what local government does to consistently talk about affordable housing. Since this administration's time on Council, nothing has been done by way of affordable housing and she wanted to acknowledge that fact.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan stated there are affordable houses on Pennsylvania Avenue available. This administration has worked towards making affordable housing available to the public.

Mayor Johnson stated, this Council has passed an Affordable Housing Plan and made an historical investment in the Affordable Housing Fund to stimulate opportunities for homeownership through affordable housing. In reference to Alderwoman Gibson-Carter's allegations, he asked Attorney Lovett if opportunities to insist or mandate affordable housing as it relates to these types of development exist. Attorney Lovett answered, yes, you can start mandating; you can start inclusionary zoning.

Mayor Johnson suggested not voting on Item #46, but sending to Attorney Lovett for inclusionary zoning. City Manager Melder stated Item #46 is for right-of-way improvements and not development of housing. Mayor Johnson recommended City Manager Melder prepare a first reading ordinance for Council's consideration at the beginning of the year.

In an effort to address some of the issues through policy, Alderwoman Lanier suggested various ordinances and polices she presented to City Manger Melder for Council consideration and legal opinions.

City Manager Melder will prepare a draft inclusionary ordinance for Council's consideration for the December 21, 2021 meeting, and staff will work on a community benefits ordinance.

Alderman Palumbo requested a point of personal privilege. Personal remarks were made to Members of Council should be addressed at this meeting today. Inflamatory, not directed toward the chair, statements. Personal comments toward him, calling him a racist in the meeting.

Alderman Palumbo moved to reprimand Alderwoman Gibson-Carter for the comment.

Mayor Johnson asked Alderman Palumbo when this incident happen. Alderman Palumbo stated, in this meeting. Mayor Johnson asked Alderwoman Gibson-Carter if she called Alderman Palumbo a racist. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter refused to answer. Mayor Johnson will investigate the incident.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked for the rent amounts on the development. City Manager Melder will provide the rent amount information to Council Members.

Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #46, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

Mayor Johnson stated Alderman Palumbo's reprimand of Alderwoman Gibson-Carter will be handled at the Tuesday, December 21, 2021 Council Meeting.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

47. Settlement #1

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #47, to authorize the City Attorney's office to resolve the claim of Damien LaSalandra for $45,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

48. Approval for the Installation of a Historical Marker on Public Property to Recognize the Kiah House Museum at 505 West 36th Street with Conditions.

Exhibit 1: SIGNED Board Recommendation - 505 E 36th St.pdf

Exhibit 2: Submittal Packet - 505 E 36th St..pdf

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked for the name of the fundraiser and where to send donations. African Diaspora Museology Institute-support (https://theadmi.org/support/).

Speaker(s) present:

- Dr. Deborah Johnson-Simon, support for Kiah House Museum to raise $80,000.00.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #48, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

49. Approval of Segment 5 of the Water Works Site Pedestrian Walkway Mural at 1204 Gwinnett Street

Exhibit 1: Board Recommendation to City Council - Mural pdf

Exhibit 2: Submittal Packet - Mural Aerials.pdf

Exhibit 3: Submittal Packet - Narrative.pdf

Exhibit 4: Submittal Packet - Artists.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #49, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

50. Approval of the Major Subdivision, Collinsville Meadow Townhomes, located in Haywood Ward at the northwest corner of Paulsen Street and East Park Avenue. This proposed subdivision totals 0.25 acres and will consist of 4 townhome lots. Collinsville Meadows Townhomes has its own dedicated entrance located off of Park Avenue.

Exihibit 1: Plat Collinsville MeadowTownhomes

Mayor Johnson indicated Item #50 was reviewed by City Manager Melder during Item #46 discussions.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely viewed the property and asked why it was on today's agenda. she asked if additional units will be added to the four existing townhomes. Alderman Leggett answered, currently the property is vacant and staged and would like to know why it was included on the agenda. Mayor Johnson asked for clarification of the term major subdivision. He asked the petitioner to answer Council Members questions. City Manager Melder indicated a major subdivision is anything over three units and the subdivision is on the agenda today to allow the petitioner to sell or rent each townhome.

Speaker(s) present:

- David R. Slonim, petitioner, explained the process and additional code requirements before approval by Council.

Council Members, City Manager Melder and the petitioner discussed the project, code requirements, market analysis, rent amounts, unit's square footage, sales price, appraisal amounts and timeline. It

was recommended that citizens in the community apply for the Stephens-Day Homestead Exemption now to lock in property values.

a. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #50, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

b. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter requested reconsideration of the vote, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

c. Mayor Johnson sounded the vote in consideration of Alderwoman Gibson-Carter changing her vote on Item #50 to no. The motion passed unanimously. The final vote for Item #50, 7-2-0. Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no.

51. Approval of the City of Savannah's 2022 Sate Legislative Agenda

120621 Legislative Agenda 2022 FINAL.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #51, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Johnson informed the public the next Regular City Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. to allow time for individuals to enjoy the holiday season.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely announced an End Gun Violence Rally and Initiatiive on Saturday from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm at 38th Street Park. Barnes Restaurant will provide all the food for the event. She thanked City staff for all the efforts to support community events.

Alderwoman Lanier announced and invited the public to a ground breaking for Monday, December 13th at 11:30 a.m. for the Grant Gym.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely announced on Monday at 11:30 a.m. on Skidaway Road Come As You Are Baptist Church is doing a groundbreaking for their homeless shelter.

Alderman Purtee announced Kingdom Light Blessings, on the Southside Saturday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm; and Glazier Penecostal Church and Windsor Forest Elementary School will host a clothing and food give-a-way at 1143 Mohawk Street. There will be a second annual Jingle Jangle event or December 16th from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm, tune into the City's channel to listen. He congratulate Daphanie Williams and Joe Shearouse on their recent promotions. He gave a shout out to Windsor Forest, Wilshire and Coffee Bluff for recent clean-up efforts.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 4:48 p.m.

The audio recording of the Council Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the below link in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: December 21, 2021

Signature: Mark Massey

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SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

DECEMBER 17, 2021

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

The special called meeting of the City Council was held at 1:01 p.m., via Zoom video conferencing. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Purtee to offer the invocation.

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

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret F. Fox

AGENDA ITEM

1. Review of Appointments and Reappointments to Boards, Commissions and Authorities.

The Mayor and Members of Council discussed and reviewed a list of applicants who applied to the various City Boards, Commissions, and Authorities. The Mayor facilitated a straw poll among members to generate nominations.

The City Council will consider taking action on the nominations at the next regular meeting held on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

NO OFFICIAL ACTION WAS TAKEN.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 2:02 p.m.

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: January 13, 2022

Signature: Mark Massey

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DECEMBER 21, 2021, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:00 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan who introduced Alderman Kurtis Purtee, to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, December 21, 2021.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda as amended to add Agenda Item #34, a Resolution honoring the life of Apostle Dr. Idell Williams Cheever, Beloved Founder of Pentecostal Miracle Deliverance Center, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session & City Manager's Briefing held on December 9, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

Agenda Plus_WS DRAFT MINUTES_December 09, 2021 City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on December 9, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Agenda Plus_RM DRAFT MINUTES_December 09, 2021 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

4. Appearance and Presentation by Lieutenant Colonel Stephan Bolton, Hunter Army Airfield Garrison Commander, and Master Sergeant Nicole Brannan, Department of Emergency Services in Support of National Wreaths Across America Day.

PRESENTED to Council by Lieutenant Colonel Bolton and Master Sergeant Brannan, a Wreath to be displayed in City Hall in support of National Wreaths Across America Day.

5. Appearance by Ductile Iron Pipe Research Institute (DIPRA) Representatives to Present a Certificate of Membership in the Sesquicentennial Club to the City of Savannah's Public Works and Water Resources Division for Having Cast Iron Underground Pressure Mains in Continuous Service for 150 Years or More.

PRESENTED by Allen Cox, Regional Director at Ductile Iron Pipe Research Association. Assistant City Manager Lloyd gave a brief explanation of the importance of infrastructure in a municipality. Mr. Lloyd asked each staff member of the Public Works & Water Resources Division to introduce themselves; Director of Engineering & Planning Jim Laplander, Superintendent of Operations for Water Distribution Andrew Collins, Instructor Inspector Robert Plaster; Supervisor for Water Distribution Darren Lewis; and Customer Service for Water Distribution Lakeyneshia Cobbs.

6. A Proclamation Recognizing Real Estate Services Department Staff for Contributions Made During the Period of Staff Relocations and Real Property Transitions as well as for their Commitment to Provide Healthy, Safe, and Accommodating Facilities for Staff, Citizens, and Visitors.

READ and PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and RECEIVED by Director David Keating and staff. Mr. Keating thanked Council for the recognition and proclamation then introduced Property Acquistion Disposition & Management Director Eric Chin and Facilities Maintenance Interim Director Richard Gerbasi who thanked Council for the recognition and introduced their respective staff members.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

7. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to James C. Obletz for the Enmarket Arena, 620 Stiles Avenue Between W. Gwinnett Street and Louisville Road in District 1. No concerns by the Savannah Police Department or issues with littering or loitering. Distance measurement met. (New Owner/Location)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Enmarket Arena20211217_08203861.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Enmarket Arena20211217_08212454.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Enmarket Arena20211217_08222235.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Enmarket Arena20211217_08242131.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Enmarket Arena20211217_08254404.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearings for Items #7, #8 and #9 open.

Speaker(s) present:

- Chris Fields, General Manager at Enmarket Arena for Delaware North, representing the applicant.
- Judee Jones, Revenue Manager.

a. Alderwoman Lanier moved to close the hearings for Items #7, #8 and #9, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #7, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

Since it's the end of the year, Mayor Johnson asked if the applicant will reapply in January, 2022 for next year's alcohol license. Revenue Manager Judee Jones stated the applicant has completed the alcohol application for 2022 and it is currently being processed.

8. Approval of a Class J (Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License to Jennifer Jenkins for Gingerbread House Events, an Event Venue at 1921 Bull Street, between W. 35th and W. 36th Streets in District 2. No concerns were noted by the Savannah Police Department or issues with littering or loitering. Distance measurement met. (New Owner/Request)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Gingerbread House Event20211217_08265868.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Gingerbread House Event20211217_08274253.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Gingerbread House Event20211217_08284160.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Gingerbread House Event20211217_08293160.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Gingerbread House Event20211217_08303378.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearings for Items #7, #8 and #9 open.

No speaker(s) were present.

Written comment(s) received:

- Jason Combs – IN FAVOR

a. Alderwoman Lanier moved to close the hearings for Items #7, #8 and #9, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #8, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Loan Tran of Arco, a Restaurant at 42 E. Bay Street, Between Upper Factors Walk and River Street Access in District 2. No concerns were noted by the Savannah Police Department or issues with littering or loitering. Distance measurement met. (New Owner/New Location) (Recommend approval with contingency)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Arco20211217_08153016.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Arco20211217_08171165.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Arco20211217_08184899.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Arco20211217_08194702.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Arco20211217_08310470.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearings for Items #7, #8 and #9 open.

No speaker(s) were present.

a. Alderwoman Lanier moved to close the hearings for Items #7, #8 and #9, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #9, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

ZONING HEARINGS

10. Petition of Sandesh Pardeshi on behalf of Qingxiang Zhou (Property Owner) for a Special Use Permit to Allow a Package Store (Off-premises Consumption) at 2110 Montgomery Street, Suite A (PIN 20065 24012) in Aldermanic District 2. MPC recommends denial because the proposed use is not harmonious with regards to the amount of packaged alcohol and drinking establishments located within the area.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 2110 Montgomery Street (File No. 21-005177-ZA)

Exhibit 2: Maps of 2110 Montgomery Street

Exhibit 3: Photos of 2110 Montgomery Street

Exhibit 4: Alcohol Density Map for 2100 Montgomery Street

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

Speaker(s) present:

- Marcus Lotson, MPC Representative

Council Members and Mr. Lotson discussed the specific location of the establishment and the location as it relates to the nearest church.

a. Alderman Legget moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #10, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion was passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Legget moved to deny the special use permit for Item #10, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion to deny passed unanimously. (DENIED).

11. Petition of Harold Yellin on Behalf of Victory Drive Investors, LLC (Property Owner) for a Zoning Map Amendment with Conditions for Wicklow Street from B-C (Community Business) and RSF-E (Residential Single Family-Estate) to RMF-3-25 (Residential Multi-Family-3-25) in Aldermanic District 3. MPC recommends approval with conditions.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for Wicklow Street (File No. 21-004883-ZA)

Exhibit 2: Maps of Wicklow Area

Exhibit 3: Rendering of Wicklow as of 11-09-2021

Exhibit 4: Sections of Wicklow as of 11-09-2021

Exhibit 5: Street Photos Wicklow Dixie and Perry

Exhibit 6: Traffic Impact Analysis 2021

Exhibit 7: Draft Ordinance for Wicklow (File No. 21-004883-ZA)

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing for Item #11 open.

Speaker(s) present:

- Marcus Lotson, MPC Representative
- Harold Yellin, representing the applicant
- Patricia Hoang – OPPOSED
- Michael Hough – IN FAVOR
- Mary Landers – OPPOSED
- Robin Williams – OPPOSED
- Stewart Dohrman – OPPOSED

Written comment(s) received:

- Scott W. Smith – OPPOSED

- Mary Landers – OPPOSED
- Patricia & Viet Hoang – OPPOSED
- Eileen Baker – OPPOSED
- Stewart Dohrman – OPPOSED
- Tammy Horn - OPPOSED

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #11, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

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Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan stated she has conducted a full due diligence study and would like to move forward today with Council voting with MPC recommendations. She met with the developers, walked the neighborhood and met with residents who are in agreement with the project.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated there are additional residents who wanted to speak today that are opposed to Item #12, but were unable to attend the meeting due to holiday travel. They have sent written comments to Clerk of Council. She recommended continuing Item #12. She discussed market rate versus affordable housing with Attorney Harold Yellin as it relates to the project and the community, adding a comment that Mr. Warlaw contributed to Mayor Johnson's campaign.

Alderman Palumbo indicated he is very familiar with the community. He explained the area and proper usage of property therein, and he is of the opinion that housing will enhance the community and is a proper use of the acreage.

Alderwoman Lanier asked which street will be a City right-of-way and where will the four story multi-family homes be placed, Mr. Lotson identified the locations of the multi-family homes for Alderwoman Lanier. As an important step in housing development within the City, Alderwoman Lanier recommended/suggested community residents meet and discuss new development and community benefits with developers, prior to any zoning changes or presentations before Council.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Mr. Lotson questions relating to dumping on the site, location as it relates to the Salvation Army project and if the City owns any property in close proximity. Mr. Lotson answered all questions and indicated the City owned property adjacent to this area. Alderwoman Miller Blakely recommended delaying Item #12, so residents and the petitioner can meet to produce a more viable plan suitable for all parties concerned.

Mayor Johnson asked Attorney Yellin if the plans submitted by Mr. Dohrman were reviewed and a response given. Following a meeting last week, the plans were sent to the developer. Attorney Yellin stated the plans submitted don't work due to set-backs, flood zone and underground utility requirements, and the placement of the buildings. The plans are still with the developer. Mayor Johnson indicated, Mr. Dohrman was entitled to an answer to his questions from the developer, which shows due diligence was followed during the entire process.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder if the City owned property adjacent to the project has any development plans. The City's property is not part of the project and Mr. Melder will have staff investigate any existing projects for the property. She asked Mr. Lotson the process for citizens to petition MPC for rezoning outside of a development opportunity. To rezone property, 1) the request must be made by the property owner; and 2) the Council can direct the City Manager to rezone a property.

City Manager Melder recommended approval with conditions, including MPC. There are no issues from staff. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if affordable housing could be put on the City owned property. City Manager Melder will provide Council with a listing of all City owned property and its uses, which includes affordable housing.

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #12 with conditions as noted by the City Manager, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for the Purchase of One Additional Modular Wall System from National Office Systems (Local) in the Amount of $6,413. The modular walls are being used to create offices for the relocation of the Human Services Department from the Savannah Morning News Building (1375 Chatham Parkway) to the Coastal Georgia Center (305 Fahm Street).

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Modular Wall

Exhibit 2 - Purchasing Notes - Modular Wall.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, #18, #20, #21, #22, #24 and #25, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Notification of an Emergency Purchase for Boiler Repair Services with Banks Boiler Services at the Savannah Civic Center in the Amount of $65,081. Boiler defects were discovered during a routine annual inspection of the facility's heating system. Immediate repair was necessary to prevent mold damage to the property and to protect the health of City staff and guests.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Boiler Repair Emergency Purchase

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Boiler Repair Emergency Purchase

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, #18, #20, #21, #22, #24 and #25, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of Three Dump Trucks for Sanitation's Litter Crew with Wade Ford, Inc. in the Amount of $303,390. The litter crews will assist Sanitation with meeting the growing service demands associated with emptying litter and recycling baskets, removing loose litter from streets and byways, and maintaining a clean appearance of the City.

Exhibit 1- Funding Verification - Litter Crew Trucks.pdf

Exhibit 2- Purchasing Notes - lLitter Crew Trucks.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, #18, #20, #21, #22, #24 and #25, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of 29 Replacement Radios for the Savannah Police Department with Motorola Solutions in the Amount of $179,874. The radios are being purchased to replace existing equipment that is aging and out of production.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Motorola Radios for Police

Exhibit 2- Purchasing Notes - Radios for Police.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, #18, #20, #21, #22, #24 and #25, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

17. Authorize the City Manager To Execute a Contract for the Purchase of Wastewater Screening Equipment with Parkson in the Amount of $130,000. The equipment will be used to remove floating debris particles during the downstream wastewater treatment process at the Crossroads Treatment Facility. Clogged debris, could cause equipment failure and result in a potential sewage spill from the facility.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Screen Subassemblies

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - Screen Subassemblies

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, #18, #20, #21, #22, #24 and #25, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of an Emergency Backup Power Generator for Lift Station 205 with Cummins Power South in the Amount of $29,233. Lift Station 205 services 2,500 feet of gravity main along Fort Argyle Road. The equipment will be used to replace an existing generator that suffered significant damage due to a lightning strike, which is now beyond repair

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Generator Replacement

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - Generator Replacement

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, #18, #20, #21, #22, #24 and #25, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Scrap Tire Disposal Services with Quality Tire Recycling, Inc. for up to $55,000. The contract is used to dispose of scrap tires for the Dean Forest Road Landfill, Bacon Park Convenience Center, and Fleet Services Department. In addition, this contract supports the operations for the removal illegally dumped tires.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Tire Disposal

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Tire Disposal

Council Members and City Manager Melder discussed the local problems with tire dumping within the City. Cameras were installed to capture illegal dumping in various areas of the City. Calls are made to 311 to report illegal tire dumping and specific drop-off locations exist throughout the City for disposing of old tires. Sanitation Director Gene Prevatt described the tire collection program for City residents which included collections at residential homes.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #19, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

20. Approval to Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for the Purchase of Additional Smallwares (Cooking, Serving and Eating Utensils) for the Enmarket Arena with Bargreen Ellingson in the Amount of $51,518. This modification is necessary to procure chafer dishes, which were not included in the original procurement. (Expenditure included in project budget)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Smallwares

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Smallwares

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, #18, #20, #21, #22,

#24 and #25, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

21. Approval to Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 4 for HVAC Maintenance Services (City-Wide) with Edge Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, LLC in the Amount of $117,000. This contract provides service for emergency repairs to all HVAC systems, chiller systems, ice machines, and commercial refrigerators in City facilities.

Exhibit 1-Funding Verification- Citywide HVAC.pdf

Exhibit 2- Purchasing Notes - Citywide HVAC.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, #18, #20, #21, #22, #24 and #25, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

22. Approval to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Medical and Pharmacy Stop Loss with International Assurance of Tennessee, Inc. (Incumbent) in the Amount of $841,141. This contract is used by the City to provide for catastrophic claims reinsurance coverage for the City's self-funded medical and pharmacy plans. (Monthly rates: $19.34/single coverage, and $46.36/family coverage)

Exhibit 1- Funding Verification - Medical and Pharmacy Stop Loss.pdf

Exhibit 2- Purchasing Notes - Medical and Pharmacy Stop Loss.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, #18, #20, #21, #22, #24 and #25, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

23. Approval to Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for Painting Services with E & D Coatings, Inc. (Local) in the Amount of $2,050. Services will be used to paint the interior of the City facility, located at 5515 Abercorn Street, prior to the relocation of City staff to this location.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Painting Services

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - Painting Services

City Manager Melder explained this was a previously approved item by Council, but there was an additional $2,050 expense bringing the total to 37,050.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #23, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion was passed unanimously.

24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of Internet Equipment (Includes Servers, Routers, Switches and Cabling) for the Enmarket Arena from Comcast (Local) in the Amount of $229,210. This will ensure elevators, escalators, and fire alarms are working properly to ensure that all occupants of the arena are safe, and all equipment is working properly before and during use.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Comcast

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, #18, #20, #21, #22, #24 and #25, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Construction Contract for Upgrades to Lift Station No. 23 and Force Main Replacement Services from Astra Grading & Pipe, LLC (Local) in the Amount of $19,273,000. Upgrades include a new pump, wet well mixers, and new generators capable of powering lift station pumps. Also, the existing force main is 48 years old, in poor condition and in need of replacement.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Lift Station 23

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, #18, #20, #21, #22, #24 and #25, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

26. Consideration of Appointments and Reappointments to Various Boards, Commissions and Authorities.

UPDATED_Available Appointments to Boards-2021-December 31, 2021_Nominations from 12-17.pdf

Mayor Johnson read the appointments and reappointments of individuals considered for various Boards, Commissions and Authorities by Council at a Special Called Meeting held on December 17, 2021. A listing of appointments and reappointments were made available by the Clerk of Council office.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve the list of appointments and reappointments as read by Mayor Johnson, excluding the Savannah Economic Development Authority (SEDA), seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to appoint Scott Center to the SEDA Board replacing Reed Dulany, III for a five-year term ending December 31, 2026, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 5-4-0. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoma Lanier voted no.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concern for the appointment to the Land Bank Authority as it might be a conflict of interest for an employee to serve. City Attorney Lovett opined that the appointment of a staff member would not be a conflict of interest as the County has staff representation, therefore the City should have staff representation as well.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

27. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Contracts with Homeless Service Agencies to Respond to the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19). $1,454,103 will be allocated to six agencies to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 on homeless individuals and families.

Exhibit 1: Resolution for ESG-CV #2 Contracts.docx

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #27 and #28, seconded by Alderman Leggett

and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

28. Approval to Adopt the 100% Savannah Clean Energy Plan

100% Savannah Report_FINAL_12.16.2021.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #27 and #28, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

29. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Prepare an Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance

Inclusionary Zoning Resolution

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #29, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

AGREEMENTS

30. Approval for the City Manager to Accept a Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Adult and Dislocated Worker Grant Award in the Amount of $1,976,003. The award will be used to provide programs from October 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023 to adults who are unemployed or underemployed, and adults who have lost their jobs. The City serves as the fiduciary agent for the ten-county region.

FY 22 Adult Statement of Award.pdf

FY22 DW Statement of Award.pdf

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #30, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

31. Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County for the Development of an Early Childhood Learning Center to be Located at 814 Hitch Drive.

Exhibit 1: Agreement - Early Childhood Learning Center.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #31, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

32. Approval for the City Manager to Execute a Concessions Rent Relief Airport Rescue Grant Offer for the Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport

Exhibit 1: Agreement - Airport Rescue Grant.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #32, seconded by Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

33. Consideration of Alderman Palumbo's December 9th, 2021 Motion for Reprimand

HEARD after Item #34.

Mayor Johnson gave a brief background of events of the December 9th Meeting. Mayor Johnson reviewed the video and he concluded Alderman Palumbo was called an inappropriate name.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked for the procedure for reprimand and the difference between a reprimand and censure. Mayor Johnson explained a reprimand states behavior is not appropriate, it is offered by a motion and a second, then a Council vote. Attorney Lovett agreed with Mayor Johnson's reprimand and explained a censure is a more formal process by which a Member of Council is silenced.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated the reprimand is the lowest form of punishment for an action. She has not been formally presented with an action against her. Since due process was not afforded to her in a formal process, the action should be null and void. She cited the many problems facing the City, i.e. crime, homelessness, affordable housing issues, etc. and stated the Council should spend time solving those issues.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan raised a point of order, Mayor Johnson acknowledged the point of order taken. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter continued to discuss issues facing the City and stated she wanted to ask a question, since the topic of interest was her.

Alderman Purtee raised a point of order, Mayor Johnson acknowledged the point of order taken. Mayor Johnson consented to Alderwoman Gibson-Carter posing her question. She asked Attorney Lovett, in his opinion and acknowledgements before a witness, has he characterized these consistent behaviors as attacks against her person. She stated she should have been afforded a process, given the accusation was made in a public format. She stated she wanted to know what she was being accused of saying.

Mayor Johnson stated on public record, he along with several other individuals heard the statement. It was contained in the official minutes of Council. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter called Alderman Palumbo a racist. At the point the statement was made, Mayor Johnson indicated he afforded Alderwoman Gibson-Carter an opportunity to state if she made the comment and she refused to

answer. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Mayor Johnson to afford her the opportunity to serve the citizens of Savannah that are homeless, the citizens that are losing their children to the streets, and to be a Mayor of the people and not the establishment.

Point of order was raised by Mayor Johnson and Alderman Palumbo, point of order was taken.

Mayor Johnson called for the vote. Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated she had a question. Alderman Purtee called for the question.

Since other Council Members on the Dias heard the statement, Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked why she was not afforded the opportunity to hear what was said. Mayor Johnson asked Clerk of Council Massey if he had the record from the December 9th meeting. The Minutes have a record of the incident. Dialogue continued between Mayor Johnson and Alderwoman Gibson-Carter.

As the victim, Alderman Palumbo stated Alderwoman Gibson-Carter called him a racist twice during the meeting. He is sure because he wears a hearing aid and could hear both instances; however, only one instance was recorded on video. He asked and was provided a transcript of the incident which he will provide to all Council Members.

Mayor Johnson asked Attorney Lovett if Council proceeded appropriately. Attorney Lovett answered yes. Mayor Johnson, speaking to Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, stated the issue is behavior, and her behavior was and is inappropriate. Council and staff should be treated with respect and her behavior should reflect respect at all times.

Point of order was called by various Members of Council, point of order was taken.

Alderman Purtee called for a board vote.

a. Alderman Palumbo moved to reprimand Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Alderman Purtee and Alderwoman Gibson-Carter. The motion passed, 6-3-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier voted no.

b. As the year 2022 marks the half-way point for this administration, Alderman Purtee moved to evaluate the Council offices at the next Council Meeting in January, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion was not carried. Mayor Johnson stated the motion will be taken under advisement.

Mayor Johnson indicated there will be a visioning session during the first part of 2022 and Alderman Purtee can include his request at that time.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked for clarity from City Attorney Lovett on Alderwoman Gibson-Carter's statement that Council was antagonizing and or being confrontational with her. City Attorney Lovett would not comment on any personal conversations held with Council Members in a public forum. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan stated, if that is the case, then there is a conflict. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked the City Attorney about various personal allegations against Members, including calling someone a racist. She then asked Alderman Palumbo if he was a racist. Mayor Johnson asked Alderwoman Gibson-Carter to direct her questions to the Chair, and he moved on.

ADD:

34. A Resolution honoring the life of Apostle Dr. Idell Williams Cheever, Beloved Founder of Pentecostal Miracle Deliverance Center.

HEARD after Item #6.

Mayor and Council sent condolences to the family of Apostel Dr. Idell Williams Cheever. Staff will prepare and Council will present the Resolution to Apostel Dr. Cheever's family at the services (to be determined).

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve the Resolution honoring the life of Apostel Dr. Idell Williams Cheever, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Members wished staff and residents a happy holiday season including various scriptures of encouragement for peace, unity and love.

Other comments and announcements:

Alderman Purtee, Mayor Johnson, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier attended the Gullah Geechee Heritage Center on the Southside at Georgia Southernn University Armstrong Campus, an awesome piece of history for this area. Alderman Purtee thanked Dr. Maxine Bryant, Pat Gunn and Provost Dr. Carl L. Reiber from Georgia Southern University for the Center. He is asking everyone to remember those individuals working to protect us, as we celebrate the holidays.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely reminded all to be safe, mask-up and pay attention because the COVID virus is still prevalent.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter announced and invited all citizens to the 2nd Annual Kwanza Krawl, December 26th through January 1st, with the main event on January 2nd. Information is posted on the City's web page.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan announced Aldermen/Alderwomen from the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 6th Districts will be in front of Leopold's ringing the Salvation Army bell. On Friday there will be caroling throughout all the districts on the Trolley.

Alderwoman Lanier wished all households safety, and she sent condolences to all families who have lost loved ones.

Mayor Johnson thanked staff, residents and asked all to stay strong.

City Manager Melder announced the City offices will be closed Friday, December 24th and Monday, December 27th in observance of Christmas, and Monday January 3, 2022 for New Year's.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

The audio recording of the Council Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the below link in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

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DECEMBER 21, 2021, 12:30 p.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT

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SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 12:32 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Detric Leggett to offer an invocation.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1, Chairman

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Workshop Agenda Items

1. Animal Control Ordinance

ADDED:

1. Update on Inclustionary Zoning.

City Manager Melder gave a brief update on the Inclusionary Zoning Resolution. The Resolution is included in today's Regular Meeting Agenda for Council's consideration. Mr. Melder will direct staff to prepare a Workshop in January 2022 for Council to discuss Community Benefits and Inclusionary Zoning.

2. Animal Control Ordinance.

City Attorney Lovett explained and discussed in detail the Chatham County Animal Ordinance as it relates to the City's obligations. He suggested a tiered system to the County's ordinance and/or Council's consideration of the City having it's own Animal Ordinance.

Following the presentation, Council discussed and asked questions concerning the City's relationship with Chatham County's Animal Ordinance. Some topics discussed are listed below:

- Citizens want more restrictive rules concerning animal control and enforcement. If Council adopted Chatham County's Animal Ordinance today, can the Ordinance be revised later. He recommended the City supplement what the County is already doing (Alderman Purtee).
- The City's proposed Animal Ordinance language is more restrictive than the County's. There are serious feral cat problems within the City that should be addressed (Alderwoman Lanier).
- The County's animal ordinance has not been optimal for City residents. There are complaints of calls not being answered or the timeliness of responses. She would like to see the City's recommendations in writing and then hold the County accountable. The policies should reflect what the residents want in animal control (Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan).
- The City does not pay for animal control services to the County. Chatham County is understaffed. For enhanced/increased service, the City could fund two positions at the County to address animal control issues (Mayor Johnson).
- The City should pursue policies that lead to less animals being euthanized. There are nationwide best practices such as trap, neuter & release pilot and encourage the County to expand on the pilot. He volunteered to help connect the City to nationwide organizations to find what works best for Savannah (Alderman Palumbo).
- There have been on-going discussions for two years concerning animal control with animal advocates and Chatham County to no avail. She suggested an Advisory Board but her idea was rejected. She read an e-mail from Carol Williamson, a strong advocate from the City concerning Chatham County versus City of Savannah animal control ordinances (Alderwoman Gibson-Carter).

Council and Attorney Lovett further discussed the Chatham County Animal Control Ordinance versus the City of Savannah Animal Control Ordinance and how residents could be provided dependable and timely responses. Suggestions of using code compliance officers; a more fair ethical treatment of animals; partnering with the humane society; establishing an advisory board or group; and the cost of the City establishing it's own animal control department.

City Attorney Lovett asked Alderwoman Gibson-Carter to forward Ms. Willianson's email to him.

Mayor Johnson requested a written report of today's discussion with the next steps for Council's consideration from Attorney Lovett to be distributed to Council Members.

2. Staggered Terms and Term Limits for City Council Members

Following Attorney Lovett's review and discussion of a PowerPoint presentation, there was dialogue with City Manager Melder, Council Members and Attorney Lovett. Some matters listed below were debated/discussed:

- The community has expressed concerns with corruption and would like to see term limits for Council Members. This will also allow other residents to represent the districts. He agrees with staggered terms (Alderman Purtee).
- Council is changing, gentrification is taking place within the City. Residents will decide who will represent their district. How many years can a person be vested at the City. Suggested Council Members have an expense account (Alderwoman Miller Blakely).
- Voters will decide term limits. She will go along with whatever Council decides with regard to term limits. She feels it takes more than one term for an individual to make an impact/changes within their district (Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan).

Other discussion items included research of hub cities on staggered terms; consolidated governments; best practices; staggered terms as it relates to continuity; term limits as a protection for the community which ensures fairness and equity; and maintaining a democracy.

Mayor Johnson requested Attorney Lovett to further investigate other similar cities with regard to staggered terms and term limits within the State of Georgia and outside of Georgia and give Council a report on findings.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Workshop at 1:44 p.m.

A video recording of the workshop can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Workshop Agenda Items

1. Initial Briefing Regarding the Redistricting of City District Boundaries per the 2020 Decennial Census

Mayor Johnson shared information on the census for the City and indicated the discussion will be concerning the process. Mayor Johnson introduced Melanie Wilson, MPC Executive Director. Ms. Wilson introduced Ms. Brianna Davis, a Planner and GIS Analysis at MPC who helped with gathering the information for the PowerPoint presentation.

Ms. Wilson distributed the presentation to Council Members along with maps of their respective districts. Mayor Johnson received maps of all districts and At Large Post 1 and Post 2 Alderwomen received the map of the entire City. Ms. Wilson will give the maps of all districts to Alderwoman

Gibson-Carter (At Large Post 1) and Alderwoman Miller Blakely (At Large Post 2) before close of business today.

The 2020 Census is complete, State lines are drawn, County lines are in the process of being improved and now City district lines must be drawn prior to the 2023 elections. According to the Department of Justice data, the City's population has grown and shifted. This will effect the districts being reevaluated.

For clarification, Mayor Johnson indicated the census is about people and not land and after the City's redistricting, if the Voting Rights Law is put back in place, the redistricting plan could require the Department of Justice approval. Right now it is not required, there are no drastic changes with respect to the mapping. District 1 was the only area with the most increase in population. Redistricting will start from District 1 to make sure each District reaches the required 24,630 population (having a grace of plus or minus 2.5%), effective January 2024 which is after the elections of 2023.

Following the PowerPoint presentation by Ms. Wilson, Council discussed and asked questions concerning the City's redistricting. Some topics discussed are listed below:

- Does redistricting have to be challenged to go to the Department of Justice (Alderwoman Lanier).
- Ms. Wilson was asked to explain how the difference between reapprotionment and redistricting. How are shared boundaries are handled (Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan).
- Advised the public to go on-line through Google to the 2020 Census to see the population demographic changes (Alderwoman Miller Blakely).
- Asked what type of community education or outreach is being provided (Alderman Purtee).

Ms. Wilson will meet individually with each Alderman/Alderwoman to discuss and explain current district boundaries and the proposed new boundaries. From there, she will provide updated maps for each district.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Workshop at 1:21 p.m.

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JANUARY 13, 2022, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

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

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1, Chairman

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder

Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for January 13, 2022.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked for clarification of Item #33 in the December 21, 2021, Regular Meeting Minutes. Mayor Johnson indicated it was not on the Agenda, but Alderman Purtee asked for reconsideration of Council offices that will be handled at the Council visioning session. The visioning session was postponed.

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.

Exhibit 1: Minutes - December 17, 2021 Special Meeting re Boards, Commissions, and Authorities

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

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.

Exhibit 1: Minutes - December 21, 2021 City Council Workshop

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4, seconded by Alderwomar Lanier, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed 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. Mayor Johnson provided an introduction of the City's 66th Mayor and the many accomplishments during his administration that are continuing to completion during the current administration. The formal unveiling of the official portrait of former Mayor Eddie Deloach was followed by an acceptance speech by Mayor Deloach with his mother, Marion, and wife Cynthia by his side. Council Members expressed congratulations and well wishes to Mayor Deloach and family.

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. Anita Smith Dixon presented a check to City Council on behalf of Memorial Health University Medical Center. This is the fourth year for contributions from Memorial Health University Medical Center totaling approximately $120,000.00.

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. Anita Smith Dixon introduced Dave Zoufal, Weerhaeuser Planning & Inventory Manager who presented a check to City Council for senior citizens home repairs.

Anita Smith Dixon announced the 2021 contributions to the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund totaled $222,600.00.

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. In attendance for the recognition was Father Frank Zlemkiewicz and Coach Danny Britt along with team captains who expressed appreciation for the recognition.

9. An Appearance by and Proclamation to the Savannah Interagency Diversity Council Announcing "Traffick Jam 2022."

PRESENTED. Read and presented by Mayor Johnson to Chairman Bill Gettis, Bobbie Torres, Member and Barry Paschal, Member and from the US Attorney's office.

Thanks and appreciation was given to Council for the recognition and proclamation by Mr. Gettis, Ms. Torres and Mr. Paschal. An invitation was extended to Council and the public to attend the Traffick Jam 2022 on January 28th and 29th at Savannah State University, free lunch will be served.

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 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.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 5820 White Bluff Road

Exhibit 2: Maps for 5820 White Bluff Road

Exhibit 3: Plat for 5820 White Bluff Road

Exhibit 4: Draft Ordinance for 5820 White Bluff Road

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing for #10 open.

Speaker(s) present:

- Marcus Lotson, MPC Representative - MPC recommended approval. Mr. Lotson stated there is no evidence to show there would be a negative impact on the property values in the immediate surrounding area.
- Mr. Joseph Ross, petitioner
- Mr. Eli Chester, developer

Written comment(s):

- Marie Backus McGaughey – OPPOSED (via letter)

Mayor Johnson asked Mr. Ross if any portion of the project will be affordable housing. Mr. Ross stated these are efficiency, one and two bedroom apartments that are below market level rents. The units range approximately 455 to 700 square feet.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked for the rent amounts ($900.00 to $1,300.00 per month); Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked if the project would be duplicated in other areas of the City (only if there are similar hotels like Homewood Suites); and Alderman Palumbo thanked the petitioner for the creative adaptive reuse of the Homewood Suites.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated the project does not satisfy the affordable housing issue. She recommended Council have the opportunity to discuss policy related to projects for inclusion of community benefits. City Manager Melder indicated this issue is scheduled for discussion during a Council Workshop Meeting in February.

Mr. Chester indicated the units should be available for rents approximately in the June-July 2022 time frame with amenities of laundry facilities, bicycle holding space, and facilities similar to apartment complexes.

Alderman Palumbo moved to close the hearing for Item #10, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

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.

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After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #11, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

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.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Fire Apparatus

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Fire Apparatus

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked City Manager Melder if the $4.5 million was moved from the capital funding to the replacement vehicle line item, and what happens to the $4.5 million in the capital funding. City Manager Melder indicated there was an error in the fiscal statement that was corrected today.

Alderman Leggett asked if the current equipment will be sold or re-purposed. Fire Chief Minard indicated the old equipment will be retired, placed up for sale or sold as parts.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #12, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed 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 various City medians, rights of ways, and greenspaces on Hutchinson Island.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Grounds Maintenance of Hutchinson Island Medians, ROW and Greenspaces

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Grounds Maintenance of Hutchinson Island Medians, ROW and Greenspaces

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13 through #23, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed 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.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Repair Services for 850K Bulldozer

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Repair Services for 850K Bulldozer

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13 through #23, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed 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.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Groundwater Compliance and Consultant Services

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Groundwater Compliance and Consultant Services

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13 through #23, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed 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.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Maintenance Agreement

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Maintenance Agreement

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13 through #23, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed 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.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Emergency Dock Repairs

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Emergency Dock Repairs

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13 through #23, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed 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.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Modification for Smart Sheets

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Modification for Smart Sheets

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13 through #23, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed 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 utilized to procure and install approximately three hundred trees of specific species throughout the year.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Tree Planting Services

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Tree Planting Services

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13 through #23, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed 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.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification

Exhibit 2:Purchasing Note

Exhibit 3: Specs

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13 through #23, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed 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.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Commercial Washers and Dryers

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Commercial Washers and Dryers

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13 through #23, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed 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.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Fall Protection Modification

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Fall Protection Modification

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13 through #23, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed 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.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - GMA Membership Dues

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - GMA Membership Dues

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13 through #23, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

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.

Exhibit 1: Resolution - 2021 Memorial Health Donation

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24 and #25, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

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.

Exhibit 1: Resolution - CHSA Weyerhaeuser SAHF Donation

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24 and #25, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

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.

Exhibit 1: Resolution - Commissioning of USS Savannah

Exhibit 2. USS Savannah Photos

Heard after Item #9.

Attending: Patricia Yovich, Region President, Tom Nichols, President, O.C. Fowler, Immediate Past President, Gary Johnson, Director & Past President, and Bill Nowakowski, Judge Advocate & Treasurer. Attendees described and discussed the new ship which is the sixth Navy warship to bear the name Savannah. An invitation was extended for Council and the public to attend the ceremony in Brunswick GA on February 5, 2022, when the US Navy will commission the Littoral Combat Ship USS Savannah.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #26, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed 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

Emergency Order for masks or facial coverings to slow the spread of coronavirus_12-22-2021.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #27, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

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.

Exhibit 1: Easement - Simcoe at Canal Towns, LLC

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan discussed the Easement as it relates to the City of Pooler cooperating with the City of Savannah.

Alderman Palumbo asked the developer, Mr. Rob Branden, to describe the project and discuss how it relates to housing affordability.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #28, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

29. Settlement #1

Mayor Pro-Tem Shabazz moved to approve Item #29, authorizing 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

Mayor Pro-Tem Shabazz moved to approve Item #30, authorizing 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Alderwoman Miller Blakely reinforced the $30,000 contributed by Memorial Health University Medical Center will assist their low to moderate income employees to afford down payments for thier first homes.

Alderman Leggett asked the City Manager to give an update on the large number of employees affected by COVID. City Manager Melder reported there are 124 who are out of work due to testing positive with COVID, and 24 employees came back after isolation. There is a 70% vaccination rate of employees.

Alderman Leggett informed the public, due to the large number of employees affected, some City services are decreased at the moment.

Mayor Johnson encouraged everyone to wear masks (face coverings) and/or get vaccinated. He indicated the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade has been postponed by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Association, possibly to later this year. Mayor Johnson encouraged residents to find ways to contribute to community services and show kindness during the MLK Holiday.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan announced Founders Day for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter announced the departure of Edith Gregory from the Mayor's office. She served four (4) Mayors and was a dedicated, pleasant and constant employee of the City.

Mayor Johnson stated Ms. Gregory is still employed by the City.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:42 p.m.

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JANUARY 27, 2022, 4:30 p.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
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SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 4:30 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Purtee to offer an invocation.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1, Chairman

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder

Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

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Workshop Agenda Items

1. I-16 Exit Ramp Removal (Presentation by Members of the Historic Savannah Foundation Coalition)

I-16 Exit Ramp Removal Presentation

Mayor Johnson indicated the presentation is for informational purposes only and no action is needed by Council.

City Manager Melder gave the background history of the proposed exit ramp removal going back several years. He introduced Richard Shinhoster, co-chairs Ellen Harris and Denise Grabowski for the presentation of the I-16 Flyover project.

Following the presentation, there were discussions and questions from Council:

- Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked what will happen to the Earl Shinhoster name (he will have a Square), how many communites were lost when the flyover was created (Frogtown & Currytown), speak to the barriers created (not inviting and does not feel safe), what will happen to Frazier & Kayton Homes (managed by Housing Authority).
- Mayor Johnson stated this is an opportunity for the City to reclaim eight acres. At that time, the Council will decide the use of that property.
- Alderman Palumbo asked what are the opportunities for the eight acres once it reverts back to the City. He would like to see Union Station reestablished in the community (unlimited opportunities, Council can decide how it wants to use the property).
- Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan would like to see a revitalization of a vibrant business and housir area.
- Alderwoman Lanier is pleased to see the eight acres of prime real estate revert back to the City. When urban renewal was established in prior years, it created disparites and changed the landscape of the area. The City will have an opportunity to rebuild the area with community benefit agreements. An effort should be made to have more diversity and equity on the committee.
- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter discussed the differences between 'reclaiming W. Broad Street vs reclaiming MLK Jr. Blvd'; workforce housing; the surrounding neighborhoods; assurances for minority & black-owned businesses in the area being a part of the development; and the committee working with City Manager Melder and staff to make assurances stronger. She read a quote from John D. Rockafeller.
- Mayor Johnson indicated some of the projects are public-private developments and are governed by State law and stated there are no plans to change the name of MLK, Jr. Blvd.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz recommended the City go back and have discussions with the City Manager and staff, MPO Board & MPC to identify prorities for the community and the City.

Mayor Johnson thanked the presenters and explained the purpose for the presentation. He asked the other members of the Coalition Committee to stand: Henry Reid, SDRA; Richard Shinholster; Susan Meyers, ex MPC employee; Ardis Wood, Chair of Scenic Chatham; Steve Stoures, Businessman & Architect; and Sue Adler, CEO & President of Historic Savannah Foundation.

Mayor Johnson indicated there will be no decisions until Federal funds are received. At that tim Council will decide on a development plan.

2. Discussion regarding Board Appointments

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Discussed before Item #1.

Mayor and Council nominated citizens from a list of twenty-one (21) applicants. The support of at least five (5) Council Members are needed for membership. On recommendation of City Manager Melder, the Development Impact Fee Advisory Committee (DIFAC) will be a seven (7) member committee.

The Savannah Economic Development Authority (SEDA) has one vacancy.

The following applicants received the necessary support. The applicant names will be referred to the Regular Council Meeting Agenda for approval/confirmation.

Development Impact Fee Advisory Committee (DIFAC)

- James J. Collins (D2), received November 29, 2021
- Jack B. Wardlaw (County Resident), received December 1, 2021
- Tomeca McPherson (D3), received December 9, 2021
- Patrick Shay (D2), received December 13, 2021
- Dwayne Stephens (D1), received January 21, 2022
- Melissa D. Phillips (County Resident), received January 25, 2022
- Monica D. Mastrianni (D2), received January 26, 2022

Savannah Economic Development Authority (SEDA)

- Audrey D. King (D1), received December 3, 2021

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Workshop at 5:41 p.m.

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JANUARY 27, 2022, 6:30 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

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SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:31 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderwoman Miller Blakely who introduced Minister Corey Brooks, Come As You Are Deliverance International Ministries, to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for January 27, 2022.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve Item #1, the agenda as presented, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on January 13, 2022 at 12:30 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Minutes - January 13, 2022 City Council Workshop

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on January 13, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

4. A Proclamation Recognizing the Mighty Eighth Air Force for Celebrating the 80th Anniversary of it's Founding on January 28, 2022, which Took Place in an Armory Located Just South of Forsyth Park at 1108 Bull Street.

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to Mr. Scott W. Loehr, President and CEO of the National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force, also attending was Mr. Pete Nichols, Communications and Marketing Manager.

Mayor Johnson observed a moment of silence to honor those who were killed in action and those who have passed. Mr. Loehr thanked Mayor and Council for the honor and invited the public out to the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum to view the history of the 350,000 men and women who serve with the Mighty Eighth.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

5. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Lois A. Harper for Fat Tuesday, a Bar at 22 W. Bryan Street, Located Between Whitaker and Bull Streets in District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Fat Tuesday20220120_11205877.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Fat Tuesday20220120_11250230.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Fat Tuesday20220120_11260182.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Fat Tuesday20220120_11241283.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Fat Tuesday20220120_11444042.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings for Items #5, #6 and #7 open.

No speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #5, #6 and #7, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #5, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Andrew Brochu for Brochu's, a Restaurant at 2400 Bull Street, Suite 8, Between Maupas Avenue and E. 40th Street in District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Brochu's20220120_11172113.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Brochu's20220120_11175715.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Brochu's20220120_11185336.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Brochu's20220120_11201032.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Brochu's20220120_11453016.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings for Items #5, #6 and #7 open.

No speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #5, #6 and #7, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #6, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Brian P. Rothenberg for Enmarket Arena, an Arena at 620 Stiles Avenue Between W. Gwinnett Street and Louisville Road in District 1.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Enmarket Arena20211217_08203861.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Enmarket Arena20211217_08212454.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Enmarket Arena20220120_12072470.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Enmarket Arena20220120_12084976.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Enmarket Arena20220120_12100575.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings for Items #5, #6 and #7 open.

No speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #5, #6 and #7, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #7, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

8. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Lights Along Cedar Street with Georgia Power in the Amount of $29,758. This purchase is for seven decorative light fixtures that will match the lights installed for the Savannah Shines Project and will run along Cedar Street from DeLesseps Avenue to E. 60th Street Lane.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Cedar St. Lights

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Cedar St. Lights

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Items #8 through #13, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Furniture for Worksource Coastal with McWaters, Inc. (LOCAL) in the Amount of $76,982. The furniture will be used to replace items damaged by a fire in March 2021 at the Liberty County Job Center located in Hinesville, GA.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Furniture for Worksource Coastal

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Furniture for Worksource Coastal

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Items #8 through #13, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Rental Uniform Services with Cintas Corporation (LOCAL) for an Amount up to $314,928. This contract provides uniforms for City employees, excluding Savannah Police Department and Savannah Fire Rescue employees.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Uniform Rental Services

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Uniform Rental Services

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Items #8 through #13, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Office Supplies with Staples Advantage (LOCAL) for an Amount up to $800,000. This is a Citywide contract used by all City departments to purchase office supplies, copy paper, office equipment, and furniture as needed.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Office Supplies

Exhibit 2- Purchasing Notes Office Supplies Event 8510.pdf

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Items #8 through #13, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Ammunition for the Savannah Police Department with Gulf State Distributors in the Amount of $63,283. The ammunition will be used for training new hires, in-service training, and SWAT training.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Ammunition for SPD

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Ammunition for SPD

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Items #8 through #13, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Promotional Testing and Assessment for Police with Morris and McDaniel Inc. for an Amount up to $104,375. The Savannah Police Department utilizes the contract to conduct promotional assessments for the ranks of Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, and Corporal.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Promotional Testing and Assessment for SPD

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Promotional Testing and Assessment for SPD

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Items #8 through #13, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

14. Approval of Contract Modifications for the Rental Car Facility Improvements Project with Johnson-Laux in the Amount of $48,133.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #14, #15 and #16, per City Manager Melder's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Approval of a Contract Amendment for the Security Checkpoint Expansion Project with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. in the Amount of $52,660.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #14, #15 and #16, per City Manager Melder's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

16. Approval of a Host Airport Sponsorship for the F. Russell Hoyt National Airports Conference (NAC) in the Amount of $55,000.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #14, #15 and #16, per City Manager Melder's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

17. Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Authorities

Mayor Johnson informed the public that Council recommended the appointment of seven (7) individuals for the Development Impact Fee Advisory Committee (DIFAC), and one (1) appointment to the Savannah Economic Development Authority (SEDA) at the Workshop today.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve the following appointments to the Development Impact Fee Advisory Committee (DIFAC), seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-

Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

- **James J. Collins (D2), received November 29, 2021**
- **Jack B. Wardlaw (County Resident), received December 1, 2021**
- **Tomeca McPherson (D3), received December 9, 2021**
- **Patrick Shay (D2), received December 13, 2021**
- **Dwayne Stephens (D1), received January 21, 2022**
- **Melissa D. Phillips (County Resident), received January 25, 2022**
- **Monica D. Mastrianni (D2), received January 26, 2022**

b. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve the following appointment to the Savannah Economic Development Authority (SEDA), seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Audrey D. King (D1), received December 3, 2021**

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

18. Approval of the First Amendment to the Enmarket Arena Operating Agreement. This amendment specifies additional services, to be provided by the Oak View Group, that are integral to the successful operation of the arena. Services will include: parking management, Waterworks park management and sponsorship sales, the Bunker Club addition, and a City suite.

City Manager Melder gave a description of the Enmarket Arena Operating Agreement outlining all aspects of the first amendment. City Manager Melder recommends the City strike the provisions of the Waterworks Park and sponsorship agreements with the Oak View Group (OVG) for more due diligence time. City staff and OVG are in agreement with striking the provisions.

Alderwoman Lanier expressed concerns with the Waterworks Park management and sponsorship portion of the agreement due to community concerns over previous sponsorships. Since the Enmarket Arena Agreement is finalized, the Waterworks Park and sponsorship agreements will give the community an opportunity to be a part of the discussions and create partnerships for community benefits.

Alderman Leggett asked, if approved, will there be an opportunity to revisit the agreement with OVG to reevaluate managment to make sure the City is receiving a return on the investment. City Manager Melder answered, OVG is a contractor, the City has every opportunity to revisit the agreement for adjustments/changes. Alderman Leggett expressed his concern for the price of ticke and wants to be sure the Savannah working class citizens are able to afford taking their family to a event at the Enmarket Arena.

Mayor Johnson added, OVG and Live Nation has a unique relationship with TicketMaster to ensure prices and fees are comparable with E-Ticket. To verify that is still the case, Mayor Johnson asked the City Manager to follow-up with OVG and send a memo to Council with the updated information.

City Manager Melder assured Council everything was on track for the Enmarket Arena ribbon cutting ceremony on Februray 5, 2022. There will be additional site work around the arena for several more months, but staff is working on plans for vehicles to get in and out of parking facilities including ride share and private vehicles. Emergency vehicles, medical, police and fire will have safety egress & ingress route plans. He will send the amended parking and emergency vehicle route plans to Council.

Additional discussions included:

- Making sure the arena is safe for events and enhancing the lighting scheme for brightness around the arena (Alderman Leggett).
- The City Suite, will there be an opportunity for the Community to name the suite [possibly the MLK, Jr. Suite], (Alderwoman Miller Blakely).
- Requested City Manager Melder to recap the parameters and mitigation cost on the Chatham Steel parking lease. Chief Operating Officer Bret Bell explained in detail the agreement associated with 2,000 parking spaces at the Chatham Steel parking lot (Alderwoman Gibso Carter).

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #18, as amended by striking the Waterworks Park provisions of the agreement with respect to management and sponsorship, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

19. Approval of a First Amendment to the Civic Center Management Agreement with OVG Facilities, LLC.

Civic Center Management Amendment. Final.pdf

City Manager Melder outlined the first amendment to the Oak View Group (OVG) Civic Center Management Agreement. The agreement is only for the Johnny Mercer Theatre and concessions in the lobby. The City will operate the remainer (ballrooms and meeting spaces). The City Attorney advised the contract is, as needed, with a ninety (90) days written mutual agreement to terminate.

Other items of discussion included:

- Supervised youth opportunities at the MLK Arena and she asked will City employees experience hardships due to the amendment to the agreement (Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan).
- Pricing of tickets at the Johnny Mercer Theatre and current employees at Johnny Mercer Theatre having the ability to move over to OVG (Alderman Leggett).
- Requested the City Manager to revisit current staff working at the Civic Center. She inquired about the existing plan relating to management. Look into staff members being moved to other locations on a temporary basis, and are they able to return to their positions, some have not returned (Alderwoman Gibson-Carter).

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #19, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

ITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

20. Settlement #1

Mayor Pro-Tem Shabazz moved to approve Item #20, to authorize the City Attorney's Office to resolve the claim of Harold Mundy for $37,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

21. Settlement #2

Item #21 was WITHDRAWN as requested by City Attorney Bates Lovett.

MISCELLANEOUS

22. Reconsideration of City Council Officers 2022-2023

Mayor Johnson gave background as it relates to a prior request from some Council Members to revisit the current Officers of Council. After guidance from City Attorney Lovett, the Council rules allow the Council the ability to evaluate the role and/or remove Council Officers with a majority vote. For public information, Mayor Johnson described the roles of each council office and indicated Council Members vote at the first meeting of each administration to select its Officers. The Rules of Council do not speak to evaluation and/or removal of Officers, and it is silent on a replacement of an Officer if one is removed.

Alderman Purtee requested Item #22 to be placed on the Agenda and he asked to speak. He stated as it relates to responsibility and accountability, a person must be held accountable for their actions. In light of the recent reprimand of Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and approval of that reprimand by Council, he will make a motion to remove Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter from the Council office position of Chairman.

Since the Rules of Council provide that it takes five (5) Members to have an item placed on the agenda, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter requested the names of the five members who requested Item #22 (if City Manager Melder did not put the item on the agenda). City Manager Melder indicated, Item #22 is a Council matter.

To be transparent, Mayor Johnson asked all Council Members to respond. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter requested the names of the majority/consensus for Item #22.

The following members responded: Mayor Johnson, Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Alderman Palumbo and Alderman Purtee.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter responded to the Members. She discussed ethical and professional behavior and how this was a colossal embarassment, given all the challenges facing the City, i.e. crime, gentrification, sidewalks, lighting, etc.

Alderman Purtee called for point of order. Mayor Johnson acknowledged.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter continued to speak.

Alderman Purtee called for point of order. Mayor Johnson acknowledged.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter continued to speak.

Alderman Purtee called for point of personal privilege to address the accusation. Mayor Johnson indicated the item is not up for discussion.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely indicated she agreed with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter regarding issues the City should be addressing instead of removing Alderwoman Gibson-Carter from the seat as Chairman of Council. Council should focus on the needs of the City and remove the personalities and emotions. Five voting members of Council receive everything and the remainder of Council Members receive nothing, she stated.

Alderman Purtee called for point of order. Mayor Johnson acknowledged.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely continued.

Mayor Johnson called for the vote using the board.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely indicated there were citizens who wanted to speak, but Mayor Johnson indicated this item was not open for public comment. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely objected.

City Attorney Lovett opined, there is no requirement for speakers when there is not a public hearing.

Alderman Purtee moved to remove Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter from the Council office position of Council Chairman, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed 6-2-1, with Mayor Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Shabazz, Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Alderman Palumbo, and Alderman Purtee voting yea. Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier voted no. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter did not vote.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Mayor Johnson to explain to the public what her removal as Chairman means.

Alderman Palumbo motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Mayor Johnson requested the Clerk of Council to let the records of the City be updated to reflect Council's actions, and the Chamber structure be adjusted accordingly.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: February 10, 2022

Signature: Mark Massey

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SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

FEBRUARY 7, 2022

CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

The special called meeting of the City Council was held at 9:08 a.m. at the Civic Center Ballroom. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Leggett to offer an invocation.

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

OTHER STAFF PRESENT:
City Manager Jay Melder
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

AGENDA ITEM

1. City Council Visioning Session with Ruth Demeter Consulting.

The Mayor, Members of Council and senior staff members participated in a review and prioritization of strategic goals in the following areas:

- **Economic Strength and Poverty Reduction**
- **Good Government**
- **Health & Environment**
- **Infrastructure & Development**
- **Public Safety**
- **Vibrant Neighborhoods**

The City Council also re-prioritized workshop topics.

NO OFFICIAL ACTION WAS TAKEN.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:16 p.m.

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: February 24, 2022

Signature: Mark Massey

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FEBRUARY 10, 2022, 12:00 p.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 12:05 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Purtee to offer an invocation.

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

ABSENT: Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

ALSO, PRESENT:
City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Workshop Agenda Items (Inclusionary Zoning)

1. Planning for St. Patrick's Day

Mayor Johnson shared information relating to the St. Patrick's Day festivities. The pandemic started in early 2020, for the safety of residents, the City postponed the St. Patrick's Day Parade and festivities. The City partners have met and made recommendations for this year's parade and festivities. Mayor Johnson requested City Manager Melder to introduce Susan Broker, Director, Office of Special Events, Film & Tourism to provide the PowerPoint presentation which provides detailed information on this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade and festivities.

Following the presentation, there was discussions and questions from Mayor and Council relating to the presentation and suggestions for improvement. All questions were answered satisfactorily by Ms.

Broker and City Manager Melder.

The Presentation is on file in the Clerk of Council's office.

2. Housing Affordability Strategies (Inclusionary Zoning, NewZo 2.0, Community Benefits, Impact Fees)

City Manager Melder shared that Mayor and Council, and staff members visited the City of Atlanta last week for information and a presentation on Inclusionary Zoning. He introduced Bridget Lidy, Senior Director, Planning, Zoning and Urban Design for the presentation on recommendations for Savannah. Ms. Lidy introduced Marcus Lotson, MPC Representative, who assisted with NewZo Ordinance and was available for any questions. NewZo, Inclusionary Zoning and Accessory Dwelling Units were discussed in detail during the presentation.

Following the presentation, there was discussions as it relates to the information received in Atlanta and the recommendations for Savannah.

The Presentation is on file in the Clerk of Council's office.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Workshop at 1:48 p.m.

A video recording of the workshop can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

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FEBRUARY 10, 2022, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:11 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderwoman Gibson-Carter who introduced Pastor Valarie Grimes of Radiant Church, to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1, Chairman

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ABSENT: Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder

Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for February 10, 2022.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve Item #1, as amended, adding Items #30 and #31, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing held on January 27, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Minutes - January 27, 2022 City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderman Palumbo and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on January 27, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Minutes - January 27, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderman Palumbo and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent.

PRESENTATIONS

4. Appearance by and Recognition of Healthcare Georgia Foundation's Donation of $50,000 to the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund.

PRESENTED. Anita Smith-Dixon and Gary Nelson, President of Healthcare Georgia Foundation, presented a check to Mayor Johnson.

5. A Proclamation Declaring February 18, 2022, as the Annual Arbor and Tree Planting Day in the City of Savannah.

PRESENTED. READ by Alderman Purtee on behalf of the City Council. Also speaking were Park & Tree Commission Chairman Sean Mannion, Vice Chairman Hunter Hall, and Greenscapes Department Director Gordon Denney.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked and commended each of them for their service individually and on behalf of the Park & Tree Commission.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan thanked them for changing (improving) the quality of life for citizens of Savannah.

6. A Proclamation Recognizing the Office of Capital Projects Managements for Contributions Made Since Formation of the Department in 2017 As Well As for Their Commitment to Ensuring Quality Construction of Infrastructure and Facilities Throughout the City for Staff, Citizens and Visitors.

Exhibit 1: Proclamation - Capital Improvements Projects Staff Recognition.docx

PRESENTED. Mayor Johnson read the proclamation into the record. Also present or speaking were the following: Capital Projects Management Director Christy Lawrence; Doug Patten (13 yrs); Leif Blomberg (23 yrs); male employee (2 yrs); Michelle Gerdes (2 1/2 yrs); Carol Moon (15 yrs); and, Heath Lloyd, Assistant City Manager.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

7. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Anthony Debreceny for Nomada, a Restaurant at 143 Bull Street between W. Oglethorpe Avenue and W. State Street in District 2. (New Owner/New Request)

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing for Item #7 open.

No speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearing for Item #7, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #7, seconded by Alderman Palumbo and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent.

ZONING HEARINGS

8. Petition of Robert McCorkle on Behalf of MCG Savannah Owners, LLC to Rezone 7810 Abercorn St. (PIN 20559 01005) from B-C (Community Business) to RMF-2-25 (Residential Multifamily 2- 25 units per acre), District 4, File No. 21-005936. Property is part of the Oglethorpe Mall (privately owned), and includes the former Sears store and auto service center, restaurant out parcel and associated parking.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 7810 Abercorn Street (File No. 21-005936-ZA)

Exhibit 2: 7810 Aberocorn Street Maps (File No. 21-005936-ZA)

Exhibit 3: Photos of 7810 Abercorn Street (File No. 21-005936-ZA)

Exhibit 4: Existing Apartments within within 1-mile of 7810 Abercorn Street (File No. 21-005936-ZA)

Exhibit 5: Draft Ordinance for 7810 Abercorn Street (File No. 21-005936-ZA)

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing for Item #8 open.

Speaker(s) present:

- Marcus Lotson, MPC Representative
- Robert McCorkle, petitioner - Market rent for the area

a. Alderman Palumbo moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #8, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent.

Mayor Johnson inquired about the cost/market for the apartments.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked about the former automotive portion/side of the Sears building and whether it was being used in this development.

Alderman Leggett asked about the name of the property being Madison Apartments, since there already is an apartment complex with that name.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter inquired about the pricing for the units/apartments. She also asked the City Manager to provide this type of information in the future, as a standard. There will be 240 units

and four stories.

Alderman Purtee thanked them for their presentations. He stated it is up to us to figure out what we can do to fix up our areas and assist with the housing shortage, especially in places that have been vacant for a long time.

Alderman Palumbo asked how this project can impact the success of the mall. Mr. McCorkle said they will be adding people traffic, greenspace and realigning lanes so traffic will flow better.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked to see the renderings again. Then she asked how long it will be before the first tenant turns the key. Mr. McCorkle did not have a specific date. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked if he anticipates any future rezoning. Mr. McCorkle said no.

Alderwoman Lanier asked Mr. Lotson if B-C zoning allows for any housing. He explained this development versus other areas, thereby requiring this change. Alderwoman Lanier asked Mr. McCorkle about inclusionary zoning which may come in the future.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Mr. McCorkle about engaging with this developer, absent any existing policies like inclusionary zoning, with the aim of housing affordability. Can this developer reserve certain units for income-based housing? Mr. McCorkle responded there are no plans for a percentage of affordable housing for this particular project. They are happy to have a dialogue.

Mayor Johnson advised there is an extensive permit process that the City does control. There are opportunities to have those discussions.

Alderman Palumbo thanked the petitioner for their ingenuity and their effort. He invited developers to the 4th District to build housing opportunities. Incentives do not happen in a vacuum. We need to offer a carrot to developers to create housing opportunities.

9. Petition of Guinnevere McMillon on Behalf of Russell Goeken to Secure a Special Use Permit with Conditions for a Bar/Tavern at 2312 Abercorn Street (PIN 20065 37004) in Aldermanic District 2. File No. 21-006078-ZA.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 2312 Abercorn Street (File No. 21-006078-ZA)

Exhibit 2: Maps for 2312 Abercorn Street (File No. 21-006078-ZA)

Exhibit 3: Photos for 2313 Abercorn Street (File No. 21-006078-ZA)

Exhibit 4: Letter of Opposition for 2312 Abercorn Street (File No. 21-006078-ZA)

Exhibit 5: Letters of Support for 2312 Abercorn Street (File No. 21-006078-ZA)

Exhibiti 6: Parking Agreement fr 2312 Abercorn Street (File No. 21-006078-ZA)

Exhibit 6: Alcohol Density Map for 2312 Abercorn Street (File No. 21-006078-ZA)

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing for Item #9 (special use permit) open.

Speaker(s) present:

- Marcus Lotson, MPC Representative
- Patrick Connell, petitioner

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the hearing for Item #9 (special use permit), seconded by Alderman Palumbo, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #9 (special use permit), seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent.

Written comment(s) received.

- Jason Combs, Acting President, Thomas Square Neighborhood Association - SUPPORTED
- Jennifer W. Long - SUPPORTED
- Eric Burmeister - SUPPORTED

10. Petition of Metropolitan Planning Commission on Behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen for a Text Amendment to the Historic Buildings Map of Section 7.11 Streetcar Historic Overlay District. File No. 21-005613-ZA. The revision will add nine historic and architectural significant buildings constructed during the Period of Significance (1799-1935) to the Contributing Resources Map.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet to Amend Section 7.11 (File No. 21-005613-ZA)

Exhibit 2: Proposed Update to the Contributing Resources Map for the Streetcar Historic Overlay District (File No. 21-005613-ZA)

Exhibit 3: Property Assessment for Proposed Contributing Buildings (File No. 21-005613-ZA)

Exhibit 4: List of Contributing Structures within the Streetcar Historic Overaly District (File No. 21-005613-ZA)

Exhibit 5: Proposed Ordinance to Amend Section 7.11 of the Zoning Ordinance (File No. 21-005613-ZA)

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

Speaker(s) present:

- Leah Michalak, MPC Representative - Historic Preservation

Following Ms. Michalak's presentation, she advised that the MPC recommends approval of the proposed amendments to the Streetcar District, including nine (9) buildings constructed prior to 1937 and now previously listed as contributing to expand the District boundary with an effective date of March 1, 2022.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked how do other areas of the City get protected like the ones being proposed. Ms. Michalak recommended that other areas should apply for a Conservation Overlay, similar to what was started by Alderman Palumbo with respect to Ardsley Park. This process is sort of the first step toward becoming a local historic district, protecting solely against the demolition of historic buildings. A period of significance is developed to substantiate the historical designation. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan also asked about the timing required for achieving a conservation overlay. Ms. Michalak stated a neighborhood association can apply for a text amendment change to add the particular area, pursuant to the zoning ordinance. An application is sent to the Developmen Services office, then it comes before the Planning Commission (MPC) for a recommendation, anc then it comes to the City. If approved, it is added to the overlay.

Alderman Palumbo moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #10, seconded by Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent.

11. Petition of Bridget Lidy on Behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen to Amend Section 8.7.11 of the Zoning Ordinance. Proposed revisions will provide more flexibility and address the need for Child/Adult Daycare Homes in Residential areas with new conditions including site plan review for parking and safe drop off areas, as well as separation requirements such as HOA approval where necessary.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet to Amend Section 8.7.11 (File No. 21-006547-ZA)

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance to Amend Section 8.7.11 (File No. 21-006547-ZA)

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing for Item #11 open.

Speaker(s) present:

- Marcus Lotson, MPC Representative

Mayor Johnson indicated his excitement for this particular item, due to the opportunities being created for home childcare or daycare and other tools to help create self-sufficency within the City and remove barriers. The proposed changes reflect the will and heart of Council. Three pillars are housing, transportation and child care.

On behalf of the Planning Commission (MPC), Mr. Lotson recommended the ordinance changes tc allow more flexibility and the use to be permitted in more residential areas, relating to child/adul daycare.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #11, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

12. Petition of Robert McCorkle on Behalf of MCG Savannah Owners, LLC to Rezone 7810 Abercorn Street (PIN 20559 01005) from B-C (Community Business) to RMF-2-25 (Residential Multifamily 2- 25 units per acre), District 4. Property is part of the Oglethorpe Mall (privately owned), and includes the former Sears store and auto service center, restaurant out parcel and associated parking.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 7810 Abercorn Street (File No. 21-005936-ZA)

Exhibit 2: 7810 Aberocorn Street Maps (File No. 21-005936-ZA)

Exhibit 3: Photos of 7810 Abercorn Street (File No. 21-005936-ZA)

Exhibit 4: Existing Apartments within within 1-mile of 7810 Abercorn Street (File No. 21-005936-ZA)

Exhibit 5: Draft Ordinance for 7810 Abercorn Street (File No. 21-005936-ZA)

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #12 with the site plan being reviewed by the MPC, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed 7-1-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no and Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent.

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After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #13, seconded

by Alderman Leggett, Alderman Palumbo and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent.

14. Petition of Bridget Lidy on Behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen to Amend Section 8.7.11 of the Zoning Ordinance. Proposed revisions will provide more flexibility and address the need for Child/Adult Daycare Homes in Residential areas with new conditions including site plan review for parking and safe drop off areas, as well as separation requirements such as HOA approval where necessary.

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After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #14, seconded by Alderman Purtee, and Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent.

Alderwoman Lanier asked for more details about the current numbers for child/adult daycare homes. Mr. Lotson advised the definition provides the following: care for more than six (6); but not more than twelve (12). With respect to arterial or collector streets, it is now permitted on a local (residential) street. With respect to the 500 feet requirement, this is a new requirement for the/any use of a similar kind.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked what does this mean to a person who lives in a community and they want to open a day care. Mr. Lotson advised it will be much easier for the operator now, regardless of whether their home is on a busy road or not. They utilize the City of Savannah for the permitting process. For people living in neighborhoods, they will potentially have a closer place to leave their children. With increased day care options, this may impact cost in a positive way, given the expensive costs with less competition.

Mayor Johnson advised this change helps people become legal and encourages people to obtain business licenses, with less restrictions for residential locations.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of an Emergency Backup Power Generator for Lift Station 7 with Cummins Power South in the Amount of $34,244. Lift Station 7 services 3,557 feet of gravity main and 21 sewer manholes along the Casey Canal. The equipment will replace the existing generator that is beyond repair.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Emergency Backup Generator

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Emergency Backup Generator

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #21, seconded by Alderman Palumbo, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent.

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of Three Dump Trucks with Roberts International Trucks, Inc. in the Amount of $374,997. The three dump trucks will be utilized by the Street Cleaning, Street Maintenance, and Stormwater Management Departments.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Dump Trucks

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Dump Trucks

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #21, seconded by Alderman Palumbo, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent.

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Two Dump Trucks with Stainless Steel Dump Bodies with Roberts International Trucks, Inc. in the Amount of $278,798. The two dump trucks will be utilized by the Water Reclamation and Industrial and Domestic Water Departments.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Dump Trucks with Stainless Steel

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Dump Trucks with Stainless Steel

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #21, seconded by Alderman Palumbo, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent.

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Two Roll-Off Container Trucks with Environmental Products Group, Inc. in the Amount of $342,700. The two roll off container trucks will be utilized by the Sanitation Refuse Disposal Division.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Roll Off Container Trucks

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Roll Off Container Trucks

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #21, seconded by Alderman Palumbo, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent.

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Landscape Architect and ISA Certified Arborist with Pat-Ted Consulting, LLC for an Amount up to $30,000. The services will be used to provide review of site development plans submitted to Development Services Office to ensure compliance with the City's Landscape and Tree Protection Ordinance.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Landscape Architect and ISA Certified Arborist

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Landscape Architect and ISA Certified Arborist

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #21, seconded by Alderman Palumbo, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent.

20. Notification of an Emergency Purchase Procurement of Two 550 Horsepower Variable Frequency Drives (VFDs) in the Amount of $114,488. The Industrial and Domestic Plant uses the VFDs to pump 15 million gallons of potable water to the major industries and the main groundwater system.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Emergency Purchase

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Emergency Purchase

Exhibit 3: Emergency Purchase (Confidential)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #21, seconded by Alderman Palumbo, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent.

21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for the Add -On of Additional Shot Clocks to Portable Backstops in the Enmarket Arena from Porter in the Amount of $5,984. The modification is for the add-on of rear shot clocks and support.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Additional Shot Clocks

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Additional Shot Clocks

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #21, seconded by Alderman Palumbo, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

22. Approval of a Resolution Accepting a $50,000 Donation from Community Housing Services Agency Inc. via Healthcare Georgia Foundation for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund.

Exhibit 1: CHSA Healthcare GA SAHF Donation Resolution.pdf

Heard after Item #4.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #22, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent.

23. Approval of a Resolution Ratifying the Mayor's Extension of the Emergency Mask or Face Covering Order

Mayor Johnson indicated he and the City Manager met this week with the medical advisory team. They strongly recommended the continuation of the mask mandate. He offered some statistics, gooc and bad. He asked for the Council's support to extend the current order through February 28, 2022.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #23, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated she is going to go along with this matter in unison, however when presenting these matters to the public while hosting large concerts, parades and festivities with nobody wearing a mask, she stated we just do this for attention, shock and awe. She asked the public to do what you need to do to remain safe. She further stated she does not wear the mask all of the time.

Mayor Johnson indicated he wore his mask the entire time of the concert. We ask people to follow the science. He encouraged wearing masks and getting the vaccine. We are trying to get through this and he would rather have a mask mandate where most people do it, than to not have a mask mandate and no one does it. What Savannah has done in the last two years has worked, as compared to other cities. This order relies to City buildings, and to the City Manager, we rely on staff to ensure that our orders are complied with. We hold the City Manager responsible for this activity.

Alderman Purtee stated this mandate just applies to City buildings, and it is a recommendation from the City Council. For people who feel that strongly about it, model that behavior. If you don't feel strongly about it, don't model that behavior.

For the record, Mayor Johnson advised that all of our emergency orders have passed unanimously.

AGREEMENTS

24. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with WL Southeast Gateway Owner, LLC for Southeast Gateway, a Development Consisting of Warehouse and Office Space Located at 380 Fort Argyle Road.

Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Southeast Gateway.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #24, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent.

25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for a Litter Removal Program with Union Mission, Inc for an Amount up to $140,400 (Per Occupied Room Fund). The agreement will assist in meeting the City's goals of Re-establishing and Preserving Neighborhoods and Soft Skills and Workforce Training for Unemployed and Underemployed. Program is used to clean litter in specific downtown areas.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Litter Removal Program

Mayor Johnson advised that this agenda item goes toward two strategic priorities: litter abatement; and, training opportunities for under and unemployed.

Alderman Purtee stated it will be very beneficial for the Chatham-Savannah Authority for the Homeless to be brought to the table and get their recommendations. This is an issue for the entire City and the authority has their pulse on this particular issue of roofless individuals.

City Manager Melder agrees with the points made. This particular pilot program is funded by the occupancy fees (per occupied room fund) and serves the convention area, but he plans to utilize existing funds through a budget modification, resolution or ordinance to spread this project beyond the tourist area and move throughout the city using various existing business partners like the Union Mission, Authority for the Homeless, and Inner City Night Shelter, within two weeks.

As requested by Alderman Purtee, Senior Director Gordon Denney (Greenscapes) detailed the convention area as being from the Talmaldge Bridge east to the Truman, and Hutchinson Island south to Park Avenue.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter thanked the City Manager for the written explanation he provided her for this pre-estabIlished initiative. She stated this project can best be replicated in the area of DeRenne Avenue and Abercorn which is also occupied by hoteliers.

Alderwoman Lanier stated this is a great program. Because of certain conditions on the west side, like cutbacks needed for tree limbs, lanes and dumping, she would like to bring more people to the table to expand this program including people resources and financial resources.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked about the selection of Union Mission. The City Manager advised with the need to open up the capacity to serve more areas, he will need other organizations to join the project. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked to keep an eye on how we ensure accountability with services offered by Union Mission, particularly in the Park Avenue area which is heavily littered.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #25, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter. The motion passed unanimously 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

26. Authorize the City Manager to Approve Underground Easement to Georgia Power Company at 2155 West Gwinnett Street (PIN 20598 01001).

Exhibit 1: Map & Pictures - 2155 W Gwinnett St - GA PWR.pdf

Exhibit 2: Underground Distribution Construction Agreement - 2155 West Gwinnett Street.pdf

Exhibit 3: Easement - 2155 West Gwinnett Street.pdf

Exhibit 4: EXHIBIT A - 2155 West Gwinnett Street.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #26, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent.

27. Approval of a Revocable Canal Crossing Easement Over the Savannah Ogeechee Canal.

Cobblestone Revocable Canal Crossing Easement 2-3-22.pdf

On behalf of the residents in West Chatham County, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter provided the following:

- These matters can be problematic when there are questionable ownership interests between the City and the County. The City Manager responded with a detailed explanation of the revocable easement being proposed and he advised the City holds ownership.
- The residents have produced documents which prove that Chatham County owns the properties. The City Manager and City Attorney responded the City owns the ground under and property on Bush Road.
- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter read an email written earlier in the day by Ms. Bieber, for the record.

Alderman Purtee expressed environmental and maintenance concerns with the Canal. A bridge is being placed there instead of a culvert and this addresses one issue. If the developers (easement holders) do not hold up their end of the bargain with respect to maintenance, what does the City do? The City Manager responded there are multiple options, including revoking the easement holders rights and privileges.

Mayor Johnson asked to illuminate the consequences to the easement holders in a letter relative to the evoking powers.

Alderwoman Lanier indicated she is aware of the County's responsibility for Canal maintenance countywide, and in certain cases they invoice the City for maintanence. She also asked the Clerk of Council if there was any additional public comment. There was only one communication from Ms. Bieber.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan stated Savannah's easements are becoming the fixes for the new developers on the west side. She is sympathetic to the West Chatham residents and Ms. Bieber who is an awesome person, however our first and foremost concern are the residents of Savannah, and we have to advocate for them. These easements are making it easy for Chatham County. If the City does everything to help the County, the County should do the same for the City. Savannah is inside of Chatham County. We keep having these easement questions, and they all concern West Chatham developers.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #27, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed 7-1-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no and Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent.

Written comment(s) received:

- Kerrie Bieber - OPPOSED

MISCELLANEOUS

28. Approval of a Major Subdivision, Camden Crossing and Cottage Row Phase 1, which is Located South of I-16 on Little Neck Road in Aldermanic District 5. This subdivision will consist of 64 lots with varying lot sizes.

Exhibit 1: Subdivision Plat Camden Crossing & Cottage Row

Exhibit 2: Master Plan - New Hampstead PUD.pdf

Exhibit 3: New Hampstead Amended Land Use Plan .pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #28, seconded by Alderman Palumbo, Alderwoman Lanier, Alderman Leggett, Alderman Purtee and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent.

Alderman Purtee asked about this location on Little Neck Road to Ogeechee (Highway 17) being inside the City or the County, and if there are any plans to expand the width of the roadway and infrastructure in the future. Heath Lloyd, Assistant City Manager, responded the area is owned by the County and there are plans to improve and widen that roadway.

29. Approval of a Major Subdivision, L.R. Moore Subdivision, Which is Located at the Intersections of Betty Drive and Riviera Drive in Aldermanic District 4. This subdivision will consist of six lots with varying lot sizes.

Exhibit 1: Major Subdivision L.R. Moore Subdivision.pdf

Alderman Palumbo moved to continue/hold (remand) Item #29 for two weeks to the City staff for review, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent.

Alderman Palumbo indicated the zoning seems to be appropriate, but the eastern parcels being requested are far more dense than the surrounding neighborhood. The units per acre need to be studied for the subdivision and it may allow by right building that is far less sympathetic for the surrounding neighborhoods there. Alderman Palumbo asked for additional review, the petitioner has not reached out or contacted or met with any of the neighborhood associations. And for an additional request of density, a meeting needs to take place or the petition needs to be changed.

The City Manager recommended approval of the request, but if it is the City Council's will he will bring it back with additional staff review.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked if there is a time restraint for this agenda item. The City Manager advised the time constraints are of the developers.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked to hear from the developers. Mayor Johnson indicated this is not a public hearing and will not be conducted as one. The Alderpersons questions are fair and two weeks is enough time to get those matters addressed. We can direct the City Manager to meet with the Aldermen, meet with the petitioners, and have those issues addressed.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated the most important thing to her is for them to meet with the neighborhood association leaders and the people who live in that community. She trusts the City Manager's recommendation and judgement as far as timing. As much as we need housing as stated earlier today, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated I am not sure what is wrong with your project. You may have to pay somebody more money or something.

Alderman Palumbo made a point of personal privilege. The Alderwoman stated you have to pay to play, which is absolutely abhorrent behavior which continues on this Counci and disruptive.

Mayor Johnson stated, so noted and we move on. We ignore bad behavior.

30. Appearance by Representatives of the Savannah Book Festival, which Has a Festival Every Year in February with More than 30 Authors, to Provide an Update Pertaining to the 2022 Festival.

PRESENTED. Erika Dongre, Executive Director of Savannah Book Festival, announced the dates of the festival being February 17 to February 20, 2022, with the Saturday event being free and open to

the public. Tickets are made available through the Savannah Box Office, and at savannahbookfestival.org.

31. Resolution Honoring the LIfe, Legacy and Service of former Alderman David Jones.

PRESENTED. READ by Alderwoman Lanier on behalf of the City Council. Mayor Johnson requested everyone to stand and honor Alderman Jones with a moment of silence. He also offered condolences to former Alderman Jones' wife and family.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve resolution #31, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent.

Announcements

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan announced the Rock the Block events and times for picking up bulk waste, tires and debris:

- 1st weekend in March, Church on the Corner in the 3rd District (Gwinnett and Goebel)
- Following two weekends in the 2nd District (37th and Waters)

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan also thanked Bret Bell, Christian Shellman, OVG, Marty Johnston, Elaine Synder, Mr. Jay Melder, Mayor Johnson, all the previous administrations, and Earth, Wind and Fire for doing a great job. She had such a good time!

Alderman Purtee stated Monday is Valentine's day and the City of Savannah is partnering with Georgia Southern University (GSU) Police Department and GSU by hosting a blood drive from noon to 6pm at the Armstrong Center, corner of Apache and Abercorn. Folks get a $20 gift card, T-shirt and to see him and a bunch of other folks. Share the love is what it is all about. There is a critical need for blood in the area and this non-profit allows us to keep it in the area.

Mayor Johnson thanked Team Savannah for extraordinary work with the opening of the Enmarket Arena. He thanked the City Manager, City Attorney, Mr. Bell, Ms. Christain Shellman, and to all who had something to do with it. It is a phenomenal facility, and we are working through the kinks. It is getting better and better. He thanked the public for supporting the facility. He is excited for what it means. He also thanked Major Adams because our PALS team is winning and we need the coach to keep that up. We need a championship our first year back.

City Manager Melder announced the first Development Impact Fee Committee meeting will take place on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, 6pm at the Coastal Georgia Center, open to the public and a Zoom link will be provided prior to the meeting. He also called the Council's attention to the City's change in our demolition policy which will add a step and help protect future demolitions of such places.

Mayor Johnson thanked the City Manager for being responsive to this request.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m.

The audio recording of the Council Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the below link in your url:

https://savannahgovtv.viebit.com/player.php?hash=RXhQJQaumO5l

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: February 24, 2022

Signature: Mark Massey

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FEBRUARY 24, 2022, 4:00 p.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

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The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 4:04 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Purtee to offer an invocation.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1, Chairman

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder

Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

Mayor Johnson discussed a shooting that occurred the previous evening on Augusta Avenue. A young man lost his life. Mayor Johnson thanked the Georgia State Patrol, Savannah Police Department and Savannah Fire Department for their prompt response and offers of CPR. Mayor Johnson reported, it was over twenty minutes before Chatham EMS appeared on the scene. He requested City Manager Melder to investigate and respond back to Council on the Chatham EMS response times. Mr. Melder reported he is sending letters on response times to Chatham EMS and Chatham County management.

Workshop Agenda Items

1. Savannah Fire Department Public Safety Update

Savannah Fire Department Update 2.24.22.pptx

PRESENTED by Fire Chief Derik Minard. Also present were Assistant Fire Chief Handy, Assistant Fire Chief Kitchen and other members of the Savannah Fire Department (SFD).

Following the presentation, there were discussions, some in question format, from Council that was addressed by Chief Minard. Some but not all of the listed topics below were discussed:

- Council Members praised and commended the fire department on their rapid response to last evening's fatal shooting on Augusta Avenue.
- The number of African American (48) and female (2) firefighters. The need for the fire department to do better in recruiting African Americans and females (Alderwoman Miller Blakely).
- The types of medical training firefighters receive and how many have EMS training (150) (Alderman Leggett).
- The reasoning for the high increase in EMS calls (200%, mainly due to opioid abuse, cardiac arrest & violent crimes) (Alderman Palumbo).
- Concerned with the health and safety of residents at Stillwell Towers and keeping the firefighters safe (Alderwoman Gibson-Carter).
- Asked if Council can give more support to the fire department, if so, how (Alderwoman Lanier).
- Requested the City Manager to investigate establishing a station in the far west side of Savannah (Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz).
- Inquired if the fire department still conducts home inspections on a regular basis (yes) (Alderwoman Miller Blakely).

Mayor Johnson thanked Chief Minard for the presentation, and the entire Savannah Fire Department for their bravery in protecting the residents of the City.

The PowerPoint presentation is on file in the Clerk of Council's office.

2. Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement Update

Office of Neighborhood Safety & Engagement 2.24.22.pptx

PRESENTED by Director of the Office of Neighborhood Safety & Engagement (ONSE) John Bush.

Following the presentation, there were discussions, some in question format, from Council. Some but not all of the listed topics below were discussed and answered/explained by Mr. Bush:

- Council Members commended Mr. Bush for the many years he has served the residents of Savannah. His experience, community relationships, neighborhood involvement and positive engaging interaction with Savannah youth were praised by Council Members.
- Concerned with who will fill his shoes in the community (Alderwoman Miller Blakely).
- Asked for the target age group (12-36) and school grades (Junior High). Relationships with Chatham County public schools and attending neighborhood association meetings. The start date of the ONSE (January 18, 2022), statistics of crime by district and working with partners on youth programs. Interacting with DFACS and establishing a quarterly report for the City Manager who would share the report with Council (Alderman Leggett).
- Read a list of organizations within the community Mr. Bush should partner with to identify younger violence interrupters (Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan).
- Requested more information concerning the forty-nine trainers within the community (Mr. Bush explained the trainers will be crisis intervention specialist, police, social worker, etc.) (Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz).
- Requested information on the two additional positions and their responsibilities for the ONSE. (Program Analyst and Program Coordinator, Mr. Bush described their duties). Would like Mr. Bush to identify what is needed to eradicate or minimize gun violence (Alderwoman Gibson-Carter).
- Discussed guns on the street and making people accountable for lost or stolen firearms. She has concerns with the boarding houses and illegal activities. Recommended a pilot program working with youth and suggested Mr. Bush attend the meetings with staff around the entrepreneurial center/plans and trash pick-up. There needs to be an urgency behind the issue of our youth dying on the street (Alderwoman Lanier).

The PowerPoint presentation is on file in the Clerk of Council's office.

3. Savannah Police Department Public Safety Update

Savannah Police Department Update 2.24.22.pptx

PRESENTED by Police Chief Roy Minter. A 2021 report of crime statistics and data was presented.

Because of time constraints, Mayor Johnson recommended Council Members send questions in writing from now until next Thursday, March 3rd to Chief Minter. The questions will be addressed on March 10, 2022, at the work session.

The PowerPoint presentation is on file in the Clerk of Council's office.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Workshop at 6:04 p.m.

A video recording of the workshop can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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FEBRUARY 24, 2022, 6:30 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT
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The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderwoman Lanier who introduced Pastor Donald Lowe of God's Temple of Praise, to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for February 24, 2022.

Mayor Johnson added Items #27 & 28 to the Agenda. Item #27 a Proclamation recognizing Memorial Day School's 50th Anniversary; and Item #28 an announcement of a $30,000.00 grant from the National League of Cities.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve Item #1, as amended, adding Items #27 and #28, seconded by Alderman Palumbo and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Special Called Meeting (Visioning Session) held on February 7, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Exhibit 1: Minutes February 7, 2022 Special Meeting re Visioning Session.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing held on February 10, 2022 at 12:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Minutes - February 10, 2022 City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on February 10, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

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Mayor Pro-Tem moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

5. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Chengchen Xin for E Tang, a Restaurant at 513 E. Oglethorpe Avenue, Suite H, between Houston and Price Streets in Aldermanic District 2. (New Owner/New Location)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - E Tang.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - E Tang.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Documents - E Tang.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - E Tang.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - E Tang.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings for Items #5, #6 and #7 open.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderman Palumbo moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #5, #6 and #7, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #5, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Daniel Mahowald for Burritos Pantano, a Restaurant at 314 Drayton Street in District 2. (New Owner/Existing Business)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Burritos Pantano.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Burritos Pantano.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Burritos Pantano.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Burritos Pantano.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Burrito's Pantano.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings for Items #5, #6 and #7 open.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderman Palumbo moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #5, #6 and #7, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #6, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Approval to Add a Class C (Liquor) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday to the Existing Class C (Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Liang Liu for King Cajun Seafood, a Restaurant at 7312 Hodgson Memorial Drive between Mall Boulevard and E. Montgomery Cross Road in Aldermanic District 4. (New Request/Existing Business)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - King Cajun Seafood.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - King Cajun Seafood.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - King Cajun Seafood.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - King Cajun Seafood.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - King Cajun Seafood.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings for Items #5, #6 and #7 open.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderman Palumbo moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #5, #6 and #7, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #7, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

8. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for Demolition of Structures with JCS Associates & Company (Local, SBE) in an Amount up to $97,143. The Code Compliance Department utilizes this contract for demolition of structures throughout the City. This modification is needed for the demolition of several structures on City Lot that are no longer used.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Demolition of Structures

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Demolition of Structures

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #8, #11, #12, #13, #14, #15, #18, #19 and #20, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Sports Equipment with Thompson Sports Shop (Local) in the Amount up to $125,000. Sports equipment will be used for teams participating in youth sports programs. The items are being purchased as part of the City's initiative to improve recreation programs and services to the public and will allow the City to better support volunteer coaches.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Sport Equipment

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Sport Equipment

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked and applauded City Manager Melder for putting the contract for team sports equipment in the City's budget for the youth of Savannah.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter thanked City Manager Melder, Senior Director of Parks & Recreation Kelly Ledbetter and Chief of Community Services Taffanye Young for supporting the efforts of the team coaches. She is hopeful this particular program will continue.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr.Shabazz moved to approve Item #9, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Third Party Administrator Adjusting Services for Workers Compensation and Auto Liability Claims with Gallagher Bassett for $228,384. These services are continuously needed to control workers' compensation costs for employees injured on the job and auto liability costs associated with City vehicles involved in collisions.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Third Party Admin Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Third Party Admin Services.pdf

Exhibit 3: Auto Liabilty.pdf

Exhibit 4: Admin and Technology.pdf

As a prior environmental health safety manager, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan has a personal reference of Gallagher Bassett and commends City Manager Melder for selecting a vendor that has proven they are fair and equitable.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #10, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Yard Waste Management with Atlantic Waste Services (Primary) and Waste Management of Georgia (Local) (Secondary) in an Amount up to $675,000. This service will be utilized to dispose of vegetative material collected by the City of Savannah's yard waste program. The program provides for resident's disposal services of up to 15 bags weekly.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Yard Waste Management

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Yard Waste Management

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #8, #11, #12, #13, #14, #15, #18, #19 and #20, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for One Ford Explorer SUV with Wade Ford in the Amount of $39,618. This replacement vehicle will serve the Fire Chief's office for both emergency and non-emergency situations, providing services to City of Savannah citizens and visitors.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Fire Chief SUV

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Fire Chief SUV

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #8, #11, #12, #13, #14, #15, #18, #19 and #20, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Three Forklifts with Octane Forklifts, Inc. in the Amount of $98,466. The three forklifts will be utilized by the Water Reclamation, Industrial and Domestic Water, and Fleet Services Departments. Two of the units are replacements, one is a new fleet addition.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Forklifts

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Forklifts

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #8, #11, #12, #13, #14, #15, #18, #19 and #20, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for 17 Marked Police Interceptor SUV's for the Patrol Division and Two Marked Interceptors for the K-9 Unit with Wade Ford in the Amount of $702,980. The vehicles will be utilized by the City of Savannah's K9 Unit and Patrol Division as replacement vehicles.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - SPD Vehicles

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - SPD Vehicles

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #8, #11, #12, #13, #14, #15, #18, #19 and #20, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for an Asset Management and Work Processing System with Woolpert, Inc. in the Amount of $130,000. This system will provide the Facility Maintenance and Operations Division with a streamlined and accurate platform to track the entire life cycle of facility assets, work orders completed, and inventory of parts used via the City Works platform.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Asset Management

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Asset Management

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #8, #11, #12, #13, #14, #15, #18, #19 and #20, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Network Maintenance, Purchases and Security with Layer 3 Communications, LLC (Local) in the Amount of $1,339,246. The Information Technology Department will use the service for hardware and software maintenance for designated equipment for the Juniper, Aruba, and Palo Alto Networks.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Network Maintenance, Purchases and Security.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Network Maintenance, Purchases and Security.pdf

Alderman Purtee asked what is included. City Manager Melder asked Purchasing Director Johnny Coker to respond. Mr. Coker explained vendors with various sized contracts are now being combined into one contract/vendor.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked what is the meaning of layer 3. Mr. Coker answered, Layer 3 Communication, LLC is the name of the vendor.

Alderwoman Lanier thanked Information Technology Services (ITS) Director Tim Moody for updating the City system and making sure the City's ITS department is state-of-the-art.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #16, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Renovation of 2005 Waters Avenue with Johnson-Laux Construction (Local, DBE) in the Amount of $1,755,365. The contract is for the renovation of the former location of It's Amazing to house the Savannah Police Department's Savannah Impact Program (SIP).

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - 2005 Waters Ave Renovations

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - 2005 Waters Ave Renovations

Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed concern for the City using Johnson-Laux so often and identifying the vendor as a DBE. She asked for the number of African Americans employed by Johnson-Laux construction. City Manager Melder indicated Johnson-Laux is a certified DBE. Other than the Savannah Impact office, Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked what other programs and/or service operations would be at the location. City Manager Melder answered, this is a community and inter-agency space that many partners can use. The City is creating a community-focused space designed around violence prevention.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked, in the 2033 Plan, there was a plan for the 2005 Waters Avenue building. It this the same plan? Mr. Melder could not confirm, but the current plan will not alter much on the site. Long-term future plans are to attract a grocer to the area.

Alderman Leggett expressed gratitude for the opportunity of the City to use the space for the entire community, employees and eventually solve the food insecurities problem in the Waters Street corridor.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter discussed a building on the Southside (District 6) being considered for a community center, and she stated it is in better shape than the Waters Street building. She would like to see equity across the city. She also expressed concern for frequent flyers popping up on the agenda, namely Johnson-Laux. She does not want the City to look as if it is playing favorites. She has concerns for this level of investment ($1.7 million) for a former grocery store on the Waters Avenue site. These type areas are becoming gentrified, the City needs to protect the neighborhoods. Residents will not be able to afford the taxes. She received a call from a 95 year old citizen who could not afford to pay the taxes on her Park Avenue home.

City Manager Melder responded to Alderwoman Gibson-Carter's concerns. Keeping dollars local on contracts is important to the City, but staff must work within State guidelines. Item #17 and other community projects were supplemented in the Budget by ARPA funds. The Southside community center will receive $5 million for renovations.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz expressed her support for Item #17. She reminded Council of the history and herstory of the building. Former Alderwoman Mary Osbourne and former Alderman Durrence had a vision and perserved the land for this purpose. Now Alderman Leggett will bring the vision to completion. She is delighted to support this project.

Alderman Palumbo agrees with Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. He supports the return of the Savannah Impact Program and this will be their home. He supports this initiative. Mayor Johnson indicated the program will serve the entire City, even though is it located in District 2.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to approve Item #17, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan encouraged all senior citizens to apply for the Stephen's Day (Homestead) Exemption. This will prevent a 95 year old citizen from paying taxes.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

18. Approval of a Contract with Park Assist for a System Upgrade to the Automated Parking Guidance System (APGS) in the Amount of $ 47,112.22.

Savannah Airport Software Proposal_1.26.22.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #8, #11, #12, #13, #14, #15, #18, #19 and #20, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

19. Approval of Amendment No. 2 for the Employee Benefits and the Property & Casualty Insurance with USI Insurance Services in the Amount of $65,250.

Amendment No. Two to Contract Property and Casualty 02.08.2022.docx

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #8, #11, #12, #13, #14, #15, #18, #19 and #20, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

20. Approval to Renew Contract for Professional Services with Ailevon Pacific Aviation Consulting in the Amount of $136,000.

Agreement for Consulting Services 010122 - 123122 (AILEVON PACIFIC AIR SERVICE CONSULTING).docx

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #8, #11, #12, #13, #14, #15, #18, #19 and #20, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

21. Approval of a Resolution to Launch the Citywide Vision Zero Initiative with the Aim of Zero Fatalities and Serious Injuries within our Transportation System by the Year 2027.

Exhibit 1: Resolution - Vision Zero.docx

Mayor Johnson gave the 2021 statistics on fatal wrecks and wrecks involving deaths of pedestrians. The Resolution sets forth a plan which City Manager Melder will work with the City's mobility team and other partners for twelve months then submit the final plan to Council for approval.

Mayor Johnson asked Alderman Palumbo to read the Resolution into the record. Other Committee Members (Caila Brown, Armand Turner and another gentleman) joined Alderman Palumbo at the podium and assisted in reading the Resolution. Rebecca Fenwick also spoke in regards to pedestrian safety.

Alderwoman Lanier commented that the Westside residents were not familiar with the Resolution. They have been working for years to get traffic calming, speed bumps, traffic lights, etc. to no avail. Alderwoman Lanier along with the Westside residents received the memo this week in reference to the Resolution and were not invited to participate on the committee.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely reiterated what Alderwoman Lanier stated and stated the visioning session was the first time she heard of the Vision Zero Initiative. In the future, she asked City Manager Melder to include her in discussions earlier when establishing new initiatives.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter congratulated members of the committee on getting the Resolution on the Agenda. She referenced a pilot, by Caila Brown, of Whitaker and Drayton Streets to increase safety. She would like Ms. Brown to discuss the pilot with City Manager Melder. She asked if there was a dollar amount associated with the Vision Zero Initiative (no). Alderwoman Gibson-Carter requested a timeline for the Vision Zero Initiative. She stated gun violence quadruples the number of pedestrian accidents in the city and Council should have a Resolution for gun violence. She made a plea to City Manager Melder, as the chief executive officer of this administration, to take his rightful place as the leader and establish an emergency response to the families burying their children to gun violence. It is a public health issue.

Alderman Purtee raised a point of order. Mayor Johnson accepted.

Aldewoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder for a Gun Violence Resolution.

Mayor Johnson addressed Alderwoman Gibson-Carter's concerns and stated Council, staff and the police department are making investments right now in dealing with gun violence. The City has the ability to deal with both, gun violence and pedestrian fatalities.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan commented, she was proud of the committee and the work they are doing and thanked Alderman Palumbo.

Mayor Johnson and Alderman Purtee thanked the committee for caring and spending energy bring the Resolution before Council. This is just one piece of something larger. Alderman Palumbo stated the background on why the committee was formed and the many advocates for the initiative. The most important thing is human life.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated she is not against the Resolution; however, there should be a Resolution for gun violence. Everyone should be included.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz commended the committee for coming forward to get the initiative started.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #21, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

22. Approval of a Resolution Regarding St. Patrick's Day 2022.

Exhibit 1: Resolution - St. Patrick's Day 2022.docx

Mayor Johnson reported the COVID numbers have dropped drastically since January. All data supports that by March 17th the City's numbers will allow for the St. Patrick's Day festivities.

City Manager Melder offered a summary of the St. Patrick's Day Committee's recommendations presented to Council at the February 10th meeting. He outlined the open cup area, charter bus parking, restrictions on outside permits, local business and food vendor participation.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #22, seconded by Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier voted no.

b. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to amend the motion to exclude the open cup area until there is clarity of a specific time frame. Mayor Johnson and City Manager Melder identified the time frame as March 17th, Thursday only, 24 hours. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter rescinded/withdrew her motion.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if safety measures would be increased during the St. Patrick's Day festivities. City Manager Melder assured her safety would be the City's top priority. She mentioned Mayor Johnson making a comment in public calling the St. Patrick's Day celebration a drunk fest. She and her family were offended by the statement and she hopes he would apologize. Mayor Johnson indicated Alderwoman Gibson-Carter misquoted the statement. In the presence of the St. Patrick's Day Committee he said, we do not want the St. Patrick's Day celebration to become a drunk fest. He hopes residents and visitors will enjoy the celebration.

AGREEMENTS

23. Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement with Savannah Riverkeeper for a Water Quality Website to Benefit the Public. The City of Augusta sponsored the first phase for $75,000 and Staff is recommending the city sponsor this next phase for up to $75,000 for the next 2 years. These funds are eligible for reimbursement by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources once the work is complete.

Exhibit 1: MOA with Savannah Riverkeeper.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23 and #25, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Riverview President Street, LLC. This is a comprehensive agreement/settlement reached between both parties to resolve litigation and development related issues associated with two parcels comprising approximately 16 acres (the "PS Property") located at 925 E. President Street and 1303 E. President Street.

Exhibit 1: Development Agreement with Exhibits A-D.pdf

Exhibit 2: 8776-02 Exhibits E-I.pdf

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan has concerns with a land swap with Curtis Cooper. He has lost 54 parking spaces and she would like the City to honor the land swap and requested the City Manager to secure more information.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder if this was the Tybee Depot property. City Manager Melder answered, this is the property just east of the Tybee Depot property which is city owned. She discussed opportunities for affordable housing in this area and possibly housing the homeless. This was an item Council could discuss in executive session; she asked City Attorney Lovett why Council does not meet in executive session. Attorney Lovett indicated COVID was part of the reason, but in his opinion, executive sessions are not what's best for this Council for the last eighteen months.

City Manager Melder met with Inner City Night Shelter and it is agreed there is a need; however, this particular site has some zoning and construction restraints that will not permit the type of facility needed. He is willing to work with Inner City Night Shelter on other locations for their facility.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to Hold/Continue Item #24 with a City Manager request to gather more information, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

25. Authorize the City Manager to Approve the Abandonment of a Drainage Easement on the Property Located at 7 Southern Oaks Drive (PIN 20794 01022). A detention pond is being constructed in the easment areas and the easement will no longer be needed. The abandonment of the easement will facilitate construction of a new project and remove a title encumbrance.

Exhibit 1: Map - 7 Southern Oaks.pdf

Exhibit 2: Plans - 7 Southern Oaks.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23 and #25, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

26. Approval of a Major Subdivision, L.R. Moore Subdivision, which is Located at the Intersection of Betty Drive and Riviera Drive in Aldermanic District 4. This subdivision will consist of six lots with varying lot sizes. (Note: Item postponed from February 10th City Council Meeting).

Exhibit 1: Major Subdivision L.R. Moore Subdivision.pdf

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #26 per recommendation by City Manager Melder, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

ADD-ONS:

27. Proclamation Recognizing February 26, 2022, as Memorial Day School Day in Celebration of the School's 50th Anniversary.

HEARD after Item #4.

PRESENTED. Mayor Johnson read the proclamation into the record. Present and/or speaking were Ms. Jennifer Farris, Head of Memorial Day School and Ms. Wanda Hill, Board President.

28. Announcement Regarding a Grant Received from the National League of Cities in the Amount of $30,000.00 to increase Economic Inclusion and Resilience for Communities of Color.

HEARD after Item #27.

ANNOUNCED. Mayor Johnson announced a new initiative led by the National League of Cities (NLC) in partnership with the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, the Annie E. Casey Foundation, and the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. Savannah along with fifteen other cities in the Southeast U.S. was selected to participate in the 20-month project. The project offers an opportunity for cities to invest funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and other federal sources in economic inclusion strategies toward a growth model that offers cities, their residents and businesses, greater economic prosperity.

Mayor Johnson thanked Deputy Assistant Marty Johnston for going after the grant opportunity for Savannah.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Alderman Purtee gave a tribute to Mary McAllister Organization on the rebranding of the rape crisis center to the new Mary's Place.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated she did not vote for the St. Patrick's Day Resolution because there was no Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Parade. Mayor Johnson indicated it was the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Parade Committee who postponed the Parade to April 2022. Alderwoman Miller Blakely thanked City Manager Melder, Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams and the staff at the Cultural Arts Center for the wonderful event for Dr. Umar Johnson presentation on Wednesday evening.

Alderwoman Lanier thanked the Cloverdale Civic Improvement Association for the $500.00 contribution to the Curtis Cooper Center on behalf of the late Curtis Cooper, Sr. and Curtis Victor Cooper, II on the 57th Birthday celebration of Curtis Victor Cooper, II.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

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Signature: Mark Massey

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MARCH 10, 2022, 11:00 A.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT

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The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 11:00 a.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Purtee to offer an invocation.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1, Chairman

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder

Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

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Workshop Agenda Items

1. Savannah Police Department Public Safety Update (Continued from February 24, 2022 Meeting)

PRESENTED by Police Chief Roy Minter as a continuation from the February 24th Work Shop presentation, Savannah Police Department Public Safety Update. Chief Minter gave a brief summary of the presentation.

Council Members asked questions and made comments. Chief Minter responded and/or answered questions and discussed Council Members concerns:

- What does the City need to do differently, or tell the public, to boost moral and have better success in recruiting and maintaining officers? Concerned with addressing accountability of officers and community engagement (Alderman Leggett).
- With respect to the Vision Zero Resolution approved at the February 24th meeting, how will the police support this initiative especially with regard to traffic? (Alderman Palumbo).
- Since the police department operates on a beat system, are all the beats covered 24/7? (Mayor Johnson).
- Concerned with gun violence and deaths within public housing areas of the City. What is the police doing to fight crime in those areas? Concerned with officers leaving and making the police department grossly understaffed (Alderwoman Gibson-Carter).
- Applauded all officers in Savannah. How many officers are leaving? How can the Council help to retain officers, what is the corrective action plan to retain officers, and how are you dealing with morale within the police department? (Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan).
- City Manager Melder, Human Resources Director Grant and Police Chief Minter are currentl working on a program to retain employees.
- Since crime is a public health issue, officers living in neighborhoods might help decrease crime (Alderwoman Lanier).
- Residents are requesting more police presence during events. Are certain police assigned for special events? Consider using retired officers for events. Are officers being paid for additional duties, are we using local colleges and universities for recruitment, and are the starting salaries sufficient? (Alderwoman Miller Blakely).
- Peer pressure, poor education, low economic status, substance abuse and neglectful parenting are major contributors toward crime and violence. These are the issues that need to be addressed to solve crime issues. (Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz).
- Suggested the use of an employee engagement survey to identify problem areas (Alderman Purtee).

Mayor Johnson thanked Chief Minter and the entire Savannah Police Department for their service.

This presentation and the original February 24, 2022, PowerPoint presentation is on file in the Clerk of Council's office.

2. Housing Savannah Update: The City's Investment in Affordable Housing at Work

PRESENTED by Housing & Neighborhood Services Director Martin Fretty and Planning & Urba Design Director Bridget Lidy. Also present were Chatham County Board of Assessor representatives, including Chief Appraiser Roderick Conley, Supervisor Carol Osborne, Deputy Chief Appraiser - Administration Corey Gillenwater, and Deputy Chief Appraiser - Operations Stacey Scott.

Following the presentation, there were discussions, some in question format, from Council. Happy Birthday was extended to Mr. Fretty by Council Members.

Some topics and questions were discussed and answered/explained by Mr. Fretty, Ms. Osborne, Mr. Conley, and/or Mr. Gillenwater:

- What is the age when seniors are totally exempt from paying property taxes? (Alderwoman Miller Blakely).
- A campaign or presentation for residents regarding all elderly and disability tax exemptions was recommended (Alderwoman Gibson-Carter).
- The contact information for the Chatham County Tax Assessors office: 912-652-7271; and Homestead Exempt office: 912-447-4856 (Ms. Osborne).
- Expressed gratitude to Mr. Fretty and his department for making housing affordable in all the districts throughout the city and look forward to upcoming projects with the $19.1 million allocated in the City's 2022 Housing Savannah investments and workplan (Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan).
- Asked for the forced multiplier opportunities and how it's calculated. Also, has Mr. Fretty ever seen this level ($19.1 million) of investment in housing (no). How can the City partner wit Chatham Area Transit to integrate affordable transportation into the City's affordable housin strategy? (Alderman Palumbo).
- Asked for the definitions of affordable housing; workforce housing; and income based housing (Mr. Fretty and City Manager Melder explained). Asked when will the City start using income based housing for affordable housing (Alderwoman Miller Blakely).

Mayor Johnson thanked the panel of presenters. He added the Savannah Housing Authority will come and make a presentation to Council; and the Housing Savannah Task Force are committed to making housing available, accessible and affordable for the residents of Savannah.

The PowerPoint presentation is on file in the Clerk of Council's office.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Workshop at 1:06 p.m.

A video recording of the workshop can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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MARCH 10, 2022, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT
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The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:00 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Leggett who introduced Pastor Thomas Sills, senior pastor at Connor's Temple Baptist Church, to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1, Chairman

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder

Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

Mayor Johnson asked everyone to remember in thoughts and prayers the people of Ukraine, deployed soldiers supporting NATO, and residents here in the United States that have family and friends living in Ukraine.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for March 10, 2022.

Mayor Johnson wished a Happy International Woman's Day, Month and Year to Team Savannah women and especially to the five (5) female Alderwoman (colleagues).

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda as amended by adding agenda Item #27, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on February 24, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on February 24, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

4. Presentation of the 2022 St. Patrick's Day Parade Permit to Members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee by Mayor Van R. Johnson II.

Mayor Johnson briefly described the past two years without the St. Patrick's Day celebrations due to the onset of COVID-19 pandemic. He announced the number of COVID cases in Savannah has decreased enough for the St. Patrick's Day celebrations to resume this year.

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to Parade Committee members, including General Chairman John P. Fogarity, 2022 Grand Marshal Daniel T. Powers, Adjuntant Michael W. Roush, Jr., and others.

Chairman Fogarity expressed his gratitude for being able to again have the St. Patrick's Day celebration and parade. He introduced members of his executive committee and the 2022 Grand Marshall. He asked the Mayor and Aldermen/Alderwomen for the 2022 St. Patrick's Day Parade Permit.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #4, the parade permit, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

5. A Proclamation Recognizing Community Services Department Staff (Pennsylvania Avenue Resource Center (PARC) and Savannah Youth Ambassadors (SYA)) for Receiving Youth Collaboration Awards from the Mediation Center of Savannah. The department provides several programs that support youth, seniors, and families.

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to Human Services Director Kerri Reid, Assistant Director Margaret Williams, Outreach Coordinator & SYA Team Leader Kadatra Ortiz, Program Coordinator, 21st Century & Youth Council Coordinator Caleb Abernathy, Outreach Coordinators Darlene Jacksor Chandler Crawford, Willie Mae Knight and Philip Kalogitonas, PARC Manager Kareem Hill, and Youth Program Coordinator Natasha Johnson.

Ms. Reid thanked Council for the recognition and introduced each member of the team. Council Members expressed gratitude to the team for the outstanding work in the community, especially calling out Mr. Kareem Hill for his outstanding commitment in the neighborhoods.

6. A Proclamation Recognizing the Department of Refuse Disposal for Receiving a Score of 100 from the Georgia Environmental Protection Division on their Last Routine Environmental Compliance Inspection on January 25, 2022 at the Dean Forest Road Landfill.

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to Sanitation Director Gene Prevatt and Refuse Disposal staff, including Charles Spaulding, Jacqueline Smith, Emory Martin, Deanna Dudley, and Quhannah Andrews, Assistant Sanitation Director & head of the Refuse Disposal Unit.

Mayor Johnson announced The Department of Refuse Disposal has received from the Georgia Environmental Protection Division an overall score of 100 for their routine compliance evaluation inspection at the Dean Forest Road Landfill.

Mr. Prevatt reported this was the 5th year the department has received a score of 100. He introduced each member of the team.

Council Members congratulated the team on an outstanding report and score of 100. They thanke Mr. Prevatt and his department for their service to the community, assistance with Rock-the-Block, Legit 2 Lit, collection of bulk furniture, tires, and for door hangers announcing clean-up projects i.. neighborhoods.

7. A Proclamation Recognizing March 6-12, 2022 as National Women in Construction Week.

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and READ by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz on behalf of the City Council to Ms. Rebecca Fenwick, National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC).

On behalf of the local chapter of NAWIC, Ms. Fenwick accepted and thanked Council for the Proclamation.

8. Recognition of Two Savannah Police Department Officers for Their Display of Life Saving Bravery and Heroism.

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and READ by Alderman Purtee on behalf of the City Council to Sergeant Sharif Lockett and Officer William Fitzpatrick.

Chief Minter and Officer Fitzpatrick expressed thanks and gratitude to Council for the recognition. Sergeant Lockett was unable to attend the meeting.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

9. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Anthony Debreceny for Ukiyo, A Restaurant at 2224 Bull Street Between East 39th and East 40th Streets in District 2. (New Owner/New Request)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Ukiyo.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Ukiyo.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Documents - Ukiyo.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Ukiyo.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Ukiyo.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings for Items #9 and #10 open.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderman Palumbo moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #9 and #10, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #9, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Mohamed Eldibany for Troupial, a Restaurant at 9 W. 43rd Street Between Bull and Whitaker Streets in District 2. (New Owner/New Request)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Troupial.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Troupial.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Documents - Troupial.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Troupial.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Troupial.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings for Items #9 and #10 open.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderman Palumbo moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #9 and #10, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #10, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Johnson took a point of personal privilege to recognize retired officer Sgt. Andrea who is now working as a reserve officer. She served on the ABC Team before retirement and Mayor Johnson expressed his desire to see her return to the Team.

ZONING HEARINGS

11. Petition of L. Robert Isaacson of Savannah Core, LLC (Owner) on behalf of Natasha Gaskill & Matthew Palmerlee of Be Careful What You Think About, LLC (Petitioner) for a Special Use Permit with Conditions to Establish a Restaurant with Onsite Alcohol Consumption at 527 East 39th Street (PIN 20075 05010) in District 2 (File No. 22-000150-ZA)

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 527 East 39th Street (File No. 22-000150-ZA)

Exhibit 2: Maps for 527 Esat 39th Street (FIle No. 22-000150-ZA)

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing for Item #11 open.

Speaker(s):

- Marcus Lotson, MPC representative

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter acknowledged the written letters received in support of the special use permit and asked if all supporters lived in the surrounding area. Alderman Leggett answered, all letters are from area residents living in close proximity to the establishment. She asked if the nearby church met the alcohol license distance requirements. Mr. Lotson stated the petitioner is not requesting an alcohol license at this time. Later, Alderman Leggett answered, the distance from the church is 215 yards and the requirement of distance for alcohol license from a church is 100 yards. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if the petitioner was converting a residential home into a restaurant. Mr. Lotson answered, when originally built, the structure was residential, later zoned neighborhood business, but has been vacant for some years.

a. Alderman Palumbo moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #11, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Item #11, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

Written comment(s) received:

- Brent & Heather Buice – SUPPORT
- Elizabeth Schminke (The Baldwin Park Neighborhood Association Board of Directors) – SUPPORT
- Rais Hendrix – SUPPORT
- Jesse Blanco – SUPPORT
- Brianne – SUPPORT
- Gina Berchin – SUPPORT
- Chris Hathcock – SUPPORT
- Lane and Patrick Huerta – SUPPORT
- Kate Daley – SUPPORT
- Kristin Harward-Grant - SUPPORT
- Andrew J. Ripley & Tom Worley – SUPPORT
- Coco Papy – SUPPORT
- Smith Matthews – SUPPORT
- Jared Jackson – SUPPORT
- Tatiana Cabral Smith – SUPPORT
- Kevin Ryan – SUPPORT
- Melissa DeLynn – SUPPORT
- Brandon Carter – SUPPORT
- Mark Lebos – SUPPORT
- Garrett Zajac – SUPPORT
- Libbie and Joshua Summers – SUPPORT
- Jovan Sage - SUPPORT

12. Petition of Neil McKenzie from Coleman Company on Behalf of Sweetwater Land Developers, LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment to Revise from RA-CO (Residential Agriculture-County) to RSF-5 (Residential Single Family-5) at Sweetwater Station and Clubhouse Drive. (File No. 21-003991-ZA)

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for Sweetwater Station (File no. 21-003991-ZA)

Exhibit 2: Maps for Sweetwater Station (File No. 21-003991-ZA)

Exhibit 3: Revised Master Plan for Sweetwater Station (File No. 21-003991-ZA)

Exhibit 4: Sweetwater Station Intersection Report (File No. 21-003991-ZA)

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing for Item #12 open.

Speaker(s):

- Marcus Lotson, MPC representative

Alderman Purtee stated the neighboring communities are in agreement with the zoning amendment.

Alderwoman Lanier asked if the infrastructure and traffic pattern in the area would be handled at a later date. Mr. Lotson stated the neighborhood had taken care of traffic management and infrastructure back in 2005.

Alderman Purtee moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #12, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

13. Petition of Neil McKenzie from Coleman Company on Behalf of Sweetwater Land Developers, LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment to Revise from RA-CO (Residential Agriculture-County) to RSF-5 (Residential Single Family-5) at Sweetwater Station and Clubhouse Drive (File No. 21-003991-ZA)

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After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be place and passed upon its adoption, Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #13, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for St. Patrick's Day Catering Services for Police and City Staff with Barnes Catering (Local) in an Amount up to $32,662. The City will use these services to provide breakfast, lunch, and dinner for on-duty SPD officers and City staff working the St. Patrick's Day festival and parade from Thursday through Saturday.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - St. Patrick's Day Catering Services

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - St. Patrick's Day Catering Services

Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated she wanted the residents to know how much money the City is contributing toward the cost of the St. Patrick's Day celebration.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #14, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Maintenance Agreement for the City of Savannah Phone System with CNP Technologies, LLC in the Amount of $88,000.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Phone System Maintenance.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Phone System Maintenance.pdf

Alderman Purtee stated Information Technology Service Director Tim Moody does a good job of updating the City's technology system, but he recommends a workshop or needs assessment, so Council will know what Mr. Moody needs to move forward with technology updates as it relates to money/budget.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #15, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Amendment No. 3 for the President Street Bio-Solids Dryer Facility with Reynolds Construction in a Reduced Amount of $108,081.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Amendment Bio-Solids Dryer Facility

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Amendment Bio-Solids Dryer Facility

Alderman Leggett asked Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd about the odor/smell residents complain about coming from the facility. Mr. Lloyd stated the City has invested $1.1 million to address/alleviate the odor/smell coming from the facility.

Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #16, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for Sewer Lift Station Parts and Pumps with Xylem Water Solutions USA in an Amount up to $600,000. This contract is for sewage-lifting, wet well submersible pumps and component parts in the City lift stations.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Contract Modification for Xylem Water Solutions

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - Contract Modification for Xylem Water Solutions

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #17, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Portable Toilets with Porta Potty Dogs in the Amount of $76,992. The St. Patrick's Day Parade requires portable toilets and handwashing stations to maintain a sanitary environment for those attending the event.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Portable Toilets.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Portable Toilets.pdf

Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated she wanted the residents to know how much money the City is contributing toward the cost of the St. Patrick's Day celebration. She also asked that the porta potties be maintained on a regular basis.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to approve Item #18, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Barricades with Area Wide Protection (AWP) in the Amount of $59,285. The St. Patrick's Day Parade requires traffic and crowd control barricades to proceed safely on the streets of Savannah.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Barricades.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Barricades.pdf

Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated she wanted the residents to know how much money the City is contributing ($168,948.88) toward the cost of the St. Patrick's Day celebration. She would like to see equity for other City festivals.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if there were any projected revenues coming from the St. Patrick's Day celebrations to off-set the expenses? She recommended City staff look at new opportunities to generate revenue during this festival, as well as other festivals held during the year. City Manager Melder will provide a report to Council as revenue from hotel/motel and sales tax comes in to the City from the St. Patrick's Day festival.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to approve Item #19, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

20. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Submit a Substantial Amendment for the FY2019 One Year Action Plan to HUD for the Use of CDBG-CV Funds and Enter into Grant Agreements with Eligible Small Businesses Impacted by COVID-19 and Construction of Six New Single-family Homes at Savannah Gardens for Families Experiencing Homelessness and Impacted by COVID-19 (total $2,595,044).

Exhibit 1: Resolution - CDBG-CV Projects - SBRP and New Construction.pdf

City Manager Melder briefly outlined the qualifications for the CDBG-CV funds. The City staff will reach out to Savannah small and disadvantaged businesses with primary focus on low income and

very low wealth businesses. The expectation is to assistant at least 118 businesses with up to at least $10,000.00 for each business to assist with COVID recovery.

At the request of Alderwoman Miller Blakely, City Manager Melder read the qualifications and stated staff is expecting to have the grant applications out to businesses by May, 2022.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated she was happy to see the grants will be administered by City staff and asked City Manager Melder for information on accountability for funds given to Family Promise. Mr. Melder will followup with statistical information and give Council a report.

City Manager Melder discussed criteria for the six new single-family homes that will be used for homeless persons/families. He also explained the reasoning behind the delay of using the FY2019 CDBG funds. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked who will construct the six homes and will there be DBE participation. Mr. Martin Fretty answered Dasher Construction Company (Mr. Willie Dasher) wi build the homes. His price point meets with the funds available and he is a DBE.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter discussed the FY2019 CDBG funds not being used for three years and how much interest accrued during that time. Mr. Melder stated the funds were allocated in the FY2019 plan but not received until 2020. He will follow-up with any information in that regard to Council. He also added, there were no responses to the RFP initially sent out to businesses.

Alderman Palumbo called for a vote on the corresponding Item. Mayor Johnson acknowledged.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated the citizens elected a City Council but the City Manager arrived in 2021, so he is not accountable for funds received in 2019.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan called for point of order. Mayor Johnson acknowledged.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #20, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

AGREEMENTS

21. Council Approval of an Agreement for Establishing a City/County Relationship between the City of Savannah and County Wexford (Ireland).

Exhibit 1: Savannah Partner City Memo.pdf

Exhibit 2: Draft MOU Savannah-Wexford.docx

HEARD after Agenda Item #4.

Mayor Johnson announced representatives from County Wexford, Ireland will be in Savannah ne› week for the St. Patrick's Day celebration and there will be a signing ceremony of the Memorandur.. of Understanding.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #21, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Riverview President Street, LLC. This is a comprehensive agreement/settlement reached between both parties to resolve litigation and development related issues associated with two parcels comprising approximately 16 acres (the "PS Property") located at 925 E. President Street and 1303 E. President Street.

Exhibit 1: Development Agreement with Exhibits A-D.pdf

Exhibit 2: Exhibits E-I.pdf

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #22, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

23. Authorize the City Manager to Approve the Third Amendment to a Lease with T-Mobile at 29 Sapelo Road. T-Mobile will pay an increase of $500 per month for the modifications, staff resources providing access, and time and effort of this amendment.

Exhibit 1: 29 Sapelo Road - Recommendation Request Map Attachment.pdf

Exhibit 2: Third Amendment 8SV0940C Partially Executed.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #23, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

24. Settlement #1

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #24, to authorize the City Attorney to resolve the claim of Jonathan Reyes for $37,000.00, seconded by Alderman Palumbo and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

25. Settlement #2

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #25, to authorize the City Attorney to resolve the claims of Allisha Eady and Zacore Royal for $52,500.00 each, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

26. Approval of the Petition to Rename Yamacraw Art Park to Yamacraw Square.

Exhibit 1: Signed HSMC Board Recommendation to City Council.pdf

Exhibit 2: Jerome Meadows Supporting Comments (Park Designer)

Exhibit 3: Petition Submittal Packet.pdf

Exhibit 4: Yamacraw Art Park Renaming - Online Survey Responses.pdf

Exhibit 5: Yamacraw Art Park Renaming - HAS Survey Responses.pdf

Exhibit 6: Yamacraw Art Park Improvements Summary

Mayor Johnson gave background and a brief description of the project (new square). He asked City Manager Melder to arrange a dedication ceremony.

Speaker(s):

- LaRay Benton, Savannah Yamacraw Association - SUPPORTED.
- Bob Spell - SUPPORTED.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to approve Item #26, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

ADD-ON:

27. A Resolution (Savannah, Georgia) Opposing HB 1093 And SB 494 and Opposing Limitations on a City's Authority to Make Housing, Land Use and Zoning Decisions Within a Local Government's Geographical Boundaries.

Mayor Johnson gave information on the importance of HB 1093 and SB 494 as it relates to the City of Savannah making it's own decisions on land use.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated she had not reviewed HB 1093 and SB 494 and could not support Item #27. Alderwoman Lanier stated she did not have time to read HB 1093 and SB 494 and has not decided to support Item #27. Alderwoman Lanier asked which Members of Council have reviewed the bills: Mayor Johnson, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Alderman Palumbo and Alderman Purtee did read the bills.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #27, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 6-3-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier voted no.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan thanked all of the departments for their help with the walk-through at Avondale, including Amy, Anthony, and Alice.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely requested Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd to give an update on Tribble Park drying up, with people living on the island in the middle of the lake. Mr. Lloyd advised there was a recent breach with the wall at Tribble Park and this issue occurred in the past. Staff is analyzing the area to determine a short-term and a long-term solution to get the park back up and the water restored. They are using ground penetrating radar to assess the damage, develop a design for repairs and then make those repairs. Mayor Johnson asked the City Manager to make sure the public communications team produces some focused messaging on the issue.

Alderman Palumbo announced the Federal budget has passed the US House of Representatives and for the first time ever a member of our Senate secured funding for the City of Savannah. Senator Warnock committed $3 million in the federal budget for Tide to Town and the Truman Linear Park Trail. Alderman Palumbo thanked Senator Warnock's office, Caila Brown (Tide to Town), Brent Buice (East Coast Greenway).

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz congratulated a young man who plays on the Woodville-Thompkins Basketball Team, Wesley West Walker, Jr. She also stated that we are so proud of Woodville-Thompkins and her alma mater Windsor Forest Knights who are playing in the championships.

Mayor Johnson extended congratulations to the Beach Bulldogs who were runners-up, and to Windsor Forest who will play tomorrow in Macon, GA for the 3A State Championship. He also offered a big shout-out to the Savannah State Tigers and the Lady Tigers for phenomenal seasons. Both teams received a number eight bid to the NCAA Tournament and the number one teams they are playing better watch out.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter announced Happy Birthday to her sister, Kia.

Mayor Johnson announced National League of Cities (NLC) is in Washington, D.C. next week, so hopefully they will be bringing back some good news from meetings being held there.

Following announcements, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

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MARCH 24, 2022, 4:00 p.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT

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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

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1, Chairman

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

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Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder

Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

Workshop Agenda Items

1. Housing Authority of Savannah Update

2022 HAS Workshop with City Council.pptx

HEARD after Item #2.

Mayor Johnson gave a synopsis of the affordable housing challenges in the City and discussed the recent efforts to alleviate some of the housing shortage issues. City Manager Melder introduced

Executive Director Earline Davis of the Housing Authority of Savannah (HAS) to give the presentation on housing updates.

Following the presentation, there were discussions, some in question format others in discussion form. Ms. Davis answered Council Members questions and/or concerns:

- For public understanding, Mayor Johnson asked Ms. Davis to explain the relationships between HUD, the Housing Authority of Savannah (HAS) and the City of Savannah. He also asked her to explain funds received from HUD for repairs/maintenance on housing developments managed by Housing Authority of Savannah.
- Alderman Leggett asked Ms. Davis to explain the process of demolition and timeline for the Yamacraw Village housing development.
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if market rents are charged in any of the housing authority developments; if and when Yamacraw Village is demolished, will it be replaced with affordable housing; and how many housing authority properties are slated for demolition in the future?
- Alderwoman Lanier received calls from constituents concerning problems with landlords not wanting to accept vouchers for rent payments. Will there be any policy initiatives in Savannah to address the discrimination by landlords on income source? She questioned why the public does not know about the homeownership program offered by HAS. She recommended the larger developments be divided into smaller projects so local contractors and DBEs will be able to participate. Alderwoman Lanier had concerns for her request made last year for the documents showing the sale of the Bartow property to the Salvation Army. She would still like a copy of the sale documents.
- Alderwoman Lanier expressed the need for rental housing in the city, and mentioned the recent Resolution passed by City Council to decrease the number of rental units in the city. Mayor Johnson explained the recent Resolution sent to the General Assembly was against the State taking away local control of allowing rental companies to create rental developments without any local control.
- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked what if demolition is not approved by HUD for Yamacraw Village, what are HAS plans for the development? She asked about the composition, appointing authority, and number of members for the HAS Board. She also discussed numerous problems at Stillwell Towers: non-working elevators, plumbing and bed bugs. She asked how and when the conditions would be solved and recommended establishing a workable process for residents with problems to have their complaints resolved before calling Council Members. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter had other questions concerning the HAS banking accounts and sharing banking information with the City of Savannah.
- Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan raised a point of order while Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was speaking.
- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter discussed that HAS listened to the Feldwood residents' desire not to change the name and asked the difference of HAS not listening to the Yamacraw Village residents' desire for no demolition, and the residents in neighboring Augusta Avenue not wanting the Weeping Time land desecrated. She also expressed concern for the Indians to have a voice.
- Mayor Johnson raised a point of order.
- Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan stated the HAS office is in her district and she has a good rapport with the authority. If bug bites existed, the residents should send complaints to HAS caseworkers. She has visited Stillwell Towers and stated there are numerous residents who are sick and afraid. She asked if Adult Protective Custody has received any complaints from Stillwell Tower residents (no). She recommended solving complaints and not dwelling on the challenges already facing the at-risk residents.
- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter raised a point of order while Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan was speaking.
- While attending some of the meetings with residents of Yamacraw Village, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan stated, when and if Yamacraw Village is demolished by HUD, statements were made that HAS should have addressed issues sooner. She added, when/if the name is changed, the quality of life needs to be improved for the residents.

Mayor Johnson thanked Ms. Davis for the presentation. He asked Ms. Davis to provide Council Members with contact information of Resident Managers at each development to address residents concerns/complaints. He asked Council Members with questions to speak with Ms. Davis at the close of the meeting if they had any further questions.

Mayor Johnson will keep updated on the decisions of Yamacraw Village. He believes people need and deserve equitable housing and Yamacraw is sub-standard housing. The City and the Housing Authority of Savannah need and will do a better job of offering housing to residents.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated if Yamacraw was maintained, it would be equitable.

Mayor Johnson thanked Ms. Davis.

The PowerPoint presentation is available and on file in the Clerk of Council's office.

2. Discussion Regarding Board Appointments

Available Appointments to Boards-2021_as of 03-18-2022.pdf

HEARD before Item #1.

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson. Only the Historic District Board of Review (HDBR) and Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) listings were considered.

Members of Council reviewed both lists and made recommendations for reappointment or appointment to each Board/Commission. The designated candidates will be placed on the regular meeting agenda for approval.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Workshop at 5:41 p.m.

A video recording of the workshop can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: April 14, 2022

Signature: Mark Massey

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MARCH 24, 2022, 6:30 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:30 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.

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

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for March 24, 2022.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda with the addition of Board Appointments, Agenda Item #27, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

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.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on March 10, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed 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.

Ms. Campbell accepted and thanked City Council for the Proclamation on behalf of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. She invited everyone to celebrate Mamie George S. Williams Advocacy Day at King Frazier Student Center Ballroom, Savannah State University on Saturday, March 26, 2022, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. There will be an opportunity for new voters to register to vote and all in attendance can enjoy a lecture by Velma Thomas, Author and Historian, on the life of Mamie George S. Williams.

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 - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

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 to the April 14, 2022 City Council Meeting)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - 703 Wheaton Street.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - 703 Wheaton Street.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Documents - 703 Wheaton Street.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - 703 Wheaton Street.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - 703 Wheaton Street.pdf

Alderman Leggett moved to continue/hold Item #6, as recommended by staff, to the April 14, 2022, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

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.

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Exhibit 7: Draft Ordinance for 4801 Meding (File No. 22-000531-ZA)

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing for Item #7 open.

Speaker(s) present:

- Marcus Lotson, MPC representative - MPC recommended approval with series of conditions.
- City Manager Melder - enumerated/detailed some of the conditions.
- 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

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

Alderwoman Lanier inquired if all 100 units will be in one structure. Mr. Lotson answered, up to 100 units are designated multifamily for seniors on the 3.85 acres. Mr. Melder added, the 100 units will not necessarily be in one structure but will be on that portion of the 3.85 acres.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked for pictures of the development to assure the project(s) will be garden style units and not two or three stories. Mr. Lotson indicated there are numerous renderings of projects for the entire development, but at this time, there are no specific designs or site development for the multifamily senior units on the 3.85 acre portion of land.

Alderwoman Lanier asked if the units will be income-based or affordable housing. Mr. Lotson answered the only designation at this time is senior housing. Mayor Johnson and City Manager Melder indicated timing and the negotiations of the development agreement and the purchase and sales agreement will determine pricing of the units. The intention is affordable units for seniors.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked Executive Director Melanie Wilson and the MPC entire staff for all the research and the approval vote for rezoning of 4801 Meding Street. For public clarity, she read, in detail, the seven (7) conditions in entirety.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder about the use of low income tax credits for the project. Mr. Melder explained how the city could partner with the Land Bank Authority. Partnering will help make sure the units stay affordable in perpetuity.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed the residents of the 5th District would like to be included in the decisions/negotiations for the development; she discussed the City's purchase of the land and environmental concerns calling for mitigation and she asked if any of the P3 representatives were in Chambers for questioning. Mr. Melder indicated Item #7 is a petition for rezoning only. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz if any members of P3 were present for questions. The people she introduced them to in Atlanta. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter mentioned the need to have an executive session, against the recommendation of the City Attorney.

Mayor Johnson called for point of order.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Mr. Melder if a timeline has been established, (no). She would like to support the development, but expressed her concerns for various parts of the development and asked City Attorney Lovett if he was familiar with the Terragon Environmental Report.

Mayor Johnson described the process which Council approved, giving City Manager Melder authorization to proceed with vetting out all the details of the development and reporting back to Council with his recommendations.

Alderman Palumbo discussed the advantages of the City's involvement in the development and how all aspects of the project(s) are discussed openly for transparency, so there is no need for closed executive session. He indicated the last executive session resulted in a violation of ethics.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely called for point of order. Mayor Johnson acknowledged.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely had concerns for the written comment submitted by David Jones, Managing Partner of P3 Joint Venture Group, describing a three (3) story unit project and questioned what happened to the garden style units. Mayor Johnson answered, Council is asked to review and approve the zoning only of the project today and will accept plans for approval at a later date.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #7, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

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.

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Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan requested time for additional due diligence. City Manager Melder reported staff has also requested additional time for Item #8.

Written comment(s) received:

- Donald Perry – OPPOSED

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to continue/hold Item #8 to the April 14, 2022, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

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.

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Exhibit 4: Draft Ordinance for 618 E. Montgomery Crossroads (File No. 22-000445-ZA)

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing for Item #9 open.

Speaker(s) present:

- Marcus Lotson, MPC representative - MPC recommended approval.

Alderman Palumbo moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #9, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

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.

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

Speaker(s) present:

- Candra Teshome, Office of Planning & Urban Design
- Daniel Ben-Yisrael (Parker's Real Estate Development Manager, representing the petitioner)

Alderman Purtee has met with the homeowners association in the area. The neighborhood homeowners association supports the project.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked who will be responsible for paving the arterial streets in the neighborhood. Ms. Teshome indicated the developer will be responsible for paving the streets. Mr. Yisrael stated a review by GDOT and Chatham County is currently in process; when the results of the reviews are completed the developer will review the options and implement the best solutions.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Mr. Yisrael if he had contacted the residents in the area. Sh stated the residents would like to be included in the decisions regarding their neighborhood. The petitioner reached out to the Sweetwater Homeowners Association several weeks back, and had recent contact with representative Mr. Kenneth Craven, to schedule a meeting in early April and subsequent meetings with residents of the community to address any concerns.

Alderman Purtee stated there is no opposition from the Sweetwater Homeowners Association. The opposition letter received is from a neighboring community. The petitioner's meetings will be with the neighboring community.

Written comment(s):

- Carolyn and Tony Davis – OPPOSED

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #10, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

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Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to continue/hold Item #12 to the April 14, 2022, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

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After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #13, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed 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.

Exhibit 1: Annexation Petition - Carlton J. Ray.pdf

Exhibit 2: Annexation Ordinance - Carlton J. Ray.pdf

FIRST READING ONLY for Item #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.

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FIRST READING ONLY for Item #15.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

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.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Walker Gear Assembly

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - Walker Gear Assembly

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #16 and #21, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed 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.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Ogeechee RD Water & Sewer Design

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Ogeechee RD Water & Sewer Design

Alderwoman Lanier was contacted by the West Victory Drive Neighborhood Association, President Mr. Brown, who would like a meeting to discuss the change in the plans from years prior. City Manager Melder agreed to have a representative contact the Association and schedule a meeting to discuss the modifications to the plan.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #17, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed 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.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Phase III Waters Avenue Lighting

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Phase III Waters Avenue Lighting

Alderman Leggett asked City Manager Melder if there will be a maintenance contract for lighting and streetscapes for any replacements and/or repairs. Mr. Melder indicated staff will come back with a maintenance strategy for Council approval.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely had concerns about the lighting cost of $250,000 being included in the streetscape cost of $1,162,337. City Manager Melder explained they are two separate projects:

Georgia Power is the vendor for the lighting project and Johnson-Laux is the vendor for the streetscape project.

Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #18, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

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.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Waters Avenue Phase III Construction

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Waters Avenue Phase III Construction

Alderman Leggett requested staff include the business owners in the design process of the project. City Manager Melder acknowledged the request.

Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #19, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motio passed 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.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Temporary Staffing

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Temporary Staffing

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder if the sanitation department was included. Mr. Melder indicated this was one of City Council's strategies to streamline the City's cost. It is part of the vacancy reduction strategy.

Mayor Johnson asked if both businesses were local Savannah businesses (yes, they are designated local, per City Manager Melder); and he questioned if there is any data to support if this contract reduces the City's reduction in unemployment and workmen's compensation costs. Director of Human Resources Jeff Grant answered no, but this contract will enable the City to start working on data to support reductions.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to approve Item #20, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed 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.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Arena AV System

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Arena AV System

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #16 and #21, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed 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.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - License Plate Reader Cameras

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - License Plate Reader Cameras

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked what percent of the overall area will the cameras cover for license plates readers; given the high volume of crime in certain geographic areas of the city. Will cameras be placed in those specific areas; and what is the timeline for execution? Major Gavin indicated the timeline will be approximately eight weeks from the signing of the contract. City Manager Melder indicated the cameras will be strategically placed throughout the city in hotspots.

Alderwoman Lanier had concerns with the cameras that were placed last year to capture illegal dumping and the trouble with reading the license plates for identification. Major Gavin indicated staff is working on changing the positions of the cameras for reading the plates. He also shared the cameras data is shared with other cities and states to track vehicles. If no progress with the cameras is made in capturing illegal dumping within the next three to six months, Alderwoman Lanie recommended reviewing other alternatives.

Mayor Johnson asked Major Gavin if the cameras could be relocated to other areas of the City when the trends in crime change. Major Gavin answered, that is the advantage of using flock, the cameras are mobile (the cost would be $300-$500).

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #22, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

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.

Exhibit 1: Savannah-Hilton Head Airport Runway Plan.png

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, #25 and #26, seconded by Alderman

Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

24. Approval to Participate in the 2022 Visit Savannah Co-Op Digital Advertising Campaign in the Amount of $300,000.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concern for the lack of advertisements to report and/or assist citizens with regard to child/human sex trafficking in the airport and city. Mayor Johnson, as an ex officio member of the Airport Commission, along with City Manager Melder are in the process of discussing campaigns/advertisements in the airport and the city as it relates to child/human sex trafficking.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, #25 and #26, seconded by Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

25. Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Chatham County for Computer-Aided Dispatch Services, in the Amount of $337,460.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, #25 and #26, seconded by Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed 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.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, #25 and #26, seconded by Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

27. Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Authorities.

Mayor Johnson reported the City Council reviewed and made recommendations for the Historic District Board of Review and the Historic Preservation Commission during the work session held earlier today. He thanked Clerk of Council Massey for all his diligent work in getting all the applicants information to Council Members, and invited residents to apply online to serve on one of the many boards, commissions or authorities to represent the City.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #27 (part **a**), to appoint/reappoint the following citizens to the Historic District Board of Review as listed below, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

Historic District Board of Review (HDBR)

- Melissa Memory – reappointment (District 2)
- Thomas L. Thomson – appointment (District 4)
- David Altschiller – reappointment (District2)
- Karen M. Guinn – appointment (District 2)
- Michael Higgins – appointment (District 2)
- Melissa H. Rowan – appointment (District 2)
- Nan Taylor – reappointment (District 4)
- Ellie Isaacs – reappointment (District 3)

b. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #27 (part **b**), to appoint/reappoint the following citizens to the Historic Preservation Commission as listed below, seconded by Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)

- Keyshawn Housey – appointment (District 5)
- Kiersten Connor – appointment (District 2)
- Mae Bowley – appointment (District 4)
- Kathy S. Ledvina – appointment (District 2)
- William S. Santiago – appointment (District 6)
- Virginia Mobley – reappointment (District 2)
- Darren Bagley-Heath – reappointment (District 2)

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

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.

Exhibit 1: Housing Savannah NGO Resolution.pdf

Exhibit 2: Letter from CHSA Regarding Housing Savannah.pdf

City Manager Melder discussed the Resolution in detail and outlined the purposes of the creation of Housing Savannah. Mayor Johnson added City Manager Melder and Housing Director Fretty will serve on the Housing Savannah Board to protect the City's interest and make sure the Council's vision for housing is accomplished.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked what the $300,000 administrative cost for the non-governmental organization (NGO) included. City Manager Melder outlined the cost to include hiring a professional and executive staff to lead the operations which include start-up and capacity building while under the umbrella of the Community Housing Services Agency (CHSA). She asked how many staff members, who will hire, and what professional experience will be required. Mr. Melder indicated the NGO would do the hiring and experience would include: non-profit leadership, fund-raising, and affordable housing creation and education.

Alderwoman Lanier asked how many members will serve on the Housing Savannah Board. City Manager Melder indicated, under the draft Articles, it will be a five member board and allows for the addition of six members. She asked if the Board would manage the Savannah Housing Fund. No, the Savannah Housing Fund will be managed by an ordinance of City Council. Alderwoman Lanier recommended being strategic about the credentials/skill set when selecting board members, and t make sure there is community-at-large representation for a balanced board.

Mayor Johnson explained the reasoning behind establishing the NGO to educate and aggressively raise funds to create more quality affordable housing.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #28, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

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.

Exhibit 1: Resolution for a Stay on Medical Marijuana Dispensaries

Alderman Palumbo gave a brief description of HB 1425 and SB 609 and recommended City Council consider now how to regulate the sale and/or distribution of medical marijuana for the future.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #29, seconded by all Aldermen/Alderwomen. The motion passed 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.

Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement with Georgia Crown Distribution Company for Georgia Crown Truck Court.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #30, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Brya and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

31. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Agreement to Acquire Real Property Located at 719 Cleland Street at Appraised Value.

Exhibit 1: Map - 719 Cleland Street.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchase & Sales Agreement - 719 Cleland Street.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier expressed her thanks to City Manager Melder and Assistant City Manager Lloyd for all their assistance during the sales/negotiation process of acquiring the property.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #31, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

32. Settlement #1

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #32, 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 agair 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 within the community working with men, kids and the elderly to achieve amazing outcomes. He was in a car accident, and we wish him a speedy recovery.

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.

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APRIL 14, 2022, 11:00 a.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 11:00 a.m.

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

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

Workshop Agenda Items

1. Civic Center and Gamble Municipal Building Discussion.

After brief background information, City Manager Melder introduced Christian Sottile and Craig Clements of Savannah-based Sottile and Sottile for a PowerPoint presentation on the city's need for 100,000 square feet of office space and the options available.

Following the presentation, the following questions and concerns (statements) were raised by the City Manager and members of the City Council.

- City Manager Melder indicated the Johnny Mercer Theater is a viable facility. He indicated there is the ability to retain the name of Martin Luther King Jr. for the Civic Center, along with the

ballrooms and meeting space collectively. The presentation solves space planning needs for the organization. It includes arts and culture, and restoration of the Plan.

- Alderwoman Miller Blakely raised concern regarding past statements that the Plan was attributed to Oglethorpe alone. She also asked Mr. Sottile to explain the difference between Tithing (tax paying) Lots and Trust (community tax exempt) Lots. Mr. Sottile advised Oglethorpe's original idea was so good, the City kept doing it generations later. Oglethorpe made six (6) wards, and then the City later decided to continue making more. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Mr. Sottile if his ideas are like what they have done in Charleston. Mr. Sottile explained similarities and differences. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked how development (especially modern buildings) will affect the City's historic designation. Mr. Sottile advised this is a vey important point and in redeveloping this area, they have looked at returning to the historic pattern and coming closer to the original plan. All future development will have to be reviewed to ensure historic requirements, integrity and design. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked how this project ties into Reclaim Old West Broad Street. Mr. Sottile stated it contributes to it.
- Alderman Palumbo indicated he is glad we have now taken an assessment of where we are. This is one of the most important urban planning decisions in centuries for this Council. He asked the City Manager about the need to get out of temporary spaces and move into permanent ones, based on the desires of this Council. He further asked will the proposal today meet those needs (yes, up to 100,000 sq ft of office space, with the Gamble building being an additional 40,000 sq ft). For the restored lots, are there any limitations for what the City can achieve? Mr. Sottile indicated underlying zoning, and the Council can dictate what will go there. Alderman Palumbo asked the City Manager if we could be looking at affordable housing in our historic landmark district (Yes). Alderman Palumbo asked about rights-of-way, traffic patterns and the grid. Mr. Sottile indicated the proposal makes it get better.
- Alderman Leggett stated when they were elected, he was looking at the Gamble building as one of the few properties still owned by the City, available for employee offices. The last administration sold-off other buildings. He advocates for keeping some of the old Civic Center. They were inaugurated there, lots of graduations, marriages and funerals were there, so the Civic Center holds a special place in their hearts. What is going to be done about parking? Even with returning to blocks and squares, parking is going to be an issue that needs to be addressed. To the City Manager, Alderman Leggett addressed the Civic Center as demolition by neglect. We must manage and maintain our own buildings and houses.
- Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked how many blocks were removed with the Flyover (exit ramp), a study done by the Historic Foundation. Mr. Sottile advised there is approximately 7 acres of land, similar in size to 10 City blocks. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan stated she wants to focus on just Housing, namely affordable housing for many not a few. We need more spaces for housing. We want to put our employees in one space, so we can renovate the Civic Center space and do just that. We need a definition of what is old in Savannah, not just tear things down because they are old. Her job is to take care of the needs, instead of the desires. There is such a need for housing. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan questioned why there is only a $1 million difference between the two proposals. Doing one project versus both options, including the Gamble building appears to cost almost the same. Mr. Sottile indicated it is due to the offset in costs achieved by selling the Gamble building. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan stated she is against selling any of the City property. She asked what happened to the parking, when he took away the arena and left the Johnny Mercer Theater. Mr. Sottile advised parking will be available in the parking garage on Liberty Street and the Robinson deck. Putting the streets back also adds parking on the streets. New buildings and/or housing built on the blocks can include parking inside of the blocks. Parking will always be a need that has to be met. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan stated if housing is there, zoning requirements and parking needs will have to be met, but only for those who are located there, not to achieve the broader needs for parking. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked about the employee space at the Coastal Georgia Center, with a lease agreement that is due to expire in May. She recommended converting space at the Civic Center to a purpose-built area for employees, instead of spending more money on the lease at the Coastal Georgia Center. The City Manager advised he can show her the numbers to compare the benefits.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked the City Manager how many people he needs to get into a centralized situation (roughly 250-300 staff members). She asked him if there are any projections with respect to what is needed in the years to come. In reference to the selling off of properties, including the Gamble building, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz stated her disappointment with the actions of the previous administration. She further stated that availability of affordable housing is a big problem and second to the housing problem is parking. The plans and designs today do not address the parking issue. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked the City Manager where is the proposed $42.5 million going to come from. City Manager Melder stated this is something Council will have to direct me (him) to do. He asked Council to give him direction today, or at the next Council Meeting, or whenever Council is ready to develop a plan on how to deal with the

land, parking solutions, and how we will meet the $43.5 million price tag. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz stated she likes the idea of the municipal office space on the Oglethorpe side of the building. She would like to utilize the small acreage by staking the parking, like the other garages.

- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Mr. Sottile how he was selected to be a part of this project and in what capacity he is currently serving (on-call urban design consultant to do preliminary planning and research thereby supporting City staff). She asked if he was on a retainer (Yes, as requested by the former City Manager Brown). City Manager Melder stated we have a current contract with Sottile & Sottile. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if that was presented to City Council. City Manager Melder stated it was prior to his time, but we can look. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked to see the contract. She asked Mr. Sottile, who do you primarily do work for, namely larger projects done in our City? Mr. Sottile advised they have done work with the City, smaller residential redevelopments, housing projects, new housing in the Victorian district, hospitality work, redevelopment of Plant Riverside, with about a third of our work coming from Savannah (public and private). Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked who are some of the larger companies or projects you have worked for, which we would recognize? Mr. Sottile advised the Kessler Collection, and the City of Greenville. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if he has done any work with the Savannah College of Art & Design (SCAD) and which ones. Mr. Sottile advised yes. We were design architects for the SCAD Museum of Art, and with the City to restore Turner Blvd. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Mr. Sottile if they were doing any current work with SCAD (No). Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if there are any cost projections resulting from this contractual agreement. The City Manager advised this is a consultant agreement and has no bearing on the future of this project, other than a presentation of options. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if the Architect firm will be providing the cost projections. The City Manager responded no, we could ask them to consult with us. Much of our work and cost projections are done in our Real Estate Services office. With respect to a trip taken to Charleston with Mr. Sotille and staff during the City Manager's first month, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was concerned about that visit, since there is nothing in Charleston that she would like for the City of Savannah to mimic, due to gentrification and the marginalized working-class and African American people who have been forced out (sanitized community). City Manager Melder responded we visited the Gaillard Performing Arts Center in Charleston which has a similar design and construction date as our Johnny Mercer Theater in Savannah. They recently underwent renovations and provided municipal office space around the existing theater, so we went to see exactly how that project was tackled (another city's close-by example). While she is glad to see this discussion as a workshop item, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated she believes that holding an executive session regarding this matter is the responsible, professional thing to do, allowing more time to discuss the matter. She asked what commitment the City made when advocating for the Arena, which is not a replacement of the current scope and use of the Civic Center. She is happy to hear the City Manager say that we will maintain the name of the MLK Jr. Arena. She asked again what are the undertones of the commitment made between the current Arena and the Civic Center. City Manager Melder indicated he is not aware of any commitment related to the two, but the same group helps to manage both facilities. He agreed the Johnny Mercer Theater serves a unique function in the community that the Enmarket Arena does not serve, nor was it built to serve. Hence his recommendation of Option 1. The arena in the Civic Center has outlived its useful life by several years. It no longer functions in the way performances and productions work. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated she knows there were advocates for the new Arena who were intending to connect contractual pieces related to the Civic Center. Related to parking, she is reminded of our clean energy goals and she cringes when we discuss parking garages. With respect to bike trails, walkable communities, ride share, why aren't we interjecting those, instead of parking garages and decks. We have to start making commitments towards the lofty goals we throw out and talk about. She asked the City Manager to recognize our energy goals and sustainability. When we talk about options, today she has only been presented one option. She would like to prioritize or rank what the Council seems fit, based on discussions with the constituency, worthy of a public hearing at the Civic Center. We have to stop talking to or at people and listen to them. She was glad to hear that we have to move toward owning and not leasing space, because it is the smart thing to do. Prior administrations unloaded multiple, valuable pieces of property. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated she cannot understand why are we leasing valuable property adjacent from the Civic Center for parking at the new Arena, totally over $19 million, with a contractual period of 5 years, while mitigating and developing the land. Then we turn it back over to the owner. To date, we have expended $660,000.00 in that contract for parking we are not using, which could cause for hazardous contact to residents in that area. Staff has shepherded us down this path, and staff shepherded us down the path of the arena project which we still have major issues. City Manager Melder stated staff has done a yeoman's job, earnestly, in getting us to where we are today. With respect to accessibility of space for employees, it is also important for spaces to be accessible to citizens. Employees who work with the public don't need to be placed in the Gamble building, forcing citizens to navigate River/Bay

streets and cobblestones. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter would like to see other options for the Gamble building. City Manager Melder stated we can provide more options for the Gamble building, but if we do not use it for municipal office space the highest and best use from a real estate perspective would likely be hospitality. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked how many people the Floyd complex holds, since there is availability there. Displaced employees, like those in Community Services, could be assigned to work there so residents can easily access them. She would like to see more blended options, with respect to the use of space, even more unique and exciting. In addition, she requested the City Manager to more openly give the Council and the public a way to weigh-in on this decision.

- Alderman Purtee expressed concern regarding the parking issues, since parking is needed now. He stated that he likes the ideas regarding the Civic Center and the Johnny Mercer Theater, but he believes more discussions are needed concerning the Gamble building. Alderman Purtee indicated there are citizens on the Southside that cannot access City facilities downtown, due to parking and other issues. How do we provide the accessibility and equity piece on the Southside. We should be having conversations about centers and places to do City business on the Southside.

- Alderwoman Lanier provided some historical context around the Arena Committee and discussions on how the building would be utilized, and on how the MLK Jr. name could and will be used in a place of prominence. Regarding the Gamble building, she asked if a cost benefit analysis had been conducted. She wants the City to make decisions based on what makes sense, pros and cons. City Manager Melder responded yes, which they believe will raise (per a sale) approximately $8 million. For people who want to restore Elbert Square, historical investments (i.e., money spent on the Theater v. Arena) should be looked at more closely to understand the conditions. Alderwoman Lanier indicated she had various concerns. She is and was concerned about the price point of using certain spaces. She is concerned about the process used to develop options, she is concerned about mobility, parking, the driving situation, traffic and the pedestrian behavior. It is getting worse driving downtown. With respect to strategic direction, when Chester Ellis became Chair of a committee, another voice came forward which said to keep the Johnny Mercer Theater and tear down the arena side. These conversations are not new and occurred over the last ten years or so. With answers and solutions for traffic and other things, Alderwoman Lanier stated she believes they will be better able to make decisions going forward.

- Mayor Johnson stated the City Manager has done what we have asked him to do. We asked him to investigate options and give us what he felt were the two most viable options, and he has done that. We need to maintain the Johnny Mercer Theater. We own it all, so we can do it all. When we talk about the Gamble building, we are talking about inward facing departments who are integral to the daily operations. Mayor Johnson stated the Gamble building did not sell and he thinks that was destiny. This is a unique opportunity to address City needs and planning for our future while respecting the plans of the past. He continued by stating, we love our Civic Center. Everyone in the community has a civic center story. We have celebrated, come together, had meetings, and even buried loved ones out of the Civic Center. It's the center square and equity spot. The Johnny Mercer Theater is an excellent theater, although she has been worn by time. The cultural arts center has 400 seats, our Arena has 9500 seats, so getting rid of the Johnny Mercer Theater means we have nothing in between. This is about equity when it comes to prices, as compared to the Lucas and Trustees theaters. There are only 1003 theaters across our country with 2500 seats or more. Mayor Johnson stated that he believes this is an exciting public-private, philanthropic, fundraising opportunity for those who want to see that happen. There are ways to raise money as they did in Charleston. We get seven of our ten City blocks back. The key word here is City, which means we own it and can do what we want to do with it. Right now, the City Manager is only asking for strategic direction. A municipal building with a mixed-use that can pay for itself means we can be the landlords or the Morning News of sorts. The Civic Center does not have a name, so he would support and insist that the name of the old arena be transfer over to the name of the Civic Center. We can reconfigure our streets and utilize Vision Zero in doing this, thereby re-engineering and re-designing what really makes sense. Mayor Johnson stated he fully supports Option 1, and he asks Council not to get bogged down with paralysis of analysis. We need to pick a road and go down it. We can pay for this in many ways. Bonding and SPLOST are options, but the City Manager is not asking us for that. Council has given clear direction that we are going to retain the Johnny Mercer Theater, changing the narrative on the record. He then asked the City Manager how he would like to proceed. City Manager Melder stated he will proceed at the pleasure of Council, with respect to timing. He will follow-up with a detailed memo on how they will go about this process, incorporating public comment/discussion concerning these strategic directions, not decisions. And he will detail the costing-out or budgeting or looking at the hard numbers and the technical side of this process.

Option 1: Retain the Gamble Building and renovate it for up to 40,000 sq ft of municipal office space; and Build between 60,000 - 100,000 sq ft of municipal office space on the Oglethorpe Avenue frontage at the Civic Center (between Johnny Mercer Theater and Oglethorpe Avenue).

Option 2: Do not retain the Gamble Building for municipal office use; but Build up to 100,000 sq ft of municipal office space on Oglethorpe Avenue frontage at the Civic Center (between Johnny Mercer Theater and Oglethorpe Avenue).

*Per the City Manager, both Options 1 and 2 provide an opportunity to keep/save/incorporate the Johnny Mercer Theater, the Ballroom, the meeting spaces, and the MLK Jr. Arena. There also is the option of demolishing each of the spaces and building a municipal office space on any one of those parcels owned by the city.

Option 3: Level (demolish) the Civic Center and restore The Plan with historical squares, with no municipal office space at the Gamble Building, and no municipal office space at the Civic Center.

Option 4: None of the above. (City Manager Melder stated this option would allow the City Council to identify what goes on the Civic Center site after you demolish it.)

Following City Manager Melder's explanations of the options available to Council Members, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was ruled out of order, when a point of order was raised.

Mayor Johnson asked the Clerk of Council to (straw) poll the City Council on the options. *A (straw) poll neither adopts nor rejects a measure.

At the request of Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Mayor Johnson asked the City Attorney to describe what is meant by (straw) polling the Members of Council.

City Attorney Lovett advised this is a poll for direction. No votes were taken. At this point, it is a very public and transparent process. City Council is giving the City Manager guidance to do what's next, pursuant to the Charter. There will certainly be votes taken at some point.

The results of the (straw) poll are as follows:

Mayor Johnson – Option 1

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter – abstained due to ambiguous process

Alderwoman Miller Blakely – rejected options, requests community input/weigh-in

Alderwoman Lanier – would like to hear from the community

Alderman Leggett – Option 1

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan – Option 1, with housing

Alderman Palumbo – Option 1, with housing

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz – Option 1, with public input, housing, and parking

Alderman Purtee – Option 1, with housing and bringing more services and resources to the Southside

At the request of Alderman Purtee, the City Manager advised this will include a public engagement process. He further added this is not a vote or decision, rather strategic direction. Anything that comes later is subject to the City Manager having to bring forward budgets and plans.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked the City Manager to clarify what is affordable housing, workforce housing and income-based housing.

Alderwoman Lanier asked the City Manager to clarify if Option 1 "raise(s)" (levels) the MLK Jr. Arena.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel regarding the police department, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion failed, 3-6-0, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Alderwoman Lanier voting yea.

The PowerPoint presentation is available and on file in the Clerk of Council's office.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Workshop at 1:38 p.m.

A video recording of the workshop can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

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APRIL 14, 2022, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:06 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Palumbo who introduced Dr. Stephen Williams, Minister of First Presbyterian Church of Savannah, to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for April 14, 2022.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to reconsider entering into Executive Session for personnel matter(s) involving the Police Department (concerning a 128-page report, officer involved shootings, and departmental turmoil), seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion failed, 3-6-0, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Alderwoman Lanier voting yea.

Mayor Johnson advised these matters are under the purview of the City Manager, pursuant to our Charter/laws.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda for April 14, 2022, with a request from Alderwoman Miller Blakely to include the appointment of Mr. Jeffrey Notrica to the Historic Preservation Commission, since he qualifies as a city resident, given a recent resignation. Mayor

Johnson advised he will rule on this request later in the meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on March 24, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: WS Draft Minutes - March 24, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. the motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on March 24, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Exhibit 1: RM Draft Minutes - March 24, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

4. Appearance and Recognition of Galvan Foundation's Donation of $50,000 to the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund.

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and Alderman Palumbo. Mayor Johnson introduced Community Housing Services Agency Executive Director Anita Smith-Dixon.

Ms. Smith-Dixon introduced Mr. Dan Kent of Galvan Foundation who presented the City with a check for $50,000.00 for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund. Mr. Kent thanked Council Members, Ms. Smith-Dixon and Housing & Neighborhood Services Director Martin Fretty for the opportunity to participate in the affordable housing efforts in Savannah.

5. A Proclamation Declaring April as Safe Digging Month. Georgia 811 is utilized not only by municipalities, but homeowners and contractors also. Calling 811 before digging helps locate vital utilities during construction so damages do not occur to those utilities. When a utility is damaged, it not only costs money, but sometimes property damage and, in some cases, even peoples lives.

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and READ by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz.

Assistant City Manager Lloyd briefly explained the importance of good underground utilities and thanked Mayor and Council for the Proclamation. He introduced Water Engineering & Planning Director James (Jim) Laplander who introduced members of the water & sewer staff: Stephen Altman & David Myers, Locators; Andrew Collins, Water & Sewer Distributio Superintendent; and Southeast Georgia Right of Way Inspector Jamie Coursey from Atlanta Gas Light. Mr. Coursey thanked Mayor and Council for the recognition and Mr. Collins recognized Stephen Altman, David Myers and a third member of the team who was unable to attend, for locating and responding to over 21,000 request last year through the 811 call system from residents.

6. A Proclamation Declaring April as Donate Life Month. This provides an opportunity to share information about the need for organ and tissue donation in your community through public education and efforts to increase organ donation such as this proclamation can improve lives.

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and READ by Alderman Leggett.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recognized Fred Robinson (her uncle), 2nd District resident Mr. Mark Smith, and Reverend Doctor Leonard Small as an organ donor/recipient.

Mayor Johnson recognized in 2021 41,354 transplant patients in the United States received life-saving organ transplants; over 1,243 were Georgians, but still over 3,500 Georgians are awaiting organ donations. This month is an opportunity to sign-up for organ donation. Information to donate an organ will be posted on the Savannah web site.

7. A Proclamation Declaring April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. National Child Abuse Prevention Month recognizes the importance of families and communities working together to strengthen families to prevent child abuse and neglect. Through this collaboration, prevention services and supports help protect children and produce thriving families.

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and READ by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan.

Rose-Grant Robinson Director of Coastal Children's Advocacy Center accepted and thanked Mayo and Council for the recognition and staff members were introduced. Ms. Robinson encourage adults to listen to children when they have a problem, it just might be child abuse.

8. A Proclamation Declaring April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

PRESENTED and READ by Mayor Johnson.

Director of Coastal Children's Advocacy Center Ms. Robinson accepted the Proclamation on behalf of Executive Director Doris Williams of Mary's Place who was unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Williams sent apologies for not attending, but thanked Mayor and Council for the recognition and for declaring April as sexual assault awareness month.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely recognized Alderwoman Gibson-Carter as a strong advocate against sexual assault and read as follows, 'The Rape Crisis Center has rescinded the June 5, 2018 termination, accepted Ms. Gibson-Carter's resignation, and provided Kesha Gibson-Carter a positive letter of reference incorporating the findings by Butler as to her many contributions to The Rape Crisis Center, including the fact that he found Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter to be completely gracious, quiet, kind, and passionate about the victims she and The Rape Crisis Center served. We want to give her the recognition she deserves.'

Alderman Purtee raised a point of order, Mayor Johnson acknowledged.

Alderman Leggett raised a point of order, Mayor Johnson acknowledged.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan raised a point of order, Mayor Johnson acknowledged.

Mayor Johnson stated we appreciate that, but we want to recognize the work with the individuals here today.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter thanked Alderwoman Miller Blakely and indicated she is a strong supporter of sexual assault and she's humbled by the recognition. She asked Mayor Johnson to outline his proposal/design for providing information and education for the community to address sex trafficking, especially with regard to the airport.

Mayor Johnson indicated, at the appropriate time, he will.

9. Recognition of all Team Savannah Departments Involved in the Successful Return of St. Patrick's Day Festivities.

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson who was joined by City Manager Melder and Director of Sanitation Gene Prevatt. Recognition was given to the entire sanitation staff for the outstanding work performed during and after the St. Patrick's Day Celebration.

Council Members thanked and congratulated the sanitation department for the work performed every day for the City.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked that the sanitation department be included in the catered meals and to give the sanitation workers an additional bonus for working during the St. Patrick's Day festivities.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to give the sanitation workers a bonus for working during the St. Patrick's Day celebration, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter. The motion was ruled inappropriate by the Mayor.

Following Item #9, Mayor Johnson took a point of personal privilege to introduce students from Harvard University here in Savannah helping the Mayor's office to research various boards that have oversight for police and how data is collected and stored:

- Kenashia Thompson, Spartanburg, SC - Master of |Divinity candiate
- Merida Brimhall, Boston, MA - Master of Public Health
- Jerald Watson, Brooklyn, NY - Masters in Business Administration & Master of Public Policy
- Alexis Williams, Cary, NC - Master of Business Administration & Master of Public Policy
- Marisa Palmer, South Jersey - Nieman Foundation for Journalism
- Megan Russo, Acworth, GA - Master of Public Policy & Juris Doctor (Unable to attend meeting)

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

10. Approval to Add a Class C (Liquor) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Existing Class C (Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to William W. Wilder for Double Wide Diner, a Restaurant at 135A W. Bay Street Between Barnard and Whitaker Streets in District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Double Wide Diner.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Double Wide Diner.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Double Wide Diner.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Double Wide Diner.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Double Wide Diner.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings for Items #10, #11, #12 and #13 open.

No speaker(s):

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #10, #11, #12, and #13, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #10, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Joseph C. Rauers for Fontaine's, a Bar at 214 E. Bay Street Between Abercorn Street Ramp and Lincoln Street Ramp in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Fontaines.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Fontaines.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Fontaines.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Fontaines.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Fontaines.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings for Items #10, #11, #12 and #13 open.

No speaker(s):

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #10, #11, #12, and #13, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #11, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Krunal Patel for 3G, A Convenience Store at 703 Wheaton Street, Between Randolph and Harmon Streets in Aldermanic District 2. (Staff Recommended Continuation of Item to the April 14, 2022 City Council Meeting from the March 24, 2022 meeting).

Exhibit 1: Checklist - 703 Wheaton Street.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - 703 Wheaton Street.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Documents - 703 Wheaton Street.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - 703 Wheaton Street.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - 703 Wheaton Street.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings for Items #10, #11, #12 and #13 open.

No speaker(s):

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #10, #11, #12, and #13, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #12, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Approval of a Class D (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Ashok Patel for ABC Warehouse, a Package Store at 1100 Eisenhower Drive, Unit 10, Between Waters Avenue and Seawright Drive in Aldermanic District 4.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - ABC Warehouse.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - ABC Warehouse.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - ABC Warehouse.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - ABC Warehouse.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - ABC Warehouse.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings for Items #10, #11, #12 and #13 open.

No Speaker(s):

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #10, #11, #12, and #13, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #13, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

ZONING HEARINGS

14. 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.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for Williams Street (File No. 22-000444-ZA)

Exhibit 2: Combined Maps for Williams Street (File No. 22-000444-ZA)

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for Williams Street (File no. 22-000444-ZA)

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing for Item #14 open.

Speaker(s):

- Marcus Lotson, MPC Representative

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #14, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

15. 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.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for Williams Street (File No. 22-000444-ZA)

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Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for Williams Street (File no. 22-000444-ZA)

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed

and passed upon its adoption, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #15, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

16. Approval of the Annexation of 2.593 Acres on Sweetwater Station Drive near Abercorn Street (Carlton J. Ray Petitioner). (Continued to the April 28, 2022 Council Regular Meeting).

Exhibit 1: Annexation Petition - Carlton J. Ray.pdf

Exhibit 2: Annexation Ordinance - Carlton J. Ray.pdf

Alderman Purtee moved to CONTINUE/HOLD Items #16 and #17 to the April 28, 2022, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion was passed unanimously.

17. Petition of Carlton J. Ray on Behalf of Drayton Parker Companies, LLC to Zone 1750 Grove Point Rd. & 1754 Pine Grove Rd. (PINs 10993A04001 and 10993A04002) from P-B (Planned Business) to B-C (Community Business) and Zone 1758 Grove Point Road (PIN 10993A05001) from R-A (Residential Agriculture) to R-A-CO (Residential Agriculture-County) to Support Annexation Petition. (Continued to 4/28/22).

Exhibit 1: Summary of Rezoning for Annexation of 1750 Grove Point Road, 1754 & 1758 Pine Grove Road (File No. 22-000483-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for Grove Point Road & Pine Grove Road (File No. 22-000483-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Proposed Site Plan (File No. 22-000483-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 4: Uses Allowed in the County's B Zoning District (File No. 22-000483-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 5: Uses Allowed in the City's B-C Zoning District (File No. 22-000483-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 6: Uses Allowed in the County's RA Zoning District (File No. 22-000483-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 7: Draft Ordinance (File No. 22-00483-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 8: Traffic Impact Study SR204 Parker's Kitchen (File No. 22-000483-ZA)

Alderman Purtee moved to CONTINUE/HOLD Items #16 and #17 to the April 28, 2022, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion was passed unanimously.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification with Total Systems Commissioning, Inc. (TSCx) in the Amount of $1,875 for Additional Local Workforce Training Related to Arena Commissioning Services. Commissioning ensures that all the separate mechanical systems installed operate efficiently together. This expenditure was included in Project Budget. (Arena)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - LEED.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - LEED.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder what is the outstanding balance on the Arena project. City Manager Melder will follow up with the Alderwoman, but he indicated Item #18 and Item #19 was included in the original cost of the Arena. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter is requesting the balance information to assure the City's General Fund is not used for the project.

Mayor Johnson requested City Manager Melder to send Council Members a written update on the guaranteed maximum price and spending on the Arena Project.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #18, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Construction and Installation of an Entrance Grate with MSC Industries Inc. in the Amount of $41,018. This entrance grate will be installed at the Enmarket Arena entrance to minimize dirt getting tracked into the building by visitors. This expenditure was included in Project Budget. (Arena)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Arena Entrance Grate.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Arena Entrance Grate.pdf

Item #19 was part of the Item #18 discussion. Alderman Purtee asked City Manager Melder if the Item #19 expenditure will be taken from the SPLOST fund or capital improvement fund. City Manager Melder answered, the expenditure is contained in the capital improvement project (CIP) Arena furniture & finishing (FF&E) budget which was previously planned, but the supply chain was delayed (not SPLOST). This item was previously approved by Council.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Item #19, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification and Renewal for Mail Courier Services with R. Jackson Enterprise, Inc. (LOCAL) in an Amount up to $96,000 (an increase of $11,000 annually). This increase is due to increased operating cost impacted by inflation and recent contract re-negotiations. (Municipal Operations)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Mail Courier.pdf

Exhibit 2-Purchasing Notes Mail Courier.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #20, #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32, #34, #35, #36 and #37, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recusing herself from voting on Item #20, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1.

21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for Senior Meals with Senior Citizen Inc (LOCAL) in an Amount up to $98,750. This contract modification will cover additional meals served to seniors in 2021. (Community Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Senior Meals.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Senior Meals.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked the difference between Savannah's senior meals versus the Medicaid meals for seniors. City Manager Melder will send Alderwoman Gibson-Carter the information via written email.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Item #21, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Child Development Associate Certification Training with Summit Training Specialist LLC in an Amount not to Exceed $44,000. The contract will provide four instructional units annually for approximately 165 participants to become certified in child development. (Community Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Child Development Associate.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Child Development Associate.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked how the training program is being advertised to the public. Mayor Johnson and City Manager Melder indicated, once approved by Council, the public communication department will work with staff to notify/educate the public about the program.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Item #22, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Apex Officer Virtual Reality Training Simulator from Ti Training Solutions in the Amount of $83,830. This simulator provides law enforcement training of randomized scenarios that includes use of force and de-escalation instruction. (Police)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Apex Officer Virtual Reality Training Simulator.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Apex Officer Virtual Reality Training Simulator.pdf

City Manager Melder indicated a grant made it possible for the city to obtain the training for the police department. Alderman Purtee is pleased to see this training implemented for the city's law enforcement officers. This will help them make the correct life/death decisions.

Alderman Leggett wants to make sure the training will be utilized by the officers. He asked the City Manager to make sure the city has a plan in place to make sure all officers will utilize the technology.

Mayor Johnson reiterated that the Savannah Police Department has training beyond State requirements. He invited Council Members, with City Manager Melder's approval, along with the police chief to have the first opportunity to go through the training to witness/see the various situations police officers face everyday.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter discussed current data on Georgia and City of Savannah homicides and expressed the police department is understaffed and responsibilities should be reevaluated an officers' duties reallocated. Mayor Johnson stated the Alderwoman's data was incorrect.

City Manager Melder requested to address Alderwoman Gibson-Carter's concerns. He stated there is no greater focus than to ensure the residents of Savannah have the resources needed to be and feel safe, which starts with the police department. He along with staff are earnest about making sure the Savannah officers have the resources needed to protect its residents and look for every opportunity to hire qualified officers or to train new officers. It is an A-1 priority.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #23, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for ShotSpotter with ShotSpotter, Inc. in the Amount of $255,000. The modification will expand the ShotSpotter coverage of the existing services in all districts. (Police)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - ShotSpotter Flex Gunfire Location, Alert, and Analysis Service.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - ShotSpotter Flex Gunfire Location, Alert, and Analysis Service.pdf

Alderman Purtee stated he needs additional ShotSpotter coverage in the 6th District. The current coverage is inadequate for the various neighborhood communities. He requested City Manager Melder to investigate public/private partnerships, if the city cannot afford the additional ShotSpotter coverage. Mayor Johnson offered assistance with the partnerships to expand the program. City Manager Melder will work on continuing to expand the ShotSpotter program.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked the City Manager for including ShotSpotter on the agenda an offered her assistance, along with Mayor Johnson's, with private partnerships.

Alderman Palumbo called on the adjacent surrounding Counties to partner with Savannah to expand the radius of ShotSpotter to achieve 100% coverage. This is about holding illegal gunfire accountable in all areas.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed concern for a resident who experienced gunfire over the past weekend, and she asked if ShotSpotter cameras were in the 38th and Harding Streets areas. City Manager Melder will follow-up with the Alderwoman and Council Members concerning the area coverage and the incident.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked about the radius of ShotSpotter. Major Gavin indicated the purchase today will cover 3.5 square miles. The completed ShotSpotter coverage is the current 4

square miles + today's 3.5 square miles + 2 Square miles from SCAD, a total radius of 9 miles. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked for radius information per ShotSpotter. Each ShotSpotter is different, it various from 1/4 to 1-1/2 mile radius. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter suggested pairing ShotSpotter with cameras and traffic lights, and asked for the current cost of ShotSpotter. Major Gavin indicated, staff is currently working on various options to increase coverage and the cost is approximately $525,000.00.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #24, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Cure Violence Community Based Partner with Youth Advocate Program, Inc (YAP) (Local) in the Amount of $584,106. YAP will be responsible for hiring, training, and supervising a team of local credible messengers to serve as violence interrupters and outreach workers to work with high risk youth and young adults. (ONSE)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Cure Gun Violence Community Based Partner

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Cure Gun Violence Community Based Partner

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked is this youth program paired with the program offered by the Office of Neighborhood Safety & Engagement (yes).

Alderman Leggett reminded Council that a periodic (quarterly) update on the programs provided by the Office of Neighborhood Safety & Engagement was requested and should be distributed next month to Council Members. He asked for the total dollar amount for both programs ($1.58 million + the CIP allocated funds).

Alderwoman Lanier asked how the program's success will be monitored. Since this is a nationally recognized program, City Manager Melder indicated evaluations are part of the programs. He suggested a workshop on these type programs.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked how many individuals will be hired for the program. City Manager Melder answered there will be seven paid staff members who will target the highest risk youth and supply mentorship and engagement.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #25, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Additional Office Furniture for the Floyd Adams Jr. City Services Complex in Care of Mason Inc. in the Amount of $86,035. Furniture will support the administrative and programming functions of the Administration Building and three (3) operations buildings that are part of the new facilities at the Adams Complex. (Capital Project Management)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Furniture Floyd Adams Jr. Complex.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Furniture Floyd Adams Jr. Complex.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #20, #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32, #34, #35, #36 and #37, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recusing herself from voting on Item #20, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

27. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Final Close-Out Modification for the Floyd Adams Jr. City Services Complex with TQ Constructors Inc. in the Amount of $418,273. The modification is needed to cover costs associated with various credits, added costs due to unforeseen conditions, constructability items, clarification in plans, and owner's changes. (Capitol Project Management)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Final Close Out Modification.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Final Close Out Modification.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #20, #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32, #34, #35, #36 and #37, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recusing herself from voting on Item #20, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

28. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Lab Equipment with Seal Analytical in the Amount of $48,425. This equipment will be used by the City's five wastewater facilities for analyzing, monitoring, and recording chemical compounds in wastewater. To improve water quality, over 2000 tests are performed monthly. (Water Reclamation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Analyzer.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - Analyzer.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #20, #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32, #34, #35, #36 and #37, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recusing herself from voting on Item #20, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

29. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Replacement Grit Removal System with Trillium Pumps for $135,111. The hydrogritter is a high performance system used by the Water Reclamation Department that removes and dewaters 8 ½ tons of grit from primary sludge or influent for safe transport and disposal. (Water Reclamation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Hydrogritter.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Hydrogritter.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #20, #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32, #34, #35, #36 and #37, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recusing herself from voting on Item #20, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

30. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Backflow Preventers with Ferguson Enterprises (LOCAL) in the Amount of $173,856. The backflow preventers will

be used by the Water Distribution Department to prevent reverse flow of water in City water laterals and prevent polluted water from entering the potable water system. (Central Warehouse)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Blackflow Preventers.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #20, #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32, #34, #35, #36 and #37, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recusing herself from voting on Item #20, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

31. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Fire Hydrants & Repair Parts with Ferguson Enterprises (LOCAL) in the Amount of $271,280. The fire hydrants are maintained in inventory at the Central Warehouse and are used by the Water Distribution Department to replace failing fire hydrants in the water system. (Central Warehouse)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Fire Hydrants and Repair Parts.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #20, #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32, #34, #35, #36 and #37, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recusing herself from voting on Item #20 seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

32. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Two (2) Excavators with GJ & L, Inc. DBA Border Equipment in the Amount of $190,454. The excavators will the utilized by Sewer Maintenance and Industrial & Domestic Water to replace units 9821 and 4841 which have reached the end of their useful life and are no longer economical to maintain. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Backhoes.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Backhoe Loaders.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #20, #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32, #34, #35, #36 and #37, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recusing herself from voting on Item #20, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

33. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Two (2) Knuckle Boom Trucks with Environmental Products Group, Inc. DBA Environmental Products of Georgia in the Amount of $443,160. The knuckle boom trucks are FY22 fleet additions that will be utilized by the Residential Refuse Division to provide weekly curbside pickup of bulk items and large debris removal. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Knuckle Boom Trucks.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Knuckle Boom Trucks.pdf

City Manager Melder and staff requested Item #33 be REMOVED/WITHDRAWN from the Agenda.

34. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Four (4) Rear Loader Bodies with Solid Waste Applied Technologies c/o New Way in the Amount of $493,052. The rear loader refuse trucks are FY22 fleet additions that will be utilized by the Recycling & Litter Services Division to collect recyclables and litter. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Rear Loader Bodies.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Rear Loader Bodies.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #20, #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32, #34 #35, #36 and #37, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recusing herself from voting on Item #20, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

35. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Four (4) Garbage Truck Chassis with Battle Motors c/o Crane Carrier Company in the Amount of $674,392. The rear loaders refuse trucks are FY22 fleet additions that will be utilized by the Recycling & Litter Services Division to collect recyclables and litter. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Garbage Truck Chassis.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Garbage Truck Chassis.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #20, #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32, #34, #35, #36 and #37, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recusing herself from voting on Item #20, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

36. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Tree Pruning Services with Kolcun Tree Care, LLC in an Amount up to $1,500,000. Services will be utilized to prune and maintain approximately 65,000 trees on various rights of ways throughout the City. (Greenscapes)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Tree Pruning Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Tree Pruning Services.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #20, #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32, #34, #35, #36 and #37, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recusing herself from voting on Item #20, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

37. Notification of an Emergency Procurement for Know the Facts + Get the Vax Campaign with Healthy Savannah, Inc. in the Amount of $28,659. The Office of the City Manager (Michael Brown) initiated this campaign during a time of emergency and lock down due to the spread of COVID-19 and the resulting hospitalizations and deaths. (Strategic Services).

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Know the Facts+Get the Vax Campaign

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Know the Facts+Get the Vax Campaign

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #20, #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32, #34, #35, #36 and #37, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recusing herself from voting on Item #20, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

38. Approval to Procure One Flygt Submersible Pump from Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc. in the Amount of $38,303.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #38, #39, #40, and #41, seconded by

Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

39. Approval to Procure Two (2) Police Interceptor SUVs from Step One Automotive dba Ford Crestview in the Amount of $73,450.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #38, #39, #40, and #41, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

40. Approval to Renew the 2022-2023 Annual Maintenance Agreement with Kone, Inc. in the Amount of $149,389.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #38, #39, #40, and #41, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

41. Approval to Renew the 2022 – 2023 Airport Liability Insurance Program with USI Insurance Services in the Amount of $1,135,991.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #38, #39, #40, and #41, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

42. Approval of a Resolution Accepting a $50,000 Donation from Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. via Galvan Foundation for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund.

Exhibit 1: CHSA Galvan Foundation SAHF Donation Resolution.pdf

HEARD after Item #4.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #42, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

AGREEMENTS

43. Approval to Renew the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Sub-Recipient Award to In The Door for $200,000 to Support the "One-Stop Delivery System" To Ensure Mandated Partners Comply with Agency Policies as it Pertains to Job Training, Preparation and Placement Services in Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, Long, McIntosh and Screven Counties.

Exhibit 1: CWDB Executive Committee Agenda - OSO Sub-award.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #43, #44, #45, #46 and #47, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

44. Approval to Modify and Extend the PY2021 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Year-Round Youth Sub-Awards to Include Administration of the WIOA Youth Summer Work Experience Program in the Amount of $425,000.

Exhibit 1: CWDB Executive Committee Agenda.pdf

Exhibit 2: PY21 Youth Statement of Award.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #43, #44, #45, #46 and #47, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

45. Approval to Renew the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Sub-recipient Awards with Ross I.E.S. and Eckerd Connects-Paxen in the Amount of $876,473 for Career, Case Management, and Training Services for Adults (ages 18 and older) and Dislocated Workers (unemployed or laid off) in Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, Long, McIntosh, and Screven counties.

Exhibit 1: CWDB Executive Committee Agenda - CM Sub-award.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #43, #44, #45, #46 and #47, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

46. Approval to Renew the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Sub-Recipient Award with Ross I.E.S. in the Amount of $1,033,383 for Academic, Career Development, and Training Services for Youth (Ages 16-24) in Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, Long, McIntosh, and Screven Counties.

Exhibit 1: CWDB Executive Committee Agenda - Youth Subaward.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #43, #44, #45, #46 and #47, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

47. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with The Kroger Co. for the Kroger 609 Expansion, a Development Consisting of a Store Expansion. The water and sewer systems have adequate capacity to serve this 5.33 water and 3.47 sewer equivalent residential unit development located at 495 Johnny Mercer Boulevard. This will generate $20,053.25 in revenue.

Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Kroger 609 Expansion.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #43, #44, #45, #46 and #47, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

48. Approval of a Major Subdivision: Savannah Gardens Parcels C4-D, D-2 and D-3. Three existing properties will be subdivided into eighteen individual parcels (Lots 115-131) for the development of Savannah Gardens. The proposed subdivision also coincides with the Savannah Gardens VI development agreement between the City of Savannah and Mercy Housing.

Exhibit 1: Subdivision Plat Savannah Gardens Parcels C4-D, D-2 and D-3

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #48, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

Upon conclusion of the agenda, Alderwoman Miller Blakely inquired about the Board Appointment matter she presented during the adoption of the agenda. Mayor Johnson advised he will take the information under advisement. He understands there may be some other issues he needs to investigate. He will report the information back to the Alderwoman in writing. Alderwoman Miller Blakely advised she has already investigated the issue, along with the Clerk of Council. Mayor Johnson advised he needs to understand the issue, given obvious miscommunication.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to have a discussion regarding a change in the Rules of Council (From 5 individuals to 3 individuals), seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter. Mayor Johnson ruled the motion out of order, given it is not on the agenda. Alderwoman Miller Blakely requested the matter to be included on the next agenda.

Alderman Palumbo moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan an Alderman Leggett.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:56 p.m. He stated God Bless and wished everyone a happy Holy Week.

The audio recording of the Council Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the below link in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

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APRIL 28, 2022, 4:00 p.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 4:00 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Purtee to offer a prayer.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder

Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

Workshop Agenda Items

1. Traffic Calming, T-SPLOST, and Vision Zero.

Exhibit 1: Traffic Calming, TSPLOST, and Vision Zero.pdf

ADD-ON

HEARD before Item #1.

2. Historic Preservation Commission discussion.

(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson)

Three (3) nominations were made to fill two vacancies, as follows:

- Jeffrey M. Notrica - nominated by Mayor Johnson.
- Brian J. Arcudi - nominated by Alderman Purtee.
- Renee S. Rubens - nominated by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz.

The Mayor and Aldermen will consider the three nominations during the Regular Meeting (agenda item #25).

Mayor Johnson welcomed all in attendance and introduced City Manager Melder.

City Manager Melder introduced Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd and his team for the PowerPoint presentation. In addition to Assistant City Manager Lloyd the team consisted of Mobility Services Director Steve Henry, Mobility Services Manager Michele Strickland, and Traffic Engineering representative Robert "Beau" Dickensheets.

City Manager Melder summarized the entire presentation which was followed by discussion and questions from Council:

- Mayor Johnson asked, how much is required for the traffic calming request portion of the presentation ($784,000). He also discussed the following:
  - Crosswalks - a safety issue in the city
  - The most dangerous intersections for residents & pedestrians
  - Highlands & Benton Boulevards - the most serious issue
  - Sidewalks can be contracted out to a project manager
- Alderman Leggett asked about the traffic calming committee's meeting schedule. He suggested meeting more often and providing Council with more frequent updates. Alderman Leggett expressed the dangers the pedestrians face and encouraged staff and the traffic calming committee to be more proactive with solutions.
- Alderwoman Lanier is disappointed and have no confidence in traffic calming information updates for the 1st District. She has asked for information from two prior and the current City Manager with no success; and now she is hearing it's because there was no particular application completed. Alderwoman Lanier suggest the traffic calming committee meet more often and add additional members. She asked for the State data on fatale accidents (cars and pedestrians). Alderwoman Lanier stated there is no equitable treatment on the return of investment associated with TSPLOST. City Manager Melder is committed to working with Alderwoman Lanier on her concerns.
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked which residents qualify to submit request for traffic calming and what is the timeframe for the total process (any resident can request; and 6-12 months). She asked the cost of each device (approximately $10,000.00). She also asked City Manager Melder the location of sidewalk repairs; installation of new sidewalks, and location of bike lanes. City Manager Melder discussed locations in need of sidewalks and the process of adding new and repairing old sidewalks, and how the City would fund the projects. Bike lanes are also an issue the city will need to evaluate. Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated she is concerns because she sees so much inequity throughout the city. Mayor Johnson added, some neighborhoods in the city do not have sidewalks by design.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked all presenters. She discussed the need of traffic calming devices throughout the city; and she requested frequent updates from the traffic calming committee. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz expressed concern for flooding in District 5 due to the Springfield Basin; TSPLOST funds could be used to alleviate the problem associated with the Springfield Basin drainage problems. She has met with Commissioner Milton and the community to discuss the projects needed to eliminate the flooding in the neighborhoods. Sidewalks are also an issue in the 5th District. The must be a coordinated distribution equally across all Districts. She received a report on Project Derenne which she will distribute shortly.
- Alderman Purtee discussed the need for sidewalks and the seriousness of safety due to a lack thereof, sidewalks are a necessity. He requested City Manager Melder to respond the request for sidewalks and if the current process does not work, then change the process. City Manager Melder is actively looking for new ays to address the issues discussed in today's workshop.
- Alderman Palumbo thanked Team Savannah for the presentation. He asked Assistant City Manager Lloyd: are the traffic calming request prioritized by need? (its based on timing of resident signatures); is it based on the highest speeds and most dangerous intersections? (its based on timing of resident signatures); are districts given any preferential treatment when it comes to traffic calming measures? (no); does every Member of Council get an appointee on the traffic calming committee (yes); and is there any singular advantage that prioritizes one district over another? (no). Mr. Lloyd added, the traffic calming committee makes all the decisions on which request move forward as outlined in the 2016 policy, staff only collects the data for implementation. Alderman Palumbo thanked Mr. Lloyd and added for six month volunteers

walked the neighborhoods to make a safer environment in his district and then stated he is glad to see Vision Zero.

- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter requested City Manager Melder: 1.) to ask staff to guide the traffic calming committee in revising the rules for how residents request traffic calming measures, homeowners should not have precedence over renters; 2.) regarding how decisions were made in the past, staff must acknowledge there is disparity among the Districts as to where the sidewalks are repaired/installed and where traffic calming devices are placed in order to change the future; 3.) if you're part of the majority on Council, place your request on the agenda, the majority get the votes; 4.) there is disparity, she suggest staff watch how they take advantage of the offerings, namely, the 4th District sidewalk repairs, Abercorn Street near Ardsley Park, how were those sidewalks prioritized. It would seem Vision Zero would be more likely to install sidewalks to prevent fatalities before repairing a sidewalk where a person only trips. City Manager Melder indicated the City does not have jurisdiction over all the sidewalks in the city, he will follow-up with the Alderwoman on any sidewalk installations and what jurisdiction has control over that area. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated the jurisdiction is the city, Habersham Street area is having sidewalks installed, streets like Augusta Avenue and Waters Avenue have no sidewalks, but there is a lot of traffic. There is an enormous amount of disparity. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Chief Operating Officer Bell how he got sidewalks in his area. Mayor Johnson called 'out of order', Council Members do not call out staff, it is inappropriate.
- City Manager Melder addressed Alderwoman Gibson-Carters concerns and stated Team Savannah recognizes this Council has a priority on equity. Changes are being made to policies and programs to make sure the Council's values on equity are established.
- Mayor Johnson added, there is a way to achieve equity regardless of TSPLOST. He would like staff to look at all available options to jump-start projects to achieve equity.
- Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan stated the 3rd District has some traffic calming devices but there are lots of communities without devices. She asked Mr. Henry if the 3 new employees for Vision Zero will be added to his budget (funding not determined yet, Mr. Lloyd will send Council information when decisions are finalized). Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked who decides the locations of the hearing impaired and blind child signs in communities (those are old signs and are removed when no longer valid. The signs are no longer in the Federal Manual responded Mr. Henry). She asked City Manager Melder if the staff could create cliff's notes version for the public on how to request traffic calming. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan added, the City can supply mediation and solutions for equity; moving forward we will need to do a better job.

Mayor Johnson apologized to City Manager Melder and staff on behalf of Council for any disparity and thanked Mr. Melder and Team Savannah for all the work they do on behalf of the City.

Mayor Johnson stated Council will reconvene at 6:40 p.m.

The PowerPoint presentation is available and on file in the Clerk of Council's office.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Workshop at 6:18 p.m.

A video recording of the workshop can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

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APRIL 28, 2022, 6:30 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:45 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for April 28, 2022.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda as amended to add two proclamations, National Small Business Week and another one for other purposes, as requested by Mayor Johnson, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on April 14, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

Agenda Plus_WS DRAFT MINUTES_April 14, 2022 City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. No vote was taken.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #2, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on April 14, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

Agenda Plus_RM DRAFT MINUTES_April 14, 2022 City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. No vote was taken.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter requested: 1.) to amend the minutes to correct her vote from abstain to voting no; 2.) Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was told former Acting City Manager Michael Brown selected the firm of Sotille and Sotille and she requested to see the contract for the selection of that firm; and 3.) she requested the balance of the Arena project to be reflected in the minutes, as well.

Major Johnson requested the Clerk of Council to review Alderwoman Gibson-Carter's concerns i reference to the options relating to the Civic Center and analyze the minutes for any changes/correction or additions. Council will vote to approve the minutes at a future meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

4. Recognition of the Savannah Police Department PALS Youth Basketball Team for their First Winning Season.

Mayor Johnson asked the PALS Youth Basketball Team to come forward in recognition of their first championship. Each individual member introduced themselves ranging from 7-10 years of age: Ahamar Nelson, Bryson Dawson, Joseph Williams, Antwan Nelson, Zion Boston, Jamir Brown. There were other participates on the team who were unable to attend or have moved out of the area: Dominique Siplin, Jaheim Corley, Kenni Martin, Marquis Smith and Terrell Warner.

The PALS officers who were part of the basketball program were in attendance: Officer Jonathan Penn, Assistant Chief Lenny Gunther; Major Ben Herron, Doug Herron (not in attendance), Captain Clarence Few, Tim Lewis, Sargent Samantha Stephens, and Corporal Barry Lewis. Chief Gunther recognized Major Devonn Adams, an original PALS coach, who was unable to attend but worked with the team during the season.

Mayor Johnson along with the entire Council, congratulated the team and their mothers.

ADD-ON:

4B. Proclamation Recognizing National Small Business Week 2022.

Mayor Johnson read and presented a proclamation to Ms. MarRonde Lumpkin-Lotson, Manager of Business Opportunity. She thanked Mayor and Council for the recognition and announced the return of the Mayor's Small Business Conference Thursday, May 5, 2022 in Savannah. Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd thanked Director of Economic Development Manuel Dominquez, MarRonde Lumpkin-Lotson and the entire economic development team for their outstanding contribution to the staff and citizens of Savannah.

ADD-ON:

4C. Proclamation Recognizing Professional Municipal Clerks Week.

Mayor Johnson read and presented a proclamation to Clerk of Council Mark Massey and Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox. Mr. Massey thanked Mayor and Council Members for the proclamation and recognized Ayesha Samuel as a member of the Clerk of Council's office. It was noted that Attorney Bates Lovett took minutes while Clerk of Council Massey accepted the proclamation.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

5. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Joe D. Morgan for Holiday Inn Express, a Hotel at 199 E. Bay Street between Abercorn and Drayton Streets in Aldermanic District 2. (New Owner/Existing Business)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Holiday Inn Express Savannah Historic District.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Holiday Inn Express Savannah Historic District.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Holiday Inn Express Savannah Historic District.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Holiday Inn Express Savannah Historic District.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Holiday Inn Express Savannah Historic District.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings for Items #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11 open.

No Speaker(s):

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #5, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Joe D. Morgan for Hampton by Hilton Inn Savannah Historic District, a Hotel at 201 E. Bay Street between Abercorn and Lincoln Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Hampton by Hilton Inn Savannah Historic District.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Hampton by Hilton Inn Savannah Historic District.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Hampton by Hilton Inn Savannah Historic District.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Hampton by Hilton Inn Savannah Historic District.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Hampton by Hilton Inn Savannah Historic District.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings for Items #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11 open.

No Speaker(s):

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #6, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Approval of a Class C (Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Russ Harrison for Azalea Inn, a Bed & Breakfast at 217 E. Huntingdon Street between Abercorn and Lincoln Streets in Aldermanic District 2. (New Owner/Existing Business)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Azalea Inn.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Azalea Inn.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Azalea Inn.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Azalea Inn.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Azalea Inn.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings for Items #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11 open.

No Speaker(s):

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #7, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Jeffrey L. Geiger for NCG Cinemas, a Movie Theater 3001 Skidaway Road between E. Victory Drive and E. 50th Street in Aldermanic District 3. (New Owner/New Location)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - NCG Cinemas.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - NCG Cinemas.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - NCG Cinemas.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - NCG Cinemas.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - NCG Cinemas.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings for Items #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11 open.

No Speaker(s):

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan has concerns with the security plan for the establishment, there should be a clause for crowd control.

b. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to hold/continue Item #8 to the May 12, 2022 meeting, seconded by Alderman and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Romin Patel for Skidaway Corner, a Convenience Store at 7101 Skidaway Road between Eisenhower and Eisenberg Drives in Aldermanic District 4. (New Owner/Existing Business)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Skidaway Corner.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Skidaway Corner.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Skidaway Corner.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Skidaway Corner.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Skidaway Corner.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings for Items #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11 open.

No Speaker(s):

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #9, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Hong Tran for Viet Huong Oriental Market, a Specialty Market at 7044 Hodgson Memorial Drive between Eisenhower Drive and Stephenson Avenue in Aldermanic District 4. (New Request/Existing Business)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Viet Huong Oriental Market.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Viet Huong Oriental Market.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Viet Huong Oriental Market.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Viet Huong Oriental Market.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Viet Huong Oriental Market.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings for Items #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11 open.

No Speaker(s):

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, and #1' seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #10, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan was away from the dais.

11. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Romin Patel for Liberty City Convenience, a Convenience Store at 1940 Mills B Lane between Liberty Parkway and Ogeechee Road in Aldermanic District 5. (New Owner/Existing Business)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Liberty City Convenience Store.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Liberty City Convenience Store.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Liberty City Convenience Store.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Liberty City Convenience Store.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Liberty City Convenience Store.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings for Items #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11 open.

No Speaker(s):

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #11, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Wilder-Brya was away from the dais.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

12. Approval of the Annexation of 2.593 Acres on Sweetwater Station Drive near Abercorn Street (Carlton J. Ray Petitioner). (Continued to the April 28, 2022 Council Regular Meeting).

Exhibit 1: Annexation Petition - Carlton J. Ray.pdf

Exhibit 2: Annexation Ordinance - Carlton J. Ray.pdf

Alderman Purtee expressed concerns with the traffic and the traffic study attached to the agenda is incorrect. He attended two community meetings and had discussions with the residents of Sweetwater Station, County residents, and Parker's representatives. All have agreed to stay engaged and address any issues as they arise moving forward.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder if there were any opportunities to incorporate mitigation studies, community benefits agreements, and increase fire and police protection. Mr. Melder indicated any developer would need to adhere to city standards. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated this is a missed opportunity for impact fees and she suggested a moratorium.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder the timeframe for implementation of executing the impact fee ordinance. Mr. Melder answered, a September-October timeframe.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #12 contingent on a traffic study agreed on by all parties, including the City, Chatham County and GDOT, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motio passed unanimously.

13. Petition of Carlton J. Ray on Behalf of Drayton Parker Companies, LLC to Zone 1750 Grove Point Rd. & 1754 Pine Grove Rd. (PINs 10993A04001 and 10993A04002) from P-B (Planned Business) to B-C (Community Business) and Zone 1758 Grove Point Road (PIN 10993A05001) from R-A (Residential Agriculture) to R-A-CO (Residential Agriculture-County) to Support Annexation Petition. (Continued from 4/14/22).

Exhibit 1: Summary of Rezoning for Annexation of 1750 Grove Point Road, 1754 & 1758 Pine Grove Road (File No. 22-000483-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for Grove Point Road & Pine Grove Road (File No. 22-000483-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Proposed Site Plan (File No. 22-000483-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 4: Uses Allowed in the County's B Zoning District (File No. 22-000483-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 5: Uses Allowed in the City's B-C Zoning District (File No. 22-000483-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 6: Uses Allowed in the County's RA Zoning District (File No. 22-000483-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 7: Draft Ordinance (File No. 22-00483-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 8: Traffic Impact Study SR204 Parker's Kitchen (File No. 22-000483-ZA)

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #13 contingent on a traffic study agreed on by all parties, including the City, Chatham County and GDOT, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Two Knuckle Boom Trucks with Environmental Products Group, Inc. DBA Environmental Products of Georgia in the Amount of $465,308. The trucks are FY22 fleet additions that will be utilized by the Residential Refuse Division to provide weekly curbside pickup of bulk items and large debris removal. (Continued from April 14, 2022) (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Knuckle Boom Trucks.pdf

Exhibit 2- Purchasing Notes- Knuckle Boom Truck.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier expressed her gratitude for the two new trucks and how they will solve the problem of the piles of bulk items in the neighborhood.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #14, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a 1/2 Ton Crew Cab Pickup Truck with Wade Ford, Inc. in the Amount of $35,709. This vehicle will be a FY22 fleet addition for the Recycling and Litter Services Division. The ½ ton crew cab pickup truck will be utilized daily by the Litter Services Division Supervisor. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Crew Cab Pickup Truck.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Crew Cab Pickup Truck.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #20, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for 20 Multi-Space Parking Meters in the Eastern Wharf Neighborhood with Parkeon for $157,800. The multi-space parking meters will provide uniformity to the on-street parking in the Eastern Wharf Neighborhood. (Parking)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Parking Meters.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - Parking Meters.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #20, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Sludge Dewatering Chemicals with Polydyne, Inc. for an Amount of $199,750. The chemicals are used during the water treatment process for wastewater treatment and disposal at the Industrial Domestic Plant which dewaters up to 8 million pounds of wet sludge a year. (Industrial and Domestic Water Dept.)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Polymers.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Polymers.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #20, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Replacement of Two Pressurized Water Tanks with Pinholster Construction, LLC dba Pinco for an Amount of $283,250. The tanks store up to a combined total of 25,000 gallons of pressurized water for continuous efficient water distribution. (Industrial and Domestic Water Dept.)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Hydropneumatic Tank.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Hydropneumatic Tank.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #20, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for an Emergency Generator at Lift Station 31 with Cummins Power South for $28,411. The emergency generator will service lift station 31 in Alpine Park, replacing an existing generator that was damaged beyond repair due to inclement weather. (Water Reclamation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Emergency Generator.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Emergency Generator.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #20, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal and Modification No. 1 with Intellinetics, Inc. in the Amount of $27,412. Intellinetics provides the City of Savannah's annual maintenance and support for the Savannah Police Department and the Human Resources Department's Intellivue/IntelliSync document management systems used for digital record keeping. (Information Technology)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Intellinetics.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Intellinetics.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #20, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Night Life Economy, Safety, and Mobility Assessment Program with Responsible Hospitality Institute (RHI) in the Amount of $80,000. The Special Events, Film, and Tourism Department is requesting the vendor to guide the City through a night life assessment process to develop a night management program. (Special Events, Film and Tourism)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Night Life Management.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Night Life Management.pdf

Mayor Johnson and City Manager Melder discussed the city-wide benefits of a review of night-time economy and management partners and their efforts.

Alderman Leggett explained to the public, this study has been on the table since 2015 and this will be a one-time payment from the general fund. City staff, Council Members, the police department, local businesses and the entertainment sector will participate in the study. Alderman Leggett requested City Manager Melder to send the entire packet to all Council Members.

Alderman Purtee asked City Manager Melder for the timeline for final recommendations (twelve months).

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked what are the entertainment districts in the city (city-wide). Director of Special Events, Film & Tourism Susan Broker explained and detailed the evolving entertainment districts are Starland, Westside (Arena), and Southside or downtown. She indicated this study will help identify those entertainment districts. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked what the $80,000 will be used for. City Manager Melder indicated the fee is a consultant based contract fee. Alderwoman Miller Blakely indicated that she wants to make sure the study will be equitable.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concerns with the timing, given the recent crime report of a European visitor losing his life in the entertainment district. Mayor Johnson and City Manager Melder stated the agenda item was included on the agenda before the incident and was included in the budget last year. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter discussed her concerns which included responsible alcohol awareness, and the process for selection of the contract consultant. Mr. Melder explained the process for the selection of the specialized consultant, Responsible Hospitality Institute (RHI). She further asked Mr. Melder what steps he is taking to get crime under control in the city and to handle the personnel issues.

Alderman Purtee raised a point of order. Acknowledged by Mayor Johnson.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan indicated this particular item was in our 2020 Budget and Council Members are given agenda binders several days prior to the meeting which gives each Council Member an opportunity to ask individual questions concerning an item prior to the meeting.

Alderman Palumbo raised a point of personal privilege. Then he stated, a Member of Council is trying to interrupt the presentation and requested Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan be given the floor. Mayor Johnson stated "well taken".

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan re-stated Council Members cn ask questions well in advance. Alderman Leggett asked questions concerning the number of alcohol applications being presented in his district.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely raised a point of order. Mayor Johnson asked that Alderwoman Wilder Bryan be permitted to finish.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan finished by stating every Council Member can ask questions of any department with an item on the agenda prior to the meeting. This would alleviate any concerns the Council Member would have about the item and answer questions prior to the meeting. This would minimize the time taken during the meeting. City Manager Melder explained the timeline for developing the agenda.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely raised another point of order.

Alderman Palumbo stressed the importance of managing the City's night life program. Savannah has a vibrant night life and we need to manage the City after hours. The city staff is being proactive in addressing the after hour entertainment districts.

Alderwoman Lanier indicated this item is about the negative issues facing the residents: public safety, transportation, tourism noise and alcohol. She stated the West Side has a tremendous noise problem for the residents. She suggest looking at the local industries, new machines at International Paper, port expansion, train cars, etc., its not just night life that cause noise. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz agreed that noise is an issue that should be addressed by the city. Mayor Johnson agreed and asked to include train horns.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #21, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter an Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

City Manager Melder recognized and extended thanks to Susan Broker, Eddie Grant and the entire team for working on this issue for many, many years.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter extended condolences to the family of the visitor from England who lost his life this past week. Mayor Johnson extended condolences to every family that has lost a family member to senseless gun violence.

22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Double 8x5' Concrete Boxes (Culverts) for the Placentia Canal Drainage Improvements from Griffin Contracting, Inc. in the Amount of $1,528,130. This contract will upgrade the existing double 3x5' box culverts under Semken and Laroche Avenues. (Stormwater Management Division)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Placentia Canal Drainage Improvements

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Placentia Canal Drainage Improvements

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder was this a part of the development of the canal. This is the Placentia Canal not the Springfield Canal, this is a SPLOST VI Project. Assistant City Manager Lloyd explained the project is a drainage issue being corrected under Semken and LaRoche Avenues.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #22, seconded ty Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 2 for Engineering Services for Brampton Road Water Main Relocations with Thomas & Hutton Engineering (LOCAL) in the Amount of $272,888. The modification is necessary due to the relocation of two sections of the 48" water main along US Hwy 17. (Water and Sewer Planning and Engineering)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Brampton Rd

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Brampton Rd

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder about the amendments by the vendor, this is the second modification bringing the total cost to $890,830. This project is a GDOT project, so all funds expended on the project is reimbursed to the city by GDOT. She further asked since this is a project supporting the Georgia Ports Authority, why is the city involved. Mr. Melder stated, the city can ask the State, but this is a GDOT sponsored project.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #23, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with C.A. Murren & Sons Heavy Civil LLC (LOCAL) in the Amount of $1,620,060 for the Construction of a Helical Anchor and Railing System for the Springfield Canal Bulkhead. (Capital Improvements)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Helical Anchor

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Helical Anchor

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder if this is part of the development of the Springfield Canal. This is part of the Springfield Canal; unexpected environmental issues developed when construction started which increased the amount needed for development. She has concerns for these type of projects that cost the taxpayers additional money than originally anticipated, i.e., the canal, Arena parking that's not being used, etc. She asked what the city staff can do to eliminate wasting taxpayer dollars.

City Manager Melder explained the Springfield Canal and the improvements are important for drainage and flooding issues. He further indicated this project is important to the community south of the Springfield Canal in alleviating flooding issues. The additional cost was unavoidable due to the concrete block found after construction started. This project is funded through the SPLOST Springfield Canal Project.

Mayor Johnson indicated the parking lot at the Arena is actively being used. There are currently 600 spaces being used and more being added every day.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz stated this particular project is from Gwinnett Street going north to the river. These type projects are very expensive, but flooding and drainage is an issue the city must deal with.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #24, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

25. Historic Preservation Commission Board Appointment

Council Members voted for the two vacancies. Three applicants were considered to fill the positions: Brian J. Arcudi, Jeffrey M. Notrica, and Renee S. Rubens. Mayor Johnson polled the Members of Council, as follows:

- Brian J. Arcudi - 5 votes
- Jeffrey M. Notrica - 5 votes
- Renee S. Rubens - not voted on

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to appoint Brian J. Arcudi and Jeffrey M. Notrica to the Historic Preservation Commission, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

26. Approval of a Resolution Honoring the Life and Legacy of Pete Liakakis, Former City of Savannah Alderman and Former Chatham County Chairman.

Mayor Johnson along with Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz attended the funeral of Former Alderman At-Large Pete Liakakis on April 20, 2022, and presented the family with the Resolution.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #26, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

27. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. (CHSA) to Make a $1,260,000 Loan from the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund in Support of a 2022 LIHTC Application to Develop 42 Affordable Housing Apartments on Vacant Land at 1700 Drayton Street and 104 E. 34th Street.

Exhibit 1: Resolution of Support of Favorable Financing for 1700 Drayton Street.pdf

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder if this was the site of the old impact center that burned at 1700 Drayton Street (yes). She asked what was the process for selection of the developer. For any project over one million dollars, the selection is based on how far the city's funding will assist the developer in securing the final funding, including the scoring process at DCA for tax credits. Alderwoman Miller Blakely's concerns are for other developers to access the funding for similar projects. There is an application process, and developers can contact the housing department for information.

Alderwoman Lanier asked City Manager Melder, when the developer presented the packet with a proforma showing profit, why would they need the $1.2 million loan. She also asked what is th affordability of the units. The 1 to 3 bedroom units will rent from $600-$1,400 per month.

Senior Director of Housing & Neighborhood Services Martin Fretty explained the application process and the application of the current developer. He detailed how rental costs are determined in each scenario and the loan criteria.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recalled there were initially three developers who submitted applications and asked City Manager Melder if the loan helped to strengthen this developer's application since approval was denied before (yes). She questioned the original RFP process stating it was unfair to the other two developers. Her concerns are what assurances does the city have on repayment of the loan. City Manager Melder stated the covenant and the sale along with the tax credits will give the developer a successful project thereby repaying the loan. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter suggested the city continue due diligence on these type of projects. She also has concerns for the project returning to market rates at the close of tax credits, what is the timeline for the tax credits. Mr. Fretty replied, it is a 30-year period, but after 15-20 years the rents are so low the developer will need to seek another tax credit approval, at that time. The 30-year period starts anew.

Mayor Johnson and Mr. Fretty reinforced that in Mr. Fretty's 22 years at the City, all 30 affordable tax credit projects were successful and all the loans have been repaid. Alderman Palumbo stated his support of affordable housing projects.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #27, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz The motion passed, 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

28. Approval of a Resolution Adopting Amendment #1 to the Thomas Square Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan in Support of Investments, Incentives, and Policies that Facilitate the Retention, Improvement and Development of Affordable Housing.

Exhibit 1: Resolution Adopting the Thomas Square Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan Amendment #1.pdf

Exhibit 2: Thomas Square Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan Amendment #1.pdf

Exhibit 3: Thomas Square Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan Amendment #1 Slides.pdf

Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #28, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

29. Authorize the City Manager to Approve a Renewal License Agreement with Oglethorpe Mall LLC for the Savannah Police Department Precinct 4. Precinct 4 of the Savannah Police Department is currently housed at The Oglethorpe Mall and no rental fee is being charged to the City for use of the space..

Exhibit 1: Map - Lease Oglethorpe Mall.pdf

Exhibit 2: Lease Renewal - License Agreement.pdf

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #29, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

30. Authorize the City Manager to Approve a Temporary Construction Easement with the Savannah College of Art & Design (SCAD). This Temporary Construction Easement will help the City facilitate the Oglethorpe Force Main and Lift Station #23 Upgrade Project.

Exhibit 1: Map - W Boundary Street.pdf

Exhibit 2: Map - Temporary Construction Easement - SCAD W Boundary.pdf

Exhibit 3: Temporary Construction and Access Easement Agreement - SCAD W Boundary Street.pdf

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #30, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

31. Settlement #1

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #31, to authorize the City Attorney's Office to resolve the claim of Oliver McCullough for $60,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

32. Approval for Phases 2 and 3 for the Water Works Pedestrian Walkway Mural.

Exhibit 1: Signed Board Recommendation to City Council.pdf

Exhibit 2: Water Works Mural Submittal Packet.docx

Alderwoman Lanier encouraged the residents to go by and view the beautiful murals.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #32, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion was approved unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Johnson asked everyone to remember this is "Holocaust Remembrance Day".

City Manager Melder thanked Team Savannah for another great week.

Mayor Johnson thanked Community Housing Services Director Anita Smith-Dixon for all of her work on affordable housing.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

The audio recording of the Council Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the below link in your url:

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MAY 12, 2022, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:08 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Purtee who introduced Reverend Billy Hester, Senior Minister of Asbury Memorial Church, to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder

Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for May 12, 2022.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda for May 12, 2022, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on April 28, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

Agenda Plus_WS DRAFT MINUTES_April 28, 2022 City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on April 28, 2022 at 6:45 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - April 28, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on April 14, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. (Not Approved During the April 28, 2022 Meeting)

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - April 14, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

5. Appearance and Recognition of the 2022 Georgia Recreation and Parks Association State Tournament Winners for "10 and Under," the Pitbulls Youth Basketball Team.

Mayor Johnson recognized State basketball tournament winners for ages ten and under of the 2022 Georgia Recreation & Parks Association.

Recreation and Leisure Services Director Kelly Ledbetter discussed the teams challenges and achievements. The "Pitbulls" coach, Keegan Richards, introduced each team member: Kenneth Bostick, Daryl Heyward, Jhurell Gibson, Carter Jackson, Anderson Rahal, Kyree Richards, Joseph Rogers, Cole Thompson, Mikelle Washington and Andrew Wiggins. All team members maintain at least a 'B+' grade point average.

Mr. Ledbetter and Coach Richards thanked City Council for the recognition and acknowledged the parents of the team members.

Mayor Johnson thanked Team Savannah for supporting youth programs.

6. A Proclamation Declaring the Month of May as National Historic Preservation Month.

Exhibit 1: Proclamation - National Historic Preservation Month.doc

Alderman Palumbo read and presented the Proclamation to MPC Executive Director Melanie Wilson. Ms. Wilson thanked MPC staff their support and work. She also thanked City Council for the recognition. Ms. Sue Adler and Ms. Coleen Reynolds from the Historic Savannah Foundation thanked Mayor and Council for the Proclamation and recognition.

7. A Proclamation Declaring the Month of May as International Internal Audit Awareness Month.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz read and presented the Proclamation to Director of Organization Performance and Accountability Leonard Tropea and Board Member of Savannah Internal Auditors. Mr. Tropea expressed appreciation and thanks on behalf of the auditors and stated the County was unable to attend.

8. A Proclamation Recognizing the Month of May as Building Safety Month. Each year, people worldwide are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety, resilience and economic investment at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all by local and state building, fire prevention, and federal agencies professionals in protecting lives and property.

Exhibit 1: 2022 Building Safety Month Proclamation.docx

Mayor Johnson read and presented the Proclamation to Director of Development Services and City Engineer Julie McLean who accepted the Proclamation and thanked Mayor and Council for the recognition. She introduced and thanked key members of her team: Permit Services Technician Brenda Price, Flood Plain Manager Tom McDonald, Development Liaison and Site Development Manager Mike Rose, and Building Official and Professional Engineer Peter Ghilarducci. Assistant City Manager Health Lloyd congratulated Ms. McLean and her team.

9. Recognition of the City of Savannah Developmental Services Department for their Dedication to Ensuring that Building Construction in Savannah is Safe and Resilient, thereby Protecting us in the Buildings Where We Live, Learn, Work, and Play.

Mayor Johnson and City Manager Melder recognized and thanked Director of Development Services and City Engineer Julie McLean and the development department team for their contributions to the citizens of Savannah. The department has spearheaded the completion of projects throughout the city, including the Enmarket Arena, and responded to residents' request for assistance and repairs. They make the city a wonderful place to work, live and play.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

10. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Jeffrey L. Geiger for NCG Cinemas, a Movie Theater at 3001 Skidaway Road between E. Victory Drive and E. 50th Street in Aldermanic District 3. (New Owner/New Location) (Staff recommends continuation to May 26, 2022)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - NCG Cinemas.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - NCG Cinemas.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - NCG Cinemas.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - NCG Cinemas.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - NCG Cinemas.pdf

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to CONTINUE/HOLD Item #10 to the May 26, 2022 City Council Meeting as recommended by staff, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Brittany O'Neal for Cru Lounge, A Restaurant at 1639 E. Victory Drive in Aldermanic District 3.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Cru Lounge20220506_0082.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Cru Lounge20220506_0083.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Documents - Cru Lounge20220506_0084.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Cru Lounge20220506_0085.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Cru Lounge20220304_16125161.pdf

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to CONTINUED/HOLD Item #11 to the June 9, 2022 City Council Meeting as recommended by staff, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Approval of a Class E (Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Christina Pirovits for 208 Wine Bar, a Bar/Lounge at 208 E. Bay Street Between Abercorn Street Ramp and Lincoln Street Ramp in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - 208 Wine Bar20220504_0073.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - 208 Wine Bar20220504_0074.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - 208 Wine Bar20220504_0075.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - 208 Wine Bar20220504_0076.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - 208 Wine Bar20220304_16062251.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings for Items #12 and #13 open.

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #12 and #13, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #12, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Guinnevere McMillion for Sobremesa Wine Bar, a Bar/Lounge at 2312 Abercorn Street Between East 39th and East 40th Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Sobremesa Wine Bar20220506_0077.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Sobremesa Wine Bar20220506_0078.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Documents - Sobremesa Wine Bar20220506_0079.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Sobremesa Wine Bar20220506_0081.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Sobremesa Wine Bar20220304_16080303.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings for Items #12 and #13 open.

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #12 and #13 closed, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #13 with special conditions as listed on the agenda, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

Item #47 HEARD after Item #13.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

14. Approval to Amend Section 8-1002 of the Local Code Amendments to Add Section B, Revising the 2018 International Plumbing Code (IPC) to Match the 2021 International Plumbing Code. This amendment will allow more flexible use of shared bathroom facilities currently allowed in the latest version of the IPC.

Exhibit 1: Red Line Ordinance Amendment.pdf

Exhibit 2: Ordinance Amendment.pdf

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #14, seconded by Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Absence Management, Compliance, and Tracker Services with FMLASource in the Amount of $57,190. The purpose of this contract is to provide a single-source vendor to manage and ensure legal compliance with the Family and Medical Leave Act, Americans with Disability Act, and Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act. (HR)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Absence Management

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Absence Management

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #20, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Water Level Monitoring Equipment with Siemens Industrials, Inc. in the Amount of $70,753. This equipment will be used by over 200 plus lift stations in the City of Savannah to monitor proper level control and ultrasonic measurement of water. (Water Distribution)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Water Monitoring

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Water Monitoring

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #20, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Clarifier Parts with Brentwood Industries, Inc. in the Amount of $119,900. These parts are for primary clarifiers for the treatment of influent wastewater as part of the drying operation at the President Water Reclamation Plant. (Water Reclamation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Clarifier Parts

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Clarifier Parts

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #20, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 2 for Quality Assurance Services with Atlantic Coast Consulting (LOCAL) in an Amount up to $159,956. Services are for professional engineering, sampling, and testing required to comply with the EPD for the Dean Forest Landfill. This modification covers add'l costs associated with time delays & additional items. (Sanitation Department)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Quality Assurance Services

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Quality Assurance Services

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #20, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Landfill Cover Material with Savannah River Utilities (LOCAL) in an Amount up to $1,485,000. This contract will provide cover material for usage at the Dean Forest Road Landfill. The soil covering acts as a seal to the compacted waste and prevents rodents and other animals from getting into the landfill. (Sanitation Department)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Landfill Cover Material

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Landfill Cover Material

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #20, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Energy Performance Representative with 2KB Energy Services, LLC in the Amount of $161,480. The services provided will include assistance in identifying a bundle of City facilities in need of energy efficiency upgrades and will result in improved performance and energy efficiency of several City facilities at one time. (Office of Sustainability).

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Energy Performance Services Rep

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Energy Performance Services Rep

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #20, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Tree and Stump Removal with ArborNature, LLC (Primary) and Kolcun Tree, LLC (Secondary) in an Amount up to $650,000. This contract will be utilized for tree and stump removal at various City properties and public rights of way. (Greenscapes)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Tree and Stump Removal

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Tree and Stump Removal

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder if city staff were able to do the work. City Manager Melder answered, staff is unable to remove trees and stumps, the work must be contracted out to a vendor.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #21, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Design Services for the Thomas Gamble Building Renovation Project with Greenline Architecture (LOCAL, DBE) in the Amount of $625,000. These services will be used to develop renovation plans addressing much-needed capital improvements to the building. (Capital Improvements)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Gamble

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Summary - Gamble

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder had the decision to use the Gamble building for staff been finalized. After a poll of Council Members at a recent meeting, the Civic Center needed more due diligence, but the Gamble building should be preserved as municipal office space for staff. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed her concern for residents inability to park or navigate cobblestones when visiting the Gamble building for city services. She asked which departments would be housed in the building. City Manager Melder would place strategic services in the Gamble building, not resident-facing services.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter discussed the renovations on the third floor at City Hall as being designed for Council Member offices, but was not allocated as such.

Alderman Palumbo recalls Council wanting to move staff from rental space to city-owned facilities. This is a step in that direction, the Gamble building can house staff and be in close proximity to City Hall. Alderman Palumbo stated the city hall third floor renovations were an award-winning historic preservation project from the Savannah Historic Foundation. To utilize the best space possible, the third floor space should be used for staff. He gladly gave up office space for staff.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder if the charges listed in Item #22 ($625,000.00) is a separate charge from the actual renovations of approximately $43 million. Mr. Melder answered, the $43 million was for the Civic Center and the Gamble building. The $625,000.00 charge for architectural and design services will be included in the renovation charges for the Gamble building only. She asked if RFP was distributed for other vendors to submit bids. Mr. Melder explained this was a competitive RFP distributed in 2020, and the winning vendor agreed to freeze his rates for the City.

Mayor Johnson indicated, the Gamble building is a 5-story city owned facility sitting empty when staff needs office space. He recommends the city move forward with renovations to house staff in a city-owned building, there are numerous departments that have no interactions with the public who could be housed in the building.

Alderman Purtee agreed to forego the Council offices on the third floor for staff. He also mentioned, the longer Council takes to make a decision to move forward with renovations, the more costly the project as prices of materials are rising on a daily basis.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #22, seconded by Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed 7-1-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no and Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for the Downtown Streetscape Project - Broughton Street with Astra Group Inc. in the Amount of $871,507. Modification No. 1 is to replace an existing deteriorated 12-inch water main as part of the Broughton Street Streetscapes Project. (Capital Improvements)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Broughton

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Broughton

Alderman Purtee asked for the expected completion date for Phase I. Assistant City Manager Lloyd answered, October.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated the modification amount was substantial and she wanted to bring it to the attention of the public. City Manager Melder explained the deterioration of the underground pipe line could not be detected at the time of the original cost estimates. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked staff to be mindful of these types of modifications for the future.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder for the original amount of the contract ($11,208,888.00 for Phase I). She asked if this was a SPLOST project. Mr. Melder answered, the Broughton Street Streetscape is a SPLOST VII project, funds from capital improvement, and bonds.

Alderwoman Lanier asked if there was any type of contingency fund for unexpected developments during construction, and will the funds be taken from the capital improvement line item. City Manager Melder indicated, this item will be paid out of the miscellaneous water line improvement fund. Alderwoman Lanier suggested bidders be required to have a contingency fund for such projects, as the underground lines in Savannah are old and they will most likely face unexpected expense during infrastructure project. Mr. Melder indicated agreement with Alderwoman Lanier.

Mayor Johnson asked City Manager Melder the consequences of not replacing the deteriorated water main (the area businesses and residents connected to that line would likely be without water).

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #23, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed 7-1-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no and Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of a 2022 Ford Explorer with Wade Ford, Inc. in the Amount of $39,588. This vehicle will be utilized by the Office of the City Manager (Fleet).

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Ford Explorer

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Ford Explorer

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder if his car stipend would be removed after receipt of the vehicle (no, this is a vehicle for the office and for emergency management). Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated this is like the Mayor having a car, a driver and a stipend on the backs of taxpayer dollars.

Alderman Palumbo raised, point of order. Point taken by Mayor Johnson.

Alderman Purtee raised, point of order. Point taken by Mayor Johnson.

Mayor Johnson raised, point of order.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked what is the point of order. Mayor Johnson stated it was not relevant.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Clerk of Council and City Attorney Lovett to weigh-in on the point of order.

Mayor Johnson stated Alderwoman Gibson-Carter's statement is not relevant and is inappropriate.

Alderman Purtee asked that Alderwoman Gibson-Carter be removed from the meeting, per Robert's Rule of Order, if the behavior does not change.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #24, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed 7-1-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no and Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

25. Approval of Task Order No. 20 with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. in the Amount of $36,636 for the Baggage Handling Programming Concept Study.

Exhibit 1: AECOM - Task Order No. 20 - Proposal.pdf

Exhibit 2: Baggage Handling System Drawing.jpg

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #25, #26, #27, #29, #30, #31, #32 and #33, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

26. Approval to Renew the Professional Services Agreement with Blue Voyage Productions in the Amount of $74,060 for High Impact Video Presentation Services.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #25, #26, #27, #29, #30, #31, #32 and #33, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

27. Approval of a Sponsorship with Zawyer Sports, Owners, and Operators of the Savannah Ghost Pirates in the Amount of $80,000.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #25, #26, #27, #29, #30, #31, #32 and #33, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

28. Approval for Brooks Stillwell, LLC to Engage Lewis Law Group in the Amount $100,000 for Real Estate Legal Services.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if Brooks Stillwell will receive any of the $100,000.00. Savannah Airport Commission representative Dawoud Stevenson explained, Brooks Stillwell is legal counsel for the Airport Commission and he has commissioned the Lewis Law Group for legal services in the amount of $100,000.00.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #28, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 6-2-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

29. Approval to Execute a Five (5) Year Software License and Support Agreement with ProDIGIQ, Inc. in the Amount of $241,000.

Exhibit 1: ProDIGIQ Commission Slide.pptx

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #25, #26, #27, #29, #30, #31, #32 and #33, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

30. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Task Order No. 3 with Pond & Company in the Amount of $251,780 for Additional Design Services for the Air Cargo Facility.

Exhibit 1: Pond Amendment No.1 to Task Order No. 3 LEED.pdf

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #25, #26, #27, #29, #30, #31, #32 and #33, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

31. Approval of Task Order No. 19 with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. in the Amount of $277,580 for Design and Construction Phase Services for the Fuel Storage Facility Expansion.

Exhibit 1: Task Order No. 19 - Proposal.pdf

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #25, #26, #27, #29, #30, #31, #32 and #33, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

32. Approval to Procure a Common Use Passenger Processing System from Infax, Inc., in the Amount of $409,009.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #25, #26, #27, #29, #30, #31, #32 and #33, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present

for the vote.

33. Approval to Execute a Contract with Erickson Associates, Inc. in the Amount of $601,000 for the Lifecycle Replacement 750-Ton Chiller Project.

Exhibit 1: Chiller Image.png

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #25, #26, #27, #29, #30, #31, #32 and #33, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

34. Approval of a Resolution to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a FY2021 Emergency Solutions Grant Contract with Family Promise of the Coastal Empire for 2022 Homelessness Prevention Services.

Exhibit 1: Resolution - FY2021 ESG Funds - Family Promise.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder if the $93,970.00 was for the October 2020 allocation. Director of Human Services Kerri Reed answered, the HUD funds were received in 2020, but there were no applicants responding to the RFP so the funds were put back out. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter requested City Manager Melder to create a better process for local agencies to have access to the funds. Mayor Johnson indicated HUD has strict guidelines as to how the funds can be allocated.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #34, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed 8-01. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

35. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. (CHSA) to Make a $560,000 Loan from the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund in Support of a 2022 LIHTC Application to Preserve and Renovate 88 Affordable Housing Apartments at Heritage Place Apartments in the Cuyler-Brownville Neighborhood.

Exhibit 1: Resolution - Support of Favorable Financing for Heritage Place Apts 2022 LIHTC Application.pdf

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #35 through #45, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

36. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of a City Owned Property Approximately 3.8 Acres in Size Located at 4801 Meding Street to the Chatham County/City of Savannah Land Bank Authority for the Purpose of Supporting a 2022, 9% Low Income Housing Tax Credit Application that, if Approved, will Result in the Development of 80 Affordable Apartments for Low-Income Senior Citizens.

Exhibit 1: Resolution - Authorizing Transfer of 3.8 Acres of Fairgrounds Site to Land Bank Authority.pdf

Exhibit 2: Site Map.pdf

Exhibit 3: Community Meeting Dates.pdf

Exhibit 4: 3.85 Acre Option to Purchase Agreement.docx

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #35 through #45, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

37. Approval of a Resolution Adopting Amendment #1 to the Tatemville Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan in Support of Investments, Incentives, and Policies that Facilitate the Retention, Improvement and Development of Affordable Housing.

Exhibit 1: Resolution Adopting the Tatemville Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan Amendment #1.pdf

Exhibit 2: Amendment #1 to the Tatemville Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan with Appendix #1.pdf

Exhibit 3: City of Savannah Fairgrounds Presentation - Final.pdf

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #35 through #45, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

38. Approval of a Resolution Supporting the Establishment of the Savannah-Chatham County Interagency Council on Homelessness/Continuum of Care.

Exhibit 1: Resolution - Support of Interagency Council of Homelessness.pdf

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #35 through #45, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

AGREEMENTS

39. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with Brookhaven Development, LLC for Brookhaven Phase 3 (District 1). This is a development consisting of 39 single family homes in the Godley West Service Area off Highlands Boulevard.

Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Brookhaven Phase 3.pdf

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #35 through #45, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

40. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Bradley Lot Developers, LLC for Bradley Point Phase 8 (District 5). This is a development consisting of 32 single family homes in the Gateway Service Area off Bradley Boulevard.

Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Bradley Point Phase 8.pdf

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #35 through #45, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

41. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Bradley Lot Developers, LLC for Bradley Point Phase 12 (District 5). This is a development consisting of 44 single family homes in the Gateway Service Area off Bradley Boulevard.

Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Bradley Point Phase 12.pdf

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #35 through #45, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

42. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with D.R. Horton Homes Inc for The Pines at New Hampstead Phase 2 (District 5). This is a development consisting of 48 single family homes on Turpentine Trail in the Travis Field Service Area.

Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - The Pines at New Hampstead Phase 2.pdf

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #35 through #45, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

43. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Grant an Access Easement Across the Savannah Ogeechee Canal at 1400 Canal Bank Road.

Exhibit 1: 1400 Canal Bank - Easement.pdf

Exhibit 2: Dyches Easement Agreement.docx

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #35 through #45, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

44. Authorize the City Manager to Approve a Land Exchange with Mr. Mukesh Sheth at Little Neck Road/Canal Bank Road (PIN 51009 02022).

Exhibit 1: Map - Canal Bank Road.pdf

Exhibit 2: Canal Bank Plat - Revised.pdf

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #35 through #45, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

45. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Fourth Amendment to the Existing Lease Agreement to Allow T-Mobile to Upgrade their Equipment on the City-Owned Water Tower at 400 Airport Avenue.

Exhibit 1: Map - 400 Airport Road.pdf

Exhibit 2: Fourth Amendment of Lease Agreement.pdf

Exhibit 3: Department Response - 400 Airport Avenue.pdf

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #35 through #45, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

MISCELLANEOUS

46. Approval to Install a Granite Memorial Bench Celebrating 250 Years of American Freedom within Johnson Square on the Corner of Bull and East Congress Streets.

Exhibit 1: Submittal Packet.pdf

Exhibit 2: Signed Board Recommendation to City Council.pdf

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #46, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

47. Authorize Supplemental Budget Appropriations to the FY 2022 Operating and Capital Improvement Program.

Exhibit 1: FY22 Q1 Operating Budget Amendment.pdf

Exhibit 2: FY22 Q1 Capital Budget Amendment.pdf

Per Mayor Johnson, Item #47 was Heard after Item #13.

Alderman Purtee discussed the line item for appropriation of $2.5 million for Tribble park repairs. He is requesting an environmental impact study with an engineering long-term, longevity project plan. City Manager Melder agreed to move forward with the request.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #47, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

City Manager Melder announced Savannah was awarded the US Environmental Protection Agency $500,000.00 Brownfield Grant. This is the second time Savannah has received the Brownfield Grant. Mr. Melder thanked the community for advising on the grant, and Director, Environment Sustainability Nick Deffley and Energy Analyst Alicia Brown for getting the grant submitted.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely requested a workshop on the blight tax fee, how it is assessed, and the locations. She has received numerous calls from residents receiving blight tax fees up to $10,000.00 including a gentlemen on Gwinnett Street receiving a fee of $2,000.00. City Manager Melder cited the workshop schedule through July. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Mr. Melder to add blight tax fee.

Alderman Purtee congratulated all the students graduating from Savannah State and Georgia Southern Universities this year.

Alderman Leggett advised Council the blighted tax fee assessed to the man on Gwinnett Street; staff has responded that the notice sent was not acknowledged, consequently, he received a blight tax fee.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter sent condolences out to all the families who have lost loved ones to senseless gun violence on the streets of Savannah.

Mayor Johnson thanked Team Savannah for their service to the residents, and sent out condolences on behalf of Council to families who have lost loved ones to gun violence on the streets of Savannah.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:39 p.m.

The audio recording of the Council Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the below link in your url:

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MAY 12, 2022, 12:30 p.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 12:30 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Purtee to offer a prayer.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder

Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

Workshop Agenda Items

1. Homelessness Discussion

Exhibit 1: Homelessness Council Presentation 05122022.pptx

Mayor Johnson thanked Team Savannah for their work on Savannah Gardens allowing an additional 84 units of affordable housing in the community. He introduced City Manager Melder to address homelessness in the city.

City Manager Melder discussed all aspects of homelessness and thanked the city partners for their support and recommendations. He outlined some of the strategies that will be implemented to address the homelessness challenges in the city.

Mr. Melder introduced Chief of Community Services Officer Taffanye Young, and Housing & Neighborhood Services Director Martin Fretty as the presenters. He informed Council there is an item (Resolution) on the agenda of great importance in addressing the homelessness issues facing the city. This is not a new entity, it is a framework to make sure all stakeholders have a voice in addressing the issues. He thanked the Continuum of Care Board for adopting the Interagency Council on Homelessness as their governing structure.

Whereupon the presentation was made.

Mr. Melder recognized Chatham-Savannah Authority for the Homeless Director Jennifer Darsey who thanked Mayor, and Council for their support and the opportunity to participate as a stakeholder in addressing homelessness in Chatham/Savannah. Continuum of Care Board Chairman Karen Quinn and Katrina Bostick were also in attendance. City Manager Melder also thanked Chatham County who began this effort years ago to address homelessness.

Following the presentation, there was discussion as it relates to the information received, suggested recommendations, and possible support for the homelessness solutions in the city:

Mayor Johnson thanked Council for saying homelessness is wrong and making it a priority. The Resolution on today's agenda allows the city to move forward and he is asking for approval.

- Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked for the number of day shelters in the city and requested 'Come As You Are Ministry' day shelter on Skidaway Road be included as they need resources and assistance.
- Alderman Purtee remarked homelessness is all over the city and there will be opportunities for improvement.
- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated the city is moving in the right direction; however her referrals have not been successful. She cited a particular woman with children who needs assistance and asked staff and/or a local agency to follow-up with assistance.
- Alderman Palumbo pledged his commitment and welcomed partnering with other municipalities in Chatham County. Other jurisdictions have homeless persons who are filtering into Savannah, so a partnership would work for all involved.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz is happy to have the guidance of City Manager Melder who has experience in dealing with homelessness. The delivery system will provide a source of service/action for the homeless that includes smaller nonprofits who are currently providing services.
- Alderwoman Lanier expressed appreciation for the work being done, but there is a missing item 'place making'. Local planners have been negligent in providing services to many communities. Savannah being a historic city, the character of neighborhoods should be considered when putting services in place. She suggested having two (2) leaders; a low wealth area person and a high wealth area person. Alderwoman Lanier recommended placing community residents on the Board.

Mayor Johnson concluded by stating City Manager Melder will represent the citizens of Savannah on the Board.

The PowerPoint presentation is available and on file in the Clerk of Council's office.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Workshop at 1:34 p.m.

A video recording of the workshop can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

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MAY 26, 2022, 4:30 p.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 4:33 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Purtee to offer a prayer.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3

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Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder

Kahntilida Coleman, Assistant to the City Manager

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

Workshop Agenda Items

1. Capital Projects

Exhibit 1: Capital Projects Update.pdf

Mayor Johnson introduced City Manager Melder for information concerning capital projects. Mr. Melder introduced Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd who gave a brief overview of the presentation and informed Council 1.) not all capital projects are listed; and 2.) SPLOST projects are included. Mr. Lloyd introduced Director of Capital Projects Cristy Lawrence for a portion of the presentation and Mr. Lloyd completed the presentation. Upon completion of the PowerPoint presentation Mr. Lloyd asked the Capital Projects Management team to stand for recognition.

Following the presentation, there was discussion and questions from Council as it relates to the information received:

- Alderwoman Miller Blakely has concerns about the small size of the Southside Community Center and when the Center will be completed (City Manager Melder explained the Center was approved in the FY2022 Budget on city-owned property). In reference to the $6 million children's museum, Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the funds were still available (Ms. Lawrence stated the $6 million was SPLOST funds and currently being used for roof and other repairs). She asked how long will the repairs take at Joe Tribble park (no date, but will get information to Council - Mr. Lloyd). Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked where the lighting upgrade was in SPLOST V (Mr. Lloyd will get information back to Council. Mr. Melder indicated additional information was provided in the Tuesday Night Memo to Council).
- Mayor Johnson indicated the staff is working with Georgia Power on citywide lighting audit/update. The program was recently started so improved lighting will be implemented soon. He also indicated there is a Shared Facilities Agreement on the agenda which includes the Southside.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked Ms. Lawrence about the 55 project managers. What projects are included in the $197 million (storm, water, sewer and drainage projects). Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was grateful the presenters showed how additional costs are incurred during project development. She thanked Assistant City Manager Lloyd for explaining the repairs at Joe Tribble Park and advised/asked the public not to enter the Park due to the sink holes/tunnels. This is a public safety concern. She asked City Manager Melder for breakdown percentages of DBE's & local contractors for the capital projects (Mr. Melder will provide Council with the information). Additionally, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked Mr. Melder for updated information on Springfield Drainage Project SPLOST IV, SPLOST V & SPLOST 6, traffic calming devices, wheel chair access ramps, Project DeRenne Avenue widening project, Victory Drive corridor improvements, recreation reimagined, and the joint public safety facilities.
- Mayor Johnson requested City Manager Melder to provide Council Members with an updated breakdown of all SPLOST VI projects.
- Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked Ms. Lawrence to explain the definition of value engineering (an on-going project that is reanalyzed to decreased the scope or cost in order to meet the budget limitations); and in design (architects are in planning & actively working on project design documents). For the SPLOST IV, she asked what does interconnect mean (Mr. Lloyd stated it means to connect traffic signals in order to get emergency vehicles through traffic). Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan stated, the 3rd District needs more projects, and the District only received $450,000. She asked if there were any dates of completion on FEMA projects (Ms. Lawrence stated staff is still awaiting approval from FEMA, the project is out of the city's control).
- Mayor Johnson explained to Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan that the prior administrations gave the 3rd District numerous projects when other Districts did not get any projects. He requested City Manager Melder provide Council with the SPLOST projects by District.
- Alderman Purtee thanked City Manager Melder for moving projects forward in the 6th District and for the Joe Tribble Park repairs. He thanked Assistant City Manager Lloyd for the explanation of the Park repairs.
- Alderwoman Lanier stated that many years have passed and the projects for SPLOST IV and V are still active. Will SPLOST VI projects take this long for completion, is there a way staff can fast-track SPLOST VI projects? She discussed the citywide parks in need of immediate attention and the need for equity. Mr. Lloyd explained SPLOST IV had large scale infrastructure projects that take time; he indicated SPLOST funding does not come-in all at one time it could take multiple years.
- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked for the budget balances on the SPLOST projects and if any of the SPLOST funds were in interest bearing accounts. She asked for a full assessment of SPLOST funds remaining for each District, and a comparison of the capital improvement budget vs. SPLOST budget. She also asked if there are any policies on allocations of the capital project budget. Assistant City Manager Lloyd will get the information to Council Members.
- Alderman Palumbo asked for an update on the SPLOST III, Casey Canal South Drainage Project. Assistant City Manager Lloyd stated this project currently has a $37 million budget and has been bid out numerous times, but always comes back higher than the city can afford. Staff is currently looking at using alternative new technology that is within the city's budget.
- Mayor Johnson asked Mr. Lloyd could the incremental approach be used for Casey Canal South Drainage Projects (yes). He asked City Manager Melder to look at how utilizing project management could move projects along faster.

City Manager Melder will follow-up on providing Council with information concerning all their questions and requests. He announced the promotion of Gene Prevatt as the new Government Operations Chief.

Mayor Johnson thanked the presenters for all the information and updates and the capital projects team for their outstanding work for the City.

The PowerPoint presentation is available and on file in the Clerk of Council's office.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Workshop at 6:02 p.m.

A video recording of the workshop can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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MAY 26, 2022, 6:30 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:32 p.m. Mayor Johnson introduced Bishop Deloris M. Young, Senior Pastor of Greater Pentecostal Temple (GPT) of Hardeeville, SC, to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for May 26, 2022.

Mayor Johnson requested to add the recognition of Savannah State University 2021-2022 athletic achievements to the agenda.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda as amended to add Savannah State University 2021-2022 athlethic achievements, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on May 12, 2022 at 12:30 p.m.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. No vote was taken, see discussion under Item #3.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2022, meetings, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 6-3-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier voted no.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on May 12, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

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Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. No vote was taken, see discussion below.

After inquires from citizens, Alderwoman Miller Blakely requested clarification/explanation of Item #1[illegible] from the May 12, 2022, meeting.

City Manager Melder briefly detailed the 2018 International Plumbing Code (IPC) allowing a more flexible use of shared bathroom facilities between male and female in the latest version of the IPC. He explained when new restrooms are built, there will be individual stalls, but sink and soap areas can be shared.

After hearing the explanation, Alderwoman Miller Blakely requested her vote on Item #14 from May 12, 2022 meeting be changed to no.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to reconsider the vote of Item #14 from May 12, 2022 meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion failed, 4-5-0. Mayor Johnson, Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Alderman Palumbo and Alderman Purtee voted no.

b. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to reconsider (amend her vote to no) Item #36, Items #39 through #44, and Item #47 from the May 12, 2022 meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. No vote was taken.

Alderman Palumbo raised a point of clarity. Is this a reconsideration of each agenda item from May 12, 2022 or to amend the minutes to reflect a no vote by a Member of Council.

Mayor Johnson indicated, it is a reconsideration of the stated items by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter advised the acknowledgment of her request in today's meeting t[illegible] reconsider her vote would be sufficient. She withdrew her motion.

Alderwoman Lanier requested reconsideration (to amend her vote to no) for Item #14 from the May 12, 2022 meeting. Clerk of Council Massey advised a vote has already been taken for reconsideration to amend Item #14 from the May 12, 2022 meeting. The motion failed.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2022, meetings, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 6-3-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier voted no.

(ADD-ON)

PRESENTATION:

Recognition of Savannah State University 2021-2022 Athletic Achievements.

Mayor Johnson introduced Savannah State University President Kimberly Ballard-Washington, J.D. and congratulated the university's teams on the outstanding achievements of baseball, women's basketball, men's basketball, tennis, track & field player of the year, baseball coach of the year and basketball coach of the year. Dr. Ballard-Washington thanked Mayor and Council for the recognition and introduced the coaches and team members who attended the meeting.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

4. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Jeffrey L. Geiger for NCG Cinemas, a Movie Theater at 3001 Skidaway Road between E. Victory Drive and E. 50th Street in Aldermanic District 3. (Continued from May 12, 2022)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - NCG Cinemas.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - NCG Cinemas.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - NCG Cinemas.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - NCG Cinemas.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - NCG Cinemas.pdf

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to continue/hold Item #4 to the June 9, 2022, City Council Meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Alton Brecker for Bar Bubbly, a Bar/Lounge at 38 Whitaker Street between W. Congress and W. Broughton Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Bar Bubbly20220519_0117.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Bar Bubbly20220519_0118.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Bar Bubbly20220519_0120.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Bar Bubbly20220519_0121.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Bar Bubbly20220316_12201233.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearing for Item #5 open.

No Speaker(s).

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearing for Item #5, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #5, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to David Sampson for Civic Center Main Lobby & Johnny Mercer Theater, an Event Venue at 301 W. Oglethorpe Avenue between Montgomery and Barnard Streets in Aldermanic District 2. (Staff recommends continuation to June 9, 2022).

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Ovations Food Service20220519_0113.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Ovations Food Service20220519_0114.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Ovations Food Service20220519_0115.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Ovations Food Service20220519_0116.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Civic Center.pdf

HEARD after Item #4.

Alderman Leggett moved to continue/hold Item #6 to the June 9, 2022, City Council Meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

ZONING HEARINGS

7. Josh Yellin on Behalf of Colin Breland, Madeline Ott, and Zachary Shultz for Riette Bradley, is Requesting a Special Use Permit at 2805 Bull Street (20074 33001) for a Bar/Tavern Use. The parcel is zoned TC-1 (Traditional Commercial - 1) in Aldermanic District 5. The applicant will offer wine and beer options with a light food menu and is proposing a packaged wine sale area. File No. 22-001219-ZA.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet (File No. 22-001219-ZA)

Exhibit 2: Maps - 2805 Bull Street (File No. 22-001219-ZA)

Exhibit 3: Boundary Survey Floor Plan Elevations - 2805 Bull Street (File No. 22-001219-ZA)

Exhibit 4: Zoning Confirmation Letter - 2805 Bull Street (File No. 22-001219-ZA)

Exhibit 5: 1955 Sanborn Map - 2805 Bull Street (File No. 22-001219-ZA)

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing for Item #7 open.

Speaker(s) present:

- Marcus Lotson, MPC representative. MPC recommended approval with conditions noted in the application.

Written comment(s) received:

- Josh Yellin, representing the applicant submitted 18 letters of support.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #7, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #7, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz advised the public, the establishment/property is not in the 5th District alcohol overlay.

8. Travis Stringer on Behalf of Beth Vantosh is Requesting a Special Use Permit at 11 East 40th Street (20074 01003) for a Parking Lot Use. The parcel is zoned TC-1 (Traditional Commercial - 1) in Aldermanic District 2. This will operate as a remote private parking lot for overflow parking at Starland Village. (File No. 22-001608-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - 11 E. 40th Street (File No. 22-01608-ZA)

Exhibit 2: Maps - 11 E. 40th Street (File No. 22-001608-ZA)

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing for Item #8 open.

Speaker(s) present:

- Marcus Lotson, MPC representative. MPC recommended approval.
- Robert McCorkle, representing the applicant.
- Wendy Picone, resident - OPPOSED, unable to park in front of home.

Mayor Johnson asked Mr. Lotson for the lawful permissions of traditional commercial for the property (restaurant, retail, and mixed use residential).

Alderman Leggett is agreeable to continue Item #8 for an opportunity to have resident meetings and further due diligence.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the owner of the property in the rear has been contacted concerning the storage of the vehicles currently on the proposed parking lot. (Mr. McCorkle answered, the business in the rear is leasing the space from the owner. He has not met or spoken with the owner of the business. The property in question is owned by the applicant).

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if the property is being leased by the business in the rear to store disabled vehicles, where will the disabled vehicles on the property now be stored. Mr. McCorkle stated the owner of the business will need to find another location to store the disabled vehicles. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recommended meeting with the neighborhood association to resolve the parking for homeowners.

Alderman Palumbo requested clarification from Mr. Lotson on approval for the Starland Village parking requirements. Mr. Lotson indicated creating an additional overflow parking lot would reduce on-street parking.

Alderwoman Lanier has concerns for the standards of special use permits to allow this type development. The city is working towards more housing and a greener city by establishing walking/bike trails to eliminate cars. She stated continuing to approve developments of parking lots is in total opposition to the city's priorities.

Mayor Johnson indicated the property is privately owned, therefore, the owner of the property can determine what is their highest and best use of the land.

Alderman Leggett asked City Manager Melder if a plan or study can be implemented to mirror the type of parking policies established for the residents in Washington, DC. (yes).

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan feels the parking lot will not alleviate Ms. Picone's circumstances of not being able to park in front of her home, Thursday through Saturday evening. Resident street parking is an issue in Savannah that needs attention/policies. Until some type of policy is established for the residents street parking in front of their homes, this will remain an issue. If she had to vote now, she would abstain. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked Mr. McCorkle how many spaces would be available in the overflow parking lot (20).

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Mr. McCorkle if the parking lot would be a pay-to-park parking lot. Mr. McCorkle indicated, the overflow lot will be for Starland Village, it is part of the Starland Village development.

Alderman Leggett moved to continue/hold Item #8 to the June 9, 2022 City Council Meeting seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

9. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for Variable Frequency Drive Installation with Goforth Williamson in the Amount of $56,334. A VFD is an electronic device used to control how water is pumped to provide service. This cost increase is due to extended delivery times and supply chain issues. (Industrial and Domestic Plant)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Variable Frequency Drive Installation.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Variable Frequency Drive Installation.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #9, #10, #11, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17 and #18, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Installation of Gas Piping for Generators Installed at 4 Fiberoptic Hubs with Henry Plumbing CO., Inc. (LOCAL, DBE) in the Amount of $68,920. Services will provide installation of gas piping for 4 standby generators that will ensure a functioning communication network is available during severe weather and disaster events. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Gas Piping for IT Ring Generators

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Gas Piping for IT Ring Generators

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #9, #10, #11, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17 and #18, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Installation of an HVAC System & Vapor Barrier System with Johnson-Laux Construction (LOCAL, DBE) in an Amount up to $195,395. The vapor barrier will be installed in the archival vaults in the basement of City Hall and will reduce moisture intrusion from surrounding underground soil (subgrade). (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Vapor Barrier System.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Vapor Barrier System.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #9, #10, #11, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17 and #18, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Ten Traffic Calming Devices with Traffic Logix in the Amount of $82,790. The traffic tables will be used in efforts to address the traffic calming requests in residential areas. (Mobility Service)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Traffic Calming

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Traffic Calming

Alderwoman Lanier asked City Manager Melder where will the ten devices be applied. She is hoping some of the devices will be applied on the west side.

Mayor Johnson recommended the traffic calming devices be placed around the parks as a first priority as a safety measure, now that schools are closed for summer.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recommended prioritizing; look at 311, police and Council Member reports. The request for devices on the books the longest should have priority. She asked City Manager Melder the timeline for installation of the devices (will start very shortly, over the Summer months). Alderwoman Gibson-Carter thanked City Manager Melder for attending the neighborhood meetings every 5th week to hear resident concerns.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #12, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Shabazz, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Ditch Hand Mowing & Cleaning with J. Corbett Enterprise, Inc. (DBE, LOCAL) in the Amount of $100,471. This contract is to supplement the work of City Staff in the Stormwater Management Division in the maintenance of the smaller "hand maintained" drainage ditches throughout the City. (Stormwater)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Ditch Hand Mowing.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Ditch Hand Mowing.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #9, #10, #11, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17 and #18, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Generator Maintenance with Current Edge Solutions, LLC (LOCAL) in the Amount of $108,360. The generators provide emergency backup power to pump water at the City's seven stormwater pump stations. Routine maintenance ensures systems are always in a ready state. (Stormwater)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Generator Maintenance.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #9, #10, #11, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17 and #18, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Protective Equipment for Savannah Fire Department with Bennet Fire Products Company in the Amount up to $160,000. The contract will be used to provide personal protective equipment to be used by Firefighters working in immediately dangerous life or health environments such as fires. (Fire)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Protective Equipment Savannah Fire Department.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Protective Equipment Savannah Fire Department.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #9, #10, #11, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17 and #18, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for the Repair of a Fire Pumper with Williams Fire Apparatus in the Amount of $9,976. The original contract was to repair the City of Savannah Fire Department's fire pumper Unit #4518 that incurred extensive damage from an accident. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Fire Pumper.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Fire Pumper.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #9, #10, #11, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17 and #18, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Two (2) 56 Foot Aerial Bucket Trucks with Altec Industries, Inc. in the Amount of $336,496. The trucks will be replacing units that have reached the end of their useful life and are no longer economical to maintain, and will be used by the Park and Tree Department to perform daily routine tree maintenance. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Bucket Trucks.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Bucket Trucks.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #9, #10, #11, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17 and #18, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Two Pipeline Inspection Vans with Environmental Products Group, Inc. in the Amount of $763,400. The two (2) new vans will be utilized by the Water Reclamation Division to perform regular water pipeline inspections and maintenance throughout the City of Savannah. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Inspection Vans.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Inspection Vans.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #9, #10, #11, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17 and #18, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 and Renewal for Microsoft Enterprise with Insight Public Sector in the Amount of $1,494,990. The Department of Innovation and Technology Services will use this agreement to continue providing core business productivity solutions, as well as new core functionalities needed by the City. (IT)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Microsoft Enterprise.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Microsoft Enterprise.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder to explain the expense to the public. Mr. Melder explained the renewal of license for Microsoft office suites annual usage serves the entire staff.

Alderman Purtee asked City Manager Melder if the annual renewal included cyber security (yes). Alderman Palumbo asked if there were cost savings included in the contract. Director of IT Tim

Moody answered, yes.

Mayor Johnson requested City Manager Melder provide Council Members with the total number of devices operated by the IT department to show the volume coverage throughout all the city departments.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #19, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

20. Approval of a Resolution Directing the City Manager to Establish Temporary Cooling and Heating Centers During Extreme Temperature Events.

Exhibit 1: Resolution - Establishing Cooling and Heating Centers.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recommended adding shower and laundry services to the Centers.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #20, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely an Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

21. Authorize the City Manager to Approve Various Intergovernmental Agreements for Shared Use of Recreation Facilities with Board of Education. City staff have negotiated 3 comprehensive intergovernmental agreements (IGAs) with the Board of Public Education (Board) to govern the shared use of recreation facilities within each government entity's portfolio.

Exhibit 1: Second MOU re: Pool - Retroactive Extention.pdf

Exhibit 2: Original Swimming Pools Intergovernmental Agreement.pdf

Exhibit 3: MOU Concerning Modified Extension of Facilities Use Agreement.pdf

Exhibit 4: Original MOU of Facilities Use Intergovernmental Agreement.pdf

Exhibit 5: Intergovernmental Agreement for Shared Recreation.pdf

Mayor Johnson discussed the Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA) for shared recreational facilities for this Summer. The City has not had this type of IGA since 1999. He thanked Superintendent of Schools Dr. M. Ann Levett and Board President Dr. Joe Buck for their support of the Agreements. Language in the IGA allows for the youth of Savannah to use the Board of Education recreational facilities.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #21, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was not present for the vote.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

22. Settlement #1

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #22, to authorize the City Attorney's Office to resolve the claim (motor vehicle wreck) of India Fireall for $62,500.00, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was not present for the vote.

23. Settlement #2

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #23, to authorize the City Attorney's Office to resolve the claim (motor vehicle wreck) of Lemuel and Felicia Rouse for $175,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed 7-1-1. Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no and Alderman Purtee was not present for the vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Johnson congratulated Clerk of Council Mark Massey on graduating from the Public Manager Program today receiving a status as a Certified Public Manager. He congratulated all area graduates and Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams' son. Monday is Memorial Day Holiday, Mayor Johnson asked the public to keep all families in prayer who have lost a loved one.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely announced a Memorial Day ceremony at Laurel Grove Cemetery, 10:00 a.m Monday. She congratulated her five grandchildren who graduated. She announced Woodville Tompkin High School outstanding credentials with 100% of graduates receiving scholarships.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter sent condolences to Rob Elementary School in Texas families and local families of those killed in gun violence. She reminded the public of the cash reward for information on the death of Desaray Gilliard of Yamacraw Village. She has received a letter from the Weeping Time Coalition requesting a June date to make a presentation to Council.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz announced an accessory dwelling units discussion on Wednesday, June 15th at Liberty City Community Center, 1401 Mills B Lane Blvd.

Alderwoman Lanier announced the Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 31st at Moses Jackson Center.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:19 p.m.

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JUNE 9, 2022, 12:00 p.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
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SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 12:03 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Purtee to offer a prayer.

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

ALSO, PRESENT:
City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff, Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
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Workshop Agenda Items

1. Summer Crime and Violence Reduction Initiatives.

Youth Violence Reduction Strategy - Council Presentation - FINAL.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the meeting by giving a brief outline of the United States Conference of Mayors he recently attended. The mayors across the nation are facing the issue of gun violence and discussions occurred to try and resolve the rising incidents. Todays workshop is dedicated to looking at and committing all available efforts to address the entire scope of curtailing violence in Savannah.

City Manager Melder was introduced by Mayor Johnson. He gave a brief synopsis of the presentation, discussed local violence issues, the police department vacancy rate, along with

strategies and changes to improve coverage to reduce violence. The PowerPoint presentation was presented by City Manager Melder, Chief Community Services Director Taffanye Young, Office of Neighborhood and Safety Engagement (ONSE) Director John Bush, and Chief of Police Roy Minter.

Chief Young started the presentation by giving an updated progress report from a January model. Director John Bush discussed youth safety, programs, and violence reduction plan as structured by the ONSE office. Chief Minter shared the initiatives to reduce violence in the city, and Police Chaplin Bishop Ferrell modeled the new uniform designed for the 'Clergy Response Team' that assists the police department during emergency situations/incidents.

Following the presentation Mayor and Council asked questions and discussed the following matters concerning the information provided in the presentation:

- Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Mr. Bush what are the 24 partnering agencies he referenced i the presentation, what are the programs in the community centers, how does information get to the public, and what prior programs will be repeated. City Manager Melder discussed and described the many programs, including summer, offered by the city for youth. Chief Young detailed the arts camp, business program, movies in the park, and the entrepreneurship program for the over 400 registered youth for the summer camps.

  Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed concerns with the Southside lacking resources. She asked if the traumatized youth in Yamacraw Village received any assistance after the fatality of one of the youth, and she asked how many employees work in the ONSE office. City Manager Melder indicated the ONSE office does work in Yamacraw Village with the youth and they currently have three staff members.

- Alderman Palumbo asked City Manager Melder and City Attorney Lovett if the city can do anything to prevent/intervene in firearms being stolen from unlocked/locked cars. Attorney Lovett indicated Council could pass an ordinance to penalize those who do not lock their cars.

- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder his response to personnel issues within the police department. She discussed the various personnel issues facing the police department and possible strategies to combat decreased staff and staff morale. Police are in harms way when dealing with homeless individuals. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stressed the need to work with city partners to think outside the box to alleviate some violence. The behavioral health unit has only three staff members, this is not sufficient to handle the incidents that mainly happen a night.

- City Manager Melder reported the success of the behavioral mental health unit due to grant dollars that expired at the end of 2021. However the city is funding the program in the budget. There is currently a commitment for a city-led effort on police improvements.

- Mayor Johnson stated there has been a complete community response to violence reduction in the city, that is out of the box. The behavioral health unit is on call 24/7 with crisis negotiators. He thanked the City Manager and the police department for their unwavering attention to reducing the violence in Savannah.

- Alderman Purtee recommended the behavioral health program receive more funding. Incidents don't just happen at night, they can happen any time of day. He agreed with Alderman Palumbo to hold citizens more accountable for leaving weapons in their cars, especially unlocked.

- Alderwoman Lanier asked how staff will measure the effectiveness of the reduction of violence. The reports show we are up 12% on violent crimes. The 14 to 24 years olds are the group to target for assistance. There is a correlation between poverty and crime; there needs to be more attention to closing the wealth gap. She recommends trending toward economic strength and poverty reduction.

- Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan stated she goes to hospitals and interacts with victims of violent acts of crime. At this level, victims are willing to talk about assistance. The County always fall short. She recommended partnering with other municipalities in the County to assist the ONSI office.

- Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz stated, 'parents matter'.

Mayor Johnson announced, during the past 60 days, city staff has marketed summer fun programs on savannahga.gov/summerfun, as well as emerge scholarships for citizens seeking assistance with childcare and food on www.savannahga.gov/emergescholarships.

Mayor Johnson indicated the meeting had a hard stop, but Council can recommend a workshop to continue any further discussions/questions on violence reduction or to move forward on an ordinance.

Mayor Johnson announced Council will reconvene at 2:15 p.m.

The PowerPoint presentation is available and on file in the Clerk of Council's office.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Workshop at 1:52 p.m.

A video recording of the workshop can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

https://savannahgovtv.viebit.com/player.php?hash=AOosdCnE4iGH

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: June 23, 2022

Signature: Mark Massey

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JUNE 9, 2022, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:20 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderwoman Gibson-Carter who introduced Apostle J. R. Taylor, dedicated member of The United House of Prayer for All People, to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for June 9, 2022.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda for June 9, 2022, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on May 26, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - May 26, 2022 City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on May 26, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - May 26, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

4. Appearance by Members of PROUD Savannah Taskforce in Observance of Pride Month.

Alderman Purtee provided a brief overview of when and why PRIDE month started and introduced the members of the Savannah PROUD Taskforce: Chair Pastor Candace Hardnett, Board Chair of First City PRIDE Center Dusty Church, Pam Miller, Samantha Sosobee, and Erika Hardnett.

Pastor Hardnett thanked Mayor and Council for acknowledging June as Savannah's PRIDE mont and the recognition for taskforce members. Each member of the Taskforce thanked Counc Members for the opportunity to appear and speak to express their thanks for the recognition.

Mayor Johnson and other Members of Council thanked the Taskforce for their local work. The PRIDE Flag is hanging in the City's Rotunda. Beginning in July there will be a launch of a National Suicide Helpline (988) for individuals experiencing challenges.

5. Appearance by and Recognition of the Municipal Archives Staff for Documenting and Preserving Savannah's History.

Mayor Johnson introduced Municipal Archives Director Luciana Spracher and her team for documenting the history of Savannah. Ms. Spracher introduced the members of her team (Kelly Zacovic and Megan Keikhoff) and their respective responsibilities/specialty. She thanked Mayor and Council for the opportunity to speak about the history of Savannah and for the department's honor and recognition.

Chief Operating Officer Bret Bell, City Manager Melder, Mayor Johnson and several Council Members thanked the municipal archives team for their tireless documentation of the history of the city.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter gave a brief history of the 'Weeping Time' and representatives of the Weeping Time Coalition stood for recognition. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recommended the municipal archives department remember to provide a history/story of the weeping time event.

ADDED after Item #5:

Mayor Johnson took a point of personal privilege to discuss the history of Juneteenth and the meaning of the holiday, as well as various events to be held in the city (events are posted on the city's web page) and a Flag to be raised in the Rotunda at City Hall. This year marks the first year the City, as well as Federal offices, will celebrate Juneteenth as a Holiday on Monday, June 20, 2022.

Mayor Johnson read a portion of 'the Emancipation Proclamation reaches Savannah' from the book entitled, 'Saving Savannah' by Jacqueline Jones.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recognized long-time organizer Marilyn Jackson for working on the Juneteenth celebration at 38th Street Park for years. She commended City Manager Melder for working with Ms. Jackson and her committee in developing a plan and budget for the celebration. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz recognized Ms. Jackson and the Daughters of Mary Magdalene for their continued recognition and celebration of Juneteenth for years before anyone would honor the date. She thanked City Manager Melder for his support.

Alderwoman Lanier recognized Mr. Ivy Cohen for his support. Mayor Johnson thanked prior Mayors Edna Jackson and Otis Johnson along with prior Aldermen for their support of the Juneteenth celebration.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

6. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Jeffrey L. Geiger for NCG Cinemas, a Movie Theater at 3001 Skidaway Road between E. Victory Drive and E. 50th Street in Aldermanic District 3. (Continued from May 26, 2022)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - NCG Cinemas.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - NCG Cinemas.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - NCG Cinemas.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - NCG Cinemas.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - NCG Cinemas.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #6 and #10.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #6 and #10, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderwoman Wilder Bryan moved to approve Item #6, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Brittany O'Neal for Cru Lounge, A Restaurant at 1639 E. Victory Drive in Aldermanic District 3. (Continued from May 12, 2022 - No City Manager Recommendation at this time).

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Cru Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Cru Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Documents - Cru Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Cru Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Cru Lounge.pdf

City Attorney Lovett requested Item #7 be continued to the July 14, 2022, City Council Meeting at the request of the petitioner.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to continue/hold Item #7 to the July 14, 2022, City Council Meeting, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to David Sampson for Civic Center Main Lobby & Johnny Mercer Theater, an Event Venue at 301 W. Oglethorpe Avenue between Montgomery and Barnard Streets in Aldermanic District 2. (Continued from May 26, 2022 - Withdrawn per petitioner request).

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Ovations Food Service.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Ovations Food Service.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Ovations Food Service.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Ovations Food Service.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Civic Center.pdf

City Manager Melder reported, and Mayor Johnson announced, Items #8 and #9 are withdrawn at the applicant's request.

9. Approval of a Class G (Complimentary Service) Alcohol License to Andrea K. White for Southern Tan and Wellness, a Spa at 213 East Broad Street Between East Oglethorpe Avenue and E. Hull Street in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Southern Tan & Wellness.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Southern Tan & Wellness.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Southern Tan & Wellness.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Southern Tan & Wellness.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Southern Tan & Wellness.pdf

City Manager Melder reported, and Mayor Johnson announced, Items #8 and #9 are withdrawn at the applicant's request.

10. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Charles Brazil for Old Savannah Distillery, a Restaurant at 245 Montgomery Street Between West Oglethorpe Avenue and West Liberty Street in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Old Town Distillery.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Old Town Distillery.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Old Town Distillery.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Old Town Distillery.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Old Savannah Distillery.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #6 and #10.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #6 and #10, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #10, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

ZONING HEARINGS

11. Travis Stringer on Behalf of Beth Vantosh is Requesting a Special Use Permit at 11 East 40th Street (20074 01003) for a Parking Lot Use. The parcel is zoned TC-1 (Traditional Commercial - 1) in Aldermanic District 2. This will operate as a remote private parking lot for overflow parking at Starland Village. (File No. 22-001608-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet - 11 E. 40th Street (File No. 22-01608-ZA)

Exhibit 2: Maps - 11 E. 40th Street (File No. 22-001608-ZA)

Exhibit 3: Remote Parking Lot Concept

Exhibit 4: Surface Parking Sample Elevation Before - After

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #11.

Speaker(s):

- Marcus Lotson, MPC Representative - MPC recommended approval.

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #11, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Alderman Leggett if he had received an email from Virginia Mobley opposing the parking lot. Alderman Leggett acknowledged the email was received but even though she opposed, the HOA voted to support the special use permit. She also asked if resident Wendy Picone's concerns expressed to Council at the meeting of May 26th were addressed. Alderman Leggett replied, Ms. Picone's concerns were resolved.

Alderwoman Lanier asked Mr. Lotson if MPC had any discussions concerning the special use permit process as a policy initiative. Mr. Lotson indicated MPC had no conversations with city staff concerning the special use permit process, but the process is new and an important part of the ordinance process. MPC is willing to meet with staff to discuss the process if there are specific concerns. Alderwoman Lanier asked City Manager Melder if city staff would be looking at discussions concerning the special use permit process. Mr. Melder indicated it is a good ordinance. Alderwoman Lanier discussed her concerns with the process and if it is the best practice.

Mayor Johnson stated the special use permit process gives the staff and Council another layer c protection, scrutiny, review and decision making for properties. The process allows for flexibility and subjectivity. It is up to Council if they would like to have further dialogue on the process.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #11, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Grounds Maintenance of Medians, Cul-De-Sacs, & Adjacent Rights-of-Ways to Venson Lawn and Landscape (LOCAL, DBE) (Primary) and J Corbett Enterprise, Inc. (LOCAL, DBE) (Secondary) in an Amount up to $435,000. Contract will provide grounds maintenance of approximately 69 miles of medians and rights-of-ways within City limits. (Park and Tree)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Grounds Maintenance of Medians, Cul-De-Sacs, & Adjacent ROW.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Grounds Maintenance of Medians, Cul-De-Sacs, & Adjacent ROW.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz informed the public and expressed her thanks for the ground maintenance contract which was awarded to local and DBE vendors. The policies and procedures established by the city work for the local and DBE businesses.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #12, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Six Electric Charging Stations with LilyPad EV in the Amount of $42,299. The charging stations will be used in the Bryan and State Street garages by customers to charge electric vehicles. (Parking & Mobility)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Electric Charging Stations.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - Electric Charging Stations.pdf

Mayor Johnson stated 100% Savannah. The city is moving toward its goal to structure the city's garages to accommodate electric vehicles.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter would like to see equity by partnering with midtown and Southside affiliates to include charging stations in those garages.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #13, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Protective Coatings Services with Mechanical Jobbers Marketing (Primary) & Dun-Right Services (Secondary) in the Amount of $510,580. The protective coating application protects concrete sanitary sewer structures from hydrogen sulfide acid generated by microbiological sources present in the wastewater environment. (Conveyance and Distribution)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Protective Coating Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - Protective Coating Services.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #14, #17, #18 and #19, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Construction of a New Force Main to Serve Lift Station 166 with BRW Construction Group, LLC in the Amount of $5,971,495. The current 8" force main was built to serve only the initial phases of development and is undersized to serve the area as it approaches full development. (Public Works)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Lift Station 166.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Lift Station 166.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder if this item relates to or impacts the canal district. Mr. Melder indicated Item #15 is specific to The Highlands and increasing the infrastructure and Item #16 is citywide and enterprise wide. Because of the financial investment of the city, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter requested monthly financial reports.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #15 and #16, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for Trenchless Sewer & Stormwater Line Rehabilitation with American Infrastructure Technologies (Primary) and Southeast Pipe Survey, Inc. (Local) (Secondary) in the Amount of $7,600,000. These services are for the rehabilitation of the sewer main, stormwater main, and manholes within the City. (Public Works)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Trenchless Line Repair.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - Trenchless Line Repair.pdf

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Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #15 and #16, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Underground Utility Access Monitoring Devices with Kazmier & Associates LLC in the Amount of $125,000. This equipment provides a warning in the event of sanitary sewer overflows in the City's underground utility access monitoring devices. (Sewer Maintenance & Lift Station)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Monitoring Devices.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - Monitoring Devices.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #14, #17, #18 and #19, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Cellular Service For Underground Utility Monitor Devices with Mission Communications, LLC in the Amount of $125,000. Over 250 monitoring devices will provide real-time cellular communication for the City's sanitary sewer system. (Sewer Maintenance & Lift Station)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Cellular Service for Underground Utility Devices.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - Cellular Service for Underground Utility Devices.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #14, #17, #18 and #19, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Switch Gear Controller with Nixon Power Services in the Amount of $157,500. This switch gear controller will transfer power from utility to generator power in the event of a power outage at the Water Reclamation Plant, as well as transfer power from generator power to utility power once power is restored. (Water Reclamation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Switch Gear Controller.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - Switch Gear Controller.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #14, #17, #18 and #19, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Design of a Wetlands Preserve Park Educational & Interpretive Trail with CHA (LOCAL) in the Amount of $167,994. The park will provide enhanced green space, walkability and access to preserved wetlands and ponds north of the railroad tracks in the Canal District through an interpretive trail system. (Office of Sustainability)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Wetlands Preserve Park.pdf

Exhibit 2: Canal District Wetlands Preserve Park Conceptual Plan.pdf

Exhibit 3: Canal District Master Plan Wetlands Preserve Park.pdf

Exhibit 4: Purchasing Notes - Wetlands Preserve Park.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier asked what is the community benefit, how is community engagement being addressed, and what type of company is CHA. She has concerns with the purchasing policy and would like to view/read the policy and she recommended staff consider tweaking the policy. The intended investment is not reaching the residents/community. The same vendors are coming into the low wealth communities with projects and the residents receive no financial benefits.

Mayor Johnson and City Manager Melder indicated the contract was for design and engagement. There were three responses to the bid, two from Atlanta and the awarded vendor, CHA from Savannah. There is a benefit to the community. It will protect the wetlands, protect against stormwater and water mitigation flooding, and produce active engagement of outdoor space and recreation for the community.

If Council is not satisfied with the authentic engagement from staff, City Manager Melder is willing to have staff take steps to include that specific engagement. The bid required 20% DBE participation and CHA provided 49% DBE at the sublevel. City Manager Melder recommends Council's approval to move forward with the CHA contract.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked which CHA Consulting, the one on Abercorn Street or the CHA with Savannah Chamber. Director of Purchasing Johnnie Coker indicated the vendor is located at 7 East Bay Street, CHA with Savannah Chamber.

Alderman Palumbo asked City Manager Melder what are the funding sources. Half is grant funded and city funds. Alderman Palumbo sees this as a great opportunity for the city to use grant funds for protection of the wetlands and a benefit for the community to enjoy a local park.

Mayor Johnson expressed his concern with implications that a vendor is not capable of completing the contract and the need to change the procurement process. The process was open and fair as confirmed by the City Manager.

Alderwoman Lanier is pleased with the grant funds, but the city must still be responsible and thoughtful in allocation of the funds. The city should not continue to place money in the hands of the

same people, when the citizens of the area receive no benefits. The policies were created during segregation and should be changed.

a. Alderwoman Lanier moved to continue Item #20 to the July 14, 2022, City Council Meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion failed, 4-5-0. Mayor Johnson, Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Alderman Palumbo and Alderman Purtee voted no.

b. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #20, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 6-3-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier voted no.

As the city moves forward in being true to the investment as a community and Council Members other than herself, enjoy the benefits of the Enmarket Arena events, Alderwoman Lanier stated the community receives no benefits.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan raised a point of order.

Of all the Council, Mayor Johnson indicated he lives the closest to the arena and he has worked on the project longer than any Council Member. The city has purchasing policies based on ordinances and law. The City Manager is confident with the process and recommends approval.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked who did the grant. City Manager Melder indicated the Office of Sustainability completed the grant as part of the canal district master plan. Council Members made a trip to Atlanta to view a wetlands preserve, and this is a similar plan for the city's canal district.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

21. Approval to Execute a Logo Licensing Agreement with Travel & Leisure in the Amount of $47,995.

Exhibit 1: Logo Licensing Sample.pdf

HEARD after Item #10, per Mayor Johnson.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #21 through #26, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

22. Approval of a Travel & Leisure National Advertising Co-Op with the Hilton Head Island Chamber of Commerce in the Amount of $50,000.

Exhibit 1: Travel & Leisure Advertising Sample.pdf

HEARD after Item #10, per Mayor Johnson.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #21 through #26, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

23. Approval to Procure One (1) Mid-Size, Four-Door, 4x4 Ford Explorer from JC Lewis Ford of Statesboro in the Amount of $51,225.

HEARD after Item #10, per Mayor Johnson.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #21 through #26, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

24. Approval to Procure a Mini Excavator from Hendrix Machinery in the Amount of $57,947.

HEARD after Item #10, per Mayor Johnson.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #21 through #26, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

25. Approval to Procure One (1) Full Size, Half-Ton, 4x4 F-150 Pick-Up Truck from JC Lewis Ford of Savannah in the Amount of $64,980.

HEARD after Item #10, per Mayor Johnson.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #21 through #26, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

26. Approval to Procure Services from KONE, Inc., for the Lifecycle Upgrade of Six (6) Elevator Door Operators in the Amount of $86,904.

Exhibit 1: Kone Proposal for Savannah Airport Door Operator Upgrade for Schindler Elevators.pdf

HEARD after Item #10, per Mayor Johnson.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #21 through #26, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

27. Approval to Procure a Wide Area Mower from Owens Collective in the Amount of $113,894.

At the request of the Savannah Airport Commission, City Manager Melder withdrew Item #27.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

28. Authorize the City Manager to Approve as Surplus and Available for Sale All or Part of Twelve City-owned Parcels to the Georgia Department of Transportation to Facilitate the Ogeechee Road Widening Project.

Exhibit 1: Map - Ogeechee Road.pdf

Exhibit 2: GDOT Ogeechee Road Widening Project Schematics.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder what Georgia DOT would do with the property. Mr. Melder indicated Georgia DOT has a long-term plan to widen Ogeechee Road and as part of that plan, acquiring land adjacent to that area is necessary.

The residents have concern with the widening of Victory Drive. Assistant City Manager Lloyd stated the property along Victory Drive is wide enough for the Georgia DOT widening project, but the item today is not for Victory Drive it is solely for the Ogeechee Road widening project.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter indicated there has not been adequate and consistent information shared with the residents along Victory Drive in reference to the Victory Drive widening project from the city or Georgia DOT. She recommended City Manager Melder coordinate a meeting with Ann Purcell to diminish the anxiety among the residents of Victory Drive.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder for the sales price of the property. Mr. Melder indicated the twelve (12) partial parcels of land sold for the appraised value of $259,314.00.

Alderman Palumbo called for the question.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan informed the public the existing two-lane roadway will be widened to include bicycle lanes and a raised median. The existing bridge over CSX railroad would be replaced. A raised culvert would replace the existing culvert at Springfield Canal to relieve any prevalent flooding issue along the hurricane evacuation route.

Alderwoman Lanier raised a concern for residents in relation to the viaduct being altered. Assistant City Manager Lloyd indicated there will not be a round-about at Stiles Avenue, but they will do some improvements.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #28, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

29. Approval of a Major Subdivision for Brookhaven Phase 3. This proposed phase totals 15.97 acres and will consist of 39 single family lots with varying lot sizes. Phase 3 is located at the end and being an extension of Shoefstall Street & Brookhaven Drive in Aldermanic District 1.

Exhibit 1: Plat - Page 1 for Major Subdivision Brookhaven Phase 3.pdf

Exhibit 2: Plat - Page 2 for Major Subdivision Brookhaven Phase 3.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter has concerns with approving subdivisions as it relates to the city not receiving impact fees from developers, due to the delay in approval of the impact fee ordinance by City Council. The development areas are in need of a police station, recreation area, libraries and infrastructure.

Mayor Johnson indicated there will be a workshop in July (the next meeting) for discussion/update of impact fees/impact fee ordinance.

Alderwoman Lanier stressed the importance of a recreation area for the residents in The Highlands noting the small playgrounds installed by the developers are not sufficient for the many subdivisions in the area.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #29, #30 and #31, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

30. Approval of a Major Subdivision for Bradley Point Phase 8. The subject property is the 8th phase in the established subdivision of Bradley Point in Aldermanic District 5. This proposed phase totals 7.673 acres and will consist of 32 single family lots with varying lot sizes.

Exhibit 1: Plat - Major Subdivision Bradley Point Phase 8.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #29, #30 and #31, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

31. Approval of a Major Subdivision for The Pines at New Hampstead Phase 3 & 4 which is a Portion of Parcel 1A and Parcel 1B of New Hampstead Development Area. The property is located to the north of Turpentine Trail of Highgate Boulevard in Aldermanic District 5.

Exhibit 1: Plat - Major Subdivision The Pines at New Hampstead Phase 3 & 4 (Portion of Parcel 1A and Parcel 1B of New Hampstead Development).pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #29, #30 and #31, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Mayor Johnson to address the letter distributed to Council Member

concerning the plumbing ordinance approved at the May 26, 2022, City Council Meeting. Mayor Johnson indicated the letter was sent to the Clerk of Council. The City Attorney and City Manager will advise on the matter. A response will be prepared for Council and the public. The City Manager will communicate in a more informative fashion for the public to understand.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz noted there were four (4) minutes of the video taping of the last City Council Meeting missed. Mayor Johnson indicated the system had technical difficulties.

Alderman Palumbo cautioned Council, the discussion does not include items on today's agenda.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated she received calls from residents attending events at the Enmarket Arena that the cost is very expensive. Additionally, some type information should be available for residents of the security measures before attending, i.e. no purses, price of food and beverages, parking. City Manager Melder indicated the information is available on the city's website.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated alcohol was sold at a gospel event. Residents were upset that alcohc was sold.

Alderman Palumbo moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Purtee.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 4:27 p.m.

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JUNE 23, 2022, 4:00 p.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 4:00 p.m. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz recognized Alderman Leggett to offer a prayer.

PRESENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Presiding
Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1
Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2
Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman
Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ABSENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II
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ALSO, PRESENT:
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Chief of Staff, Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
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Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz called the meeting to order, whereupon she read the following statement:

Mayor Jonson is out of the country on a US State Department-sponsored mission to Germany, leading a delegation from Savannah and Atlanta to discuss domestic terrorism prevention and to improve US-European relations. During his time in Germany, the delegation will visit Berlin, Halle and other cities, meet with local mayors and US Embassy officials. Savannah has had a Sister City relationship with Halle, Germany since 2011.

Workshop Agenda Items

1. Impact Fee Update and Draft Methodology Report

Exhibit 1: Draft Methodology Report

IMPACT FEE PRESENTATION 6.23.2022pptx

PRESENTED by City Manager Melder, Planning & Urban Design Director Bridget Lidy, consultant team led by President Bill Ross of Ross + associates, and Paige Hadley, Ross + associates.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz introduced City Manager Melder who gave a brief overview of the presentation. He introduced Ms. Lidy who began the presentation. Completing her portion of the presentation, Ms. Lidy introduced Mr. Ross to finalize the PowerPoint presentation.

Following Mr. Ross and Ms. Hadley's presentation, Council Members asked questions and discussed the following matters:

- Alderwoman Miller Blakely had concerns with the correct acreage of the city's parks (Ms Hadley stated the presentation used the correct acreage provided as of 2021 by the recreatio department, however; she will follow-up with any corrections). Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Ms. Lidy when impact fees will begin (the Advisory Committee will present options for Council). She also discussed the square footage of commercial projects as it relates to impact fees.
- Alderwoman Lanier asked Mr. Melder if the initial fees will go into the City's General Fund (yes, with specific accounting procedures). In regulating impact fees, the State has determined how to spend those fees so if the City wanted to change/alter the categories, they would submit the changes to the State Legislature (yes). She discussed developments with the impact fee being passed on to the homeowner and asked if there could be language created to protect low-income residents and businesses (Mr. Ross explained exemptions are available to Council when developing the ordinance, namely affordable housing or extraordinary growth and economic opportunity). Alderwoman Lanier discussed the criteria and decision makers for the Capital Improvements Element (CIE) workflow with Ms. Hadley and how the methodology report determines the calculations.
- Alderman Leggett asked City Manager Melder to explain the difference between impact and tap fees (Mr. Melder explained, tap fees are charged to use water & sewer; whereas impact fees are specific fees to developers for growth).
- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter has shared concerns with the previous and current city managers about the current large scale developments and recommends a moratorium while the City creates an impact fee ordinance. She discussed the 7-member Impact Fee Development Committee consisting mainly of developers or engineers and asked how muc influence the committee has on the creation of the impact fee ordinance.
- City Manager Melder addressed Alderwoman Gibson-Carter's concerns and explained the Council will create the impact fee ordinance and the committee will only advise or recommend. By law, the members of the advisory committee, consist of at least 50% of the development or real estate community.
- In reference to reduced impact fees, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked which developers would qualify for the credits and who would select those developers (Mr. Ross explained Council will decide to have any reductions and set the parameters for those reductions). She also asked which department would manage the program (Mr. Melder indicated finance & building services departments would administer the program). Alderwoman Gibson-Carter suggested borrowing best practices from previously established impact fee programs from neighboring municipalities. She advised the public impact fees are not a tax, and is not exclusive to homes, but is extended for businesses.
- Mr. Ross explained how developers pass the cost of the impact fees on to the homeowners and how impact fees effect renters (rent charges include impact fees).
- Alderman Palumbo informed Council the decisions made concerning impact fees will effect the city through 2045. He had concerns for housing being calculated per dwelling and not per square foot (Mr. Ross indicated a dwelling can be calculated per square foot but they don't recommend it. It could be too complicated). Alderman Palumbo discussed multi-use trails having their own category as opposed to being included in parks and recreation. He asked what percentage of the budget will be affected by impact fees in 2045 (Mr. Ross & Ms. Hadley wi calculate and provide Council with the information).
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz briefly reviewed the major points with regard to the purpose of impact fees. She had concerns for a dwelling being based on a flat fee and not per square foot. The impact fee for a dwelling should be based on square footage when creating the ordinance. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz recommended projects such as hotels and larger scale developments to be a priority.
- City Manager Melder explained in detail the exemption criteria. He informed Council when structuring the impact fee ordinance there will be language concerning exemptions, however; any project exempted from the fees will be the responsibility of the City to pay.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz stated the present Council does not want to put the City in a position to create debt in the way of paying impact fees for exemptions.

- Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked for the State Law which states the city is responsible for paying the impact fee when projects are exempt (Georgia State Law 37-71).

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked City Manager Melder, staff and the consultant team for the presentation and information provided to Council.

The PowerPoint presentation is available and on file in the Clerk of Council's office.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz adjourned the Workshop at 5:55 p.m.

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JUNE 23, 2022, 6:30 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:32 p.m. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz recognized Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely to introduce Reverend Dr. Betty Jones, associate pastor of Litway Missionary Baptist Church, to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for June 23, 2022.

Alderman Palumbo moved to adopt/approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Alderman

Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on June 9, 2022, at 12:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: DRAFT MINUTES - June 9, 2022 City Council Workshop.pdf

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on June 9, 2022, at 2:20 p.m.

Exhibit 1: DRAFT MINUTES - June 9, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

4. Approval of a Class C (Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Daniel T. Merritt for The Green Palm Inn, an Inn at 546 E. President Street Between East Broad and Houston Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - The Green Palm Inn.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - The Green Palm Inn.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - The Green Palm Inn.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - The Green Palm Inn.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - The Green Palm Inn.pdf

a. Alderman Palumbo moved to open the alcohol hearing for Items #4, #5 and #6, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearing for Item #4, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

c. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #4, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

5. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Niktaben Patel for Savannah Market, a Convenience Store at 130 East Victory Drive Between Abercorn and Drayton Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Savannah Market.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Savannah Market.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Savannah Market.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Savannah Market.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Savannah Market.pdf

a. Alderman Palumbo moved to open the alcohol hearing for Items #4, #5 and #6, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearing for Item #5, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

c. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #5, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

6. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Ericka M. Phillips for Dottie's, a Restaurant at 207 West Broughton Street Between Barnard and Jefferson Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Dottie's.docx

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Dottie's.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Dottie's.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Dottie's.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Dottie's.pdf

a. Alderman Palumbo moved to open the alcohol hearing for Items #4, #5 and #6, seconded b Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearing for Item #6, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

c. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #6, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

ZONING HEARINGS

7. Petition of Harold Yellin, Agent for Cowen Investments, LLC, on Behalf of Gladys Gill and Joyce Durrence, to Amend the Zoning Map at 0 Fort Argyle Road (PIN 21034 01008) from A-I (Agricultural) to B-C (Community Business), IL-T (Light Industrial-Transition) and I-L (Light Industrial) with Conditions. Aldermanic District #5. File No. 22-001626-ZA.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 0 Ft. Argyle Road (File No. 22-001626-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 0 Fort Argyle Road (File No. 22-001626-ZA).pdf

a. Alderman Palumbo moved to open the zoning hearing for Item #7, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

Speaker(s) present:

- Marcus Lotson, MPC Representative. MPC recommended with conditions.
- Patrick Welsh, citizen – OPPOSED.
- Sandra Grant, citizen – SUPPORTED, with conditions.
- Greg Cowen, representing the applicant - SUPPORTED.
- Josh Yellin, representing the petitioner.

Written comment(s) received:

- Kerrie Bieber, representing the West Chatham County Community Watch - OPPOSED.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked what impact will this have on Bush Road? Mr. Yellin answered, no impact. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if Ms. Grant received written confirmation that her property will not be annexed into the city. City Attorney Lovett confirmed Ms. Grant's property will not be annexed.

Alderwoman Lanier asked if the current zoning is agricultural (yes). She asked about the current buffer and what will be permitted on the property. Mr. Lotson indicted the buffer will be to maintain the existing vegetation and trees, and the zoning will permit warehousing on the heavy side creating truck traffic. When the developer prepares the master plan a traffic study will be required. Alderwoman Lanier asked if the residents received any community benefits. Mr. Yellin detailed the 100 foot buffer for the residents, he explained the ordinance requires an eight foot tall fence and a thirty foot vegetative buffer. The property use is in line with the comprehensive plan approved by MPC and the City.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concerns with the West Chatham County Community not being recognized as an organized body and not part of Savannah. Once annexed into Savannah, Chatham County claimed no purview over the properties. She stated decisions made by MPC, where City Manager Melder and others serve on the panel, serves as a pass-through; thereby when items come before Council, it has already been approved.

City Manager Melder explained, he along with the County Manager serve as exofficio members on the MPC Board, along with equal members from both municipalities; every vote counts equally.

Historically, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated her experience on Council has shown, the current structure leaves those residents at a disadvantage when it come to developments of this type. Addressing Mr. Lotson, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter restated his information concerning the project and the area having no current commercial outlets. However, there are convenience stores and lodging, but there is no fire, police or ambulance service. Residents have called her with concerns for the projects and there are wetlands involved. She asked City Manager Melder if an environmental impact study was performed. Mr. Melder indicated Council is considering zoning today and not the environmental impact. Additionally, City Manager Melder reported the area does have fire and police protection within 4-5 minutes for the area.

Since the project will be brought before Council again, Alderman Palumbo asked what are the next steps. Mr. Yellin indicated a master plan with detailed information for Council's approval. Alderman Palumbo asked about the future land use classification as it aligns with the proposed uses. Mr. Lotson detailed the planned development process.

Alderman Palumbo asked MPC Executive Director Melanie Wilson to explain the roles, differences and responsibilities as it relates to the City and MPC. Ms. Wilson gave a detailed explanation for Council and the public.

Alderman Purtee clarified the area in question does have fire and police, plus Chatham EMS provides coverage for any emergency calls.

Alderwoman Lanier asked Ms. Grant if there were other issues needing to be addressed that didn't materialize. Ms. Grant answered, no, and there were five other residents affected that also received a buffer.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz indicated the project is in the fifth district and she is in favor of City Manager Melder's recommendation for approval.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked what kind of water source is in the area (well or city). Mr. Welsh answered, there are shallow and deep wells in the area. Alderwoman Miller Blakely received correspondence from a resident stating her well would be affected. Mr. Cowen indicated the project will have city water and sewer and will not be on septic or wells.

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #7, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

8. Petition of Thomas Matthews from Drayton Parker Companies LLC on Behalf of Carlton Ray to Amend the Zoning Map at 1758 Grove Point Road (PIN 10993A 05001) from R-A-CO (Residential – Agricultural County) to B-C (Community Business) with Conditions in Aldermanic District 6 (File No. 22-002106-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 1758 Grove Point Road (File No. 22-002106-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 1758 Grove Point Road (File No. 22-002106-ZA).pdf

a. Alderman Purtee moved to open the zoning hearing for Item #8, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

Speaker(s) present:

- Marcus Lotson, MPC Representative. MPC recommended approval with conditions.

Written comment(s) received:

- Carolyn & Tony Davis, plus an 75 additional residents - OPPOSED.

Alderman Purtee explained the concerns of some residents. There will be a traffic study to increase efficiency and safety. No. 15 Fire Station will not be impacted by the project. Residents have met with Parker's representatives and have reached agreements.

After a request by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, there were no residents attending the meeting in support or opposed to Item #8.

b. Alderman Purtee moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #8, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concerns and read portions of Mr. & Mrs. Davis' written comments opposing the project.

Alderman Purtee indicated he attended all the neighborhood meetings and there were no opposed residents attending. If there are oppositions, he suggested residents contact their Chatham County District Commissioners.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

9. Petition of Harold Yellin, Agent for Cowen Investments, LLC, on Behalf of Gladys Gill and Joyce Durrence, to Amend the Zoning Map at 0 Fort Argyle Road (PIN 21034 01008) from A-I (Agricultural) to B-C (Community Business), I-L-T (Light Industrial-Transition) and I-L (Light Industrial) with Conditions in Aldermanic District 5 (File No. 22-001626-ZA).

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After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #9, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 4-3. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier voted no.

10. Petition of Thomas Matthews from Drayton Parker Companies LLC on Behalf of Carlton Ray to Amend the Zoning Map at 1758 Grove Point Road (PIN 10993A 05001) from R-A-CO (Residential – Agricultural County) to B-C (Community Business) with Conditions. Aldermanic District #6. File No. 22-002106-ZA.

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After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #10, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 6-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for Three Dump Trucks with Wade Ford, Inc. in the Amount of $27,030. The three (3) dump trucks will be a fleet addition for the Sanitation Department to support the newly created Sanitation's Litter Crew. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Modification for Three Dump Trucks.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Modification for Three Dump Trucks.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder if the modification request is for all three dump tracks. Mr. Melder indicated it is for all three trucks.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Item #11, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Mini Excavator with National Equipment Dealers, LLC in the Amount of $49,599. The mini excavator will be utilized by the Water Distribution & Conveyance Division in the repair of old water lines. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Mini Excavator.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Mini Excavator.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recently requested information from staff on increased customer service

as it relates to water services. To date, she has received calls from residents reporting $50.00 late fees and the billing cycle decreased from 60 days to 30 days. She also asked have the residents been advised of these changes, and when and how were the changes authorized. City Manager Melder will follow-up with answers for Council Members. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed her displeasure of the $50.00 late fee and the decrease in the billing cycle days.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #12, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderman Leggett and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Replacement of one 9-Ton and one 11-Ton Wheel Loader Carriers with National Equipment Dealers, LLC in the Amount of $308,433. The wheel loaders will be used by the Stormwater Management Division to maintain the large drainage canals within the City of Savannah. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - 9 and 11 Wheel Loaders.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - 9 and 11 Ton Wheel Loaders.pdf

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #13 through #20, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Long-Reach Excavator with National Equipment Dealers, LLC in the Amount of $324,628. The long reach excavator will be used by the Stormwater Division to maintain the large drainage canals in the City. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Long Reach Excavator.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Long Reach Excavator.pdf

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #13 through #20, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Sewer Vacuum Truck from Environmental Products Group, Inc. in the Amount of $476,900. The vehicle will be utilized by the Stormwater Management Division to ensure positive drainage and reduce the incidence of flooding. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Sewer Vacuum Truck.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Sewer Vacuum Truck.pdf

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #13 through #20, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Dryer Belt with Huber Technology in the Amount of $70,200. The belt will be utilized by the Water Reclamation Department for moving sludge in the bio-solid handling process. (Water Reclamation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Dryer Belt.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - Dryer Belt.pdf

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #13 through #20, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for HVAC Maintenance with Boaen Mechanical Services (LOCAL) in the Amount of $98,757. The services will be used by the Water Supply and Treatment Department to maintain over 70 HVAC systems in those facilities. (I & D Plant and Water Reclamation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - HVAC Maintenance for Water Treatment Facilities.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - HVAC Maintenance for Water Treatment Facilities.pdf

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #13 through #20, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification No. 1 for Body Cameras, Tasers, and Digital Evidence System in an Amount up to $101,446. The Savannah Police Department will utilize this contract to enhance the body-worn cameras (BWC) by adding GPS location services and the ability to view BWC's live from remote locations. This service will enhance public safety services by providing GPS tracking of officers. (Police)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Body Cameras, Tasers, & Digital Evidence System.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Body Cameras, Tasers, & Digital Evidence System.pdf

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #13 through #20, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

19. Authorize the City Manager to Procure a Contract for the Replacement of Mobile Data Terminals with Law and Order Technology, LLC in the Amount of $315,000. The mobile data terminals (MDT) used by the City of Savannah Police Department, allows officers to communicate with Central Dispatch while providing real time GPS location mapping and information relevant to the current task. (IT)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Mobile Data Terminal Replacement.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Mobile Data Terminal Replacement.pdf

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #13 through #20, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Senior Meals with Senior Citizen, Inc. (LOCAL) in an Amount up to $475,000. The meals will be served to senior citizens at various centers throughout the City. (Recreation and Leisure Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Senior Meals.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Senior Meals.pdf

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #13 through #20, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Final Project Close-out Amendment for the Facilities at 8 Interchange Court with Johnson-Laux Construction Inc. (LOCAL, DBE) in the Amount of $82,180. This modification is needed to cover costs associated with various credits, added costs due to unforeseen conditions, constructability items, clarification in plans, and owner requested changes. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Final Close-Out Amendment for 8 Interchange Court.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Final Close-Out Amendment for 8 Interchange Court.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier asked City Manager Melder if the adjustment/amendment is due to supply chain problems or if the city requested changes to the fleet services portion. Mr. Melder indicated the adjustment is due to unforeseen conditions (additional asbestos remediation, relocation of underground utility lines, installation of a CO2 monitoring system, upgrading the electrical power coming to the building from single-phase to three-phase, increasing the size of an overhead door, and the addition of a shop sink). In spite, of the adjustments/amendment, Mr. Melder indicated the project is still under budget.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter has concerns for project cost overruns and modifications fror contractors/vendors who have a consistent history of submitting such modifications.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #21, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

22. Settlement #1

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #22, to authorize the City Attorney's Office to resolve the claim of Patience Wright (vehicle injury) for $70,000.00, seconded by Alderman Purtee and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

City Manager Melder recognized Fire Chief Derek Minard for his service to the City of Savannah. Mr. Melder shared with Council and the public the many outstanding accomplishments of Chief Minard. He thanked the Chief for his service to the City.

City Manager Melder introduced Assistant Fire Chief Elzie Kitchen who will assume the position of Interim Fire Chief, effective July 2, 2022.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked her colleagues for a very good meeting today and she wishe Mayor Johnson safe travels home from Germany.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely recognized Police Major Devon Adams for coming back, doing well and healthy. She also asked the City Manager about a raise expected by certain employees in July. The City Manager responded a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) was approved by the City Council. The second/last phase begins July 1st. These COLAs are for the rest of the city employees who did not receive an adjustment in January. Concerning Police officers, City Manager Melder indicated they have already received their increase and will not be a part of this phase.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: July 14, 2022

Signature: Mark Massey

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JULY 14, 2022, 12:00 p.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 12:01 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Purtee to offer a prayer.

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

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

Workshop Agenda Items

1. Boards, Commissions, and Authorities

UPDATED_Available Appointments to Boards-2021_as of 07-08-2022.pdf

Mayor and Council reviewed the lists and made recommendations for reappointment or appointment to each Board/Commission. The designated candidates will be placed on the regular meeting agenda for approval:

Chatham County – City of Savannah Land Bank Authority (four-year term):

- Tomeca McPherson(D3) - Wilder-Bryan/Leggett
- Laureen M. Boles(D1) - Lanier/Gibson-Carter & Miller Blakely

Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizens Advisory Committee [CAC] (two-year term):

- Darnell L. Johnson (D6) - Miller Blakely/Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz
- Yolandra Shipp (D3) - Palumbo/Wilder-Bryan
- Armand Turner - reappointment - unanimously

Keep Savannah Beautiful (three-year term):

- Patricia C. McLeod(County) - Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz/Wilder Bryan
- Cheri Dean(D1) - Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz/Wilder Bryan
- Steven C. Morgan(D2) - Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz/Wilder Bryan
- Debra Caldwell(D2) - Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz/Wilder Bryan
- Kelly Morris(Garden City) - Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz/Wilder Bryan

Savannah Airport Commission (five-year term):

- Darnell L. Johnson(D6) - Miller Blakely/Lanier
- Stephen Green(D2) - Leggett/Wilder-Bryan
- Sabrina E. Kent(County) Gibson-Carter/Miller Blakely

Savannah-Chatham Council on Disability Issues (two-year term):

- Darnell L. Johnson(D6) - Miller Blakely/Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz
- Montana L. Tohm(D1) - Lanier/Palumbo
- Stanley M. Walthour II(D5) - Wilder-Bryan/Leggett
- Jessica Auner(D6) - Purtee/Palumbo

Traffic Calming Committee (three-year term):

- Pastor Marsha Buford (Mayor Johnson's appointee) - Mayor Johnson/Wilder-Bryan
- David Minor (Alderwoman Miller Blakely's appointee – Post 2) - Miller Blakely/Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz

2. FY22 Mid-Year Financial Update

Exhibit 1: FY22 Mid-Year Financial Update.pptx

City Manager Melder gave an overview of the mid-year financial status of the City. Senior Financ Director David Maxwell and Director of Management & Budget Melissa Carter gave the PowerPoir presentation. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has changed the terr Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) to Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR).

Mayor and Council discussed the City's financial update. Including, but not limited to, the following topics were discussed:

- contributions to pension fund, retirees cost of living adjustment.
- percentage of grant funds received.
- status of any/all proceeds received from the Enmarket Arena including parking revenue.
- city expenses per district, service increase in proportion to tax base, service delivery being equitable across the city.
- the staff addition of a diversity officer.
- all aspects of the millage rate was discussed; instituting a PILOT (Payment In Lieu of Taxes) or ordinances for collecting taxes from non-profit agencies; and extending bond issuance for local businesses.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Workshop at 1:42 p.m.

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: July 28, 2022

Signature: Mark Massey

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JULY 14, 2022, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:10 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderwoman Lanier who introduced Pastor Alan Mainor, to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for July 14, 2022.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #1, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz took a point of personal privilege to thank Mayor Johnson for all his hard work and to welcome him back from his international trip.

After Items #2 and #3, Mayor Johnson entertained a motion to Add the Board Appointments discussed during the Work Session to the Agenda.

b. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to amend the Agenda to add Board Appointments, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on June 23, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - June 23, 2022 City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on June 23, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - June 23, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

4. Recognition of Mashama Bailey, Executive Chef and Partner of The Grey Restaurant, Winner of the 2022 James Beard Award for Outstanding Chef.

READ and presented by Mayor Johnson to Chef Mashama Bailey. Ms. Bailey accepted the Award on behalf of her team and thank the Council for the recognition. Staff, her father and mother were in attendance to witness the recognition.

5. Recognition of the Office of Management and Budget Department for Receiving the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the City's Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 01, 2022.

HEARD after Item #12.

Mayor Johnson and City Manager Melder recognized the Office of Management & Budget for receiving the distinguished budget award for 39 straight years in a row. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz offered her congratulations for the outstanding accomplishments of the Office of Management & Budget.

Senior Financial Director (CFO) David Maxwell and Director of the Office of Management & Budget Melissa Carter were on hand to thank Council, and City Manager Melder for the recognition and gave accolades to their respective staff members for their hard work in creating the annual report.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

6. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Brittany O'Neal for Cru Lounge, a Restaurant at 1639 E. Victory Drive between Wicklow and Glenoble Streets in Aldermanic District 3. (Continued from June 9, 2022).

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Cru Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Cru Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Documents - Cru Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Cru Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Cru Lounge.pdf

Mayor Johnson introduced Mr. Larry Manning, a 2nd year junior at Howard University and a native Savannahian who is shadowing the Mayor as part of the African American Mayors Association Program; and Ms. Kenosha Thomas from Howard University is returning for an additional ten weeks to work with the Mayor's office, the ONES office, the City Manager, and the police department on public safety strategies.

HEARD after Item #11.

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearing for Item #6 open.

Speaker(s):

- Clifford Hardwick, Attorney for Petitioner
- Dewayne Martin, Attorney for Petitioner
- Brittany O'Neal, Petitioner

Written comments: (Received in one letter, from the June 9, 2022 Regular Council Meeting)

- Michael Hough - OPPOSE
- Patrick All - OPPOSE
- John & Mary Yale - OPPOSE
- Jimmy Price - OPPOSE
- Eddie Yang - OPPOSE

Alderwoman Lanier asked why this item was continued from the June 9th meeting. Attorney Hardwick replied, at the petitioner's request to allow time to address issues from Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the petitioner met all the requirements by the city. City Manager Melder answered, yes. She asked if the location required parking. City Manager Melder answered, it does require parking which will be reviewed at the business permitting stage following the alcohol license application. Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed concerns with the petitioner receiving equitable treatment.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if there were any zoning issues; City Manager Melder answered there are no zoning issues. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked why are the petitioners alcohol license being challenged to such a degree. She congratulated the applicants on the extensive and thorough due diligence in complying with all the city's requirements.

Alderman Palumbo asked if hemp based products can be consumed on the premises. Attorney Martin answered, there will be hookah on the premises, as regulated under state and local regulations (law) in conjunction with the alcohol license. Alderman Palumbo asked is delta 8 or other such derivatives going to be consumed on the premises. Attorney Martin stated the Cru Lounges do not offer the delta 8 derivatives and would not be a menu offering here at the Savannah location.

Since Savannah has adopted a smoke free ordinance, Mayor Johnson asked City Attorney Lovett if hookah would be allowed. Attorney Lovett answered, under the present zoning laws in that district, the hookah would be permitted with the approved state license.

Alderman Leggett asked if a traffic study was performed in the area and if the petitioner had contacted the Johnny Harris property for overflow parking. City Manager Melder answered, the issues of parking will be addressed during the business permitting process; and Attorney Martin stated the petitioner is willing to discuss parking with the immediate neighbors. Alderman Leggett expressed concerns with traffic jams at that location with three other major businesses in the immediate area.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated she is aware of various hookah lounges throughout Savannah and especially in the downtown area. She stated there are various businesses serving alcohol on Abercorn and Bull Streets that did not have to address overflow parking. She would like to make a motion for approval. Mayor Johnson indicated the hearing was still open.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan discussed her reasons for concerns regarding the Cru Lounge operating in the 3rd District: opposition letter from 6 residents, only 20 parking spaces, additional traffic, hours of operation, a plan for parking maintenance, noise and litter.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz stated her posture 98% of the time is to vote with the district person.

Alderman Palumbo asked City Manager Melder if a density report was prepared for this business and how many alcohol establishments are within a one-mile radius. Revenue Director Judee Jones reported, there are 11 drinking and 26 package establishments within a one-mile radius of this business, which is normal.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the petitioner had talked to the immediate businesses and residents in the area. Petitioner Ms. O'Neal stated her business partner (fiance') had spoken with the businesses and they had no objections.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan disagreed and stated there is opposition from residents and asked Clerk of Council Massey to include the June 9th letter signed by six residents opposed to the establishment in the minutes. The letter was opposed to the business on the corner of Wicklow and Victory Drive having 300 person occupancy.

Alderwoman Lanier asked if this was the same area previously extended for the red cup (drinking area) district. City Manager Melder answered yes, during the St. Patrick Day festivities. Alderwoman Lanier added the six residents who wrote the opposing letter did not find it important enough to attend the June 9th or today's meeting.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely spoke to the business owner directly behind this proposed establishment and he welcomed the business, also the Johnny Harris property owner welcomed the business. Alderwoman Miller Blakely made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter. She also stated this business needs to be approved, indicating that the Savannah Bananas makes more noise than anyone.

Mayor Johnson ruled Alderwoman Miller Blakely's motion out of order. He stated the current facts; the business has completed all requirements and is now before Council for consideration/approval. Council has the responsibility to balance growth and livability. To him, the issue is parking, but parking is not addressed in the hearing. If the alcohol license is approved, the issue of parking will still exist and may cause undue stress on residents' quality of living.

a. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to close the alcohol hearing for Item #6, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan presented a picture of a 'Private Parking' sign on the Johnny Harris lot to the Clerk of Council for addition to the record. Attorney Martin informed Council the petitioners are in conversations for parking, but the parking issue was not raised until today. He also addressed alternate methods of visiting the establishment, i.e. ride share, bus, cab, etc.

b. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Item #6, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion failed, 3-6-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier voted yea. Mayor Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Alderman Palumbo and Alderman Purtee voted no. [The voting display board was used to vote.]

There were multiple discussions among the Aldermen/Alderwomen concerning the vote.

*These minutes were CORRECTED at the July 28, 2022 City Council Meeting, as follows:

- A motion was made by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely t amend (correct) the minutes to reflect a comment made by Alderman Kurtis Purtee of the 6th District, capturing him telling Alderwoman Gibson-Carter to shut-up during the last (July 14, 2022) meeting, given the minutes include a motion made by Alderman Palumbo calling for a 5-minute recess.
- Following the vote under Motion b., a debate ensued between Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Alderman Purtee concerning racial equity. Mayor Johnson attempted to regain the floor by repeating "ladies and gentlemen." He also stated "we are going to move on," and "let us continue with this meeting." However, during the exchange Alderman Purtee can be heard saying "shut-up Kesha." Alderwoman Gibson-Carter can be heard saying "so you just told me to shut-up Purtee." Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated to Mayor Johnson that she wanted to know if Mr. Purtee just told her to shut-up. Alderman Purtee stated he is not going to respond to that.

c. Alderman Palumbo moved for a five-minute recess. The motion to recess was denied by Mayor Johnson.

7. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Ankur Patel for 41 Rocks Market, a Convenience Store at 1220 Habersham Street between E. Henry and E. Duffy Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - 41 Rocks Market.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - 41 Rocks Market.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - 41 Rocks Market.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - 41 Rocks Market.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - 41 Rocks Market.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol license hearings open for Items #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11.

No Speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol license hearing for Items #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11 closed, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Items #7, #8, #9 and #10, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

8. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Narcessia M. George for T & P Market Store & More, a Convenience Store at 1820 Montgomery Street in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - T & P Market Store & More.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - T & P Market Store & More.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - T & P Market Store & More.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - T & P Market Store & More.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - T & P Market.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol license hearings open for Items #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11.

No Speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol license hearing for Items #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11 closed, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Items #7, #8, #9 and #10, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Christopher Robert for Poe's Tavern, a Restaurant at 7 Martin L. King Jr. Boulevard in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Poe's Tavern.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Poe's Tavern.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Poe's Tavern.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Poe's Tavern.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Poe's Tavern.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol license hearings open for Items #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11.

No Speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol license hearing for Items #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11 closed, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Items #7, #8, #9 and #10, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Edward W. Martin for Mansion on Forsyth Park, a Hotel at 700 Drayton Street in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - The Mansion on Forsyth Park.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - The Mansion on Forsyth Park.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Documents - The Mansion on Forsyth Park.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - The Mansion on Forsyth Park.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - The Mansion on Forsyth Park.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol license hearings open for Items #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11.

No Speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol license hearing for Items #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11 closed, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Items #7, #8, #9 and #10, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

11. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Shannon L. Blaney for The Neener Neener Tiki Lounge, a Bar/Lounge at 13015 Abercorn Street between Apache Avenue and Middleground Road in Aldermanic District 6.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - The Neener Neener Tiki Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - The Neener Neener Tiki Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - The Neener Neener Tiki Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - The Neener Neener Tiki Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - The Neener Neener Tiki Lounge.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol license hearings open for Items #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11.

No Speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol license hearing for Items #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11 closed, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Purtee moved to continue/postpone Item #11 to the August 11, 2022, meeting pending the receipt of a good neighbor agreement, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

12. Public Hearing to Receive Comments on the 2022 Property Tax Millage Rate. The proposed millage rate of 12.20 mills is 4.23% lower than the final rate for 2021.

HEARD after Item #4.

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing for the 2022 property tax millage rate open.

No Speaker(s).

No written comments received.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

ZONING HEARINGS

13. Petition of John Knox Porter, Jr. on Behalf of April Diana Griffin to Zone the Annexed Parcels Located at 6305 Garrard Avenue Ext and Buckhalter Road near Garrard Avenue (PINs 10866 01001 and 10866 01002) from P-M (Planned Manufacturing) to P-M-CO (Planned Manufacturing – County) and M (Manufacturing) to M-CO (Manufacturing – County).

Exhibit 1: Summary of Zoning for the Annexation of 6305 Garrard Avenue Extension.pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps - 6305 Garrard Avenue Extension.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #13.

Speaker(s):

- Bridget Lidy, representing the city

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz confirmed the address as 6305 Garrard Avenue Extension (NOT Garrard Avenue).

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #13, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

14. Petition of Josh Yellin on Behalf of S & R Savannah Partners and Its Principal Richard C. Smith III to Zone the Annexed Parcel Located off Chatham Parkway near Ogeechee Road (PIN 10837 01001) from PUD-BC (Planned Unit Development - Community Business) to PUD-BC-CO (Planned Unit Development - Community Business-County). Annexation District 1.

Exhibit 1: Summary of Zoning for the Annexation of Ogeechee Road.pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps - Ogeechee Road.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #14.

Speaker(s):

- Bridget Lidy, representing the city

Alderwoman Lanier moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #14, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

15. Amendment to the 2018 Plumbing Code. Code section 405.3.4 concerning the level of privacy required for the water closets is very vague and gives no guidance on privacy requirements, thereby leaving it to the design professionals to determine what constitutes privacy. To help alleviate some of the concerns about this vague privacy requirement, we propose that a new section be added to the code to better define the level of privacy required for non-separated facilities.

Exhibit 1: Memo - 2018 Plumbing Code Amendment.pdf

City Manager Melder supplied additional information on the privacy requirements for the plumbing ordinance amendment.

Alderman Purtee asked City Manager Melder if there are other businesses in Savannah that have adopted the new standard (yes); and if this is just an option for the businesses, not a requirement (yes).

Alderman Palumbo asked City Manager Melder if the State of Georgia updates the laws every 2 years. Mr. Melder answered, the State updates every 6 years and will update in 2 more years. The State of Georgia adopted the plumbing code without any additional amendments.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder if there is any data from other communities with adverse results. Mr. Melder was not aware of any adverse reports relating to the amended plumbing code. Since the State has not adopted the amended plumbing code, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked why Savannah was adopting the amended code. City Manager Melder explained the State adopts codes every six years, but municipalities have the option to adopt codes prior to the State. The city has several architects/designers who would like the flexibility to use the amended plumbing code on projects. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if there are any current permits. Mr. Melder indicated, he is aware of one permit, but didn't have the name of the applicant on hand.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter discussed a current restroom rape episode in a local grocery store and asked if the public was given an opportunity to voice their opinions on the amended plumbing code. City Manager Melder explained the public had an opportunity to weigh-in on the plumbing ordinance through written comment and their district Aldermen/Alderwomen. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter discussed rape prevention strategies and she felt the amended plumbing code will not assist in deterring opportunities for assault in restrooms, this is a public safety issue.

Alderman Purtee emphasized this is a plumbing code amendment not a restroom safety amendment. The concept is currently being used in various establishments throughout the city successfully.

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #15, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed, 5-4-0. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Alderwoman Lanier voted no.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

16. Petition of John Knox Porter, Jr. on Behalf of April Diana Griffin to Zone the Annexed Parcels Located at 6305 Garrard Avenue Extension and Buckhalter Road near Garrard Avenue (PINs 10866 01001 and 10866 01002) from P-M (Planned Manufacturing) to P-M-CO (Planned Manufacturing – County) and M (Manufacturing) to M-CO (Manufacturing – County).

HEARD, first reading only.

17. Approval for the Annexation of 18.989 Acres Located off Buckhalter Road near Garrard Avenue. The property is currently vacant land and the owner plans to incorporate these into the Rockingham Farms Warehouse Development Project.

Exhibit 1: Annexation Petition - Capital Partners.pdf

Exhibit 2: Annexation Ordinance - Capital Partners.pdf

HEARD, first reading only.

18. Petition of Josh Yellin on Behalf of S & R Savannah Partners and Its Principal Richard C. Smith III to Zone the Annexed Parcel Located off Chatham Parkway near Ogeechee Road (PIN 10837 01001) from PUD-BC (Planned Unit Development - Community Business) to PUD-BC-CO (Planned Unit Development - Community Business-County) - Annexation Aldermanic District 1.

HEARD, first reading only.

19. Approval for the Annexation of 30.425 Acres Located off Chatham Parkway near Ogeechee Road. The property is currently vacant land and the owner plans to develop multi-family residential housing on the property.

Exhibit 1: Annexation Petition - S&R Savannah Partners.pdf

Exhibit 2: Annexation Ordinance - S&R Savannah Partners.pdf

HEARD, first reading only.

20. Approval to Amend the 2022 Revenue Ordinance, Adopt the 2022 Property Tax Millage Rate, and Adopt the Special Service District Tax Rate for the Water Transportation District. The proposed millage rate of 12.20 mills is 4.23% lower than the final rate for 2021.

Exhibit 1: Ordinance Revision - 2022 Revenue Ordinance.pdf

HEARD, first reading only.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 and Renewal not to Exceed $37,405 with G11 Security, Inc. for Security Services at City Cemeteries. Security services are used in municipal cemeteries to protect visitors and assets by mitigating the risks of various crimes and violations. (Cemeteries)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Security Services for City Cemeteries.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Security Services for City Cemeteries.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #21 through #27, #29, #34, #35, #37, #39, #42, #43 and #44, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Repair a Bucket Truck from Roberts Truck Center in the Amount of $25,056 for the Park & Tree Department Urban Forestry Division. This is for the repair of unit no. 1211, a 2011 International Bucket Truck. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Repair to Bucket Truck.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Repair to Bucket Truck.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #21 through #27, #29, #34, #35, #37, #39, #42, #43 and #44, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Rebuilding a Fire Truck Engine with Cummins Sales and Service in the Amount of $26,221. This is to repair fire truck unit 9503 which requires an engine rebuild in order to return the vehicle to service for the City of Savannah Fire Department. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Fire Truck Engine Rebuild.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Fire Truck Engine Rebuild.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #21 through #27, #29, #34, #35, #37, #39, #42, #43 and #44, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for One Stump Grinder from Bandit Industries in C/O Bobcat of Savannah in the Amount of $55,373. The Park and Tree Department will utilize the stump grinder for hazardous tree removal services. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Stump Grinder.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Stump Grinder.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #21 through #27, #29, #34, #35, #37, #39, #42, #43 and #44, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Rent One Knuckle Boom Truck from Environmental Products Group for 10 Months not to Exceed $86,680. This will allow the Residential Refuse Division to provide weekly curbside pickup of bulk items and large debris removal following an emergency event until the two knuckle boom trucks come in that were previously ordered. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Knuckle Boom Rental.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Knuckle Boom Rental.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #21 through #27, #29, #34, #35, #37, #39, #42, #43 and #44, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

26. Authorize the City Manager to Rescind Award for Two Dump Trucks with Stainless Steel Dump Bodies from Roberts International Trucks, Inc. and Re-Award to Freightliner of Savannah in the Amount of $361,248 for Two 2024 Model Year Freightliner Dump Trucks with Stainless Steel Dump Bodies. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Two Dump Trucks.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Two Dump Trucks.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #21 through #27, #29, #34, #35, #37, #39, #42,

#43 and #44, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

27. Authorize the City Manager to Rescind Award for Three Dump Trucks from Roberts International Trucks, Inc. and Re-Award to Freightliner of Savannah in the Amount of $497,817 for Three (3) 2024 Model Year Freightliner Dump Trucks. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Three Dump Trucks.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Three Dump Trucks.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #21 through #27, #29, #34, #35, #37, #39, #42, #43 and #44, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

28. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Fiber Optic Implementation, Support, Service Repairs, and Advanced Services/Projects with Seimitsu Corporation (LOCAL) not to Exceed $275,000. This will produce a comprehensive mapping of all-fiber paths and connection points for the City's entire fiber infrastructure and provide documented infrastructure with the data needed for planning of future utilization, as well as accurate data for support and response. (ITS)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Fiber Optic Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Fiber Optic Services.pdf

Alderman Palumbo stated this shows the City policies work. This is a local internet service provider that residents can support.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #28, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was not present for the vote.

29. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for City-Wide HVAC Maintenance and Repairs with Boaen Mechanical (LOCAL) not to Exceed $524,250. The Real Estate Department will use the contract to service and provide emergency repairs to all HVAC systems, chiller systems, ice machines, commercial refrigerators, and larger replacements in City facilities. (Real Estate)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Citywide HVAC Maintenance & Repairs.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Citywide HVAC Maintenance & Repairs.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #21 through #27, #29, #34, #35, #37, #39, #42, #43 and #44, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

30. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Traffic Management Control Services with Area Wide Protection Services, Inc. (LOCAL) not to Exceed $960,000 for Several Departments Including, but Not Limited to, the Traffic Department, the Special Events Film and Tourism Department, the Arena, and the Civic Center. This contract will include traffic control for large events. (Real Estate)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Traffic Control Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Traffic Control Services.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder to explain the scope of benefits for residents. Mr. Melder explained in detail the provisions and benefits. It is people working with devices to control traffic patterns.

Alderwoman Lanier asked how was traffic handled during events, prior to. Traffic, police and the parking department handled events, and/or traffic control would be contracted to a third party.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder if Area Wide Protection was a local business (yes), and if approval of Item 30 would eliminate having extra police at events to manage traffic (yes).

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to approve Item #30, seconded by Alderman Purtee and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderman Palumbo was not present for the vote.

31. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Brokerage Services with NAI Mopper Benton Commercial Real Estate Sales & Leasing (LOCAL) not to Exceed 3% of Property Sales Revenue. These services will be valuable given the extensive networks, contacts, and resources of professional brokerages, and will potentially lead to higher exposure of the property sales. (Real Estate)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Brokerage Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Brokerage Services.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder if this was a new contract (yes), and why use an outside firm when the city has a real estate department. Mr. Melder explained for certai instances, outside brokerage services is necessary to assist in the sale. The outside brokerag services would only be used if necessary.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Item #31, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

32. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for Portable Toilet and Hand-Washing Stations with Porta Potty Dogs in the Amount of $12,000. The Special Events, Film, and Tourism Department is requesting approval of this modification to pay for additional port-a-potty services incurred during the 2022 Saint Patrick's Day event. (Special Events)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Portable Toilet Modification.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Portable Toilet Modification.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder why the additional cost. Mr. Melder explained this was a new vendor who underestimated the total cost. She discussed the difference in

the city allocations for St. Patrick Day versus Juneteenth and Gay Pride Festivals. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter would like to see more equitable treatment of festivals.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to approve Item #32, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

33. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Office Furniture with Mason, Inc. in the Amount of $130,670. The furniture will be installed to support the administrative and programming functions of the Savannah Impact Program (SIP) which will be located at 2005 Waters Avenue. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Waters Avenue SIP Furniture.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Waters Avenue SIP Furniture.pdf

Alderman Leggett asked City Manager Melder why the furniture is being purchased now. Mr. Melder explained this was part of the FY 2022 Budget and with current delays in the supply chain, staff wanted to make sure the furniture was on-site for the opening.

Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #33, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

34. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Trenchless Rehabilitation of a Sewer Main and Vault Junction Boxes at the President Street Water Reclamation Plant with Vortex Companies in the Amount of $701,065. These services prevent massive sewage spills from entering the Savannah River. (Conveyance and Distribution)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Sewer Main and Junction Boxes Rehabilitation.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Sewer Main and Junction Boxes Rehabilitation.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #21 through #27, #29, #34, #35, #37, #39, #42, #43 and #44, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

35. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Grounds Maintenance of Public Parks & Greenspaces to Garcia Services, LLC. (LOCAL, DBE), Kathy Robinson DBA Doc's Lawn Care Services (LOCAL, DBE), and Simon Landscape, Inc. (LOCAL) not to Exceed $200,188. This contract will be used for grounds maintenance for 40 parks and green spaces and will be split up between the three vendors. (Park & Tree)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Ground Maintenance for Public Parks.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Grounds Maintenance for Public Parks.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #21 through #27, #29, #34, #35, #37, #39, #42, #43 and #44, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

36. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Grounds Maintenance Services on Opened and Unopened Lanes within City Limits with SABE (LOCAL, DBE) (Primary) and Russell Landscape (LOCAL) (Secondary) not to Exceed $225,000 for the Park & Tree Department. This contract will include litter and trash removal, leaf and debris removal, and pruning of vegetation, as well as turf maintenance on approximately 84 miles of City right of way. (Park & Tree)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Grounds Maintenance for Open and Unopened Lanes.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Grounds Maintenance for Open and Unopened Lanes.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked City Manager Melder if the lanes in Southover, Summerside, Jackson Park, Feiler Park, Tatemville and Liberty City were included in the contract. City Manager Melder indicated all open lanes throughout the City are included in the contract.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated there are 200+ miles of lanes to be included in the contract and asked City Manager Melder if the areas where the homeless populate could be included (Derenne at Truman Pkwy., Victory Drive, etc.). Mr. Melder stated this contract covers twice a month during growing season and once a month during non-growing seasons.

Alderwoman Lanier asked if there has been a change from sanitation and if the litter teams are restored. City Manager Melder indicated the litter teams are back and sanitation will collect large bulk items and assist with clean-up. She requested to be a part of the discussions with unusable lanes on a particular street. Mr. Melder will notify her of the discussions/meetings.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder to explain the litter teams. Litter teams are sent/based on the need. Chief Prevatt explained there were 3 full-time litter teams (3 people per team) approved for the FY2022 Budget for main arteries in the city. The teams are sent out daily. Mr. Prevatt also reported door knockers are at the printer.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to approve Item #36, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

37. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Heavy Equipment Rental with Savannah River Utilities (LOCAL) not to Exceed $912,830. The contract will allow Sanitation to continue to temporarily rent heavy equipment, as needed, to support central operations that are critical to the Dean Forest Road Landfill permitting compliance. (Sanitation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Heavy Equipment Rental.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Summary - Heavy Equipment Rental.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #21 through #27, #29, #34, #35, #37, #39, #42, #43 and #44, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

38. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Casey North Basin Study Model with Hussey Gay Bell (LOCAL) in the Amount of $105,000. The services will provide an updated model of multiple year rain event peak water elevations to assist development site designs and flood prevention programs. (Stormwater)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Casey North Drainage Basin Study.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Casey North Drainage Basin Study.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz discussed the Springfield Basin and would like to see the same services brought to the Basin.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #38, seconded by Alderman Palumbo and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

39. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Electronic Control Upgrades at Three Stormwater Pumping Stations with Control Instruments in the Amount of $1,419,287. Upgrades at the Lathrop Avenue, Fell Street, and Springfield and Kayton stations will allow all pumping stations to communicate and staff to remotely monitor them. (Stormwater)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Electronic Control Upgrades.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Electronic Control Upgrades.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #21 through #27, #29, #34, #35, #37, #39, #42, #43 and #44, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

40. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a 25 Year Contract for Solar Energy Services with Cherry Street Energy not to Exceed $6,230,000. This contract will provide the City with net savings each year of the next 25 years. The agreement is for solar panels, installation, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning. Cherry Street Energy has presented a minority participation of 56.1% with Pat Mathis at 35.3% and Power Solutions Inc at 20.8%. As part of the agreement, Cherry Street Energy will also replace three roofs valued at over $300,000. (Sustainability)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Solar Energy.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Solar Energy.pdf

Alderman Palumbo stated the city is now the largest municipal provider of solar energy in the State.

Alderwoman Lanier asked if the Hudson Hill Center would receive solar energy. City Manager Melder reported Hudson Hill Center would receive solar energy.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #40, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

41. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Small Meter Calibration and Test Bench Software Subscription with Mars Company not to Exceed $56,078. The contract is for software subscription for calibration accuracy of the City's water meters. (Water Distribution)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Water Meter Calibration Software Subscription.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Water Meter Calibration Software Subscription.pdf

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder to explain this expense to the public. Mr. Melder explained the new annual software service will create more accurate readings for water bills. The water bill cycles were behind last year. This year the cycles are being corrected. She asked Mr. Melder to reconsider the penalty fee.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder if the public was informed of the cycle correction and the $50.00 late fee. Mr. Melder stated the water fees are included in the annual approved fee (revenue) ordinance in the budget. He indicated the cycle did not change, the billing was behind for last year and are now being corrected.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to approve Item #41, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

42. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for Overhead Door Maintenance and Repair with Action Overhead Door in the Amount of $35,000. The Savannah Fire Department will be able to provide prompt emergency services to citizens and visitors of Savannah by ensuring overhead/bay doors operate properly. (Fire)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Overhead Doors Repairs & Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Overhead Doors Repairs & Services.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #21 through #27, #29, #34, #35, #37, #39, #42, #43 and #44, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

43. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Personal Protective Equipment with Bennet Fire Products Company in the Amount of $708,000. This purchase is fo a second set of personal protective equipment for Savannah Fire firefighters under the Assistance of Firefighters Grant (AFG). (Fire)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - SFD Protective Clothing.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - SFD Protective Clothing Fire.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #21 through #27, #29, #34, #35, #37, #39, #42, #43 and #44, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

44. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Ballistic Vests with Patrick's Uniforms not to Exceed $61,000. This contract is for specific ballistic vests that the Savannah Police Department Officers use and are not available elsewhere locally. (Police)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - SPD Ballistic Vests.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - SPD Ballistic Vests.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #21 through #27, #29, #34, #35, #37, #39, #42, #43 and #44, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

45. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Digital Advertisement from The Current Agency/Red Eye Film Productions (LOCAL) not to Exceed $64,100. The Savannah Police Department will use the digital advertisement to provide a wide variety of tactics, strategies, and online tools for recruitment to fill vacancies, media planning, branding, and search engine advertising. (Police)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - SPD Digital Advertising.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - SPD Digital Advertising.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder if the city could focus on Historical African American Universities to achieve diversity (he will speak to SPD concerning her suggestion) and to look at bringing back officers who have resigned. Mr. Melder said the creation of the lateral entry program will allow for any current law enforcement officer from any agency an opportunity to return or come back to the City of Savannah.

Alderman Palumbo sees this as an opportunity to secure more experienced police officers with the increases in salaries and bonuses.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the city's retired police officers could be recruited and used in housing developments. City Manager Melder answered, this is a option the city is exploring.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #45, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

46. Approval of the Commission's Share of the Agreement for City Works License Renewal with the City of Savannah in the Amount of $40,000.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #46, #47 and #48, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

47. Approval to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Peachtree Government Relations for Local and State Governmental Affairs in the Amount of $180,000.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #46, #47 and #48, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

48. Approval to Execute a Construction Contract with Collins Construction Services, Inc. for the Security Checkpoint Expansion in the amount of $19,655,000.

Exhibit 1: Security Checkpoint Expansion Layout.jpg

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #46, #47 and #48, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

ADDED:

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Johnson presided over the following Board Appointments which were made by majority consent, as a result of discussions held earlier during the work session.

Chatham County – City of Savannah Land Bank Authority (four-year term) one expiration:

- Tomeca McPherson(D3) - Wilder-Bryan/Leggett - **5-4-0.**
- Laureen M. Boles(D1) - Lanier/Gibson-Carter & Miller Blakely - not voted upon.

Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizens Advisory Committee [CAC] (two-year term) two expirations:

- Darnell L. Johnson (D6) - Miller Blakely/Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz - 2 votes.
- Yolandra Shipp (D3) - Palumbo/Wilder-Bryan - **6-2-0.**
- Armand Turner - reappointment - **unanimous consent.**

Keep Savannah Beautiful (three-year term) six vacancies:

- Patricia C. McLeod(County) - Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz/Wilder Bryan **- unanimous consent.**
- Cheri Dean(D1) - Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz/Wilder Bryan **- unanimous consent.**
- Steven C. Morgan(D2) - Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz/Wilder Bryan **- unanimous consent.**
- Debra Caldwell(D2) - Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz/Wilder Bryan **- unanimous consent.**
- Kelly Morris(Garden City) - Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz/Wilder Bryan **- unanimous consent.**

Savannah Airport Commission (five-year term) one expiration:

- Darnell L. Johnson(D6) - Miller Blakely/Lanier - 2 votes.
- Stephen Green(D2) - Leggett/Wilder-Bryan - **5-1-0.**
- Sabrina E. Kent(County) Gibson-Carter/Miller Blakely - not voted upon.

Savannah-Chatham Council on Disability Issues (two-year term) one vacancy & three expirations:

- Darnell L. Johnson(D6) - Miller Blakely/Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz **- unanimous consent.**
- Montana L. Tohm(D1) - Lanier/Palumbo **- unanimous consent.**
- Stanley M. Walthour II(D5) - Wilder-Bryan/Leggett **- unanimous consent.**
- Jessica Auner(D6) - Purtee/Palumbo **- unanimous consent.**

Traffic Calming Committee (three-year term) two openings:

- Pastor Marsha Buford (Mayor Johnson's appointee) - Mayor Johnson/Wilder-Bryan **- unanimous consent.**
- David Minor (Alderwoman Miller Blakely's appointee – Post 2) - Miller Blakely/Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz **- unanimous consent.**

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

49. Update of the Chatham County Service Delivery Strategy (SDS) which is Part of the Chatham County - Savannah Comprehensive Plan 2040.

Exhibit 1: Georgia Department of Community Affairs Proposed Service Delivery Strategy Form.pdf

Exhibit 2: Georgia Department of Community Affairs Service Delivery Strategy Certification Form.pdf

Exhibit 3: Resolution Adopting the Service Delivery Strategy.pdf

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder to explain the service delivery for the public. Mr. Melder gave a detailed explanation of the services. Alderwoman Miller Blakely encouraged citizens to review the 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #49, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

50. Approval of a Resolution to Support Reproductive Rights in Savannah.

Mayor Johnson discussed and explained the Resolution and thanked Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan for all her assistance on the Resolution. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan read the Resolution from the podium.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #50, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

AGREEMENTS

51. Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County and all Municipalities that will Allow TSPLOST to be Voted on by the Public.

Exhibit 1: 2022 TSPLOST Intergovernmental Agreement.pdf

City Manager Melder discussed in detail the TSPLOST and a list of projects included. He also gave an outline of the Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA) between the County and the municipalities. He read the list of projects to be included in the TSPLOST.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked for a list of projects she developed with the community be included in the TSPLOST projects. Alderwoman Miller Blakely has the same concerns detailed by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and would like Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz's list of projects read and she would like to see sidewalks on Middleground Road included. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz stated she could not vote for this TSPLOST, if the list she presented to Council today was not attached or included as an addendum.

Mr. Melder stated he could not include projects without knowing the cost. He would however; bring each project before Council at each stage of approval.

Alderwoman Lanier expressed concerns for projects that never materialize after the citizens vote to support TSPLOST.

As an At-Large Alderperson, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concern regarding why her an Alderwoman Miller Blakely were not included in meetings where the list was developed.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #51, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed, 6-3-0. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Johnson recognized News Reporter Katie Nussbaum for her service to the City. This is her last meeting, she and her husband are moving.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely announced a 7 foot alligator was caught at Bowles C. Ford Park. The park looks deplorable. She asked City Manager Melder if the city could allocate funds to make improvements

at the park to meet the standards of Lake Mayer. Mayor Johnson indicated the park should be taken care of by the maintenance staff who takes care of all city parks. He indicated there are canals in the park which cause the alligators.

Alderwoman Lanier announced this past Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday the AIA Design Center sent a team to visit West Savannah. She thanked all the staff who assisted; including Bridget Lidy and Bret Bell.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

The audio recording of the Council Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the below link in your url:

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JULY 28, 2022, 10:00 a.m. - SPECIAL MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The special called meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen was held at 10:00 a.m. Following the roll call, Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2
Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman
Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem
Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ABSENT:

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1
Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2
Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder (**attended virtually**)
Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd
Chief of Staff, Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

Special Meeting Agenda Items

1. Public Hearing to Receive Comments on the 2022 Property Tax Millage Rate. The proposed millage rate of 12.20 mills is 4.23% lower than the final rate for 2021.

Mayor Johnson provided an overview by reading the description section, as provided in the agenda packet.

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing to receive comments on the 2022 property tax millage rate open.

Speaker(s):

- Rose McGuire (D6) resident - OPPOSED to property tax increase, the public needs time and education prior to Council adoption.

Upon asking if there were any other members of the public present to speak, Mayor Johnson closed the hearing and adjourned the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

A video recording of the Special Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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JULY 28, 2022, 4:30 p.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

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
Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1
Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2
Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2
Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman
Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem
Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

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Workshop Agenda Items

1. Stormwater Management in the City of Savannah.

Exhibit 1: Stormwater Management in the City of Savannah Presentation.pdf

PRESENTED by Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd, and Stormwater Management Director Zach Hoffman.

Assistant City Manager Lloyd discussed the visioning sessions held in 2020 and 2022 by Council and five of the priority issues that were of importance to Council that will be highlighted during the PowerPoint presentation:

1. a workshop on drainage/stormwater issues;

2. a comprehensive drainage plan;
3. a plan to address drainage issues at the Arena;
4. developing a comprehensive sustainability plan; and
5. developing a comprehensive drainage plan for Savannah including stormwater fees (alternative ways to fund infrastructure).

Mr. Lloyd introduced Stormwater Management Director Zack Hoffman and announced the recent appointment of Water Resources Senior Director Ron Feldner who was unable to attend the meeting due to illness.

After addressing Mayor and Council, Mr. Hoffman preceeded with the PowerPoint presentation. Following the presentation, there were questions and discussion by Council Members:

- For projects in the 3rd District, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked Mr. Hoffman for any tentativ dates for completion for the Placentia Canal Project (South Tompkins Culvert by the end of th year; and Semken & LaRoache Culvert approved project, Mr. Hoffman will send Alderwoma Wilder-Bryan timeline information).
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz requested additional attention/work on the West Side of Savannah and pump stations needed, especially in the 5th District in and along the Springfield Basin.
- Alderwoman Lanier asked Mr. Hoffman at what point is the division of North vs South Springfield Basin (at DeRenne near Hunter Airfield). Between 2007 and 2008 why was there a drastic jump in funding (he will send her information). She discussed issues of the sea level rising, glaciers, and sustainability as it relates to drainage at the Springfield Basin, as well as the conditions of current older pipes and their ability to handle water removal.
- Assistant City Manager Lloyd shared information about Savannah's participation in the Smart Sea Level Sensor Program, partnering with Georgia Tech and Chatham County to monitor sea levels, and making the necessary improvements to ensure proper drainage.
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely commended Mr. Hoffman and his staff for removal of tree roots and debris from older pipes and asked the reason for the decrease of staff from 67 in 2006 to the current 50 (RIFF citywide in 2018). She recommends an increase in staff.
- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concern for water bills increasing due to faulty pipes causing flooding and she asked what is being done to correct the issue. Assistant City Manager Lloyd explained stormwater management is a separate issue from residential water billing; however, staff is currently working on addressing water bill complaints.
- Alderman Palumbo commended Mr. Hoffman on the accomplishments in the City and asked fc suggestions on funding solutions moving forward (grants, ARPA funds, SPLOST dependent) Mr. Lloyd briefly discussed the model in Charleston, SC where annually a percentage of the millage rate is dedicated to drainage, a stormwater utility could be an option, and other alternatives used by other coastal cities should be examined.

Mayor Johnson pointed out how Savannah is a lowland coastal city with flooding issues. He discussed the years of flooding, the improvements completed and proposed in the city, and the future projects to control flooding.

Alderman Leggett announced residents' can make special payment arrangements for outstanding water bills. Residents can contact the water department (Ms. Williams), along with the City Manager's office for assistance.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Workshop at 6:00 p.m.

A video recording of the workshop can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

https://savannahgovtv.viebit.com/player.php?hash=sRLFq52KhCPG

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: August 11, 2022

Signature: Mark Massey

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JULY 28, 2022, 6:30 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Detric Leggett to introduce US Senator Reverend Dr. Raphael G. Warnock, Senior Pastor of the Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, to offer the invocation by video. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

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

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder (**attended virtually**)
Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting for July 28, 2022.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on July 14, 2022, at 12:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - July 14, 2022 City Council Workshop.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to correct the Regular Meeting minutes to reflect a "shut up Kesha" comment made by Alderman Purtee, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Johnson asked Clerk of Council Massey if the minutes reflected what was captured. Mr. Massey indicated the minutes do not reflect Alderwoman Gibson-Carter's request. Mayor Johnson asked Mr. Massey if he needed time to determine what was said/heard. Mr. Massey indicated it was definitely on the record. He stated if Alderwoman Gibson-Carter's motion is seconded and approved by Council, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 14 will be corrected/amended to reflect Alderman Purtee's comment.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3 as corrected/amended [see July 14 2022 minutes for corrected text], seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimousl 9-0-0.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Clerk of Council Massey to provide her with a copy of the corrected/amended minutes.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on July 14, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - July 14, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to correct the Regular Meeting minutes to reflect a "shut up Kesha" comment made by Alderman Purtee, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Johnson asked Clerk of Council Massey if the minutes reflected what was captured. Mr. Massey indicated the minutes do not reflect Alderwoman Gibson-Carter's request. Mayor Johnson asked Mr. Massey if he needed time to determine what was said/heard. Mr. Massey indicated it was definitely on the record. He stated if Alderwoman Gibson-Carter's motion is seconded and approved by Council, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 14 will be corrected/amended to reflect Alderman Purtee's comment.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3 as corrected/amended [see July 14, 2022 minutes for corrected text], seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Clerk of Council Massey to provide her with a copy of th corrected/amended minutes.

Mayor Johnson took a point of personal privilege to recognize members (candidates) of the Youth Commission who were present in the audience, by asking them to stand.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

4. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Veeral Patel for Shell Gas Station, a Convenience Store at 3618 Ogeechee Road between Westgate Boulevard and I-516 in Aldermanic District 1.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Shell Gas Station.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Shell Gas Station.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Shell Gas Station.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement/Alcohol Reports - Shell Gas Station.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Shell Gas Station.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings opened for Items #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8.

Speaker(s):

- Teniiyah Gore – OPPOSED to additional alcohol licenses.

a. Alderwoman Lanier moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8 seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderwoman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #4, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

5. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Priyankbhai Patel for Lovell Lounge, a Bar/Lounge at 205 West Broughton Street between Barnard Street and Jefferson Street in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Lovell Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Lovell Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Lovell Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Lovell Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Lovell Lounge.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings opened for Items #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8.

Speaker(s):

- Teniiyah Gore – OPPOSED to additional alcohol licenses.

a. Alderwoman Lanier moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderwoman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the applicant has a parking plan. Judee Jones of the Revenue Department reported this establishment was exempt and did not require a parking plan.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #5, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

6. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Roxan C. Gonzalez for the Narra Tree, a Restaurant at 7054 Hodgson Memorial Drive between Eisenhower Drive and Stephenson Avenue in Aldermanic District 4.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - The Narra Tree.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - The Narra Tree.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - The Narra Tree.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - The Narra Tree.pdf

Exhibit 5: The Narra Tree Security Plan.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings opened for Items #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8.

Speaker(s):

- Teniiyah Gore – OPPOSED to additional alcohol licenses.

a. Alderwoman Lanier moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderwoman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #6, #7 and #8, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no. While Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no, she expressed that her no vote was not intended for Items #7 and #8.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the applicant has a parking plan. Judee Jones of the Revenue Department reported this establishment is in a shopping Center and did not require a parking plan.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if a good neighbor agreement was required for Items #6, #7 and #8. She also asked for the density in the areas. Judee Jones reported there were two associations who did not oppose, and the other establishment was in a commercial area.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked that her vote reflect no for Item #6 and yes for Items #7 and #8. Clerk of Council Massey stated the vote could not be separated; however, Alderwoman Miller Blakely could ask for a reconsideration and division, but since she didn't ask for the division before the vote, the vote stands as one vote. Mayor Johnson indicated she could not ask for a reconsideration, she was not on the prevailing side. Alderwoman Miller Blakely wanted the public to know she approved of Items #7 and #8, but did not approve of Item #6.

Alderman Palumbo raised a point of clarity on District 4 application. Item #6 is a new Pilipino restaurant among other restaurants; Items #7 and #8 are in established convenience stores with new ownership and the neighborhood associations concur. Mayor Johnson thanked Alderman Palumbo for his due diligence.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated she will be concerned with every business, and every area of the City because she is At-Large, and don't forget it. So noted by Mayor Johnson.

Alderman Purtee raised a point of clairification and asked Clerk of Council Massey if an Item has been voted on by Council is additional debate required. Mr. Massey indicated, it is not a requirement to have a debate, but a Member can motion for reconsideration if they are on the prevailing side.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed having equity across the board for alcohol applicants, because the Cru Lounge was judged far harshly than other establishments.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan raised a point of order.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked what's the point.

Mayor Johnson indicated it is not relevant to the current issue being discussed.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated she was talking to Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan.

Mayor Johnson asked Alderwoman Gibson-Carter to address the Chair and not individual Aldermen/Alderwomen.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter says she was talking to Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan.

Mayor Johnson again asked Alderwoman Gibson-Carter to address the Chair and not Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated that was not appropriate.

Mayor Johnson stated it was appropriate and Council will move on.

7. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Mustaq Darediya for Chevron Food Mart #1, a Convenience Store at 8900 White Bluff Road between Paradise Drive and Wesley Street in Aldermanic District 4.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Chevron Food Mart #1.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Chevron Food Mart #1.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Chevron Food Mart #1.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Chevron Food Mart #1.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Chevron Food Mart #1.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings opened for Items #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8.

Speaker(s):

- Teniiyah Gore – OPPOSED to additional alcohol licenses.

a. Alderwoman Lanier moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderwoman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #6, #7 and #8, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no. While Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no, she expressed that her no vote was not intended for Items #7 and #8.

8. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Mustaq Darediya for Chevron Food Mart #2, a Convenience Store at 7203 Abercorn Street between Eisenhower Drive and Stephenson Avenue in Aldermanic District 4.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Chevron #2.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Chevron #2.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Chevron #2.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Chevron #2.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Chevron #2.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings opened for Items #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8.

Speaker(s):

- Teniiyah Gore – OPPOSED to additional alcohol licenses.

a. Alderwoman Lanier moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderwoman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #6, #7 and #8, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no. While Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no, she expressed that her no vote was not intended for Items #7 and #8.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. Public Hearing to Receive Comments on the 2022 Property Tax Millage Rate. The proposed millage rate of 12.20 mills is 4.23% lower than the final rate for 2021.

HEARD after Items #2 and #3.

Mayor Johnson read a description of the 2022 Property Tax Millage Rate then declared the public hearing on the 2022 property tax millage rate open (Item #9).

Speaker(s) present:

- Teniiyah Gore – OPPOSED to a tax increase on poor people.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to close the public hearing for Item #9 closed, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to reopen the public hearing for Item #9 to allow Mr. Feagain to speak who arrived at the hearing late, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan voted no.

Speaker(s) present:

- Charles Feagain - OPPOSED

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing for Item #9 closed. (See agenda Item #14 [related]).

Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated if we did a roll-back, property taxes would decrease. If the property values increase, property taxes will increase. She will not support Item #9, she would prefer to vote for a roll-back.

Mayor Johnson reminded the public, the current millage rate is 12.739, the proposed rate is 12.2 mills.

Alderman Purtee stated this is the lowest rate since 1987. Public safety is a huge outcry from the public, the city needs the extra to fund public safety.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated the lowest rate the Council could approve is the roll-back rate of 11.399. She asked Assistant City Manager Lloyd for last year's millage rate. Last year the millage rate was 12.739. Mayor Johnson asked City Manager Melder (virtually) to answer Alderwoman Gibson-Carter's question by citing the last five (5) years millage rates. Mr. Melder stated the following:

Year	Millage Rate
2018	13.400
2019	12.856
2020	12.739
2021	12.739
2022	12.20 (if approved)

Mayor Johnson stated the 12.20 millage rate represents the lowest rate since 1987 (35 years). Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder what would be the absolute lowest rate the Council could approve (the roll-back rate of 11.399). Mayor Johnson stated the roll-back rate could be zero (theoretically), this is just a formula used by the State. City Manager Melder is recommending the 12.20 millage rate, the roll-back rate of 11.399 would be $1.9 million below the adopted budget.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recommends the roll-back rate of 11.399 to afford citizens the opportunity to deal with the increased cost of living. She feels it is disingenuous for anyone to suggest if an individual does not support the City Manager's recommendation they do not support the police; that is far from the truth as the mouth it came out of.

Alderman Purtee raised a point of order.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked, what is your point.

Mayor Johnson asked Council to let her continue.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter wanted to acknowledge, that unless and until the City staff does due diligence by holding conversations with one of the largest property owners accountable by paying taxes (Savannah College of Art & Design [SCAD]), and having a vested interest in helping the City provide the needed public safety necessary by paying taxes. The SCAD students and faculty use the city's public safety services and she feels it is unfair, unreasonable and not very compassionate to pass the tax expense to the citizens without conversations with city partners to contribute to the public safety services expenses.

Mayor Johnson indicated conversations are on-going and continuing. City Manager Melder concurred with Mayor Johnson as it relates to conversations with city partners.

Alderman Purtee confirmed that the City Manager's recommendation is 12.20 mills. Mayor Johnson confirmed.

Alderman Palumbo expressed the residents expectation of excellence from the City Government, but there is a fatal flaw in the Georgia Legislature which requires Council to come before the public today, this flaw does not account for inflation. Just as individual residents are facing an increase in the cost of living, so does the city. The proposed 12.20 millage rate is the lowest for the City since 1987, but in spite of the proposed lowest millage rate, the City will be able to offer a higher salary and bonuses for our current and new public safety staff.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked City Manager Melder the following:

- Does the 12.20 millage rate represent a decrease from last year (yes, it represents a decrease over half a mill from last year);
- How will the recommended millage rate aid public safety, which is a high priority within the City (police & fire staff will receive salary raises and bonuses. The starting pay for police would be raised to over $50,000 and for fire over $48,000. giving the City an opportunity to recruit the best, starting on Monday);

- Explain the State Law that requires the millage rate advertised as an increase and why (City Attorney Lovett answered at the request of City Manager Melder - State Code Section 48-5-32, sets the rules for how a city must advertise. it is intentionally confusing. The Georgia State Legislature made it intentionally confusing to create chaos especially at the municipal level. They were trying to force unnecessary roll-backs by using language that states if the municipally does not roll the tax all the way back to the lowest level, it would constitute an increase, but because of the Georgia Law language, the City must advertise this way. The City is not increasing taxes, we are decreasing the millage rate. City staff has requested the Georgia Legislature change/rephrase the law to make it more understanding for the residents, but has not received a response.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz stated, property taxes are based on the appraised value of property through the Tax Assessors/Tax Commissioner's office. She asked City Manager Melder if a resider is disabled, a senior or qualifies for the Stephens Day Exemption, their rate gets locked in an potentially may see a benefit, is this correct (yes, for any of the 1,900 households that have applieu for the Stephens Day Exemption, the taxable value of their home has been locked-in. With the City decreasing the millage rate, this would decrease the tax due on the property). The Exemptions are filed with the Board of Assessors Office at 222 West Oglethorpe Street, Suite 113, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. Call 912-652-7271 for more information.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked, since we can't pick and choose who pays taxes, if the City asked SCAD to pay taxes, will the local churches be asked to pay taxes as well. City Attorney Lovett stated, anyone can voluntarily pay taxes, it is up to any nonprofit to make the decision to contribute to the city. The City cannot mandate any nonprofit to pay taxes per State & Federal Law.

Alderwoman Lanier asked City Manager Melder if staff looked at alternatives to replace the $1.9 million deficit in case Council approved the roll-back rate of 11.399 (staff lowered the rate to create a balance and invest in the priority services).

Mayor Johnson addressed the audience and the public as he discussed City Manager Melder and staff's responsibility to deliver services and Council's priority request to the residents of the City. He discussed the importance of acquiring and maintaining high quality individuals for the city's police and fire departments. The City has decreased the millage rate, but will still have an opportunity to raise starting pay and give increases to law enforcement staff. This is a major feat given this is the lowest millage rate since 1987.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked how will the pay raises effect compression pay (compression pa was part of the equation). She asked if consideration was given to the lowest paid (sanitation workers). An eight percent raise was given January 1, 2022.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

10. Approval for the Annexation of 18.989 Acres Located off Buckhalter Road near Garrard Avenue. The property is currently vacant land and the owner plans to incorporate these into the Rockingham Farms Warehouse Development Project.

Exhibit 1: Annexation Petition - Capital Partners.pdf

Exhibit 2: Annexation Ordinance - Capital Partners.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #10, #11 and #12, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked about the contractual agreement attached to the Bond dollars for Rockingham Farms, are there any updates related to the project. Mayor Johnson asked City Manager Melder to send a written update report to Council Members.

11. Petition of John Knox Porter, Jr. on Behalf of April Diana Griffin to Zone the Annexed Parcels Located at 6305 Garrard Avenue Extension and Buckhalter Road near Garrard Avenue (PINs 10866 01001 and 10866 01002) from P-M (Planned Manufacturing) to P-M-CO (Planned Manufacturing – County) and M (Manufacturing) to M-CO (Manufacturing – County), Annexation District 5 (File No. 2-002773-ZA).

Exhibit 1: Summary of Zoning for Annexation of 6305 Garrard Avenue Extension (File No. 22-002773-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps - 6305 Garrard Avenue Extension.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #10, #11 and #12, seconded by Alderwoma.. Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked about the contractual agreement attached to the Bond dollars for Rockingham Farms, are there any updates related to the project. Mayor Johnson asked City Manager Melder to send a written update report to Council Members.

12. Approval for the Annexation of 30.425 Acres Located off Chatham Parkway near Ogeechee Road. The property is currently vacant land and the owner plans to develop multi-family residential housing on the property.

Exhibit 1: Annexation Petition - S&R Savannah Partners.pdf

Exhibit 2: Annexation Ordinance - S&R Savannah Partners.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #10, #11 and #12, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked about the contractual agreement attached to the Bond dollars for Rockingham Farms, are there any updates related to the project. Mayor Johnson asked City Manager Melder to send a written update report to Council Members.

13. Petition of Josh Yellin on Behalf of S & R Savannah Partners and Its Principal Richard C. Smith III to Zone the Annexed Parcel Located off Chatham Parkway near Ogeechee Road (PIN 10837 01001) from PUD-BC (Planned Unit Development - Community Business) to PUD-BC-CO (Planned Unit Development - Community Business-County), Annexation District 1 (File No. 22-002845-ZA).

Exhibit 1: Summary of Zoning for the Annexation of Ogeechee Road (File No. 22-002845-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps - Ogeechee Road.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #13, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

14. Approval to Amend the 2022 Revenue Ordinance, Adopt the 2022 Property Tax Millage Rate, and Adopt the Special Service District Tax Rate for the Water Transportation District. Proposed millage rate of 12.20 mills is 4.23% lower than the final rate for 2021.

Exhibit 1: Ordinance Revision - 2022 Revenue Ordinance.pdf

HEARD after Item #9.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #14, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 6-3-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Alderwoman Lanier voted no.

Mayor Johnson took a moment of personal privilege to thank City Manager Melder, City Council, Assistant City Manager Lloyd, Management & Budget, and Finance staff for all the support and hard work on the millage rate process.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter requested when the vote is reported by staff, media, or local media to reflect the entire Council did not vote yes. Mayor Johnson indicated Council is a body and the vote will reflect the Council's vote.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for City-Wide Elevator Maintenance with TK Elevator Corporation(LOCAL) In an Amount not to Exceed $133,542. This Contract will be used to provide service and maintenance on all elevators that are the responsibility of the City of Savannah. (Facilities)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Elevator Maintenance.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Elevator Maintenance.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15, #17, #18, and #20, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Clearing Vegetation from the Central of Georgia Historic Railroad Viaduct Located on W. Boundary Street and Louisville Road with Savannah Construction and Preservation (LOCAL, DBE) in the Amount of $94,605. (Planning and Urban Design)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Louisville Road Viaduct.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Louisville Road Viaduct.pdf

Exhibit 3: Central of Georgia Railway Viaduct Assessment.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier asked City Manager Melder what is the plan to clean the viaduct/trussell on Lathrop Avenue (this contract is the first part to restore the viaduct assessment and the restoration will continue down the Westside). Alderwoman Lanier expressed concern for DBE's using a minority as a front for the business.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder about the contracts of 169 miles in the city to clean the mediums approved/discussed at the last meeting. She expressed concern for equity throughout the city for the areas where homeless individuals occupy.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely questioned the location of the business being on Wilmington Island but having an address in Savannah at 100 Bull Street. Assistant City Manager Lloyd explained the business is located at 100 Bull Street, an office suite with various businesses. She asked why a local business was not selected to handle the viaduct improvements/restoration. Mayor Johnson and Mr. Lloyd indicated the viaduct is on the national registry and requires a vendor certified by the US Secretary of the Interior.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #16, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Filter Belts for Separation of Solids and Liquids in the Dewatering Process of Sludge with GSM Engineered Fabrics, LLC in an Amount not to Exceed $57,194. The contract will provide filters for the Water & Sewer Treatment Plants. (Water & Sewer)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Filter Belts.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Filter Belts.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15, #17, #18, and #20, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Promotional Processing with PAS Consulting Group, LLC in the Amount not to Exceed $66,300. The contract will provide promotional testing and assessment services for the ranks of Fire Engineer and Fire Captain. (Fire)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Promotional Testing and Assessment for Fire.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Promotional Testing and Assessment for Fire.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15, #17, #18, and #20, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Glass Recycle Collection and Disposal with Glasswrx, LLC in an Amount not to Exceed $104,448. This will provide 12 roll-off containers at existing convenience and recycling drop-off centers in various locations throughout the City. (Sanitation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Glass Recycle Collection and Disposal.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Glass Recycle Collection and Disposal.pdf

Alderman Palumbo gave a brief outline of glass recycling and congratulated the sanitation team o bringing glass recycling back to the city with a partnership with Glasswrx.

Speaker(s):

- Interim Chief of Government Operations Gene Prevatt gave an overview of the service and displayed and distributed to Council Members a sample of the recycled product.
- Interim Senior Sanitation Director Quhannah Andrews

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed her disappointment in the City's selection of Glasswrx and not considering a local glass recycling company owned by a woman as a vendor/partner. If they want to claim Savannah First, than local business should be included first.

Mayor Johnson and Assistant City Manager Lloyd explained there were 325 solicitations out for the competitive bid process. Mr. Lloyd indicated local vendors were notified via the supply portal and the process followed the appropriate procurement policies/guidelines.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter added Lammergeier is the first and only glass recycling company in the city. The owner, Malena Gauss, reached out to the City last year and she is well know by the sanitation staff. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated Ms. Gauss was not aware of the request for bids. If staff is aware of a local business, why didn't they notify her of the bid. Assistant City Manager Lloyd stated it was a fair bid process. Any business can respond to a request for bid, but it is recommended that businesses within the City apply as a registered vendor. It is the responsibility of business owners to respond to any city request for bids. It is possible Lammergeier is not registere as a vendor with the City. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter questioned if Ms. Gauss was informed of th process at the time she presented her business to the City over a year ago. Mr. Lloyd expressed that typically staff asks local businesses to register with the City as a vendor, so as to receive all information on current requests for bids.

As a final note, Alderman Palumbo stated glass recycling has been a priority for him and a major challenge for most businesses is the processor, and what is the final usable product that can be sold in the market to make it cost neutral. It's extremely challenging for a small business to scale the volume produced by a city the size of Savannah.

Alderwoman Lanier asked if the Glasswrx recycled product can be used by the City. Mr. Prevatt stated the product can be used in water, air filtration and an aggregate for cement. She asked Mr. Prevatt if the City will receive any revenue (no, the City will pay for the service to remove the glass, but the cost is equivalent to what the City charges for our own services).

Alderman Leggett asked Mr. Lloyd if the recycled glass product could be used to filter the air at the landfill. Mr. Lloyd indicated staff is looking at opportunities to use the product in various scenarios throughout the City.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #19, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

20. Approval to Execute a Contract with Riverbend Enterprises in the Amount of $47,045 for Asphalt Paving of a Temporary Tug Lane to be Utilized by FedEx During their Relocation Period to Hangar 1223.

Exhibit 1: Schematic Map - Asphalt Paving of a Temporary Tug Lane.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15, #17, #18, and #20, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

21. Approval of a Resolution Naming the Gymnasium located within the W.W. Law Regional Center to "Freddie Patrick Sr. Gymnasium" in Honor of Freddie Patrick Sr.

Exhibit 1: Resolution Naming the WW Law Regional Center Gymnasium the Freddie Patrick Sr Gymnasium.pdf

HEARD after Item #14.

READ by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Leggett, with comments being made by the family of Freddie Patrick Sr. on behalf of his family, the Board of Directors of the Eastside Concerned Citizens, Inc., the residents, his classmates and all the people who supported and loved Mr. Patrick.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan acknowledged Joe Shearouse who spearheaded the process.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to accept/approve Item #21, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

AGREEMENTS

22. Authorize the City Manager to Accept a WorkSource Sector Partnerships Grant Award in the Amount of $135,680. The award will be used to develop regional sector partnerships that will work to understand and act on the needs of key regional industries. The City serves as the fiduciary agent for the ten-county region.

Exhibit 1: Sector Partnerships Statement of Grant Award.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #22, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

23. Authorize the City Manager to Approve an Underground Easement to Georgia Power on 620 Stiles Avenue (PIN 20030 08003).

Exhibit 1: Map - Enmarket Marquee Sign Easement.pdf

Exhibit 2: Construction Agreement Enmarket Marquee Sign Easement.pdf

Exhibit 3: Underground Easement Agreement Enmarket Marquee Sign.pdf

Exhibit 4: Map - Distribution Line.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #23, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

24. Authorize Supplemental Budget Appropriations to the FY 2022 Capital Improvement Program.

Exhibit 1: FY22 Midyear Capital Budget Amendment.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #24, seconded by Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

City Manager Melder apologized for his absence and thanked Assistant City Manager Lloyd for sitting-in for him today. He announced this is the last Council Meeting for Police Chief Roy Minter. He thanked him for his service to the City of Savannah and wished him well in future endeavors.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely announced on this Saturday ILA Local 1414 will hold its annual back to school drive from 9:00 a.m. until everything is gone in the Joe White Ballroom. There will be vouchers, haircuts and book bags. She thanked Mr. Prevatt and his team for the door knockers.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan invited the public to a sidewalk employment extravaganza to get people back to work, from 10:00 a.m. - 1 p.m. at McAlpin Square. She also announced the 3rd annual feed the employees from August 1st - 5th from Collins Quarter.

Alderwoman Lanier thanked City Manager Melder and staff for coming out to communities to speak and meet with residents, as it relates to concerns and complaints.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz congratulated new Interim Chief of Police Lenny Gunther, starting on this Saturday. He has appointed Major Devon Adams and Major Robert Gavin as Interim Assistant Police Chiefs.

Alderman Purtee announced this Saturday at Nine Life Apparel, County Commissioner Whitely, Commissioner Milton & Mr. Bush will hold a community resource fair and back to school supply event from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely announced Savannah High School will host the Class of 70's Reunion this Saturday at Skidaway Island. Richard Arnold Reunion will start Friday with a fish fry.

Mayor Johnson stated public school starts next week and asked residents to be mindful driving in school zones/districts and to pray for school officials, parents and school staff members. He announced Midnight Basketball Friday and Saturday night starting at 8:00 p.m. at W.W. Law and White Bluff United Methodist Church Saturday.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:28 p.m.

A video recording of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: August 11, 2022

Signature: Mark Massey

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AUGUST 11, 2022, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:00 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan who introduced Reverend Timothy Sheppard, Pastor of Central Missionary Baptist Church in Thunderbolt, to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder

Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting for August 11, 2022.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1 with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter not present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Special Called Meeting (Public Hearing regarding 2022 Property Tax Millage Rate) Held on July 28, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - July 28, 2022 City Council Special Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on July 28, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - July 28, 2022 City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

4. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on July 28, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Agenda Plus_RM DRAFT MINUTES_July 28, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3 and #4, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS

5. Appearance and Recognition of Truist Bank's Donation of $15,000 into the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund

Mayor Johnson introduced Community Housing Services Agency Executive Director Anita Smith-Dixon.

Ms. Smith-Dixon introduced two members of the Community Housing Services Agency's (CHSA) Board, Mr. Chad Jacobs of Truist Bank and Ms. Sherry Butler of WellsFargo Bank. She thanked both Mr. Jacobs and Ms. Butler for serving on the Board and contributing towards building better affordable housing communities in Savannah.

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Ms. Butler presented the City with a check for $20,000.00 for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund. Ms. Butler expressed WellsFargo's appreciation to be a partner with the City in building affordable neighborhoods and helping homeowners with needed repairs.

Mayor Johnson thanked Truist and WellsFargo Banks for their donations and Ms. Butler for serving on the Savannah Housing Task Force. He also thanked Ms. Smith-Dixon for her work through CHSA.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 and #6, acknowledging the donations from Truist and WellsFargo Banks, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

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7. Appearance and Recognition of Team Savannah Staff, Daniel Clayton, for Rendering Aid to Save a Citizen on July 20th, 2022.

PRESENTED by City Manager Melder to Daniel Clayton of the Water Resources Department. Mr. Clayton received the City Manager Impact Safety Award for his outstanding service to save a life. While driving in a city vehicle, he was the only motorist to stop and assist a mother & father in getting their son to the hospital while having a seizure.

Mayor Johnson, City Manager Melder and Council thanked Mr. Clayton for his service and for representing the City in a positive light.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

8. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Shannon L. Blaney for The Neener Neener Tiki Lounge, a Bar/Lounge at 13015 Abercorn Street between Apache Avenue and Middleground Road in Aldermanic District 6.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - The Neener Neener Tiki Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - The Neener Neener Tiki Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - The Neener Neener Tiki Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - The Neener Neener Tiki Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - The Neener Neener Tiki Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 6: Good Neighborhood Agreement - The Neener Neener Tiki Lounge.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for Items #8 through #16.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderman Purtee moved to close the hearings for Items #8 through #15, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item 8, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

9. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Julie L. Richter for Fairfield Inn & Suites, a Hotel at 135 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard between West Oglethorpe Avenue and Zubly Street in Aldermanic District 1.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Fairfield Inn & Suites.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Fairfield Inn & Suites.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Fairfield Inn & Suites.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Fairfield Inn & Suites.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan -Fairfield Inn & Suites.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for Items #8 through #16.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderman Purtee moved to close the hearings for Items #8 through #15, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Items #9 and #10, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

10. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Julie L. Richter for Aloft Savannah Downtown Historic District, a Hotel at 512 West Oglethorpe Avenue between Ann Street and Martin L. King, Jr. Boulevard in Aldermanic District 1.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Aloft Savannah Downtown.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Aloft Savannah Downtown.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Aloft Savannah Downtown.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Aloft Savannah Downtown.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Aloft Savannah Downtown Historic District.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for Items #8 through #16.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderman Purtee moved to close the hearings for Items #8 through #15, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Items #9 and #10, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

11. Approval of a Class H (Sample) Alcohol License to Dayna Lee for Savannah Wine Institute, a Wine School at 602 East Henry Street between East Broad Street and Atlantic Avenue in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Savannah Wine Institute.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Savannah Wine Institute.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Savannah Wine Institute.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Savannah Wine Institute.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Savannah Wine Institute.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for Items #8 through #16.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderman Purtee moved to close the hearings for Items #8 through #15, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to continue Items #11, #13, and #14 to the September 8, 2022, meeting as requested by staff, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

12. Approval of a Class C (Liquor) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Gary Gordon for 520 Wings, a Restaurant at 2705 Bull Street between West 43rd Street and West Victory Drive in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - 520 Wings.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - 520 Wings.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - 520 Wings.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - 520 Wings.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - 520 Wings.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for Items #8 through #16.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderman Purtee moved to close the hearings for Items #8 through #15, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #12, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

13. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Lawrence W. Brown, Jr. for Fat Tuesday's, a Bar/Lounge at 19 E. Bay Street between Drayton and Bull Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Fat Tuesday's Bay Street.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Fat Tuesday's Bay Street.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Fat Tuesday's Bay Street.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Fat Tuesday's Bay Street.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Fat Tuesday's Bay Street.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for Items #8 through #16.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderman Purtee moved to close the hearings for Items #8 through #15, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to continue Items #11, #13, and #14 to the September 8, 2022, meetin as requested by staff, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9 0-0.

14. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Lawrence W. Brown, Jr. for Fat Tuesday's, a Bar/Lounge at 427 East River Street between Lincoln and East Broad Street Ramps in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Fat Tuesday's River Street.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Fat Tuesday's River.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Fat Tuesday's River Street.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Fat Tuesday's River Street.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Fat Tuesday's River Street.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for Items #8 through #16.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderman Purtee moved to close the hearings for Items #8 through #15, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to continue Items #11, #13, and #14 to the September 8, 2022, meeting as requested by staff, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

15. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Matthew Garappolo for Colleagues and Lovers, a Restaurant at 4523 Habersham Street between East 61st and East 62nd Streets in Aldermanic District 4.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Colleagues & Lovers.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Colleagues & Lovers.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Colleagues & Lovers.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Colleagues & Lovers.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan -Colleagues and Lovers.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for Items #8 through #16.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderman Purtee moved to close the hearings for Items #8 through #15, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #15, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

16. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Mehul Patel for Diamond Food Mart, a Convenience Store at 3017 Bull Street between West 46th and West 47th Streets in Aldermanic District 5.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Diamond Food Mart.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Diamond Food Mart.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Diamond Food Mart.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Diamond Food Mart.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Diamond Food Mart.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for Items #8 through #16.

Speaker(s).

- Ardis Wood, made additional recommendations for the owner. Remove rust from sign, remove all litter on the grounds, and maintain property to standards approved by the City.
- Judee Jones, representing the City – ABC
- Mehul Patel, applicant, acknowledged Ms. Wood's request.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked Mr. Patel to maintain his business up to the standards of other properties in the area as requested by Ms. Wood (Mr. Patel agreed).

Alderwoman Lanier thanked Ms. Wood for being a conscientious citizen by patrolling the community, especially recognizing the rusted sign. Hopefully, this will prompt staff and residents to be mindful that other areas of the city (with rusted signs and cyclone fences) need repair.

Mayor Johnson recommended consistency and asked City Manager Melder to direct staff to revisit the policy concerning city property, First Things First, and make sure it is equitable across the City. Mr. Melder indicated Code Compliance was notified of the sign and there will be a workshop in coming months on the new initiatives/actions in the code compliance department, due to the current administration recommendations.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder if the business location was in an alcohol overlay district. Ms. Jones indicated the location is not in the alcohol overlay district.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz advised residents to monitor their areas and report to 311 any irregularities. Also, she recommended residents considering a new business venture in the 5th District to complete their due diligence before purchasing property to make sure the business will not be in the alcohol overlay district.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #16, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification No. 1 for Janitorial and Floor Care Services for Sanitation with Jani-King of Savannah (LOCAL) in an Amount not to Exceed $12,478. This modification is needed to provide additional janitorial services to the Sanitation Headquarters in Garden City, GA. (Sanitation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Sanitation Janitorial.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Sanitation Janitorial.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17 through #23, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification and Renewal Adobe Contract Licenses with CDW-G in an Amount not to Exceed $35,875. The City utilizes subscriptions with Adobe Software to provide services and applications that give subscribers access to a collection of software used for graphic design, video editing, web development, photography, and document editing on a cloud-based platform. (ITS)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Adobe Licenses.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Adobe Licenses.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17 through #23, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Tiburon Automated Reporting System (ARS) with Central Square Technologies, Inc. in an Amount not to Exceed $171,524. Under this contract, maintenance and support will be provided for the ARS and LawRECORDS system and software. This software provides mobile CAD and record management functions to support the daily operations and job functions the Savannah Police and Savannah Fire Departments. (ITS)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Tiburon Automated Recording System.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Tiburon Automated Recording System.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17 through #23, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Procure Hardware and Support to Upgrade the Data Center that Supports All on Premise Technology Systems and Services from Dell in an Amount not to Exceed $349,596. The Innovation and Technology Services Department will use this purchase to upgrade/replace existing infrastructure devices (including but not limited to servers and storage equipment) that have reached capacity and/or are no longer under warranty. (ITS)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Dell Data Center Upgrade and Technology Systems.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Dell Data Center Upgrade and Technology Systems.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17 through #23, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Rent One Knuckle Boom Truck and Two Roll-Off Container Trucks in the Amount of $265,680 from Heil Environmental in Care of Big Truck Rentals. This will allow the residential refuse division to provide weekly curbside pickup of bulk items and large debris removal following an emergency event and the two roll-off container trucks will be used by the refuse disposal division and commercial disposal division until the knuckle boom trucks and roll-off container trucks previously ordered come in. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Equipment Rentals.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Equipment Rentals.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17 through #23, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Procure Five 15-Passenger Vans from National Auto Fleet c/o Auto Fleet Alan Jay Fleet in the Amount of $209,050. The vans will be used by the Office of Neighborhood & Engagement Services (ONES), Recreation Services Division, Senior Services Division, and the Recycling & Litter Division. The van for ONES will be a FY22 fleet addition and the vans for Recreation Services, Senior Services, and Recycling will be replacing units 6614, 0615, 0713, and 0715, which are scheduled replacements and are no longer economical to maintain. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - 15-Passenger Vans.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - 15-Passenger Vans.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17 through #23, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Two-Year Mower Lease Agreement with John Deere c/o Greenville Turf & Tractor in an Amount not to Exceed $246,458. The lease agreement will provide 23 mowers to the Fleet Department for two years. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Leasing of Mowers.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Leasing of Mowers.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17 through #23, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract to Transition from a Primarily Manual Water Meter Reading Process to an Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) System with Badger Meters, Inc in the amount of $5,268,358. (Water Distribution)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - AMI Meters.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - AMI Meters.pdf

City Manager Melder gave a brief description and explanation of the importance of the new automatic water meter reading system and how it will save the City manpower and revenue. Residents will now have accurate readings of water usage on a regular timetable. There will be no disruption of service to residents during the process.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #24, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter supported this major purchase during the budget process, but since the City made a similar automated process purchase for the revenue department, residents are experiencing unread meters, water bills are projected and not actual, and billing cycles changed without notifying the public causing late fees and penalties. In addition, several people experienced negative interactions with revenue management staff without any response when questioned by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter. For this reason, she cannot support nor trust management staff to be responsible for over a five million dollar purchase.

City Manager Melder assured Alderwoman Gibson-Carter the management staff and leadership across this division are more than capable and professional of managing the purchases. He explained the decision to upgrade the system goes back to the 2017. Administration, management and staff have worked to achieve a more efficient process of reading the meters for accuracy and a consistent billing cycle. This modernization will allow the City to provide residents with a permanent solution to the current problems.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Mr. Melder to explain why neighborhoods are experiencing increased water bills of 2-3 times their normal bills in a rainy season where there is no lawn watering or washing of cars. She asked city management staff to be honest with the City Manager, so he can be honest with Council and residents that there was a mistake. Until there is acknowledgement of mistakes, there can be no solutions to the problems.

Mayor Johnson supported City Manager Melder's assessment that the present system was not working, and the reasons for the advanced meter reading system investment.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan read from the item summary, "There will be no direct charge to customers for this upgrade: customers will not notice any changes to their water service once the installation is complete. The benefits to customers include receiving timelier and more granular data available to better understand, monitor, and manage their water usage. Customers will have a portal allowing them to view their water and sewer usage on a web portal or mobile app." Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan thanked City Manager Melder for his solutions to solving the much needed water meter problems.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder how many water meter readers are on staff and if any employees will lose their jobs when the new system is installed. Mr. Melder answered there was an increase of five meter readers this year, but there are approximately 50,000 direct read meters which are read every two months. This new system will modernize/upgrade 30% of the meters, and staff will continue to upgrade, until all meters are upgraded to the automated system. He explained the current meter reader employees will remain on staff, but be reassigned to new areas/responsibilities within the department.

Alderman Palumbo pointed out one distinction concerning this item, the investment is important to the public. This is a service, not a business. All the city's water services are held in the enterprise funds and Council/staff cannot use those funds for anything but water services. There is no profit, the objective is to provide services to the residents. In modernizing the system, residents will receive accurate updated service, thanks to the assistance of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) funds.

City Manager Melder added, more than $4 million of ARPA funds will be used to modernize the system and residents will not have to pay for the upgrades. He reported the City received $57 million in ARPA funds that will be used toward projects/improvements in the communities.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Mr. Melder for a monthly financial report for the local government expenditures and the City Manager's contracts under $25,000. She wants to add a monthly or quarterly report on how the City is expending the $57 million ARPA funds.

Mayor Johnson requested City Manager Melder to include Council when sending out the reports requested by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

25. Approval of Advertising Placement in the Hilton Head Island and Bluffton Vacation Planners, in the Amount of $44,806.98.

HEARD, after Item #7.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #25 through #29, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

26. Approval to Procure One 2023 Low Top Transit Van from J.C. Lewis Ford LLC of Savannah, GA, in the Amount of $51,822.64.

HEARD, after Item #7.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #25 through #29, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

27. Approval to Procure One 2023 High Top Transit Van from J.C. Lewis LLC of Savannah, GA, in the Amount of $54,039.76.

HEARD, after Item #7.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #25 through #29, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

28. Approval to Procure Services from ALTEL Systems Group Inc., for the Replacement of the Public Address Speakers in Savannah Square, in the Amount of $56,885.

Exhibit 1: SAV Renkus Heinz Upgrade Quote.pdf

HEARD, after Item #7.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #25 through #29, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

29. Approval to Procure Installation Services and Equipment from Infax, Inc., for the Replacement of the Video Wall at the Visitor Information Center, in the Amount of $68,489.

HEARD, after Item #7.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #25 through #29, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

30. Approval of a Corporate Partnership with Georgia Southern University for the Three-Year Period of 2022-2025, in the Amount of $120,000.

Exhibit 1: Savannah Airport Commission - GS Athletics Agreement 2022 through 2025.pdf

HEARD, after Item #7.

Alderman Purtee recused himself from the vote, since he is employed with GSU.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Airport Commission representative Dawoud Stevenson if there was a similar agreement with Savannah State College (yes).

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item # 30, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1, with Alderman Purtee abstaining.

AGREEMENTS

31. Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding Between The United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of Georgia, and The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah Regarding the Appointment of a Special Assistant United States Attorney (SAUSA) to the USAO to Further Local, State and Federal Interests Related to Violent Crime in Savannah.

Exhibit 1: Draft MOU Between USAO, SDGA and City of Savannah.pdf

Mayor Johnson gave a brief explanation for the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and the steps taken to achieve cooperation in appointing an individual to help the City of Savannah decrease issues associated with violent crime.

Speaker(s):

- Rick Ellison (wife, Margaret) - SUPPORTED. President of Retirees United For the Futur (RUFF).

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan recognized Alderwoman Lanier who lost a son to gun violence. She expressed concern for all parents who have lost a child to gun violence in the City and thanked RUFF for their support of Item #31.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated this action grieves her heart because she never heard of this important item until she saw it on the agenda. She would like a better understanding of the total process and would have liked to contribute input. She has lost a brother to violent crimes and wish she at least received a phone call to participate in the development of the MOU. She feels citizens know more about items on the agenda than Council Members. Alderwoman Miller Blakely applauded the Ellisons for their efforts but she also would have like to be included in the meetings.

Mayor Johnson explained he sent Council Members a letter in May and has spoken publicly concerning the issue, and he asked the city attorney to elaborate on the MOU.

City Attorney Lovett summarized the MOU. The position is for the prosecution of violent crime in Savannah, it is for federal crime only. The individual will be housed in the US Attorney's office and will work with federal and state agencies. Attorney Lovett stated he was open to answer any additional questions.

Mayor Johnson stated the MOU is straight forward. Now is the time to take action and not continu to complain. Council Members can vote the item up or down. Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated sh is not complaining about doing something about violent crime, she is complaining about not being included in the discussions.

Alderman Purtee stated Council Members receive the agenda almost a week before the meetings. There is every opportunity to review and meet with staff on any item prior to the meeting to get more information and ask any questions.

Alderwoman Lanier concurred with Alderwoman Miller Blakely. This is not a time to play politics, Council Members should be able to have input. So a better effort should have been made to inform all Members, otherwise it is unfair to constituents. She asked if the item was time sensitive. City Manager Melder stated if there is a delay, it only delays capacity to prosecute federal cases. Alderwoman Lanier says, this might be a good move, but she would like more discussion on the total aspects of the MOU with Council.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan stated that she felt the conversations were ridiculous. She further stated that she sits on a Council where she is excluded from a lot of things, but this item is too important to delay. Time is of the essence. It is time sensitive to the mother's of violent crime victims. Council Members receive agenda information in enough time to ask questions before the meetings. Lastly, she stated that this is about the crimes in Savannah. She wants more eyes on more cases to put criminals behind bars.

Alderman Palumbo stated he had no advance knowledge of Item #31, but he has absolutely n objection. He understands the importance of prosecuting cases when the justice system i backlogged.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concern for educating the public on Council decisions and how it will impact their lives. She explained and described the various crimes in the city and linked sexual assault crimes to other crimes throughout the city. She stated the majority of crimes in the city are not federal but state offenses. Item #31 is a personnel issue, the MOU is 1/3 about the individual that should be discussed in Executive Session. It also sounds like an individual has already been selected. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated black and brown citizens have issues with the justice system, so the City should not enter into an agreement lightly. She has compassion for individuals who have lost loved ones to gun violence, but this decision should not be based on emotions. A workshop on this topic would have helped Council to discuss and understand the MOU better. As an

At-Large Alderwoman, she is responsible for representing the entire City, so her voice must be heard wide and broad on this issue.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Attorney Lovett if there are any current best practices on this issue (the MOU being used is a draft from Austin, Texas); did the City meet/collaborate with our District Attorney Shalena Cook Jones (no, it is not for her office, it is for the US Attorney's office); and when choosing which cases, how will discretion work (it will be the US Attorney's office discretion). Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated it is unclear on how Savannah Police Department will determine if cases are federal, state or local.

City Attorney Lovett and City Manager Melder responded whatever agency is working the case will be working with those Prosecutors to determine how to best make the case. The MOU is an attempt to add capacity to the US Attorney's office to focus specifically on Savannah cases and move them through the system quickly. Mr. Melder says it is not the "cure-all" for violent crime, but it is a step in the right direction in controlling public safety. He is recommending approval by Council.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated she appreciates City Manager Melder's point of view, but she asked what is the City prioritizing and is this a relative tool when the majority of homicides and gun violence are not federal.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan called for the vote.

City Manager Melder acknowledged the City also sent the letter to District Attorney Jones. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if there was a response. Mayor Johnson indicated there was a response and they met with District Attorney Jones. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter responded the City is in transition with leadership and asked if the police department was included in the discussions. Mr. Melder stated he met with Interim Police Chief Gunther. An outcome of more prosecutorial help is a good thing for all the public safety efforts.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated she has concerns with the City not focusing on strengthening internal departments, but the City working on strengthening their capacity with outer forces is a backwards approach. Individuals with experience working in the system and working with equity issues know the justice system, police departments and courts need work. To enter into an agreement that will impact many lives, criminals as well as victims, is irresponsible.

Alderman Purtee stated we are not clearing backlogs, that is the district attorney's job. In the last year or so, the City has focused on police issues, salaries, better benefits, and structure. Solving homicides means getting criminals off the streets that have guns. Police don't know if a homicide is federal related. The MOU is a tool the City can use to keep its residents safe. The information was given to Council in enough time to have discussions, and make a decision. It doesn't cost the tax payers anything. That is a big benefit to everyone.

Alderwoman Lanier addressed Mr. Melder and indicated this is clearly a personnel issue. She asked how will they measure the return on the investment. She shared how her son was killed by gun violence. Alderwoman Lanier expressed her desire to have the opportunity to discuss the MOU in advance. Looking at other studies is valuable information that encourages the City to make investments in this type of tool to impact the target age.

City Manager Melder discussed executive sessions as it relates to personnel. The executive session personnel discussions are specifically for the City Manager, City Attorney and Clerk of Council appointments by Council per the City Charter. All other personnel issues are under the authority of the City Manager except for practicing law (City Attorney authority). Mr. Melder asked Council to look at the overall approach to public safety in totality from athletic services & programs, neighborhood watches, parks, recreation & community centers, at-risk indicators, mental health services, and our city's police department. This is another added benefit toward public safety.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz remarked on the emails received by Council. Since June there has been over 40 emails informing Council of some type of violence. The number one strategic goal of the Council is public safety. It is important for the public to be informed of the current MOU before Council. If there is an opportunity to reach youth not involved in crime, then this item is a good tool.

Mayor Johnson discussed crime as it relates to the approval of the MOU. This is an opportunity for Council to make a positive meaningful move to eliminate crime in the city.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked for the cost which was missing from the MOU. The City will pay the salary and benefits of the individual not to exceed $100,000.00. The administrative cost, office supplies, and investigative materials will be supplied by the US Attorneys office.

a. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #31, seconded by Alderman Palumbo and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 6-3-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Alderwoman Lanier voted no.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed concern for the MOU being like the federal crime bill passed years ago under President Clinton. Mayor Johnson indicated this is not a crime bill.

MISCELLANEOUS

32. Approval for the Installation of a Historical Marker on Public Property Near 1 East Bay Street to Recognize the Fertilizer Industry in the South.

Exhibit 1: Signed Board Recommendation to City Council.pdf

Exhibit 2: HSMC Application for Historical Markers, Monuments, and Public Art Submittal Packet.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #32 and #33, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

33. Approval of Major Subdivision Bradley Point Phase 12.

Exhibit 1: Plat - Major Subdivision Bradley Point Phase 12.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #32 and #33, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

34. Approval of an Honorary Street Designation for "Raphael Warnock Way" Located on Cape Street within Kayton Frazier Homes for Senator Reverend Raphael Warnock.

Exhibit 1: Petition Packet - Raphael Warnock Way.pdf

Mayor Johnson identified the location of the street designation and gave a brief history of Senator Warnock's upbringing and family history in Savannah. The designation went before the Historic Sites & Monuments Commission and received unanimous support in honoring the son of Savannah. He thanked City Manager Melder, City Attorney Lovett, Director of Policy & Intergovernmental Affairs Joe Shearouse, Rev. Andrew Young and the Housing Authority of Savannah for their support in finalizing the designation.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz provided the name of Senator Warnock's publication, "The Divided Mind of the Black Church: Theology, Piety, and Public Witness" and the link to ancestry of black history/herstory. Savannah has names of streets residents have no idea who the people are. This is an opportunity to change some names of streets in recognition of black/brown people to give meaning behind the street names.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concern and reminded Council this was an election seasor especially since Senator Warnock is campaigning for reelection. The timeliness of naming the stree in recognition of Senator Warnock is of concern to her. The area may be deserving, but there are other overriding issues (deplorable conditions and crime) in the housing units that need attention. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concerns for those residents advocating to rename a square after Susan B. Taylor for the past two years, and this designation is moved ahead in the process. On principle, she cannot support this Item.

Mayor Johnson responded to Alderwoman Gibson-Carter's concerns stating Senator Warnock has run for office the past three years, this is an acknowledgment to honor our Senator, it has passed all the necessary requirements by the Historic Sites & Monuments Commission. A meeting was held this week on the Susan B. Taylor naming and final steps must be completed. It must be approved by the Historic Sites & Monuments Commission. He encouraged Council Members to vote their conscience.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan remembered Senator Warnock speaking on his eleven siblings and being born and raised in public housing. Black history should be recognized every day in Savannah, and to say a Junior Senator was raised in Savannah's public housing is encouragement to other children in Frazier Homes.

Alderwoman Lanier recognized Senator Warnock's humble beginnings, but she asked what has he done to give back to his community. Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Miller Blakely walked through Kayton Homes and spoke with residents and children who expressed a desire to have th large storage shed turned back into a gym to get the children off the streets. The Alderwome reached out to the Housing Authority and Commissioner Larry 'Gator' Williams (the Commissioner was in support of restoring the gym) for assistance in getting the storage shed turned back into a gym with no success. Alderwoman Lanier stated she reached out to get assistance on saving the Weeping Time property, even going to Washington, DC for assistance. However, when talks of removing the overpass on MLK began, the Junior Senator was very involved. She ended by saying 'let's give honor where honor is due'.

Mayor Johnson stated the storage facility (gym) in Kayton Homes is owned by the Housing Authority. Mayor Johnson and City Manager Melder have met with representatives of the Housing Authority to discuss renovation of the storage facility and learned it would take approximately $3 million to return the facility back into a gym. Mayor Johnson had conversations with Secretary Fudge who plans on a

Fall visit to Savannah to work with the City and Housing Authority on public housing issues. However; at this time, Council is deliberating on the designation of naming a street.

Alderman Leggett reported a recent meeting to name the square in honor of Susan B. Taylor. He also acknowledged Mayor Johnson has met with the committee this week and was informed of final steps to rename the square. Alderman Leggett indicated there are a few issues that need to be addressed for the Historic Sites & Monuments final approval, but the committee will resolve those issues soon.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #34, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed, 6-3-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Alderwoman Lanier voted no.

Mayor Johnson thanked Council and Rev. Young for his attendance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

City Manager Melder introduced and welcomed two (2) new Team Savannah members: Takesha Brown, Diversity Equity & Inclusion Officer (previously worked at GSU), and Ron Feldner, Senior Director for Water Resources (former City Manager of Garden City).

Alderwoman Miller Blakely congratulated Latasha Barnes of Save Our Youth Savannah on receiving the honor of MLK Trailblazer. She stated how proud she is of all the youth going to college and back to school. Alderwoman Miller Blakely announced her grandson gave her her first great grandson.

Mayor Johnson announced and congratulated the Savannah Bananas on defeating the Wilson Tobs, winning the 2022 Coastal Plain League championship.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan announced the national monument of survivors of gun violence. Oga & LeRoy Williams lost their son, Dominique. Several organization will hold an event on Saturday evening at Dominique's World to memorialize local victims.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely thanked Mr. Prevatt for the Door Knockers and was pleased to announce they will be placed on every door in the Quail Forest neighborhood.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 4:19 p.m.

A video recording of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: August 25, 2022

Signature: Mark Massey

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AUGUST 25, 2022, 6:30 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Nick Palumbo to introduce Reverend John Ruehl of White Bluff Presbyterian, to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder

Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting for August 25, 2022.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda for August 25, 2022, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on August 11, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - August 11, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #2, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS

3. A Proclamation Declaring September 4 - September 10, 2022 as "Labor Week" in the City of Savannah to Recognize the Accomplishments and Contributions of the Working Savannah Taskforce and the Savannah Regional Central Labor Council Benefitting all Workers and the Savannah Community. The Council's efforts and initiatives are constantly seeking equality and economic justice for all of Savannah's citizens.

Exhibit 1: 2022 Savannah Labor Week Proclamation.pdf

Mayor Johnson asked 'Working Savannah', workers, labor & union leaders, including Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier, to approach the podium.

Mayor Johnson READ and PRESENTED the Proclamation to Ms. Christi Hulme, President of Savannah Regional Central Labor Council, declaring September 4-10, 2022, as "Labor Week" in the City of Savannah.

Ms. Hulme thanked Mayor and Council for the recognition and accepted the Proclamation on behalf of the Labor Council. Each union leader introduced themselves, identified their respective union, an thanked Council for the honor, recognition and support given to local unions and labor workers.

4. A Proclamation Declaring August 2022 as Black Business Month.

Exhibit 1: 2022 National Black Business Month Proclamation.pdf

Mayor Johnson READ and PRESENTED a Proclamation to Ms. Katina Wheeler, Vice President of the Greater Savannah Black Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Wheeler accepted on behalf of the Greater Savannah Black Chamber of Commerce and thanked Mayor and Council for the honor and support received from the City of Savannah. As a member of the Chamber, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked, Mayor and Council for recognizing black-owned businesses in Savannah.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

5. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Zankhana Patel for Hari's Food Mart, a Convenience Store at 2200 Habersham Street between East 38th and East 39th Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Hari Food Mart.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Hari Food Mart.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Hari Food Mart.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Hari Food Mart.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Hari Food Mart.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearing open for Item #5.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearing for Item #5, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #5, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

6. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Cassandra Singleton for The Linq Restaurant and Winery at 1308 Montgomery Street between West Henry and West Anderson Streets in Aldermanic District 2. (City Manager recommends denial).

Exhibit 1: Checklist - The Linq Restaurant & Winery.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - The Linq Restaurant & Winery.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - The Linq Restaurant & Winery.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - The Linq Restaurant & Winery.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - The Linq Restaurant & Winery.pdf

yor Johnson declared the alcohol hearing open for Item #6.

City Manager Melder recommended denial of Item #6 based on Savannah Police Department's background investigation of the petitioner (pass felony convictions and recent infractions and citations related to alcohol license issues).

Speaker(s).

- Derrick Duncan - OPPOSED

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearing for Item #6, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to deny Item #6, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ZONING HEARINGS

7. Petition of Harold Yellin on behalf of Christian Chamblee, Manger Building LLC, for a Text Amendment to Section 7.13-1 Hotel Development Overlay District (File No. 22-002694-ZA)

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet.pdf

Exhibit 2: Georgia Historic Resources for 32 Bull Street.pdf

Exhibit 3: Sec. 7.13 Hotel Development Overlay.pdf

Exhibit 4: Draft Ordinance to Amend Section 7.13 Hotel Development Overlay.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #7.

Speaker(s) present:

- Marcus Lotson, MPC representative
- Harold Yellin, representing the petitioner/applicant

Alderwoman Lanier indicated she was pleased to see all the stakeholders involved in the decision process and recommended using this as a model for future requests. Her concerns were parking in the downtown area and what steps were taken by the petitioner to address the parking. Attorney Yellin stated there is a long-term lease with the parking garage across Drayton Street for the hotel parking.

Alderwoman Lanier asked Mr. Lotson if there were other businesses in this category that might decide to return to the original hotel status. Mr. Lotson stated there is one other building identified as the Moon River building.

Alderwoman Lanier recommended including stakeholders such as neighborhood presidents and community residents in meetings during the due diligence phase creating equity in future developments.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated that she recommended a moratorium on hotels in Savannah during an earlier Council meeting. She reminded Council that any support for hotels, Airbnb's, or dormitories contributes to a housing crisis in Savannah. With the increase of hotels, Airbnb's, and dormitories in the downtown area, approval of Item #7 only contributes to the problem.

Mayor Johnson asked Attorney Yellin for the number of residents residing in the building now. Mr. Yellin indicated none, it is an office building at this time. There will be no persons displaced from their home on approval of Item #7.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #7, seconded by Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. See agenda Item #9.

8. Petition of Travis Burke on behalf of Rockingham Farms, LLC to Support Annexed Parcels Located at 343 Buckhalter Road and Garrard Avenue (PINs 10943 01001, 10946 01001 and 10946 01002) from M (Manufacturing) to M-CO (Manufacturing – County). Annexation for Aldermanic District 5 (File No. 22-003291-ZA).

Exhibit 1: Staff Report on Annexation File No. 22-003291-ZA.pdf

Exhibit 2: Annexatioon Maps File No. 22-003291-ZA.pdf

Exhibit 3: Rockingham Farms Ordinance .pdf

HEARD after Item #6.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to postpone/continue related Items #8, #10, and #11 to the September 8, 2022, City Council Meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

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After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #9, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

10. Approval to Annex 85.573 Acres Located off Veterans Parkway near the Little Ogeechee River. The property will be developed as industrial warehouses as part of the Rockingham Farms development.

Exhibit 1: Annexation Petition - Rockingham Farms.pdf

Exhibit 2: Ordinance - Rockingham Farms.pdf

HEARD after Item #6.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to postpone/continue related Items #8, #10, and #11 to the September 8, 2022, City Council Meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

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PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

12. Notification of an Emergency Purchase for Electrical Repair Services for Baseball Field Lights with Trinity Electrical in the Amount of $61,145. The service was to repair lights at the Allen E. Paulson Softball Complex and the Hudson Hill Baseball Field in order to provide an appropriate and safe level of service. (Recreation and Leisure Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Baseball Complex Lights.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Baseball Complex Lights.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #12, #13, #15, #16, and #18, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

13. Notification of an Emergency Purchase for the Excavation and Construction of a 72" Abandoned Artesian Well with Dustcom Limited, Inc. in the Amount of $70,475. The emergency purchase is to re-cap the old abandoned artesian well to present-day standards to protect the Floridan Aquifer, one of the main water sources for the City of Savannah. (Capital Improvements)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Abandoned Artesian Well.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Abandoned Artesian Well.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #12, #13, #15, #16, and #18, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

14. Notification of an Emergency Purchase for a Police Chief Executive Search with Police Executive Research Forum in the Amount of $45,000. This is an emergency purchase to ensure the public welfare and safety of citizens of the City of Savannah is not compromised. (Human Resources)

Exhibit1: Funding Verification - Police Chief Exec Search.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Police Chief Exec Search.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #14 and #17, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of One-Ton Chlorine Cylinders with JCI Jones Chemical, Inc. in an Amount not to Exceed $263,250. The one-ton chlorine cylinders will be used by the Industrial and Domestic Water Department to disinfect drinking water and wastewater effluent. (Water Distribution)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - One-Ton Chlorine Cylinders.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - One-Ton Chlorine Cylinders.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #12, #13, #15, #16, and #18, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Four-Turbo Blower System Upgrade with Howden in the Amount of $315,900. The blower system upgrade is used to treat the waste at the Water Reclamation Plant. (Water Reclamation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Blower Control Upgrade.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Blower Control Upgrade.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #12, #13, #15, #16, and #18, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

17. Authorize the City Manager to Approve Contract Amendment No. 2 for the Truman Linear Park Trail Phase 2B Project with Thomas & Hutton Engineering Services (LOCAL) in an Amount not to Exceed $84,900. This service ensures that necessary stormwater detention and floodplain mitigation requirements associated with the project are satisfied pursuant to the City of Savannah Stormwater Management Ordinance and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). (Sustainability)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Truman Trail.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchase Notes - Truman Trail.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated concerns to City Manager Melder about repeat vendors for contract amendments.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #14 and #17, seconded by Alderwoma Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Construction of the Leedsgate Gazebo with F.H. Paschen in an Amount not to Exceed $134,300. This contract will provide services to construct a gazebo on a FEMA lot located at 211 Leedsgate Road. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Leedsgate Gazebo.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Leedsgate Gazebo.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #12, #13, #15, #16, and #18, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Construction Contract for Dundee Cottages Infrastructure with Johnson-Laux (LOCAL, DBE) in an Amount not to Exceed $3,241,415. This contract is for the installation of the underground utilities and above ground infrastructure for the Dundee Cottages site. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Dundee Cottage Utilities Construction.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Dundee Cottage Utilities Construction.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder the cost per cottages. Mr. Melder stated the cottages cost per square foot is approximately $200 s/f without infrastructure cost. The total cost of the project will be $6.5 million with $1 million returned to the City in interest earned. There was discussion between Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and City Manager Melder regarding CHSA and the creation of the non-governmental organization, Housing Savannah, Inc., a subsidiary of CHSA. Housing Savannah, Inc. was created to support the City's affordable housing plan and policies.

Alderman Palumbo asked the following questions: Do we have a homeless crisis in Savannah; should we do something about it; and what's the most cost effective way and impactful way to get there? The housing first model has been proven across the country and field tested in places like Salt Lake City, Utah. It has been proven that providing homes for the roofless is the most cost effective and impactful way to make a difference in homeless lives. He further asked, do we have the right partners to help, do we have the right City Manager, and do we have the right City Council? (yes, yes, and yes).

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder were other contractors sent the bid application for the infrastructure portion of the project. Mr. Melder detailed the infrastructure needed underground, above ground, street lights and roads needed for the project. The City is using a State contract which is allowed as a part of the procurement policy/ordinance. The State contracts are competitively bid and have some of the best rates at the State level. This vendor is a State Contractor and he is recommending this vendor for the infrastructure.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the construction will be for 38 or 50 cottages, and what will be the cost including infrastructure. City Manager Melder answered, the total cost for the project will be $6.5 million with $1 million returned to the City from interest earned. The infrastructure cost is for 50 cottages. The Resolution (Item #22) is for 38 cottages on the city-owned land and 12 cottages on land controlled by the Homeless Authority. The funds from the Affordable Housing Fund and CHSA (Item #21) will be used to fund the 38 cottages on city-owned land and a 2,000 s/f resident services building. City Manager Melder assured Alderwoman Miller Blakely the City's DBE requirements will be enforced.

Alderwoman Lanier briefly discussed the individual cost of each cottage and the developers portion of the project, and stated the project is much needed. She asked City Manager Melder to remember and consider the owner occupied residents that are in need of funds ($40,000 - $70,000) for repairs to keep their homes affordable, when interacting with housing specialist.

Mayor Johnson informed Council that he and City Manager Melder met with José Alvarez, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Regional Administrator this week and he was excited about the work being done here in Savannah. There may be occasions to leverage other HUD opportunities, as a result.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan thanked former Interim City Managers Pat Monahan and Michael Brown for their vision of housing for the homeless. She thanked Housing Director Martin Fretty, CHSA Director Anita Smith-Dixon, and City partners for participating in the project.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #19, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of Three Sewer Vacuum Hydro Excavation Combination Trucks and Turn Key Maintenance Contracts for Four New Sewer Vacuum Trucks with Vactor Manufacturing in Care of Environmental Products Group in the Amount of $1,617,600. This contract will be used by the City of Savannah's Stormwater Management Division and the Sewer Maintenance unit. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Vacuum Trucks.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Vacuum Trucks.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Item #20, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

21. A Resolution Authorizing the Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. to Use Up to $2,500,000 from the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund And Up to $500,000 from CHSA to Facilitate the Construction of Up to 50 Cottages And a Resident Services Building at Dundee Cottages and the Cove at Dundee for Persons Experiencing Homelessness.

Exhibit 1: Development Funding Resolution for Dundee Cottages.pdf

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #21, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd and City Manager Melder for the assistance on the Leedsgate Community Gazebo (Item #18) which has been on the books for some years and now approved.

22. A Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of City Owned Property Known as the Dundee Cottages Site to the Chatham County/City of Savannah Land Bank Authority. This transfer will facilitate the development of 38 permanent supportive housing cottages and a resident services building for persons experiencing homelessness.

Exhibit 1: Resolution - Property Transfer for Dundee Cottages.pdf

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #22, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

23. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract for FY 2022 with Chatham-Savannah Authority for the Provision of Street Outreach for People Experiencing Homelessness.

Exhibit 1: Resolution - Street Outreach.pdf

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #23, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

24. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract for FY 2022 with Union Mission, Inc. for the Provision of a Day Services Center for People Experiencing Homelessness.

Exhibit 1: Resolution Day Center.pdf

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if "Come As You Are Ministries" will be allowed to participate in this grant funding or if this funding is exclusively for Union Mission. City Manager Melder indicated this grant is specifically for Union Mission. Of the $500,000 Council budgeted for homeless services, there are funds remaining. There are current on-going discussions on how best to utilize the remaining funds, and expanding day services is being considered. Mr. Melder will follow-up with Council when the decision is final on the remaining funds.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder the hours of operation for the day center on Fahm Street. Mr. Melder will follow-up with the correct hours, but there will be an effort to coordinate with the emergency center hours. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concerns for the cut-off time for admission into the center. She also has expressed concerns for homeless individuals outside of the downtown area and she suggested the City's community services division target grants for homeless individuals in the midtown and Southside areas of Savannah. The homeless individuals on the streets after the day centers close is of concern, as stated by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, and police officers have no way of housing homeless persons after day center hours.

City Manager Melder agreed with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and he expressed the current on-going discussions on how best to utilize the remaining budgeted funds for homelessness across the city.

Mayor Johnson thanked City Manager Melder for all his work on the homeless issues in the city and indicated the day services center is a needed and significant first step. The template can be utilize in other areas throughout the city, especially on the Southside where homeless camps are increasin in numbers.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to approve Item #24, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Johnson took a point of personal privilege and recognized his mother, Cynthia Johnson, from New York, and his two Aunts, Carolyn Hamer and Lillian Richardson, in the audience.

AGREEMENTS

25. Approval of Transfer of Ownership from PSG Terminals, LLC and Tennessee Commercial Warehouse, Inc. to Gulfstream Park Place LLC. to Entered into an Agreement with the City of Savannah to Provide Water and Sewer Services. These services will be provided to the development at 116 Gulfstream Road which consists of two modular office trailers and a container storage area.

Exhibit 1 : Water and Sewer Agreement - 116 Gulfstream Road.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #25, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

26. Authorize the City Manager to Surplus and Donate 180 feet of Riverfront Bulkhead and a Shelter Easement to Chatham Area Transit to Expand Water Taxi Services, which is the City's Agreed Portion of the Transit Grant.

Exhibit 1: CAT Map.pdf

Exhibit 2: CAT Grant.pdf

Mayor Johnson permitted a speaker, but advised Items #26, #27, and #28 are real estate items and these are not public hearings.

Speaker(s) present:

- Mr. Cohen, a disabled person in a wheelchair - There are not enough transportation opportunities for handicapped people.

Mayor Johnson asked Executive Director/CEO Faye DiMassimo of (Chatham Area Transit CAT) to meet with Mr. Cohen (she agreed).

Alderwoman Miller Blakely requested Ms. DiMassimo meet with her for a few minutes following the meeting to discuss a resident call/concern.

Alderwoman Lanier stated she often gets calls from residents (elderly & disabled), using the CAT service for going to doctor's appointments for a fee. The CAT service makes them wait sometimes up to 4 hours. The City is giving CAT property valued at $1.1 million for a stop at Plant Riverside. The City has a free downtown service for visitors and a free boat ride across the river, yet paying citizens must wait hours for CAT. The City needs to be cognizant of how paying residents are treated versus visitors.

Mayor Johnson acknowledged he is cognizant, but CAT is its own authority. Ms. DiMassimo is here and Alderman Leggett sits on the CAT Board. Both are available to address CAT issues/services.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #26, #27, and #28, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

27. Authorize the City Manager to Approve a Temporary Construction and Access Easement Agreement with Duke Realty Limited Partnership. This easement will assist the City with construction of a new force main and upgrades to Lift Station 166, which is located in the Highlands.

Exhibit 1: Map - Lift Station 166.pdf

Exhibit 2: Temporary Construction and Access Easement Agreement - Lift Station 166.pdf

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #26, #27, and #28, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

28. Authorize the City Manager to Approve as Surplus and Available for Sale City-owned Real Property Located on E. Victory Drive (PIN 20078 01015). The petitioner, Dicky Mopper, on behalf of Tafina LLC, owner of 1650 E Victory Drive, has requested the City-owned property located at the northeast corner of East Victory Drive and Oleander Avenue to provide driveway access for their customers.

Exhibit 1: Map - Victory & Oleander.pdf

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #26, #27, and #28, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

29. Settlement #1

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #29, to authorize the City Attorney's Office to resolve the claim of Ashley Fireall (vehicle injury) for $150,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

30. Authorization to Initiate Litigation.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #30, to authorize the City Attorney's Office to initiate an appeal of Effingham County zoning decision (threatening drinking water supply), seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

31. Approval to Paint Ten Storm Drains throughout the Casey Drainage Basin in the Ogeechee River Watershed. The mission of this project is to raise awareness and gain community support in decreasing pollution and bacterial contamination of the waterways that have been placed on the State of Georgia's impaired waters list.

Exhibit 1: HSMC Board Recommendation - Storm Drain Murals.pdf

Exhibit 2: Storm Drains Submittal Packet.pdf

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #31, seconded Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Lanier voted no.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Johnson congratulated City Manager Melder on his one year anniversary with the City (September 10, 2022) and announced Mr. Melder will celebrate his birthday soon.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:14 p.m.

A video recording of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: 9/8/2022

Signature: Mark Massey

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SEPTEMBER 8, 2022, 10:00 a.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 10:05 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Purtee to offer a prayer.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder

Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

Workshop Agenda Items

1. 2023-2027 Housing and Community Development Plan

2023-2027 Housing and Community Development Plan.pdf

PRESENTED by City Manager Melder, and Human Services Director Kerri Reid.

Following the presentation, there was discussion and questions from Council as it relates to the information received:

Mayor Johnson thanked Ms. Reid for the presentation and commented the department does a good job on the programs, but a poor job of communicating the information to the public. City Manager

Melder stated staff will look at better ways of communicating to the public the available programs offered to residents.

- Alderwoman Miller Blakely thanked Margaret Williams and Valetta McDonald for helping with a family situation recently by providing information and assistance. She asked Ms. Reid if there were other programs available for residents not interested in cooking (yes, the child development program and hopefully, a manufacturing element from Savannah Tech to be added next year).
- City Manager Melder advised the City partners with Savannah Tech on programs for skilled laborers (forklift, etc.). Ms. Reid explained other job training programs available to the public. Alderwoman Miller Blakely suggested keeping the public informed of the programs and providing success stories as follow-up.
- Mayor Johnson indicated the City has a relationship with the local labor unions and there have been two union job fairs to provide apprenticeships for residents.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz spoke on programs and the graduates. The improvement corridor were restated for Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz: 1) MLK-Montgomery Street; 2) Waters Avenue, 3) Pennsylvania Avenue; 4) Skidaway Road; and 5) Augusta Avenue. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked Ms. Reid if the core area meetings will be expanded to other areas of the city. The meetings were held in June and will be repeated next year. She asked Ms. Reid to revisit a few PowerPoint slides for the public to have information on the City's 5-year plans and goals for economic development.
- Alderman Palumbo discussed the City's affordable housing and the accomplishments since 2018. The goal was 300 new quality affordable rental housing units, the City has exceeded that goal by 332% by creating 997 units. The City is now tackling the homeless issue by providing 50 units for homeless individuals/families. This is a major accomplishment for the City.
- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated despite the numbers heard, street homelessness is evident, especially for single mothers & families. Over the past several days, she, along with Alderwoman Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier have received 11+ calls from single mothers being evicted from Family Promise Shelters, some with Section 8 vouchers. Despite COVID funds received via ARPA, the local shelters still have the same number of beds from 20 years ago. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder to make the local shelter programs more accountable were beds are concerned.
- City Manager Melder stated the City does require accountable for the local providers. Because of the recent opportunities, there are now more resources available to agencies. A shelter for unaccompanied women opened last week, the City established an interagency council o homelessness, the City has put resources in to expand programs, and are working with all th city's providers to make sure individuals are moving towards some type of economic stability. The City is working with all its partners, school systems, surrounding municipalities, Chatham County, etc., to create dynamic solutions.
- Mayor Johnson stated the City does not and cannot regulate housing and/or rents. It is set by State Law.
- Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan requested adding certifications for barbers & cosmetologists. She asked Ms. Reid how are they tracking the cases for fair housing and discrimination. Ms. Reid indicated there is an education and outreach link going directly to HUD. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked Ms. Reid if the City has a designated resource person for fair housing (no).
- Alderwoman Lanier mentioned the State has allocated $250 million of ARPA funds for neighborhoods. That's good because the City has many neighborhoods that qualify. Alderwoman Lanier expressed concern because the poster-child neighborhood for environmentally worse conditions is Hudson Hill, Cloverdale & Woodville, but those neighborhoods do not qualify for those funds based on the grant requirements. She asked City Manager Melder why those neighborhoods do not qualify for the grant funds. Mr. Melder stated he has staff inquiring about the qualification for the grant funds.
- Alderwoman Lanier asked if there are funds available for homeowners to repair their homes. City Manager Melder indicated the housing department has programs to address funds for homeowners needing repairs to their homes. The City is looking to expand those services.
- Alderwoman Lanier discussed public housing, the many vacancies, and barriers with the Housin Authority. She discussed the number of homeless individuals against the number of vacancie and she stated there is a problem and the hurdles must be eliminated. The City should have a voice in getting people into the empty housing units.

Mayor Johnson thanked everyone for their participation.

The PowerPoint presentation is available and on file in the Clerk of Council's office.

2. Impact Fees

Impact Fees Presentation 09-08-22.pdf

PRESENTED by City Manager Melder, Planning & Urban Design Director Bridget Lidy, Bill Ross,

president of Ross + Associates, and Paige Hadley, President of HatleyPlans.

City Manager Melder explained Item #35, Resolution of the Draft Improvement Element, for Council approval. Issues for Council to consider are: 1) % of charge for the impact fee; 2) any exemptions; and 3) any exemptions will be covered by the City. If approved, the Resolution will be sent to the State for review (60 day time frame).

Following the presentation, some of the topics discussed and questions answered follows:

- Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated she has received numerous calls and she asked what will be the cost of the impact fee. City Manager Melder indicated in the Methodology Report a chart cites the maximum costs, based on type of land use, the impact fee will be $5,600.00 for single use and $300.00/room for hotels. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked for the information on the meeting: Friday, September 9, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. at the Floyd Adams Center, 20 Interchange Drive, Main Room in person and Zoom.
- Alderwoman Lanier asked Mr. Ross who/how will the exemptions be managed and what areas will benefit from the economic advancement. Also, when doing research on best practices across the Country, how did impact fees affect low-wealth individuals and the housing affordability in those areas. Mr. Ross stated he could not answer the question, particularily in other states, they have different approaches to impact fees. In Georgia, the City of Atlanta has adopted an exemption for affordable housing and the City of Decatur has not yet adopted impact fees, but have a very extensive inclusionary housing requirement. Mr. Ross has provided Ms. Lidy with a copy of the Decatur Ordinance on inclusionary housing as a good model.
- Alderman Purtee expressed concern that initially developers were targeted, however, the impact fees are being passed to the homeowner. He asked how will the City ensure they're not contributing to overtaxing citizens. Mr. Ross stated the State passed impact fee legislation: current taxpayers were paying for improvements they didn't need, the improvements were for future residents. Alderman Purtee understands the reasons behind the purpose, but expressed concern for rent control and affordable housing when impact fees are passed down to homeowners.
- City Manager Melder explained impact fees are not an affordable housing tool, it is not a tax on developers, but a fee on development. Since single family homes are the largest impact driver requiring the most infrastructure, fire and police, and recreational needs, it is the major growth engine. If adopted, the maximum impact fee for a single family home will be just north of $5,600.00.
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if any building in the City would pay the impact fee, such as SCAD for dormitories. City Manager Melder stated yes, it would be like a permit or tap-in fee for development.
- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter remarked, both the Advisory Committee and Home Builder's Association members making decisions for Savannah do not necessarily live in the City. She suggested rolling back the millage rate to give residents tax breaks. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter discussed The Highlands community with 200+ new homes and the need for amenities (police, fire, libraries, and recreation centers) versus smaller developments of 10-12 homes per year in the Westside corridor with current amenities. She asked if the developers of the smaller developments could receive some type of liberalities. Mr. Ross discussed the Ordinance and the appeals process the Council could consider for those developments. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Mr. Ross if the maximum impact fee of $5,600.00 for a single family home is high, average or low (average).
- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Mr. Ross if the majority of impact fees collected will be from hotels. City Manager Melder answered, with the projected growth in the City, residential will be the majority collected from impact fees. She asked if the impact fees collected stay in those communities (yes, that is the capital improvements elements).
- Alderman Purtee stated the City of Savannah police department does cover The Highlands. City Manager Melder indicated there is a police station in The Highlands and the City provides fire and police protection in The Highlands. Mayor Johnson indicated The Highlands has City services.

Mayor Johnson indicated the last administration did not have an appetite for impact fees. The process is extensive and in depth. Impact fees are a tool and he asked Council to be thoughtful and sure when voting for impact fees.

Mayor Johnson thanked panel members for information on impact fees and Council for contributing by way of questions and discussions.

The PowerPoint presentation is available and on file in the Clerk of Council's office.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Workshop at 12:00 p.m.

A video recording of the workshop can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: September 22, 2022

Signature: Mark Massey

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SEPTEMBER 8, 2022, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:03 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

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ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder

Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

Mayor Johnson announced the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, and the Mayor spoke of the city's relationship history with the Country of England and the 70 years of work performed by this Monarch. He further expressed his condolences and sympathy to the Country of England and to the British residents of our city.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for September 8, 2022.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda as amended thereby adding a Resolution to Honor the passing of Savannah Police Officer Reginald Brannan, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on August 25, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Exhibit 1: DRAFT - Minutes August 25, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #2, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS

3. A Proclamation Recognizing September 15, 2022 - October 15, 2022 as Hispanic Heritage Month. The City of Savannah honors and celebrates the contributions of Hispanic Americans in our history across the nation, as well as celebrating the contributions of Hispanic Americans who currently serve our communities here in Savannah.

Exhibit 1: Proclamation - Hispanic Heritage Month.pdf

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and City Manager Melder to HOLA (Hispanic Outreach, Leadership & Advocacy) Savannah, led by Team Savannah employee Myriam Baker.

Mayor Johnson asked Hispanic American residents to join him at the podium as he read th Resolution. The Latino Flag will hang in the Rotunda during the month of September.

Ms. Baker accepted the Resolution on behalf of HOLA and the Savannah Hispanic community. She thanked Mayor and Council in English and in Spanish. Each attending resident introduced themselves and shared their birthplace and employer.

ADD-ON:

3B. A Resolution to Honor the passing of Savannah Police Officer Reginald Brannan.

The Resolution was read by Alderman Purtee, with comments made by Interim Police Chief Lenny Gunther, Northwest Police Precinct Captain Shamonica Badie, and City Manager Melder.

Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #3B, the Resolution, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Following the vote, Mayor Johnson asked for a moment of silence.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely announced the funeral arrangements. Public Viewing, Friday, September 9th, 5-8 p.m. at Tabernacle Baptist Church, 310 Alice Street. Funeral Services, Saturday, September 10th, 10:00 a.m. at Jonesville Baptist Church, 5201 Montgomery Street. Interment at Hillcrest Abbey West, 1336 Dean Forest Road.

Alderwoman Lanier indicated the Brannan family is from the Hudson Hill community on the Westsid and she sent her condolences to the Brannan family.

Mayor Johnson announced the passing of Corporal Ava Lucas, Chatham County Sheriff's Office and he expressed his condolences to Sheriff John T. Wilcher and the entire Sheriff's Office.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

4. Approval of a Class H (Sample) Alcohol License to Dayna Lee for Savannah Wine Institute, a Wine School at 602 East Henry Street between East Broad Street and Atlantic Avenue in Aldermanic District 2 (Continued from August 11, 2022).

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Savannah Wine Institute.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Savannah Wine Institute.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Savannah Wine Institute.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Savannah Wine Institute.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Savannah Wine Institute.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearing open for Item #4.

CLOSED HEARING for #4 UNANIMOUSLY.

Speaker(s):

- George R. Brunson, Jr., representing Mt. Tabor Baptist Church - OPPOSED
- Judee Jones, representing the city – ABC Team
- Dayna Lee, applicant

Judee Jones corrected the alcohol Class from Class H (sample) as listed on the agenda, to Class C (by package). She stated, there is no distance requirement by the State for a church or school.

Following Mr. Brunson's statement of the opposition by Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, the applicant, Dayna Lee, had dialogue with Council Members. Some of the questions and topics discussed are as follows:

- Alderwoman Lanier asked Ms. Jones to define the difference between a Class H and Class E alcohol license.
- Alderman Leggett asked for an explanation of how Ms. Lee will operate a wine school if the wine bottles will not be opened. He also asked about parking and if she met with the neighborhood association.

- Ms. Lee detailed her business plan, explaining the school will be virtual and customers will only come to the business by appointment for wine consultation. Any wine purchased will not be opened and there will be no sampling/drinking on the premises. There is one assigned parking space for the business and there is public parking near by. She indicated consultations are by appointment only so there will only be one customer on premises at a time. She has joined and met with the neighborhood association.
- Alderman Leggett asked Mr. Brunson, if the business is not serving any alcohol on the premises, would the church support the business. Mr. Brunson answered, the church does not approve of the business.
- Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan discussed the shortage of housing and the business is located in a house; she expressed concern with the distance from the church and she believes it will negatively impact the neighborhood. She does not support this type of business.
- Mayor Johnson asked for the hours of operation and if Ms. Lee had met with the church. The hours are by appointment only (8:00am-5:00pm, no Sundays) and Ms. Lee stated she had not had an opportunity to meet with the church.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz recommended Ms. Lee take time to meet with the church and explain the virtual school, no consumption on the premises, and meet with customers by appointment only. This non-traditional concept might be received well by the church. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz advised continuation of this alcohol license application for two weeks to allow for further dialogue between the applicant and the church.
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Ms. Jones if the business required parking (no). Alderwoman Miller Blakely cited the concept of live, work, shop, and play in the same neighborhood as a growing concept across the Country. Ms. Lee again described the wine boutique in detail and remarked she would not put a business in her own neighborhood that would be detrimental to the community. Ms. Lee stated she is willing to work with the church to come to some type of agreement.
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated the wine boutique would be a great addition to the community and the virtual school would be great for individuals wanting to become a Sommelier. She stated, 'Jesus drank wine', but there will be no consumption on the premises only purchases.
- Alderman Palumbo commended Ms. Lee for thinking outside the box in creating a business that will not sell on the premises; will teach hospitality workers how to become wine certified; having the school virtual; and living in the neighborhood with the business. He recommended taking time to meet with the church.
- Mayor Johnson stated he felt Ms. Lee's sincerity and passion. If Alderman Leggett is amenable, he suggested she meet with the church/neighbors and establish a Good Neighbor Agreement.

Alderman Leggett indicated he has spoken with Mr. Brunson and Ms. Jones and would like to schedule a meeting on Monday with all parties involved. All parties agreed.

Alderman Leggett moved to continue Item #4 to the September 22, 2022 City Council Meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

5. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Lawrence W. Brown, Jr. for Fat Tuesday's, a Bar/Lounge at 19 E. Bay Street between Drayton and Bull Streets in Aldermanic District 2 (Continued from August 11, 2022).

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Fat Tuesday's Bay Street.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Fat Tuesday's Bay Street.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Fat Tuesday's Bay Street.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Fat Tuesday's Bay Street.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Fat Tuesday's Bay Street.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #5 and #6.

No Speaker(s).

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #5 and #6, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Items #5 and #6, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

6. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Lawrence W. Brown, Jr. for Fat Tuesday's, a Bar/Lounge at 427 East River Street between Lincoln and East Broad Street Ramps in Aldermanic District 2 (Continued from August 11, 2022).

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Fat Tuesday's River Street.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Fat Tuesday's River.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Fat Tuesday's River Street.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Fat Tuesday's River Street.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Fat Tuesday's River Street.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #5 and #6.

No Speaker(s).

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #5 and #6, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Items #5 and #6, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

7. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Alexis Levin for Shuk, a Restaurant at 1313 Habersham Street between East Henry and East Anderson Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1 - Checklist - Shuk.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Shuk .pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Shuk.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Shuk.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Shuk.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearing open for Item #7.

Speaker(s):

- Alexis Levin, applicant
- Robert McCorkle, representing the applicant

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked about the parking at Shuk. Ms. Levin stated the business plan meets all the requirements of parking. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Judee Jones, representative of the City, if there were any parking requirements. Ms. Jones indicated there are no parking requirements.

Alderman Leggett expressed concerns with the restaurant operating at night as a bar (per a sign displayed on the building). Ms. Levin explained it was a marketing error and the word 'bar' will be removed from all marketing materials. Alderman Leggett stressed to Ms. Levin that her business plan (restaurant) will be strictly enforced. City Manager Melder stated staff will monitor the establishment to make sure the business plan is enforced.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz expressed concerns with the marketing sign advertising as restaurant/bar. She stated that she is not comfortable moving forward with the alcohol application until Alderman Leggett is satisfied with the business plan.

The applicant, Ms. Levin, and her Counsel, Mr. McCorkle, detailed the business plan for the establishment stating it will be a restaurant and not a bar. They assured Council all due diligenc was completed and there will be 51% of food sales during operating hours.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Alderman Leggett if ...

Alderman Palumbo raised a point of order, all questions should be directed to the Chair.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Alderman Palumbo to calm down.

Mayor Johnson noted the point of order and asked Alderwoman Gibson-Carter to proceed.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Alderman Leggett if there was any opposition from residents or anyone in the area.

Alderman Palumbo raised a point of order, all questions should be directed to the Chair.

Alderman Leggett stated there was no opposition from the neighborhood association.

a. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to close the alcohol hearing for Item #7, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #7 with a condition to operate as a restaurant, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan recommended applicants complete their due diligence before spendin any money for a business and alcohol license. She asked Ms. Jones if the alcohol licens application procedure allows applicants to create the business before applying for the alcoh license. Ms. Jones stated staff is currently working on a revision and the alcohol license process will change. The revision will require applicants to complete all requirements before seeking Council approval.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked the applicant the hours of operation. 7:30am - midnight.

8. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Adrian L. Johnson II for The Original Sey Hey & Family, a Restaurant at 2505 Bull Street between West 41st and West 42nd Streets in Aldermanic District 2. (Continued to the October 13, 2022 Council meeting per staff recommendation).

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to continue Item #8 to the October 13, 2022, City Council Meeting per staff's recommendation, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed

unanimously, 9-0-0.

9. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) and a Class A (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (Caterer)Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Mallory Adams for The Clyde Market, a Restaurant located at 223 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard between Turner Boulevard and Oglethorpe Avenue in Aldermanic District 1.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - The Clyde Market.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - The Clyde Market.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - The Clyde Market.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - The Clyde Market.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - The Clyde Market.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearing open for Item #9.

Speaker(s):

- Mallory Adams, applicant

Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier asked Ms. Adams to explain the difference between The Clyde Venue and The Clyde Market. The Clyde Venue is for events and The Clyde Market is the restaurant seeking an alcohol license.

a. Alderwoman Lanier moved to close the alcohol hearing for Item #9, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #9, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

10. Transmittal of the Draft Capital Improvements Element, as Required for Consideration of an Impact Fee Program, to the Coastal Georgia Regional Commission for Regional and State Review Pursuant to the Georgia Planning Act of 1989. (See item 35 for Resolution).

Exhibit 1: City of Savannah Draft Capital Improvements Element (CIE) .pdf

Exhibit 2: City of Savannah Methodology Report.pdf

Exhibit 3: Capital Improvements Element (CIE) Transmittal Resolution.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing open for Item #10.

Mayor Johnson indicated the prior administration had no interest in the impact fee program, but the current administration has indicated interest. Today's hearing will identify where Council stands in the process. Council will not approve an ordinance today, only take a step in the process.

City Manager Melder thanked Mayor and Council for the discussion during the work session earlier today and he announced the impact fee program advisory committee meeting tomorrow at 9:00 a.m. at the Adams complex location. He introduced Director of Planning & Urban Design Bridget Lidy, and staff consultants Bill Ross of Ross + Associates, and Paige Hatley, President of HatleyPlans who are available for any questions/discussions. City Manager Melder indicated the discussion today will focus on the capital improvement projects elements and the associated resolution stating a continuation of the process for submission to the State for review.

Speaker(s):

- Bill Ross, Ross + Associates, with Paige Hadley, Hadley Plans president
- Mark Konter, Home Builders Association of Greater Savannah - OPPOSED
- Chuck Feagain – SUPPORTED
- John McMasters – SUPPORTED (had to leave early)

Written Comment(s):

- Jeff Kramer, President of Home Builders Assoc. – OPPOSED

Alderwoman Lanier asked Mr. Konter how the impact fees will affect the low-wealth and low-income communities (studies have shown that impact fees are passed onto the end user and it harms the lowest income sector of the community).

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to close the public hearing for Item #10, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0 (see related agenda Item #35).

ZONING HEARINGS

11. Petition of Travis Burke on behalf of Rockingham Farms, LLC to Support Annexed Parcels Located at 343 Buckhalter Road and Garrard Avenue (PINs 10943 01001, 10946 01001 and 10946 01002) from M (Manufacturing) to M-CO (Manufacturing – County). Annexation for Aldermanic District 5 (File No. 22-003291-ZA).

Exhibit 1: Staff Report on Annexation File No. 22-003291-ZA.pdf

Exhibit 2: Annexation Maps File No. 22-003291-ZA.pdf

Exhibit 3: Rockingham Farms Ordinance .pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #11.

Speaker(s):

- Bridget Lidy, representing the city

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #11, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0 (see related agenda Items #17 and #18).

12. Petition of Robert McCorkle for Development Associates Partners, Inc. on behalf of Lucille S. Bacon (Agent) for Thankful Baptist Church, Inc. to Amend the Zoning Map for 6089 Ogeechee Road (PIN 11029 05014) from R-A-CO (Residential – Agricultural - County) to I-L (Light Industrial) with Conditions. Aldermanic District 5. File No. 22-002358-ZA.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 6098 Ogeechee Road (File No. 22-002358-ZA.pdf)

Exhibit 2: Maps for 6089 Ogeechee Road (File No. 22-002358-ZA.pdf)

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance (File No. 22-002358-ZA) .pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #12.

Speaker(s):

- Marcus Lotson, representing the MPC
- Jacqueline Tomlin, representing Thankful Baptist Church

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked Ms. Tomlin and Thankful Missionary Baptist Church for being diligent and moving forward with real estate plans outside of the church. It helps the church and the community.

Alderwoman Lanier expressed her appreciation to the Church for meeting with the area residents and businesses as part of the due diligence to make sure there were no objections.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #12, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0 (see related agenda Item #15).

13. Petition of Robert McCorkle on behalf of Riverview President Street, LLC to Amend the Zoning Map for 925 and 1301 East President Street and a Portion of Tybee Depot (PINs 20014 04001, 20006 04001A, and 20006 04001) from I-L (Light Industrial) to D-CBD (Downtown-Community Business District) with Conditions in Aldermanic District 2. The Planning Commission denied this request and presented an alternative to rezone to D-C with conditions (File No. 22-002294-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 925 & 1301 E. President and Portions of Tybee Depot (File No. 22-002294-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 925 & 1301 E. President Street and Portions of Tybee Depot (File No. 22-002294-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Proposed Building Height Limitation (File No. 22-0022941-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 4: Development Agreement Riverview President Street (File No. 22-002294-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 5: Riverview President Street Bilbo Canal Improvements (File No. 22-002294-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 6: Draft Ordinance (File No. 22-002294-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #13.

Speaker(s):

- Marcus Lotson, representing the MPC

Alderman Leggett moved to close the zoning hearing for item #13, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0 (see related agenda Item #16).

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Mr. Lotson if the owners of the property also owned the Eastern Wharf (no). City Manager Melder explained the property history which included an approved development agreement. The agreement included the owners responsibility to put in $2 million for widening of the Bilbo Canal. Part of the parcel is owned by the City, called Tybee Depot. The Inner City Night Shelter responded to a request for proposals (RFP) several years, prior for the Tybee Depot property; however, the proposal was incongruent with the property site. The RFP was closed.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated the RFP for the Inner City Night Shelter was drafted during Interim City Manager Pat Monahan's tenure especially for the Tybee Depot site. She commented, due to staff recommendation, the Shelter did not proceed with their plans. City Manager Melder disagreed with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter; however, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated the Tybee Depot property was specifically designated for the hard-to-serve homeless population. The City trade property adjacent to Hitch Village and Fred Wessels Homes for an Eastern Wharf type product. City Manager Melder indicated Council approved the development agreement on an earlier meeting agenda and Item #13 is requesting approval to amend the zoning map. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter agreed it's not the agenda item today, but the implications are still the same.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan raised a point of order.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated the residents of Hitch Village and Fred Wessels Homes will soon be unable to afford to live in the area once the new development similar to the Eastern Wharf product is completed. This is a perfect example of how the City can control affordable housing in Savannah. She asked City Manager Melder what benefits are built into the development to assure a percentage of affordable housing for the community.

City Manager Melder indicated the majority of the parcel considered today was never owned by the City. The Tybee Depot portion of the parcel will be reserved for affordable housing use, but plans are still in the elementary stages. City Manager Melder described some of the master plan and how that portion of entrance into the downtown area will be consistent with the needs of the City.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if the area was an enterprise/opportunity zone. City Manager Melder will follow-up with an answer. Alderwoman Lanier stated the property is a Tax Allocation District (TAD).

Mayor Johnson asked City Manager Melder if any residents of Fred Wessels Homes will be forced out of their homes. Mr. Melder indicated no residents will be displaced and the area is a TAD. City Manager Manager will follow-up with Council on how the TAD will impact the development.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed her concern for high-end developments (such as the Eastern Wharf) throughout the City and how those developments will negatively impact the current residents. Moving forward, she is hopeful that development projects in the City take into consideration the vulnerable residents being forced out of their neighborhoods.

Mayor Johnson asked City Manager Melder if there are any threats of displacement in the City. Mr. Melder answered, the housing authority is seeking to redevelop the property know as Yamacraw into other affordable housing products.

Alderman Palumbo asked Mr. Lotson if any resident will be displaced due to this development. Mr. Lotson indicated the rezoning of the property will not displace any citizens, there are no residents on the property. Mr. Lotson described the current site and the existing conditions.

Alderwoman Lanier asked Mr. Lotson the size of the parcel and if the petitioner agreed to the MPC conditions. Mr. Lotson did not have the size of the parcel and indicated the petitioner should answer if they agreed to the conditions. Alderwoman Lanier stated developments do impact neighborhoods and if not compatible, they could lead to displacement. The area in question is a TAD due to the low-income residents. Alderwoman Lanier recommended policies such as Community Benefits Ordinance (CBO), Community Benefits Agreement (CBA), and Inclusionary Zoning. These polices should be implemented and not put on the back-burner. Moving forward, Alderwoman Lanier asked City Manager Melder if the aforementioned equity polices are implemented, could they be applied to areas if it is prior to the development. City Manager Melder answered, if equity policies are adopted by Council, they can be applied, usually during the building permit phase. Alderwoman Lanier stated the City has the opportunity to manage the development by putting the equity policies in place to make sure the developers include affordable housing.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan discussed the property ownership and the City's inability to control how other property owners decide to use their property. She asked Mr. Lotson if any residents will be displaced by agenda item #13 (no).

14. Petition of Carol Anne Higgens for Hearse Tours Inc. on Behalf of Joseph and Sabrina Wenum for a Special Use Permit for 1501 East Broad Street (PIN 20053 28001) of Approximately 0.21 Acres to Establish a Parking Facility with Conditions. Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 22-003392-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 1501 East Broad Street (File No. 22-003392-ZA.pdf)

Exhibit 2: Maps for 1501 East Broad Street (File No. 22-003392-ZA.pdf)

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #14.

Speaker(s):

- Marcus Lotson, representing the MPC. MPC recommended approval with conditions, non transferrable permit, and no repairs, cleaning or washing of vehicles on the property.
- Carol Anne Higgens, business operator (co-owner)

Written Comment(s):

- Professor Andrew Fionda – OPPOSED

a. Alderman Palumbo moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #14, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked Mr. Lotson for the number of vehicles (10).

Alderman Leggett asked Ms. Higgens if area residents were contacted. Ms. Higgens indicated she has received letters of recommendations (support) from area residents.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Ms. Higgens if parking will be on the outside (no, inside parking only).

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #14 with conditions, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

15. Petition of Robert McCorkle for Development Associates Partners, Inc. on behalf of Lucille S. Bacon (Agent) for Thankful Baptist Church, Inc. to Amend the Zoning Map

for 6089 Ogeechee Road (PIN 11029 05014) from R-A-CO (Residential – Agricultural - County) to I-L (Light Industrial) with Conditions. Aldermanic District 5 (File No. 22-002358-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 6098 Ogeechee Road (File No. 22-002358-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 6089 Ogeechee Road (File No. 22-002358-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance (File No. 22-002358-ZA) .pdf

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #15, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

16. Petition of Robert McCorkle on behalf of Riverview President Street, LLC to Amend the Zoning Map for 925 and 1301 East President Street and a Portion of Tybee Depot (PINs 20014 04001, 20006 04001A, and 20006 04001) from I-L (Light Industrial) to D-CBD (Downtown-Community Business District) with Conditions in Aldermanic District 2. The Planning Commission denied this request and presented an alternative to rezone to D-C with conditions (File No. 22-002294-ZA).

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Exhibit 2: Maps for 925 & 1301 E. President Street and Portions of Tybee Depot (File No. 22-002294-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Proposed Building Height Limitation (File No. 22-002294-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 4: Development Agreement Riverview President Street (File No. 22-002294-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 5: Riverview President Street Bilbo Canal Improvements (File No. 22-002294-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 6: Draft Ordinance (File No. 22-002294-ZA).pdf

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #16 with MPC conditions, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

17. Approval to Annex 85.573 Acres Located off Veterans Parkway near the Little Ogeechee River. The property will be developed as industrial warehouses as part of the Rockingham Farms development.

Exhibit 1: Annexation Petition - Rockingham Farms.pdf

Exhibit 2: Ordinance - Rockingham Farms.pdf

HEARD, FIRST READING ONLY for Item #17.

18. Petition of Travis Burke on behalf of Rockingham Farms, LLC to Support Annexed Parcels Located at 343 Buckhalter Road and Garrard Avenue (PINs 10943 01001, 10946 01001 and 10946 01002) from M (Manufacturing) to M-CO (Manufacturing – County). Annexation for Aldermanic District 5 (File No. 22-003291-ZA).

Exhibit 1: Staff Report for Annexation File No. 22-003291-ZA.pdf

Exhibit 2: Annexation Maps File No. 22-003291-ZA.pdf

Exhibit 3: Rockingham Farms Ordinance .pdf

HEARD, FIRST READING ONLY for Item #18.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No.1 for Cityworks Online Software Services with Azteca Systems, LLC in the Amount of $24,375. Cityworks Online software services will provide a modernized software platform with mobile access and current integrations. The hosted services provide access to the latest system updates and features. (ITS)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Cityworks Software Modifications.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Cityworks Software Modifications.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #19 through #23, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32, and #34, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Professional Services for the City of Savannah Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System Replacement Project with InfoTech Research Group in the Amount of $198,000. This purchase will provide professional services to complete the requirements gathering phase of the ERP replacement project. (ITS)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - InfoTech Professional Services ERP Replacement Project.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - InfoTech Professional Services ERP Replacement Project.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #19 through #23, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32, and #34, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

21. Authorize City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Annual Maintenance of Housing and Community Development Software with Benevate, Inc. dba Neighborly Software in an Amount Not to Exceed $60,000. This Neighborly software is used to manage Housing & Neighborhood Services, Human Services and Cultural resources services, and programs by 40 staff members. (Housing & Neighborhood Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Neighborly Software.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Neighborly Software.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #19 through #23, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32, and #34, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Furniture for the Savannah Fire Support Facility and the Code Compliance Office with Mason, Inc. in the Amount of $221,957. This furniture will support the operations at the Savannah Fire Support Facility and Code Compliance office. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Furniture for Savannah Fire Support Facility and Code Compliance Office.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Furniture for Savannah Fire Support Facility and Code Compliance Office.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #19 through #23, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32, and

#34, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Final Project Close Out Amendment for the Delaware Center with Johnson-Laux Construction (LOCAL, DBE) in the Amount of $286,481. This amendment is to cover changes due to structural issues in the building, upgrades to the HVAC system, and to replace additional items. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Delaware Center.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Delaware Center.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #19 through #23, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32, and #34, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Entrepreneurial Center Repairs with RL Construction Group, Inc., in an Amount Not to Exceed $461,920. This procurement will be used to make repairs at the Entrepreneurial Center building envelope, specifically including new roofing, new windows, exterior masonry repairs, and repairs to the building envelope to eliminate and prevent future water infiltration issues. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Entrepreneurial Center Repairs.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Entrepreneurial Center Repairs.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier asked what type of materials will be used for the repairs, will there be any sustainable materials.

Assistant City Manager Lloyd indicated the roof needs to be repaired now, but staff is looking at sustainable materials for other buildings and will look at including them for this building.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #24, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan was not present for the vote.

25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Ready Mix Concrete with Savannah River Utilities Company (LOCAL) (Primary) and Complete Precast, Inc. (Secondary) in an Amount Not to Exceed $180,000. Various City departments will use this service for repairs of utility cuts, sidewalks, curbing, and roadways. (Mobility Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Ready Mix Concrete.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Ready Mix Concrete.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concern of equity and prioritization of sidewalk repairs in communities. She asked City Manager Melder about a minor sidewalk repair request on Cloverdale Drive in June. Staff indicated there was no ready mix concrete, hopefully with the passage of Item #25, the sidewalk can now be repaired. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recommended the new Diversity Officer look at the City's service renderings for equity and priority in communities.

Alderman Palumbo stated there are construction repairs happening citywide.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked City Manager Melder and Assistant City Manager Lloyd for all the sidewalk repairs in Liberty City.

Alderwoman Lanier stated sidewalk requests for repairs from residents of 2 and 3 years ago have not been completed.

City Manager Melder indicated the sidewalk repairs are being taken care of as the materials for repairs arrive. The Cloverdale sidewalk request is scheduled for repair during the next two weeks.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recommended better communication and possibly a work session on the robotics program.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #25, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan was not present for the vote.

26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 and Renewal with Russell Landscape (LOCAL) for Victory Drive Median Maintenance in an Amount not to Exceed $39,060. This contract is used to provide grounds maintenance services including mowing of turf grass and removal of litter, weeds, and/or wild growth in the shrubbery, landscaped beds, or mulched areas. (Park & Tree)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Victory Drive Median Maintenance Contract Modification 1.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Victory Drive Median Maintenance Contract Modification 1.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier stated she received complaints from the West Victory Drive residents about the material used and design of projects. She recommended the City staff be more responsive to citizens request. City Manager Melder assured Alderwoman Lanier staff will strive to meet the expectations of the community.

Alderwoman Lanier expressed concern for city workers blowing clippings/debris in the street. City Manager Melder will follow-up with Council on the policy associated with workers blowing clippings.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked how far East and West the maintenance will proceed. City Manager Melder advised maintenance will go from Ogeechee east to Downing.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed concern with workers cutting vegetation in the canals and leaving the debris laying in the canals, causing back-up in the canals. She asked if there is a policy in place for workers regarding handling debris. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the prior

maintenance department for lawn, medians ,canal services could be reestablished. City Manager Melder indicated the park & tree department is now reestablished.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder if the underpass at Truman Parkway could be included in litter removal. City Manager Melder indicated the City would be responsible for removal of the litter at the underpass and will have staff take steps for a plan.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan indicated the City Manager, City Attorney and staff are working on a plan for litter removal down Victory Drive.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #26, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

27. Authorize the City Manager to Award a Contract for the Purchase and Installation of Swing Arm Gates at Closed/Unopened Lane Entrances with SamJay Services (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed $500,000. The contract will be used by the City's Park & Tree Department for the purchase and installation of bollards and lockable swing arm gates at various closed/unopened lane entrances within the City limits. (Park and Tree)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Swing Arm Gates.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Swing Arm Gates.pdf

Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed concern with SamJay doing fences. There were 276 requests for bids sent and only one bid was received. City Manager Melder explained only one bid was received and no vendors attended the pre-bid conference. This is a small landscaping project and there is currently a shortage of workers for employers.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to approve Item #27, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

28. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Three Year Contract for Software Support and Maintenance for Handheld Citation Devices with T2 Systems in an Amount Not to Exceed $323,938. This agreement will be used by the Mobility and Parking Services, Code Compliance, and Sanitation Departments to support the software for the handheld citation devices. (Parking & Mobility Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Handheld Citation Devices Software.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Handheld Citation Devices Software.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #19 through #23, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32, and #34, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

29. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Layer 3 Communications (LOCAL) for Annual Maintenance of the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) System in an Amount Not to Exceed $73,581. The SCADA system allows for centralized monitoring of the City's large water system. (Public Works)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - SCADA System.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - SCADA System.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #19 through #23, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32, and #34, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

30. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for Environmental Compliance Services with Atlantic Coast Consulting, Inc (LOCAL) in the Amount of $77,850. This modification is needed to complete the five year review of the Dean Forest Road Municipal Solid Waste Landfill. (Sanitation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Environmental Compliance.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Environmental Compliance.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #19 through #23, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32, and #34, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

31. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Sanitation Temporary Labor with MPLOY Network, LLC (Primary) and Chatham Personnel Enterprises (Secondary) in an Amount Not to Exceed $429,500. The Sanitation Department utilizes temporary labor services to support operations during employee absences, unexpected or temporary demands, special projects, and employee shortages. (Sanitation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Sanitation Temporary Labor.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Sanitation Temp Labor.pdf

Mayor Johnson asked if a stipulation was necessary to give priority to individuals that are justice involved, or individuals that are roofless and need homes for the temporary labor positions.

City Manager Melder indicated no stipulation was necessary. Staff is working with MPLOY Networ and identified the type of individuals the City requires for the temporary labor positions.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #19 through #23, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32, and #34, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

32. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Residential and Recycling Carts with Wastequip, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed $800,000. This contract is for residential and recycling carts for the safe and effective collection of household solid waste and recyclables. This contract will create efficiencies by combining two separate vendor contracts into one allowing uniform carts and parts. (Sanitation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Residential and Recycling Carts.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Residential and Recycling Carts.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #19 through #23, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32, and #34, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

33. Authorize the City Manager to Rescind the Ditch Hand Mowing & Cleaning Contract from J Corbett (LOCAL, DBE) and Award to Russell Landscape (LOCAL) in an

Amount not to Exceed $196,650. This contract is to supplement the work of City Staff in the Stormwater Management Division in the maintenance of the smaller "hand maintained" drainage ditches throughout the City. The original vendor withdrew his proposal. (Stormwater)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Ditch Hand Mowing & Cleaning.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - Ditch Hand Mowing & Cleaning.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked an attendee, Ms. Pace, if she wanted to speak.

Mayor Johnson indicated, this is a purchasing issue not a public hearing.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated, it's not a hearing, but an item on the agenda.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan raised a point of order.

Alderman Purtee asked City Manager Melder, when rescinded, will another RFP go out for another contractor. City Manager Melder indicated Item #33 states the contract will be rescinded from J. Corbett and awarded to Russell Landscape (2nd highest bidder).

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Item #33, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Johnson asked City Manager Melder to have a staff member speak with the resident (Ms. Pace) concerning Item #33.

34. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for Sewer Backup Cleaning Services to Servpro of Savannah dba Harrin Hilding, LLC(LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed $52,445. The contract will assist the Water Distribution and Conveyance Division to remove and clear sewage waste from public and private properties. (Water Distribution and Conveyance)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Sewer Backup Cleaning Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Sewer Backup Cleaning Services.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #19 through #23, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32, and #34, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

35. A Resolution to Transmit the Draft Capital Improvements Element, as Required for Consideration of an Impact Fee Program, to the Coastal Georgia Regional Commission for Regional and State Review Pursuant to the Georgia Planning Act of 1989.

Exhibit 1: City of Savannah Draft Capital Improvement Element.pdf

Exhibit 2: City of Savannah Methodology Report.pdf

Exhibit 3: Resolution - Capital Improvements Element (CIE) Transmittal.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier moved to adopt Item #35, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderman Leggett was not present for the vote.

36. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Submit the FY 2022 Continuum of Care (CoC) Application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding and Grant Agreement with the Subrecipient, Chatham Savannah Authority for the Homeless, Inc. for Federal Assistance as the Project Sponsor.

Exhibit 1: Resolution - FY22 Continuum of Care Application.pdf

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #36, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder if he would have a staff member speak with a resident in attendance concerning Item #36.

Mayor Johnson asked Alderwoman Gibson-Carter to direct her comments to the Chair. City Manager Melder indicated staff is available to speak with any resident.

AGREEMENTS

37. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Camden Crossing, LLC for Camden Crossing & Cottage Row Phase 1. This is for a development consisting of 64 single family homes in the Travis Field service area.

Exhibit 1 : Water & Sewer Agreement - Camden Crossing & Cottage Row Phase 1.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #37, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present for the vote.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

38. Authorize the City Manager to Amend an Agreement with the Coastal Heritage Society at Tricentennial Park.

Exhibit 1: Coastal Heritage Society - Amended Agreement.pdf

Exhibit 2: Appendix A - Coastal Heritage Society Financial Plan - August 2022.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier recommended the City engage more partners to express the history. The City should embrace the property as a community. There is a rich history and a story to be told.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #38, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present for the vote.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

39. Settlement #1

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #39, to authorize the City Manager's (City Attorney's) office to resolve the claim of Brenda Smalls in the amount of $92,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present for the vote.

40. Authorization to Initiate (Friendly) Litigation Concerning Evergreen Cemetery.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz discussed the privately owned cemetery and the long battle for the City to acquire the property. The City will initiate a friendly condemnation and purchase. Once the property is city owned, the city staff will be able to clean, clear, monitor and maintain the property.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked City Attorney Lovett the timeline for completion. City Attorne Lovett indicated there is an environmental issue, but the process should be completed no later than mid October.

Mayor Johnson praised City Attorney Lovett, City Clerk Massey, and City Manager Melder for outstanding service to complete overwhelming tasks. His grandfather, grandmother and aunt are buried in Evergreen Cemetery, but he has been unable to get to the graves due to litter and trash. The City has a department dedicated to maintaining the City's cemeteries with excellent maintenance. He is grateful to have Evergreen Cemetery as one of the city-owned properties.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #40, to authorize the City Attorney's office to initiate a friendly condemnation of Evergreen Cemetery for no more than $143,000.00, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present for the vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Alderwoman Lanier thanked City Manager Melder and Police Chief Gunther for re-implementing the roll-call in the street, especially in areas of West Savannah. She thanked the sanitation department for the extra trash collections on the Westside, residents can see the improvements. Alderwoman Lanier welcomed the members of the Grove High School class of 1977 on their 45th class reunion.

Alderman Palumbo recognized Team Savannah members, Tim Moody and Danny Beckman wh partnered with Dr. Bennett for a speaker series at Savannah State University. Team Savannah membe Kelvin Bryant will be an upcoming speaker at Savannah State University and the headliner will be Mayor Van Johnson.

Mayor Johnson announced the need to get back to highlighting a department to lift up Team Savannah. CORE MPO 2050 Transportation Plan Update for the next 20 years is in process. Citizen input is requested. Meetings start Monday, September 12th at First African Baptist Church, and a virtual meeting on September 13th. The information will be on the City's public information channels.

Mayor Johnson announced the Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) plan to assist local lawmakers in reducing or preventing damage to historic sites in Savannah/Chatham County, in order to identify flooding areas during or after extreme weather events. MPC has created a disaster relief survey, and to complete the survey go to Google Docs or go to the MPC website.

Mayor Johnson announced Monday is Savannah Day 912.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 5:47 p.m.

A video recording of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: September 22, 2022

Signature: Mark Massey







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SEPTEMBER 22, 2022, 4:30 p.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 4:30 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Purtee to offer a prayer.

PRESENT:

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

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

Mayor Johnson stated today is the first day of Fall.

Workshop Agenda Items

1. Legislative Agenda Update

Exhibit 1: Legislative Agenda Process.pdf

PRESENTED by City Manager Melder, and Director of Policy and External Affairs Joe Shearouse.

Following the PowerPoint presentation by Mr. Shearouse, the following discussions were held pertaining to the legislative agenda update:

- Mayor Johnson indicated that we have had very strong lobbying efforts, internally and externally. He likes the current team we have on the field.
- Staggered terms and term limits for Council Members need to be addressed now - a Draft Resolution was sent to Mayor, City Attorney and City Manager. (Alderman Purtee)
- Council Members are encouraged to send suggestions and recommendations. Council Members compensation can be added to the discussions. (Mayor Johnson)
- Consider including the travel policy and cost of living adjustments for Council Members. (Alderman Palumbo)
- Alderwoman Lanier stated she made a request in late 2020 for rent management and anti-gentrification exemptions to be placed on the legislative agenda for discussion; however, it did not get much discussion. Alderwoman Lanier indicated she would like to re-submit both topics as legislation issues.

The PowerPoint presentation is available and on file in the Clerk of Council's office.

2. School Zone Camera Program Update

Exhibit 1: School Zone Camera Program Update.pdf

PRESENTED by City Manager Melder, and Assistant Police Chief Robert Gavin.

After City Manager Melder and Assistant Police Chief Gavin made their presentation, the City Council discussed the following:

- Pleased with the school zone cameras, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked Assistant Police Chief Gavin how the next 5 school zones for cameras will be selected (by permits).
- Assistant Police Chief Gavin stated, eventually all public school zones in the City and Chatham County will have cameras. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked Assistant Police Chief Gavin about the percentages of revenue from the cameras: 5% to schools; 60% to the City; and 35% to the vendor.
- Hodge Elementary, DeRenne Middle, and Beach High School zones have needed signage for years. There is a serious problem with regulating speeds. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked for cameras in those particular school zones. Assistant Police Chief Gavin stated they will start with the listed school zones in the presentation, but others will be added shortly.
- Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked Assistant Police Chief Gavin the range of the cameras (th entire school zone), and if the cameras will eliminate drop-off and pick-up (the police department is working with schools to eliminate and/or reassign areas for pick-up and drop-off).

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3. Medical Cannabis Dispensary Ordinance

Exhibit 1: Medical Cannabis Dispensary Ordinance.pdf

PRESENTED by City Manager Melder, and Director of Planning & Urban Design Bridget Lidy, Assistant Police Chief Robert Gavin, and MPC representative Marcus Lotson.

After the presentation, Council members raised the following points:

- Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Ms. Lidy if the six dispensaries/companies would cover the entire State (yes, some have multiple license). She asked for copies of the six companies (upon approval of the State license, a list of the companies will be distributed to Council Members). Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked for the cost of the dispensaries because she feels the cost is bias and discriminatory (the State Commission will be contacted for the cost, but current documents show encouragement by minority and women owned businesses along with steps to assure non-discrimination were instituted by the Commission).
- As a proponent for hemp and medical cannabis, Alderwoman Lanier questioned the City priorities as to how this particular ordinance is being introduced now when she asked for an inclusionary zoning ordinance which is desperately needed for affordable housing, and community benefits ordinance back in January 2020. How did medical cannabis leap frog to the head of the list. City Manager Melder responded the City is not prioritizing medical cannabis over affordable housing. There are State Law Permits coming soon dealing with medical cannabis and the City wanted to be prepared. A workshop is scheduled in just a few weeks for discussions on inclusionary zoning.
- Alderwoman Lanier shared a four year old story, when working on her Georgia Environmental Certification about Agriculture in Thomasville, GA, in a class with 'good ole boys'. The instructor stated, "no one is planting now, everyone is holding off and the government is paying farmers not to plant. Everyone is waiting on that marijuana." That was said

because they understand the importance of the economical issues involved. Alderwoman Lanier is concerned and asking is the medical cannabis ordinance profit driven rather than citizens health driven (public health). The medical component of the cannabis oil will require a prescription, the City has pharmacies that dispense medicine. Why add dispensary locations that might be inconvenient locations for some residents; the dispensary locations will create wealth for the six companies. City Manager Melder indicated the City has no control of the State Law dispensing medical cannabis.

- Alderman Palumbo commended staff on being proactive in channeling the use in the correct places and methods. People are suffering and the medical cannabis is needed.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz requested reviewing the map in the area of Highway 17. The map shows the dispensaries will not be located near the alcohol overlay boundaries.
- Alderwoman Lanier asked if there are pharmacies selling opiods in alcohol overlay areas, and what is the rationale behind dispensaries not being near the alcohol overlay boundaries. Mr. Lotson stated pharmacies are likely permitted within the alcohol overlay areas; the City cannot regulate what pharmacies can sell. City Manager Melder added, pharmacies are not viewed as nuisance businesses like package stores. The medical cannabis is a new issue for the City, the workshop is a way for learning and having discussions.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked City Manager Melder for the additional information on locations of the dispensaries versus the alcohol overlay districts. She explained in the 5th District, the majority of residents in the alcohol overlay areas are African Americans (black residents). Because there were numerous alcohol/package stores in the district, Council created the alcohol overlay districts for the protection of the citizens (specifically the African American populated areas).
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Ms. Lidy why the dispensaries are mainly in the community business (BC) and downtown central business areas. Ms. Lidy stated this is a retail use. In working with the police department, putting the dispensaries in the BC and downtown areas made more sense than placing them near rehab facilities, schools, parks or cemeteries.
- City Manager Melder indicated this is a draft recommendation, Council Members can offer feedback. This is a starting place.
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked for information with regard to the cost of establishing and operating a dispensary. The locations identified are expensive. Ms. Lidy explained, this is a starting point and if Council Members would like to identify other locations, staff can look at those options. Assistant Police Chief Gavin stated, keeping the children safe was a major priority, and keeping the dispensary locations in safe places for the public.
- Mayor Johnson stated, this is a beginning point and an opportunity to be prepared. He thanked staff for this starting point, but ultimately, Council will make the final decisions.
- Alderwoman Lanier expressed and stated this is an equity issue. The rationale for not allowing dispensaries to be located in low-wealth areas makes no sense when people (black people) in the overlay districts have the same sicknesses.
- City Manager Melder stated, with respect to the zoning options, it seems Council wants less conservative options. Staff will bring back options for Council to review.
- Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan stated, this is regulated by the State. This is a beginning. Keeping the locations away from residential areas and locating the dispensaries downtown is a good place to start.
- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed her thanks for the workshop. As an At-Large Alderwoman, she is not advocating for any location. She identified the following concerns: 1.) being conservative is why equity is lacking; 2.) the City Manager Melder should go back and look for another starting point; 3.) how the program will rollout; and 4.) have town hall meetings where citizens have an opportunity to weigh-in.

Mayor Johnson recommended City Manager Melder meet with each Council Member for their individual input.

The PowerPoint presentation is available and on file in the Clerk of Council's office.

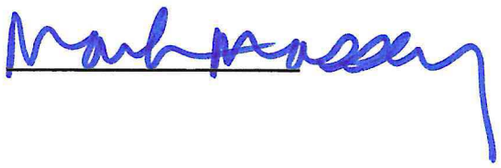
Mayor Johnson adjourned the Workshop at 5:56 p.m.

A video recording of the workshop can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: October 13, 2022

Signature: 

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SEPTEMBER 22, 2022, 6:30 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:33 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Purtee to introduce Pastor Julius Roberson from the Historic Nicholsonboro Baptist Church to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

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

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for September 22, 2022.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda as amended, thereby continuing/postponing agenda item #38 to the October 27, 2022, City Council Meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on September 8, 2022, at 10:00 a.m.

Agenda Plus_WS DRAFT MINUTES_September 8, 2022 City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Miller

Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on September 8, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - September 8, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS

4. Appearance and Special Musical Presentation by Singer Huxsie Scott.

Mayor Johnson exercised executive privilege and introduced Ms. Huxsie Scott who perfomed "Savannah Strong" written by Savannah Garrett from Atlanta, Georgia. Following he performance, Mayor Johnson read and presented a surprise Proclamation to Huxsie Scott with he family members present to witness the presentation.

After fifty years of performing, Ms. Scott is closing her successful one-woman show. Comments of appreciation, recognition and congratulations were offered by Pastor Rick Temple of Overcoming By Faith, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, and a rendition of 'Grandma's Hands' sung by Alderwoman Miller Blakely.

Huxsie Scott invited everyone to her performance that evening at Savannah Theater at 8:00 p.m.

5. A Proclamation Declaring September 22, 2022 as the International Day of Peace in Savannah.

Mayor Johnson announced September 22, 2022 as International Day of Peace in Savannah (observed on September 21, 2022). He introduced and asked the 64th Mayor of Savannah, Mayor Otis Johnson, to read the proclamation. Alderman Palumbo and Mediation Center Executive Director Jill Cheeks were also invited to the podium.

PRESENTED by former Mayor Otis Johnson and Mayor Van R. Johnson II and to the Mediation Center Executive Director Jill Cheeks.

Ms. Cheeks thanked Mayor and Council for the recognition. She invited all attendee to 'Peace In The Park', Sunday, September 25th, 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. at Daffin Park.

6. Appearance by Representatives of Savannah State University to Formally Request the 2022 Homecoming Parade Permit.

PRESENTED by Mayor Van R. Johnson II and Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz to Interim Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Sametria R. McFall and team.

On behalf of President Kimberly Ballard-Washington, Faculty and staff, Dr. McFall welcomed Mayor, Council, and residents to all the festivities and the homecoming parade for Savannah State University.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve/issue a parade permit to Savannah State University, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz presented the parade permit to Dr. McFall and she thanked Council for the parade permit. The Homecoming will be held on October 8th.

7. Recognition of 311 Action Center Staff and Customer Service Representatives Across the Organization During National Customer Service Week October 3-7, 2022.

Mayor Johnson introduced Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams who recognized 311 Manager Sarah Torres and staff. In observance of National Customer Service Week, October 3-7, 2022, Ms. Williams gave a brief history of how the national holiday began and how Savannah has honored its customer service staff.

On behalf of the customer service staff, Ms. Torres thanked Mayor and Council for recognition of th 311 staff and national customer service week. She gave residents instructions on how to reach th 311 staff; (in 912 area code dial 311, out of 912 area code dial 912-651-6565, option 6) and the ap SAV311 for service requests. Ms. Torres introduced the 311 staff members, Ms. Latrelle Favors and Ms. Amanda Green (unable to attend).

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

8. Approval of a Class E (by the Package) Alcohol License to Dayna Lee for Savannah Wine Institute, a Wine School at 602 East Henry Street between East Broad Street and Atlantic Avenue in Aldermanic District 2 (Continued from September 8, 2022).

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Savannah Wine Institute.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Savannah Wine Institute.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Savannah Wine Institute.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Savannah Wine Institute.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Savannah Wine Institute.pdf

Mayor Johnson announced the first alcohol hearing for Item #8 was held on September 8, 2022.

a. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to reopen the alcohol hearing, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed 8-1-0. Alderman Palumbo voted no.

Speaker(s):

- George R. Brunson, Jr., representing Mt. Tabor Baptist Church - OPPOSED
- Judee Jones, representing the city – ABC Team
- Rev. Franklin D. Blackshear - OPPOSED
- Larry Cunningham, VP of Eastside Neighborhood Concerned Citizens - OPPOSED

Mayor Johnson asked Ms. Jones to advise the City Council of the laws relating to distance from a church in reference to this alcohol application. Because there will not be any distilled spirits on the premises, Ms. Jones indicated there is no distance requirement for this alcohol application (for distilled spirits, the distance is 100 yards).

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to close the alcohol hearing for Item #8, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter abstained/recused herself.

c. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #8, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed 5-3-1. Alderwoman Lanier, Alderman Leggett, and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan voted no, and Alderwoman Gibson-Carter abstained.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. Public Hearing to Receive Comments on Proposed Redistricting of Savannah Aldermanic Districts Pursuant to the 2020 Census Data.

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing open for Item #9.

Mayor Johnson described the process involved with Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) staff to establish the legally required margins to change the aldermanic districts pursuant to the 2020 census data. The new maps were published in the beginning of August and placed in three areas in each District and placed online. There will be an additional notice and Council will vote on the plan on October 27, 2022.

No speaker(s).

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to close the public hearing for Item #9, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Johnson thanked Executive Director Melanie Wilson of MPC and her staff for all the hard work in the redistricting process.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

10. Approval to Annex 85.573 Acres Located off Veterans Parkway near the Little Ogeechee River. The property will be developed as industrial warehouses as part of the Rockingham Farms development.

Exhibit 1: Annexation Petition - Rockingham Farms.pdf

Exhibit 2: Ordinance - Rockingham Farms.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #10, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

11. Petition of Travis Burke on behalf of Rockingham Farms, LLC to Support Annexed Parcels Located at 343 Buckhalter Road and Garrard Avenue (PINs 10943 01001, 10946 01001 and 10946 01002) from M (Manufacturing) to M-CO (Manufacturing – County). Annexation for Aldermanic District 5 (File No. 22-003291-ZA).

Exhibit 1: Staff Report for Annexation File No. 22-003291-ZA.pdf

Exhibit 2: Annexation Maps File No. 22-003291-ZA.pdf

Exhibit 3: Rockingham Farms Ordinance .pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #11, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Procure Vehicle Warning Devices from JC Lewis Ford (LOCAL) in the Amount of $170,218. This will allow the Fleet Department to outfit nineteen Police utility vehicles with warning equipment. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Warning Devices.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Warning Devices.pdf

Alderman Leggett expressed concerns with discrepancies during the process. JC Lewis out-sources the work to subcontractors. Policy states the winning vendor should have the license to do the work,

not an outside source. The second bidding vendor had a higher price, but was Savannah First and had a license to do the work without outsourcing.

City Manager Melder stated the City's policy does not prohibit sub-contracting. A meeting was held with the second bidder with Members of Council in attendance. Savannah First has two requirements: 1.) a business license with the City for a least a year; and 2.) a tax ID number which identifies you as a Savannah business. The award was given to the lowest bidder, JC Lewis whose bid was $44,000 lower than the second bidder. The second bidder has successfully worked with the City and hopefully, will continue to respond to bids in the future. The process was carried out according to the City's procurement process.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated during her due diligence she found the subcontractor was based in Garden City. There are two contractors available within the City capable of doing the work Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the contract award could be rescinded. City Manage Melder explained in detail the procurement process and the Savannah First requirements. He recommended Council approve Item #12, so the police cars can receive the needed devices.

Alderman Purtee asked City Manager Melder the name of the sub-contractor (West Chatham Warning Devices or Savannah Communications). City Manager Melder asked Purchasing Director Johnnie Coker for the information. Mr. Coker stated West Chatham Warning Devices is the sub-contractor. Alderman Purtee stated the sub-contractor is in Chatham County adjacent to the City, not Garden City. Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated, at the meeting, it was stated the sub-contractor was in Garden City.

Mayor Johnson indicated Savannah First does not mean Savannah only, it means Savannah businesses would be given priority.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #12, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

13. Notification of an Emergency Purchase to Procure 19 Police Vehicles with Brannen Motor Company in the Amount of $691,600. Due to current supply chain issues impacting the availability of vehicles, if the police vehicles were not purchased the lead time would increase substantially. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Pursuit Vehicles.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Pursuit Vehicles.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated the City typically uses Wade Ford to receive a deep discount and they are a state-wide vendor. Brannen Motor Company is $11,380.00 lower than Wade Ford. She asked City Manager Melder to explain the difference. City Manager Melder explained the transactions were done at different times. Currently, the demand for vehicles is more than the supply, and the City had to locate the cars for the police department when Wade Ford could not deliver the 19 vehicles.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Items #13 and #14, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

14. Authorize the City Manager to Rescind an Award for 19 Police Vehicles with Wade Ford in the Amount of $702,980. Fleet Services received notification from Wade Ford informing us that our order for the 19 police vehicles has been cancelled due to a shortage of the 2022 model year vehicles. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Notes - Rescind SPD Pursuit Vehicles.pdf

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Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Items #13 and #14, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for 10 Medium-Duty Trucks with National Auto Fleet Group in Care of Alan Jay Fleet Sales in the Amount of $734,308 Two trucks will be fleet additions for the Historic Squares & Parks Department and Lift Station maintenance. The other eight will replace older units at the Water Distribution (5), and Signals, Street Lights, Signs & Markings Unit (3). (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Medium Duty Trucks.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Medium Duty Trucks.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #17, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Install New Ballfield Lights in Daffin and Scarborough Parks with MUSCO Sports Lighting, LLC in the Amount of $474,118. This will provide more youth and adult sports teams with the opportunity to conduct practices and games during evening hours. (Recreation & Leisure)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Ballfield Lights.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Ballfield Lights.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #17, seconded by Alderman

Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for Maintenance Services with GEA Mechanical Equipment US, Inc. in the Amount of $30,396. Services are needed for equipment used to ensure that sludge does not overrun storage capacity and the water treatment process is not disrupted or compromised. (Industrial and Water Department)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Centrifuge Maintenance.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Centrifuge Maintenance.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #17, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Fell Street Drainage Basin Study with EMC Engineering (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed $125,000. The study will be used to determine how to optimize the two stormwater pump stations in the basin and to size a replacement for the 106-year-old concrete outfall that conveys discharge to the Savannah River. Fell Street is located in the West Savannah neighborhood. (Stormwater)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Fell Street Drainage Basin Study.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Fell Street Drainage Study.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier expressed concern of excessive flooding in Cloverdale, Woodville, and Hudson Hill. The very old infrastructure on the Westside is a huge problem. A comprehensive, scientific engineering study to build infrastructure models for the Westside is needed. This study is a good start, but a plan of action is needed not only for the work but for funding.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz added, as SPLOST discussions start, funding in the next few years should include consideration of the Westside and the Springfield Basin drainage improvements.

Mayor Johnson acknowledged/recognized the President of the West Savannah Community Association, Pastor Marsha Buford.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #18, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Brief Cam for Video Analytics Software (100 cameras) for the Savannah Police Department Operations in the Amount of $149,072. The platform will assist SPD with case management, which will enhance SPD's ability to identify, track, and seize people or vehicles associated with criminal activity. (Police)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Brief Cam.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Brief Cam.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter commended the City on the cameras and asked City Manager Melder to give consideration to the areas requested that were sent to him in emails.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Item #19, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

20. Approval to Procure Taxiway Light Fixtures and Connection Kits from Allen Enterprises, Inc. to Rebuild Taxiway Lightning Circuits in the Amount of $92,488.

Exhibit 1: Crystal Reports - Sales Order Printing.pdf

HEARD after Item #7.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #20, #21, #22, #23, #25, #26, and #27, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

21. Approval to Procure Two 2022 Dump Trucks from Sheehy Ford of Warrenton, VA in the Amount of $212,136.

Exhibit 1: Dump Trucks-Sheehy Ford.pdf

HEARD after Item #7.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #20, #21, #22, #23, #25, #26, and #27, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

22. Approval to Renew an Advertising Contract with Adams Outdoor Advertising to Promote New Airlines, Routes, Parking Perks, and SAV to the Bluffton/HHI Markets on Multiple Billboards Located on Highway 278, in the Amount of $235,192.

HEARD after Item #7.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #20, #21, #22, #23, #25, #26, and #27, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

23. Approval to Procure One 2022 GMC Sierra Skirted Chassis Flatbed Truck from Nalley Buick GMC Brunswick, GA in the Amount of $68,344.

Exhibit 1: Skirted Chassis Flatbed Truck-Nalley Buick GMC.pdf

HEARD after Item #7.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #20, #21, #22, #23, #25, #26, and #27, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

24. Approval of Amendment No. 2 to Task Order No. 12 with AECOM for Additional Design Services on the Security Checkpoint Expansion Project in the Amount of $91,860.

Exhibit 1: AECOM - Amendment No. 2 to Task Order No. 12.pdf

HEARD after Item #7.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #24, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz recused herself due to a business conflict.

25. Approval of Task Order No. 17 with AECOM, for Design Services on the Taxiway G & Bridge Project in the Amount of $512,915.

Exhibit 1: AECOM TW G & Bridge- Task Order No. 17.pdf

HEARD after Item #7.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #20, #21, #22, #23, #25, #26, and #27, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

26. Approval to Ratify the Acceptance of Airport Improvement Program Grant Offer No. 3-13-0100-072-2022 from the Federal Aviation Administration in the Amount of $5,308,672.

HEARD after Item #7.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #20, #21, #22, #23, #25, #26, and #27, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

27. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement for Improvements to Interstate 95 at Airways Avenue/Pooler Parkway (P.I. 0018402), in an Amount Not to Exceed $120,000.

HEARD after Item #7.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #20, #21, #22, #23, #25, #26, and #27, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

AGREEMENTS

28. Authorize the City Manager to Accept a Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Youth Grant Award in the Amount of $1,051,232. The award will be used to provide youth programs from April 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024 to low-income youth between the ages of 16 and 24. The City serves as the fiduciary agent for the 10-county region.

Exhibit 1-PY22 Youth Statement of Award.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier requested data on the allocation of funds and numbers on the impact of the funds. Mayor Johnson stated he will provide the information for Alderwoman Lanier.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #28 through #31, seconded by Alderwoma Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

29. Approval of Modification No. 1 to the PY2022 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Eckerd Connects-Paxen Adult/Dislocated Worker Case Management Services Sub-award (Camden, Glynn, McIntosh) in the Amount of $16,750.

Alderwoman Lanier requested data on the allocation of funds and numbers on the impact of the funds. Mayor Johnson stated he will provide the information for Alderwoman Lanier.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #28 through #31, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

30. Authorize the City Manager to Accept the Initial PY22 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Grant Awards for Adult ($179,112) and Dislocated Worker ($276,740) Programs. The awards will be used to provide programs from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024 to adults who are unemployed or underemployed, and adults who have lost their jobs. The City serves as the fiduciary agent for the 10-county region.

Exhibit 1 - PY22 Dislocated Worker Statement of Award.pdf

Exhibit 2 - PY22 Adult Statement of Award.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier requested data on the allocation of funds and numbers on the impact of the funds. Mayor Johnson stated he will provide the information for Alderwoman Lanier.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #28 through #31, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

31. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with 4410 Properties, LLC for 4410 Ogeechee Road. This is for a development consisting of a 7,260 sq.ft. commercial strip pla in the Chatham Parkway service area.

Exhibit 1 : Water & Sewer Agreement - 4410 Ogeechee Road.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier requested data on the allocation of funds and numbers on the impact of the funds. Mayor Johnson stated he will provide the information for Alderwoman Lanier.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #28 through #31, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

32. Authorize the City Manager to Acquire Required Property Interests to Facilitate the Truman Linear Park Trail Phase IIB Project.

Exhibit 1: Map - Truman Trail Phase II-B.pdf

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #32, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed

unanimously, 9-0-0.

33. Authorize the City Manager to Declare King Street Surplus and Available for Sale Along with Portions of Munster Street – Petition #22-064.

Exhibit 1: Map - Munster & King Streets.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Clerk of Council Massey if any correspondence was received in reference to Item #33. Mr. Massey indicated, no comments or correspondence was received in the Clerk's office.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and City Manager Melder had dialogue on the appraised value of the property (property value too low), and the right of first refusal for adjacent property owner (Mr. Wardlaw). Mr. Melder explained the City is not selling the entire parcel, it will retain the most valuable portion of the parcel.

An unidentified lady in the audience started to speak concerning the land. Addressing the lady, Mayor Johnson indicted this is not a public hearing. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if the unidentified lady could speak. Mayor Johnson indicated this is not a public hearing.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked for the appraised value of the property. Senior Director of Real Estate David Keating reported in 2017 the appraised value of the entire parcel was $382,000; in 2022 the appraised value of the portion (southern half) the City is selling is $210,000. The same Appraiser was used in 2017 and 2022. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if the lady will have access to her property (yes).

City Manager Melder announced the petitioner has offered to pay an additional $400,000 toward the affordable housing fund for the purchase of the right-of-way; a total of $610,000. This incentive is a great deal for the City.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan stated the Council has discussed community benefits for the past two plus years. She expressed appreciation to Mr. Wardlaw, for the first time, a developer is giving money back for the Community Housing Agency. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan thanked everyone involved in the transaction. The community involved supports the transaction, it is a great community benefit agreement.

Mayor Johnson thanked Mr. Wardlaw, Team Savannah and Mr. Yellin for all the work involved in the business transaction.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder to give the definitions of affordable housing, workforce housing, and income based housing. Mr. Melder gave the definitions. Alderwoman Miller Blakely discussed how affordable housing does not mean income-based, therefore, affordable does not necessarily mean a resident can afford the affordable housing rates.

Mayor Johnson indicated the Savannah Affordable Housing Plan and Housing Savannah, Inc. provide housing that is affordable for Savannahians.

Alderman Palumbo thanked Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, the petitioner, and all the members of the community who participated in the process. This is a unique community benefits agreement and maybe not suitable for other communities, but it is the largest contribution on record for affordable housing.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan again, thanked Mr. Wardlaw and MPC Executive Director Melanie Wilson and her staff for their work on the project. She informed the public that the $400,000 will go to CHSA for affordable housing that benefits single mothers, seniors and low-income individuals.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter advised City Manager Melder that she did not vote for this particular development. She is listening to residents of the 3rd and 4th District who feel the price/appraisal is too low. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated she will not be supporting Item #33.

Alderwoman Lanier clarified there was no community benefit agreement; however, she is glad the $400,000 will be going into the housing fund to leverage affordable housing for residents. Alderwoman Lanier stated a community benefits agreement is created with resident input/preferences and that was not included in this process.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #33, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

Mayor Johnson indicated any contributions to election campaigns for any Member of the Savannah City Council is located at https://www.savannahga.gov/.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

34. Settlement #1

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #34, to authorize the City Attorney's office to resolve the claim of Nancy Cook (vehicle accident) in the amount of $180,000.00, seconded by

Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

35. Settlement #2

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #35, to authorize the City Attorney's office to resolve a claim with Curtis V. Cooper by transferring property located at 635 East Broughton Street, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

36. Approval to Amend the Historic Sites and Monuments Standards and Guidelines to Present More Clarity About the Review Process for Historic Markers, Monuments, Murals, and Public Art and to Add Language Further Clarifying the Application Guidelines for Rotating Murals.

Exhibit 1: Staff Report on Revisions to the Historic Sites and Monuments Commission Master Plan & Guidelines.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #36, seconded by Alderman Leggett an Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

37. Authorize Supplemental Budget Appropriations to the FY 2022 Capital Improvement Program.

Exhibit 1: FY22 Q3 Capital Improvements Projects Budget Appropriations Details

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder how installation of new sidewalks were prioritized. Mr. Melder indicated Council Members will be asked for their individual districts priorities of new sidewalks before staff moves forward.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #37, seconded by Alderman Palumbo and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

38. Adoption of the Proposed Redistricting of Savannah Aldermanic Districts Pursuant to 2020 Census Data.

REMOVED from the agenda, and CONTINUED/POSTPONED Item #38 to the October 27, 2022, City Council Meeting, during the adoption of the agenda, upon advisement from the City Attorney's office in order to meet hearing requirements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Alderman Purtee announced Georgia Southern University's Homecoming is this weekend. As a Georgia Southern University graduate, Mayor Johnson said, go Eagles.

Mayor Johnson thanked former Mayor Otis Johnson for attending the meeting.

Alderman Leggett announced the new CAT tracker/app is out for everyone's use.

Mayor Johnson announced the 35th anniversary of CAT Transit.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked residents to respond to the MPC survey on transportation, posted on the MPC website.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:26 p.m.

A video recording of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: October 13, 2022

Signature: Mark Massey

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OCTOBER 13, 2022, 12:00 noon - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 12:02 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Purtee to offer a prayer.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT: Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

Workshop Agenda Items

1. Savannah First Program Enhancements

Exhibit 1: Savannah First Enhancements Presentation.pdf

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson, City Manager Melder, Economic Development Director Manny Dominguez, Business Opportunity Manager MaRonda Lumpkin-Lotson, and Purchasing Director Johnnie Coker.

Mayor Johnson briefly explained the Savannah First Program which started as a year-long pilot. City Manager Melder introduced the presenters: Economic Development Director Manny Dominguez, Business Opportunity Manager MaRonda Lumpkin-Lotson, and Purchasing Director Johnnie Coker.

Following the presentation, City Manager Melder thanked the presenters. Mayor and Council asked questions and offered comments:

- Mayor Johnson thanked the presenters, City Attorney Lovett and City Manager Melder as the quarterback. He spoke about timing as it relates to the pandemic and how the program continued moved forward. Mayor Johnson discussed use of sub-contractors and the shortage in Savannah. He offered information on adding an advocacy piece for areas not covered in the Savannah First area.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked presenters. She applauded the staff on streamlining the application process. She encouraged "free" training programs for new and existing business owners, and for offering virtual classes.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked Mr. Coker when using FEMA during emergency situations, how can local businesses participate as a FEMA business. Mr. Coker answered businesse should go to the website and register as a local business.
- Mayor Johnson added, the importance of an emergency declaration is to allow for emergency purchases. Local business owners need to register before an emergency happens (now) to be called during the emergency situations.
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed that she was elated (happy & thankful) about the page reduction of the application. She asked how was the amount of $5 million or greater determined, and can the amount be lowered (possibly $2 million) for the mentor/protege program. Mr. Dominguez answered, other similar programs were considered, but the amount could be lowered (the program can be reviewed at 6-month intervals). Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked how will businesses be paired/selected for the mentor/protege program. Each vendor is provided a list to select a protege. Ms. Lotson added, there is one protege to one mentor.
- Alderwoman Lanier thanked presenters for their work and information. She asked if the proteges will receive a certification at the end of the program. Mr. Dominguez answered, no, the goal is the relationship.
- Alderwoman Lanier asked, in capturing data, how were different racial groups identified. Mr. Dominguez answered, the named minority & disadvantaged groups were identified by using Federal and State guidelines. In the construction industry, Alderwoman Lanier stated there are instances where a white female was used as a figure head. How will you identify those deceptions. Ms. Lotson stated there will be constant engagement with the businesses including site visits. If there are any deceptions, it will bear out.
- Alderwoman Lanier asked will a start-up business need to complete1-year to qualify (yes). Sh stated the staff is doing a great job and she looks forward to greater things in the future.
- Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan thanked the presenters and stated the Council appreciates staff making the process easier for local businesses. The team has been proactive not reactive. She thanked them for their service.
- Mayor Johnson stated he was scared at first, but Council had been bold in their actions and courage. He thanked Council and staff for making these programs better.
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated the entrepreneur center will help to establish businesses. Will the Center help new businesses find work? Ms. Lotson explained the many programs available at the entrepreneur center to new businesses for getting established. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked will the new business be provided a list of vendors to solicit business. Mayor Johnson indicated this is the reason for the advocacy piece, to have an independent third party available to new businesses and help them succeed. The City can only do so much. Savannah First does not mean Savannah only.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Workshop at 1:24 p.m.

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OCTOBER 13, 2022, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:04 p.m. Mayor Johnson introduced Bishop Matthew Marvin Odum, Senior Pastor of Temple of Glory Community Church to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT: Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for October 13, 2022.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda as amended thereby continuing/postponing agenda Items #13, #17 and #23 to the October 27, 2022, City Council Meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed, unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on September 22, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.

Exhibit 1: DRAFT MINUTES-September 22, 2022 City Council Workshop Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on September 22, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Exhibit 1: DRAFT MINUTES-September 22, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

PRESENTATIONS

4. Appearance By and Appreciation of the City of Savannah Human Resources Staff in Recognition of Human Resources Professional Day.

Exhibit 1: HR Professional Day Proclamation.pdf

PRESENTED and READ by Mayor Johnson to Human Resources Director Jeff Grant and HR staff.

Mr. Grant thanked Mayor and Council for the honor/recognition of the proclamation and shared human resources statistics for the past five years. He introduced the members of the Human Resources (Dream) Team and expressed gratitude for the Team's service to the public.

5. A Proclamation Recognizing October as National Community Planning Month.

Exhibit 1: Resolution to Recognize National Planning Month in October.pdf

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and READ by Alderman Palumbo, Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) Director Melanie Wilson, Planning & Urban Design Director Bridget Lidy, and Senior Planner Candra Teshome. Also in attendance were Development Services GIS Analyst Nusrat Fatema, Housing Senior Planner Brian Brainerd, and MPC Director of Development Services Marcus Lotson.

6. Appearance by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) in Observance of World Mental Health Awareness Day on October 10th.

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Region 5 Community Relations and Education Coordinator for Mobile Crisis Alosia Hall and Dottie Bailey with Mental Health Alert Wristbands, Inc. (Crisis Intervention Training [CIT]).

Ms. Hall discussed the issues encountered by mental health patients and how the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) has provided assistance and education of mental illness for the public. She asked for a champion to represent NAMI and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan volunteered her service. Ms. Hall presented Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan with two brochures to distribute to Council Members after she has educated herself on the information.

Ms. Bailey gave a brief history of her journey as a mental health patient and her success in overcoming the many challenges on a daily basis. She distributed mental health wristbands that she created to Council Members. The wristbands are for law enforcement officers to identify those with a mental illness.

Ms. Hall shared the Georgia mobile and access line and reported 988 is up and operating nationally. The 988 number will connect directly to the Georgia mobile and access line.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

7. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Adrian L. Johnson II for The Original Sey Hey & Family, a Restaurant at 2505 Bull Street between West 41st and West 42nd Streets in Aldermanic District 2. (Continued from the September 8, 2022 Council meeting per staff recommendation).

Exhibit 1: Checklist - The Original Sey Hey & Family.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - The Original Sey Hey & Family.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - The Original Sey Hey & Family.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - The Original Sey Hey & Family.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - The Original Sey Hey & Family.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #7 through #11.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderman Palumbo moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #7 through #11, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #7, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

8. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Jayshree Patel for The Finch Lounge, a Restaurant at 52 Barnard Street between West Broughton and West Congress Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - The Finch Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - The Finch Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - The Finch Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - The Finch Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - The Finch Lounge.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #7 through #11.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderman Palumbo moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #7 through #11, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #8, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 7-1-1. Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated she will be voting no on all lounges, until the City Council votes to approve the CRU Lounge.

9. Approval of a Class D (Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Nicole Krecicki for Provisions, a Wine Shop at 101 West Liberty Street between Whitaker and Barnard Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Provisions.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Provisions.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Provisions.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Provisions.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Provisions.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #7 through #11.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderman Palumbo moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #7 through #11, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #9, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

10. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Blake Greco for Parker's #88, a Convenience Store at 21 East Derenne Avenue between Abercorn Street and White Bluff Road in Aldermanic District 4.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Parker's #88.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Parker's #88.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Parker's #88.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Parker's #88.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Parker's #88.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #7 through #11.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderman Palumbo moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #7 through #11, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #10, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

11. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Colin Breland for Late Air Wine Bar, a Bar/Lounge at 2805 Bull Street between West Victory Drive and West 45th Street in Aldermanic District 5.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Late Air Wine Bar.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Late Air Wine Bar.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Late Air Wine Bar.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Late Air Wine Bar.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Late Air Wine Bar.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #7 through #11.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderman Palumbo moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #7 through #11, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

b. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #11, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 7-1-1. Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

12. Second Public Hearing to Receive Comments Concerning the City's 2023-2027 Consolidated Housing and Community Development (HCD) Plan and the 2023 One-Year Action Plan.

Exhibit 1: HCD Goals & Priorities Snapshot 2023 - 2027 Final.pdf

Exhibit 2: 2023 One-Year Action Plan Proposed Budget.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing open for Item #12.

Speaker(s):

- Alderwoman Lanier expressed concern with regard to the targeted corridors and neighborhoods specifically gentrification concerns and rapid growth. The West Bay Street corridor is vital for economic development from the viaduct to Highway 21/516 Interstate entrance. She asked for this corridor to be included going forward.
- Mayor Johnson joined Alderwoman Lanier by asking to have this area included in the 2024 One-Year Action Plan

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the public hearing for Item #12, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent. (See related agenda item #40 for action taken).

ZONING HEARINGS

13. Petition of Robert McCorkle on behalf of Paul DeLoach to Amend the Zoning Map for Approximately 0.69 Acres at 8020 Waters Avenue and 1104-1106 Corinth Avenue (PINs 20493 02002, 20493 02001, 20493 02001A) from RSF-6 (Residential Single Family-6) to O-I (Office Institutional). The Planning Commission recommended rezoning the parcels to OI-T (Office Institutional-Transitional) in Aldermanic District 4 (File No. 22- 003744-ZA). (Petitioner requested continuance of this item).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for Waters and Corinth (File No. 22-003744-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for Waters and Corinth (File No. 22-003744-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Photos of Waters and Corinth (File No. 22-003744-ZA).pdf

CONTINUED Items #13 and #17 to the October 27, 2022 City Council Meeting, as requested by the applicant and City Manager.

14. Bridget Lidy on behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen to Amend the Zoning Map to Expand the Streetcar Historic District Boundaries to Include 2805 Bull Street (PIN 20074 33001) in Aldermanic District 5 (File No. 22-002103-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 2805 Bull Street (File No. 22-004402).pdf

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance for 2805 Bull Street (File No. 22-004402-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #14.

Speaker(s):

- Marcus Lotson, representing the MPC

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderwoman Lanier requested Mr. Lotson to provide written documentation to the entire City Council on how someone can request a parcel of land, business, or house to be included in a historic district or an overlay, if they currently are not within those areas.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #14, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent. (See related agenda item #18.)

15. Bridget Lidy on behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen to Amend Section 7.11 of the Zoning Ordinance to Expand the Boundaries of the Streetcar District to Include a Parcel South of West Victory Drive (File No. 22-002763-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet (File No. 22-004402).pdf

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance (File No. 22-004402-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #15.

Speaker(s):

- Marcus Lotson, representing the MPC

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #15, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent. (See related agenda item #19.)

16. Petition of Josh Yellin on behalf of J & J Properties of Savannah, LLC to Zone Approximately 10.04 Acres at 340 Buckhalter Road (PIN 10941 01017) from R-A (Residential Agricultural) to R-A-CO (Residential - Agricultural- County) to Support an Annexation Petition. Annexation District 1/5 (File No. 22-003395-ZA).

Exhibit 1: Staff Review of 340 Burkhalter Road (File No. 22-003395-ZA)

Exhibit 2: Maps for 340 Buckhalter Road (File No. 22-003395-ZA)

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #16.

Speaker(s):

- Bridget Lidy, Planning & Urban Design Director
- Martin Joubert – UNDECIDED, needs developer information regarding the long-term intent

Written comment(s) received:

- Casey Bowers - OPPOSED

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #16, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent. (See related agenda Items #20 and #21.)

INANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

'. Petition of Robert McCorkle on behalf of Paul DeLoach to Amend the Zoning Map for Approximately 0.69 Acres at 8020 Waters Avenue and 1104-1106 Corinth Avenue (PINs 20493 02002, 20493 02001, 20493 02001A) from RSF-6 (Residential Single Family-6) to O-I (Office Institutional). The Planning Commission Recommended Zoning the Parcels to OI-T (Office Institutional-Transitional). Aldermanic District 4 (File No. 22- 003744-ZA). (Petitioner requested continuance of this item).

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Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance for 2805 Bull Street (File No. 22-004402-ZA).pdf

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #18, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

19. Bridget Lidy on behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen to Amend Section 7.11 of the Zoning Ordinance to Expand the Boundaries of the Streetcar District to Include a Parcel South of West Victory Drive (File No. 22-002763-ZA).

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Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance (File No. 22-004402-ZA).pdf

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #19, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

20. Approval to Annex 10.08 acres Located at 340 Buckhalter Road near Veterans Parkway. The property is proposed to be developed as multi-family residential townhomes.

Exhibit 1: Annexation Petition - J&J Properties.pdf

Exhibit 2: Annexation Ordinance - J&J Properties.pdf

Exhibit 3: Locator Map - J&J Properties.pdf

HEARD, FIRST READING ONLY for Items #20 and #21.

21. Petition of Josh Yellin on behalf of J & J Properties of Savannah, LLC to Zone Approximately 10.04 Acres at 340 Buckhalter Road (PIN 10941 01017) from R-A (Residential Agricultural) to R-A-CO (Residential - Agricultural- County) to Support an Annexation Petition. Annexation District 1/5 (File No. 22-003395-ZA).

Exhibit 1: Staff Review of 340 Burkhalter Road (File No. 22-003395-ZA)

Exhibit 2: Maps for 340 Buckhalter Road (File No. 22-003395-ZA)

HEARD, FIRST READING ONLY for Items #20 and #21.

'. Charter Amendment for the Pension Plan. This is a proposed ordinance to amend to the City Charter to address changes to the City of Savannah Employees' Retirement an (the "Pension Plan") effective January 1, 2023.

Exhibit 1: Memo Regarding the Ordinance for Charter Amendment Effective 1-1-2023 (Pension Plan).docx

Exhibit 2: Notice of Charter Amendment - Pension Plan (Disability and Rehires).docx

Exhibit 3: Ordinance to Amend City of Savannah Employees Retirement Plan (Disability and Rehires).docx

HEARD, FIRST READING ONLY for Item #22.

City Manager Melder explained the proposed changes for the record, as requested by Alderwoman Miller Blakely.

City Manager Melder described the following changes:

- Sections 1.A., 1.B., and 1.C. - To require a Social Security Administration determination for disability or a determination for disability benefits under the City's long-term disability plan in

order to be eligible for disability benefits under the Plan (rather than the Retirement Board determining disability based on physician certifications); and

- Section 1.D. - To require if a participant is re-employed by the City while receiving pension benefits under the Plan, the participant's pension benefits will cease and, during the period of re-employment, the participant will make contributions to the Plan. Upon re-retirement, the participant's pension benefits will be recalculated and payment shall commence following the participant's re-retirement. Retirees who are elected to office or selected to fill a vacancy in an appointed office (City Manager, City Attorney, or City Clerk), however, will continue to have choice to continue their pension or rejoin and contribute to the Plan. The amendment will be in effect for re-employments on and after January 1, 2023.

23. Ordinance Pertaining to Proposed Redistricting of Savannah Aldermanic Districts Pursuant to the 2020 Census Data. (Staff requested continuance of this item).

CONTINUED Item #23 to the October 27, 2022 City Council Meeting, as requested by staff.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Sewer Vacuum, Hydro-Excavation Combination Truck from Vactor Manufacturing in Care of Environmental Products Group in the Amount of $540,300. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Sewer Vac Truck.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Sewer Vac Truck.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24, #25, #28 through #31, #33, and #34, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for 106 Ford Pursuit Utility Vehicles for the Savannah Police Department with National Auto Fleet in Care of Alan Jay Fleet Network in the Amount of $5,174,716. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - SPD Pursuit Utility Vehicles.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - SPD Pursuit Utility Vehicles.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24, #25, #28 through #31, #33, and #34, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Construction Contract for the Repair of the Joe Tribble Park Lake with Johnson-Laux (LOCAL, DBE) in an Amount Not to Exce $2,492,614. This work will fill in all voids that have formed under the current breached area and replace the walking trail in the affected area. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Joe Tribble Park Repairs.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Joe Tribble Park Repairs.pdf

Alderman Purtee expressed his thanks to the City for the project finally getting started.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #26, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

27. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Traffic Control Center with Stage Front (LOCAL) in the Amount of $314,654. The Mobility Services Department will use the traffic control center to help reduce traffic congestion, enhance travel safety, provide traveler information, and generally improve mobility for the residents and visitors of Savannah. (Mobility Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Traffic Control Center.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Traffic Control Center.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier asked City Manager Melder to explain the control center to the public. She indicated this is a big event where the City can control the impact of traffic, this is in real time.

City Manager Melder explained the traffic control center will help reduce traffic congestion, enhance travel safety, provide traveler information, and generally improve mobility for the residents and visitors of Savannah. The project will allow for the development of an operation layout and provide/install equipment in the City of Savannah's traffic control center space located in the Administration Building at the Floyd Adams Jr. Municipal Complex. Work will include installing a ne video wall, mounting system, workstations, and associated equipment for the traffic control center.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked when will the name, Floyd Adams, be placed on the outside of the administration building on Interchange Court. City Manager Melder will follow-up with Council with updated information on placing the name on the outside of the Interchange Court administration building.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #27, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

28. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Automated Billing Software with Carolina Times in an Amount Not to Exceed $113,674. This software will provide automated billing for the parking garages' monthly tenants for up to 500 cardholders per garage. (Parking & Mobility Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Parking Invoicing Software.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - Parking Invoicing Software.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24, #25, #28 through #31, #33, and #34, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

29. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Pay-by-Mobile with Parkeon dba Flowbird. The agreement will allow users to utilize the Parking Services Mobile Application to pay for parking remotely. The convenience fee incurred will be paid by the user. (Parking & Mobility Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24, #25, #28 through #31, #33, and #34, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

30. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Sanitation Curbside Calendar Packets with Proforma PrintSource in an Amount Not to Exceed $54,948. The Sanitation Department will utilize this contract to produce the 2023 curbside calendar packets. (Sanitation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Sanitation Calendar Packets.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Sanitation Calendar Packets.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24, #25, #28 through #31, #33, and #34, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

31. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Dr. Stephen Sampson for Pre-Employment Psychological Assessments in an Amount Not to Exceed $45,000. The results from Dr. Sampson's assessments will be utilized in connection with the hiring process as a mechanism to evaluate potential new officers' psychological fitness to serve as peace officers. (SPD)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Pre-Employment Psychological Testing.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Pre-Employment Psychological Testing.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24, #25, #28 through #31, #33, and #34, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

Following the vote, Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder to explain the pre-employment psychological assessments and if this is an on-going or new contract.

City Manager Melder explained the assessments are for the police department recruits. The services will be utilized in connection with the hiring process as a mechanism to evaluate potential new officers' psychological fitness to serve as police officers. This is an on-going standard practice by the City, however; this is a new vendor.

32. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Installation of Lights at Dundee Cottages with Georgia Power in an Amount Not to Exceed $57,589. This will provide installation of 18 lights at the Dundee Cottage site to provide lighting for the roads and walkways. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Dundee Cottage Lighting.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Dundee Cottage Lighting.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier has received requests from citizens in the area for more lighting and asked how the lighting was paid for and how can citizens get more lights installed.

City Manager Melder asked Alderwoman Lanier to have citizens send request for more lighting to the City. He indicated the programs will generate some income, and there are private sponsors contributing toward the cost.

Mayor Johnson indicated the City is working with Georgia Power to do a lighting audit to determine where the unlighted areas of the City need attention. He encouraged input of staff and citizens to complete the audit.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan thanked prior Interim City Managers Monahan and Brown, and current City Manager Melder on the cottages site project. Additionally, she thanked all parties involved in the cottages project for the homeless.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #32, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

33. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Employee Dental Plan Benefits with The Standard Insurance Company at no Cost to the City. The City of Savannah makes available access to voluntary dental insurance coverage to eligible employees, retirees, and family members. (Human Resources)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Dental.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Dental.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24, #25, #28 through #31, #33, and #34, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

34. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Employee Vision Plan Benefits with The Standard Insurance Company at No Cost to the City. The City of Savannah

makes available to eligible employees and dependents access to voluntary vision insurance coverage. (Human Resources)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Vision.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Vision.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24, #25, #28 through #31, #33, and #34, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

35. Approval of a Sponsorship Commitment to Visit Savannah in Support of the Efforts to Recruit the 2027 Bass Master Classic, in the Amount of $50,000.

HEARD after Item #50.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #35 through #39, seconded by Alderma Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibsor Carter was absent.

Mayor Johnson congratulated Savannah Airport Executive Director Gregory Kelly for being named Director of the Year for Small Airports. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan congratulated President Joseph Marinelli of Visit Savannah and the Savannah Airport for being number one in the nation.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated she has spoken to Mr. Dawoud Stevenson regarding the taxi drivers at the airport in reference to increasing the driver's flat-rate (cost-of-living, no increase since 2008).

Mayor Johnson advised Alderwoman Miller Blakely that the City has no control over the taxi drivers rates and to have the taxi drivers contact the Airport Commission to address a flat rate increase.

Mr. Stevenson stated the Airport Commission follows the City Ordinance as it relates to taxi driver rates and since the City recently increased their rate, the Airport Commission will following the same model and increase their rates.

36. Approval of Change Order No. 6 & 7 with Johnson-Laux for Modifications and Additions to the Scope of the Rental Car Improvements Project, in the Amount of $71,397.

Exhibit 1: SAC 30587 Change Order 6 Canopy Signs.pdf

Exhibit 2: SAC 30587 Change Order 7 Redesign.pdf

HEARD after Item #50.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #35 through #39, seconded by Alderma.. Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

37. Approval of the Renewal of a Professional Services Agreement for Federal Government Relations Support with Woodward & Associates, in the Amount of $144,000.

HEARD after Item #50.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #35 through #39, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

38. Approval to Execute a Contract with ECS Southeast, LLP for Special Inspections for the Terminal Security Checkpoint Expansion Project, in the Amount of $169,605.

HEARD after Item #50.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #35 through #39, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

39. Approval of an Official Airport Partnership with the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce for the Kingdom Cup, in the Amount of $225,000.

Exhibit 1: 2022 Kingdom Cup Sponsorship.pdf

HEARD after Item #50.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #35 through #39, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

40. A Resolution Adopting the City's 2023-2027 Consolidated Housing and Community Development (HCD) Plan and the 2023 One-Year Action Plan.

Exhibit 1: Resolution - 2023-2027 HCD Plan & 2023 OYA Plan.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #40, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1, with comments made earlier from

Alderwoman Lanier and Mayor Johnson taken under advisement, (See agenda item #12). Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

41. A Resolution Ratifying the Mayor's September 28, 2022 Emergency Order and Order of September 30, 2022 Rescinding the Emergency Order.

Exhibit 1: 09282022 Mayor's Declaration of Local Emergency - Hurricane Ian.pdf

Exhibit 2: Resolution Ratifying September 28 2022 Emergency Order.pdf.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #41, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

42. A Resolution to Extend a Temporary Stay on the Issuance of Any New License or Permit Related to the Sale and/or Distribution of Medicinal Cannabis for Period of an Additional 180 Days.

Exhibit 1: Resolution to Extend 180-day Stay on Medical Cannabis Dispensaries

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #42, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

43. A Resolution Issued in Honor of Isaac Miller.

Exhibit 1: Resolution - Isaac Miller.pdf

Mayor Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Gibson-Carter represented Council at the home going of Isaac Miller, father of Alderwoman Miller Blakely.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely thanked everyone, City staff, police department, Mayor and Council, etc. for their support and condolences on behalf of her family.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to approve Item #43, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

AGREEMENTS

44. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation for Gulfstream Service Center East Phase 1. This is for a development consisting of a 171,000 sq.ft. service center for Gulfstream in the Crossroads service area.

Exhibit 1 : Water & Sewer Agreement - Gulfstream Service Center East Phase 1.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #44 through #48, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

45. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Atlas Shrugged II, LLC for Parker's #88 and Starbucks at 21 and 11 East Derenne Avenue. The service will be for a Parker's convenience store and a Starbucks coffee shop in the President Street service area.

Exhibit 1 : Water & Sewer Agreement - Parkers and Starbucks - East Derenne Avenue.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #44 through #48, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

46. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Two Auto Re Georgetown, LLC. This is for a proposed oil change facility located within the City of Savannah Water and Sewer Georgetown/Gateway service area.

Exhibit 1: Two Autos Georgetown LLC Development Agreement - Final.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #44 through #48, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

47. Approval of a Water & Sewer Escrow Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Savannah Exchange Club Fair Association. This agreement is to connect the Savannah Exchange Club Fair Association property and site facilities located near the Interchange of Highway 204 and Interstate 95 to the City of Savannah Sanitary Sewer System.

Exhibit 1: Escrow Agreement and MOU - Savannah Exchange Club Fair Association.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #44 through #48, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

48. Approval of Agreement with Southern LNG for Fire & Rescue Services on Elba Island, GA.

Exhibit 1: City of Savannah Southern LNG Inc Fire Contract.docx (Confidential)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #44 through #48, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

49. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Non-Exclusive Easement for Ingress and Egress Along the Savannah Ogeechee Canal to Landlocked Parcel at 157 Telfair Road. (PIN 20714 06001)

Exhibit 1: Map - 157 Telfair.pdf

Exhibit 2: Telfair Easement Final.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier offered thanks to City staff finally handling the project.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #49, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.

MISCELLANEOUS

50. A Proclamation to Commemorate the 60th Anniversary of Leadership Savannah.

HEARD after Item #6, as requested by Mayor Johnson.

PRESENTED and READ by Mayor Johnson to Savannah Area Chamber representatives B Hubbard, Margaret Mary Russell, and Jen Davenport. Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan recognized LeAndrea Mikell for being featured on the cover of the Georgia Trend Magazine 40 Under 40 issue.

Mr. Hubbard accepted the proclamation on behalf of the Chamber and thanked Mayor and Council for the recognition. Chamber Vice President of Community Affairs Jen Davenport introduced other graduates of Leadership Savannah and expressed her thanks for the honor. She invited others to participate in Leadership Savannah.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Alderwoman Miller Blakely announced that Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present at the meeting because her son graduated from Army Basic Combat Training, which he completed with Honors.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan wished Nick Zoller a Happy Belated Birthday.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 3:42 p.m.

A video recording of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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OCTOBER 27, 2022, 4:30 p.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 4:30 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Purtee to offer a prayer.

PRESENT:

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

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

Workshop Agenda Items

1. Alcohol Ordinance Revisions

Exhibit 1: Alcohol Ordinance Presentation.pptx

PRESENTED by City Manager Melder and Revenue Department Manager Judee Jones.

Following the presentation by Ms. Jones, questions and comments were made by members of the City Council:

- Mayor Johnson expressed concerns with the transitional license permits and would like to see this on the agenda by January 1, 2023. Home delivery should be a duplication of State Law(Code).

Bar Cards usage will require proper training with the ability to recognize drunkenness and any individual involved in sex trafficking.

- Alderman Leggett expressed concerns with having a nightlife program happening at the same time as the alcohol ordinance amendment. The ABC Unit needs to be realigned for enforcement. Alderman Leggett recommended the Council meet again following ideas and/or revisions being sent to the City Manager.
- Mayor Johnson requested Council Members get feedback to City Manager Melder in a timely manner for the January 1, 2023, timeframe.
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked for the number of black-owned businesses. Ms. Jones indicated race is not tracked per application. With the BYOB, can a resident bring alcohol to an event venue without an alcohol license (a special event permit will be required, $50.00 per event with a max of six times per year). She asked Ms. Jones for the cost of an alcohol license. The cost ranges fro $600 to $5,600 based on classification. $200 will be added for Sunday sales. The waiting perio is twelve months if license is denied. City Manager Melder explained the waiting period if a licens is denied. Alderwoman Miller Blakely recommends a more detailed discussion by Council on the alcohol license ordinance amendment.
- Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan recommended adding security cameras at each location an alcohol license permit is issued as a requirement. This would help with loitering, robberies, and homicides. She asked the number of officers assigned to the ABC Unit (4). The ABC Unit needs additional help to manage 594 establishments. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan expressed concern for only one show-cause hearing during this administration, and only because someone died. More discussion is needed.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz expressed concern for the BYOB in the alcohol overlay district. Ms. Jones explained no alcohol in the alcohol overlay which includes temporary alcohol permits.
- Alderman Purtee asked, if approved, how will the information be disbursed to the 594 existing businesses. Ms. Jones answered, emails, letters and notifications will be issued. The government channel will be utilized, and there will be alcohol sessions for business owners. Alderman Purtee recommended partnering with City departments to deliver the information and have face-to-face contacts with owners.
- Alderwoman Lanier expressed concern for an equity piece when reevaluating ordinances. With the changing of the landscape, growth and development, when making ordinance changes, there are low wealth areas underserved. Alderwoman Lanier discussed the hurdles and changes made during this administration as it relates to alcohol and alcohol overlay districts. She advised Council the are saying one thing and doing another when laying down the policies.
- Mayor Johnson's expectation is the Council not delay for another year and complete the ordinance amendment by the end of 2022.

Mayor and Council thanked Ms. Jones for her presentation.

2. Growth Management Plan (Vision 2033)

Exhibit 1: Growth Management Plan - Vision 2033 Presentation.pptx

PRESENTED by City Manager Melder and Planning & Urban Design Senior Director Bridget Lidy.

Following the presentation by Ms. Lidy, below are questions and comments made by City Council Members:

- Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if Vision 2023 was presented 2-1/2 to 3 years ago (no). Where did this vision come from? This is a Vision from the City having discussions with Chatham County for growth.
- Alderman Leggett discussed Chatham Area Transit (CAT) and transportation moving to the west side of the City. As a member of CAT Board, he is hoping CAT will start conversations with adjoining cities like Pooler.
- Alderman Palumbo asked if this will include policy and zoning alignment with neighboring municipalities in the County. Ms. Lidy stated planning is a category included in the Plan for dialogue and an implementation plan.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked how much money is sitting aside and what are the futur amounts of a budget item. City Manager Melder answered, Council need not allocate any funds for this project, funds were allocated/approved over the past two budget cycles. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz recommended the Springfield and Vernonburg Basin projects be part of the discussions for stormwater relief in flooding neighborhoods. Also, there is an area in District 5 with dirt roads, that need paving; she would like the dirt road to be a part of the Vision 2033. Bring justice to all areas of Savannah.
- Alderwoman Lanier asked Ms. Lidy if the City, County and private sectors will create the Plan (yes, a board of directors and committees will be formed to execute the Plan). She also asked if there is a timeline. Ms. Lidy and City Manager Melder stated the timeline will depend on lining up all the logistics of the Plan; with an agreement with the City, County, businesses and SEDA. Mr. Melder added information on plans for dealing with infrastructure, housing, climate change, and rising sea

levels. Alderwoman Lanier asked if SEDA would be the business partner. City Manager Melder indicate SEDA will be a partner and fiduciary for this NGO. The City will be manager of it's own growth and development along with professional planners.

- Mayor Johnson explained in the past the City had it's own planners, the County had it's own planners, and now this is an opportunity for the City and County to use the same planners for growth. The funds were allocated some years ago for this plan.
- Alderwoman Lanier inquired about MPC's role. Mayor Johnson indicated, MPC will become a partner and will be engaged in the planning.
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder the funding source: $1 million from the City; $1 million from the County; and $1 million from the business entities (correct). In the past, some areas were excluded, what confirmations does the City have that those areas will not be overlooked? The last plan overlooked West Savannah and some parts of the Southside; that plan was concentrated in the downtown area. Mayor Johnson indicated the last plan was not funded by the City, it was an SDRA plan that specifically targeted downtown. To ensure the entire City is included, the City has contributed $1 million.

3. Parklet Ordinance

Exhibit 1: Parklet Program Presentation.pptx

This agenda item was not HEARD.

City Manager Melder indicated since the alcohol ordinance needs to be revisited, he will schedule a workshop in the weeks ahead and send Council the Parklet Ordinance slide presentation with a memo.

City Manager Melder announced an all day Budget Retreat will be held on Monday, November 14, 2022.

Mayor Johnson announced the State of the City will take place on Wednesday, November 2, 2022, 6:30 pm at the Cultural Arts Center.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Workshop at 5:55 p.m.

A video recording of the workshop can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

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OCTOBER 27, 2022, 6:30 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:31 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderwoman Gibson-Carter to introduce Chief Apostle Zinnia L. Williams from The New/Historic New Ogeechee Church, Inc. & Tak'em Ministries Inc. to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

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

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for October 27, 2022.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda as amended thereby removing agenda Items #4 and #9, and adding-on agenda Item #23 as requested by Mayor Johnson, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on October 13, 2022, at 12:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: DRAFT MINUTES - October 13, 2022 City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on October 13, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: DRAFT MINUTES - October 13, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

4. Adoption of the 2023 Meeting Calendar for the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah. (This item is being postponed).

Exhibit 1: Draft - 2023 City Council Meeting Schedule.pdf

REMOVED Item #4 upon the adoption of the agenda, as requested by City Manager Melder.

PRESENTATIONS

5. Appearance by the Veterans Council of Chatham County to Introduce the New Veteran of the Year and Parade Grand Marshal.

APPEARED members of the Veterans Council of Chatham County.

Chairman of the Veterans Council Joseph Higgins acknowledged and thanked Alderwoman Miller Blakely for her twenty plus years of service and congratulated Alderwoman Gibson-Carter on her son's recent graduation from basic training.

Chairman Higgins introduced the 2022-2023 Veteran of the Year, Greg Hendrick, US Navy retired. This year's parade will honor Vietnam Veterans, with President of the Savannah Vietnam Veterans Chapter Joseph Mitchler leading the parade.

Chairman Higgins invited Council, staff, and residents to join the Veterans during the parade. Parade Adjutant Mike Brady announced the Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps coming from Fort Lee, Virginia will be in town to perform on the night before the parade at the Veterans Memorial and during parade. Mr. Brady stated twelve bands will be participating, and then he distributed a Veterans Council shirt to all members of Council.

Mayor Johnson presented Chairman Higgins and the other members present with the Parade Permit. The Veterans Parade will be held on Friday, November 11, 2022, beginning at 10:00 a.m., finishing u on Oglethorpe this year.

6. Recognition of the Month of October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Mayor Johnson recognized WSAV news anchor Tina Tyus-Shaw, along with Breast Cancer survivors and advocates, for their life-saving Buddy Check 3 program. Ms. Tyus-Shaw described the program of WSAV which seeks to remind people to do their breast self-exam on the third day of each month. Ms. Tyus-Shaw then recognized the others present.

Symenthia Shuman Allen shared her personal story with breast cancer. She is healed and doing well now.

Bevery Miles Oneal shared her personal story with having a mastectomy. She is now a survivor.

Crysal Higgins shared her personal story as a two-time cancer survivor.

Sharon, who is not a cancer survivor but an advocate, stated she lends her support because of people she lost, like co-workers, friends and family. She stated Mayor Johnson will be ripping the runway on Sunday at the Savannah Theatre at 5pm for the Go Pink 365 Fashion Show which benefits the Buddy Check 3 program and honoring all cancers, not just breast cancer. She asked the City Manager to get there at 4pm, as well, to wear his nice suit.

Tina Tyus-Shaw also addressed the issue of uninsured and under-insured women. To help, she aske everyone to support the St. Josephs/Candler Mammography Fund which provides no cost breast heal services to uninsured/underinsured individuals. You can call 912.819.7055, or text "mammo" to 50155.

Mayor Johnson recognized Tina Tyus-Shaw for her role in the U.S. Senate Debate held recently in Savannah, GA on October 14, 2022.

7. Recognition of the Month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Mayor Johnson recognized Karen Denise Austin Hall, Valerie Williams, Sean White, and Felicia White Williams.

Karen Denise Austin Hall thanked the Council members and she spoke of the experiences of domestic violence which is very serious. Their platform is education plus education is the key to prevention. She

stated she is a survivor of domestic violence and described those experiences.

Valerie Williams from Brunswick, GA indicated domestic violence can be a one-time experience, whereby she detailed her personal experience. She has a nonprofit called LoveSmart which assists teens experiencing dating violence. She stated she is an overcomer versus a survivor.

Sean White indicated he was representing the White, Williams and Henderson families. His family lost Barbara White Williams (his sister) to domestic violence. He detailed and re-lived that experience. He also spoke of the Barbara White Williams Memorial Scholarship Fund which has benefited the Safe Shelter, Wesley Community Center, and Savannah State University.

Felicia White Williams spoke about losing her only daughter Barbara. She also had four sons. Upon Barbara's passing, she raised her daughter's two children.

Appearance by the Chatham Retired Educators Association (CREA) and Proclamation Designating November 6, 2022 as Georgia Retired Educators Day.

Exhibit 1: Proclamation - Retired Educators Day.pdf

Mayor Johnson read the Proclamation and recognized CREA President Annette Mitchell and Dr. Brenda Roberts, a retiree.

Ms. Mitchell thanked Mayor and Council for the recognition on behalf of Savannah retired educators. On November 6th all retired educators, active or inactive with CREA and GREA, will be recognized.

Dr. Brenda Roberts thanked Mayor and Council for the Proclamation and stated the retired educators are still involved in children's education because they love educating our future leaders.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter acknowledged Dr. Roberts as President of Wilshire Neighborhood Association and commended her on also giving back to the community.

9. Appearance by Davy, Mascot for the Savannah Ghost Pirates, to Announce the Start of the Team's Inaugural Season. (This item has been postponed).

REMOVED Item #9 upon the adoption of the agenda, as requested by City Manager Melder.

ZONING HEARINGS

10. Petition of Robert McCorkle on behalf of Paul DeLoach to Amend the Zoning Map for Approximately 0.69 Acres at 8020 Waters Avenue and 1104-1106 Corinth Avenue (PINs 20493 02002, 20493 02001, 20493 02001A) from RSF-6 (Residential Single Family-6) to O-I (Office Institutional). The Planning Commission recommended rezoning the parcels to OI-T (Office Institutional-Transitional) in Aldermanic District 4 (File No. 22- 003744-ZA). (Continued from October 13, 2022).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for Waters and Corinth (File No. 22-003744-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for Waters and Corinth (File No. 22-003744-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Photos of Waters and Corinth (File No. 22-003744-ZA).pdf

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

Speaker(s):

- Marcus Lotson, MPC representative
- Robert McCorkle, representing the applicant

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the establishment was near a church. Mr. Lotson stated the church is two block away. Mr. McCorkle showed pictures of a site plan for a forty-five hundred square foot office building for the location. There is no neighborhood association in the area but communication was sent to residents to attend the MPC meeting. Only one resident attended the meeting and was concerned with the purpose of the site.

Alderwoman Lanier asked Clerk Massey if he received any comments (no). She asked Mr. McCorkle regarding the opposition from one resident. The resident wanted to know what would be placed on the site. After the office building was explained the resident was satisfied.

Alderman Palumbo moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #10, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. (See related agenda item #12.)

. Petition of Metropolitan Planning Commission Staff to Amend Section 11.4 Nonconformities Uses and Structures (File No. 22-003718-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation (File No. 22-003718-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Proposed Ordinance Revision (File No. 22-003718-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #11.

Speaker(s):

- Marcus Lotson, MPC representative

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked what safe gap does the neighborhood have to protect a historic building. Mr. Lotson stated there is a process before demolition to protect historic buildings.

Alderwoman Lanier asked if there was a specific incident to require the amendment. Mr. Lotson stated an inquiry was made by a resident.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concerns about arson in the area. Mr. Lotson indicated there is no build back advantage, the language only permits to build back what was previously on the site.

Alderman Palumbo discussed conservation districts, their purpose and MPC's interest in preserving the districts.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #11 closed, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. (See related agenda item #13.)

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

12. Petition of Robert McCorkle on behalf of Paul DeLoach to Amend the Zoning Map for Approximately 0.69 Acres at 8020 Waters Avenue and 1104-1106 Corinth Avenue (PINs 20493 02002, 20493 02001, 20493 02001A) from RSF-6 (Residential Single Family-6) to O-I (Office Institutional). The Planning Commission recommended rezoning the parcels to OI-T (Office Institutional-Transitional) in Aldermanic District 4 (File No. 22- 003744-ZA). (Continued from October 13, 2022).

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Exhibit 3: Photos of Waters and Corinth (File No. 22-003744-ZA).pdf

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #12, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

13. Petition of Metropolitan Planning Commission Staff to Amend Section 11.4 Nonconformities Uses and Structures (File No. 22-003718-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation (File No. 22-003718-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Proposed Ordinance Revision (File No. 22-003718-ZA).pdf

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #13, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

14. Approval to Annex 10.08 Acres Located at 340 Buckhalter Road near Veterans Parkway. The property is proposed to be developed as multi-family residential townhomes.

Exhibit 1: Annexation Petition - J&J Properties.pdf

Exhibit 2: Annexation Ordinance - J&J Properties.pdf

Exhibit 3: Locator Map - J&J Properties.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #14, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

15. Petition of Josh Yellin on behalf of J & J Properties of Savannah, LLC to Zone Approximately 10.04 Acres at 340 Buckhalter Road (PIN 10941 01017) from R-A (Residential Agricultural) to R-A-CO (Residential - Agricultural- County) to Support an Annexation Petition. Annexation District 1/5 (File No. 22-003395-ZA).

Exhibit 1: Staff Review of 340 Burkhalter Road (File No. 22-003395-ZA)

Exhibit 2: Maps for 340 Buckhalter Road (File No. 22-003395-ZA)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #15, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

16. Charter Amendment for the Pension Plan. This is a proposed ordinance to amend to the City Charter to address changes to the City of Savannah Employees' Retirement Plan (the "Pension Plan") effective January 1, 2023.

Exhibit 1: Memo Regarding the Ordinance for Charter Amendment Effective 1-1-2023 (Pension Plan).docx

Exhibit 2: Notice of Charter Amendment - Pension Plan (Disability and Rehires).docx

Exhibit 3: Ordinance to Amend City of Savannah Employees Retirement Plan (Disability and Rehires).docx

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if the returning retired employee would lose benefits. City Manager Melder explained the entire process for a retired employee returning to work as a full-time employee with the City. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if pension advocates, such as Stanley Mosley, ar aware of the changes. Mr. Melder answered, yes, Mr. Mosley's concerns are mainly with the cost o living adjustments.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if a retiree returned to work part-time and the salary is less than the pension, will the retiree need to stop pension payments. City Manager Melder explained the pension would be paused until the retiree returns to full-time retirement status. Alderwoman Miller Blakely recommended staff explore the part-time police retirees ability to maintain their pensions while working part-time for the City.

Alderman Palumbo asked City Manager Melder if a retiree could work with the City on a contractual basis (yes, as long as they are not full-time employees). A retiree could contract with the City and still receive their distributions.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan congratulated Alderman Palumbo, a Pension Board Member, on passing the Public Pension Trustees exam.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #16, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Microfilm Services with Court Record & Data Management Services, Inc. in an Amount not to Exceed $50,000. Microfilm services will be used to convert building plans into 35 mm and adobe format for efficient record retention. (Development Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Microfilm Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Microfilm Services.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17 and #18, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Court Makers, Inc. for Resurfacing of Six Basketball Courts in an Amount not to Exceed $50,214. The court upgrades will ensure the safety of the public by cleaning and leveling the surfaces, eliminating cracks, and installing new lines. (Recreation & Leisure Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Resurfacing Basketball Courts.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Resurfacing Basketball Courts.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17 and #18, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

19. Approval to Execute a Contract with Shamrock Concrete Construction, Inc. for the Demolition of the Air Cargo Building and to Construct a New Apron and Southeast Taxilane, Phase 1 Project, in the Amount of $6,630,140.

HEARD after Item #3.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #19, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

20. Receive Public Comments Regarding A Resolution to Remove the Name "John C. Calhoun" from "John C. Calhoun Square".

Mayor Johnson explained Item #20 is an opportunity to receive public comments. Mayor Johnson indicated that Savannah is the oldest planned city in America. He discussed Savannah's history as it relates to the 22-24 squares in operation. One of those squares in named for John Caldwell Calhoun, a resident of South Carolina and 7th Vice President of the United States. He has no known real connection to Georgia. He was a U.S. Senator, a Secretary of State, a Secretary of War, and a South Carolina Congressman. He was a staunch defender, champion, and purveyor of slavery. Over the last several years there were several attempts made to rename the John C. Calhoun square. He has heard names like Freedom, Jubilee, W.W. Law, Obama, and Susie King Taylor. The renaming of the square to Susie King Taylor has been the longest, sustained effort. Mayor Johnson stated it should not be easy to change the name of a public asset. If it was easy, it would happen all of the time. Savannah is known and revered for its history. The City has a set of rules/protocol/procedure for changing the name of a public asset. Steps have to be taken before the matter gets to the City Council, who owns and decides the names for these assets. There has been a group/coalition in place who has endeavored to rename Calhoun Square to Susie King Taylor, and they have been meeting for quite sometime. He stated they have met with him (the Mayor) and the City Manager on several occasions. The process requires the approval of a certain number of immediate property owners who abut the square. In this case, one involved a church and one involved a public institution. At one point, it appeared they had the required numbers, but additional comments came in later leaving this matter in question. Ultimately to him (the Mayor), there ended up being two questions. What should the square be renamed to? And, should the name be retained, as is? This is not an effort to erase history, given Mr. Calhoun's documented legacy in U.S. History, Congress, or South Carolina, but an opportunity to expand and include history. He has had several conversations from people who have felt both ways on the issue. He has asked the question, should the name remain on the square in 2022? He queried Council on this opportunity to receive public comments to remove the name of John C. Calhoun. A threshold has not been met, and if the threshold is met, there is a Board (Historic Sites and Monuments) who hears a proposal as well. He stated, he does not want to remove that from their purview. The conversation today is whether they should remove the name of John C. Calhoun. He stated, we will see what direction Council wants to go in by the next meeting. The singular question is whether the name of John C. Calhoun shall remain. If Council decides to rename it, then the naming of the square will be determined later. He recommended keeping the name of John C. Calhoun associated with the square (formerly known as), as well as a descriptive placard/documentation, so visitors will know who Calhoun was, why the square was named for him, and if the name is removed, why. We are not voting on this matter today. It is on the agenda to receive public comments only and not to rename anything today.

Mayor Johnson stated public comments will be timed and he will ask members of Council where we are (stand) in two weeks. If Council desires to rename the square an agenda item will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. If not, things will remain as they are, and nothing will be placed on the next agenda.

Mayor Johnson stated, this is not going to ruin our community, regardless of where you fall on the spectrum. Everyone is entitled to their opinion. We will be respectful of everyone.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Mayor Johnson if the City Council (we) will vote on this in two weeks. He stated no, if Council decides he will place the matter on the agenda in two weeks. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked how will we know if Council decides. Mayor Johnson indicated he (we) will send something to Council asking for their pleasure.

Mayor Johnson indicated a minute will be fair for public comment, per person. He stated he has th speaker cards in front of him, and he requested the Clerk to serve as the timekeeper. He asked th speakers to state their name and he stated that the Mayor and Aldermen have received a lot of communications, emails, letters and phone calls. Those received will be recorded and given to the Clerk for the public record, and they will be available for public consumption.

Public Comment Speaker(s):

- Patt Gunn – In Favor of name change
- Sharon Galin – In Favor of name change
- Christiana Turner – In Favor of name change
- Ross Sheppard – In Favor of name change
- Gwendolyn L. Glover – In Favor of name change
- Rev. Jamie Maury – In Favor of name change
- Carol Teasley – Opposed to name change
- Kerry Breitbart – In Favor of name change
- "Tommy" Thomas L. Grooms, III – Opposed to name change
- David J. Tootle – Opposed to name change
- Jeanne Glover – In Favor of name change
- Lemuel Patterson – In Favor of name change
- Pete Robyn – Offered a personal perspective

Written Comment(s) received:

- Sharon Gailin – Supported name change
- Ben Goggins – Supported name change
- Rossie Norris – Supported name change
- Miranda Brwaner – Supported name change
- Patrick Longstreth – Supported name change
- Andrew & Gretchen Bowden – Supported name change
- Daniel Snyder – Supported name change
- Pastor Valerie Grimes – Supported name change
- Rev. Jamie Maury – Supported name change
- Gwendolyn Glover - Supported name change
- Christopher Cay – Opposed name change
- Martha McCarthy - Opposed name change
- Bill Borresen – Opposed name change
- Kathy Wise – Opposed name change
- Gary Witbeck – Opposed name change
- Richard Nelson – Opposed name change
- Stephen Brenneman – Opposed name change
- Kathleen Brenneman – Opposed name change
- Jeanne Jessee – Opposed name change
- Terri and Monty Losey – Opposed name change
- Rebecca Player – Opposed name change
- Chris Player – Opposed name change
- Holly Kesler – Opposed name change

Mayor Johnson handed the Clerk of Council a stack of letters in support of retaining/keeping the name Calhoun Square, as indicated during Carol Teasley's public comment.

The City Manager's office received emails/communications which will be transmitted to the Clerk of Council's office for record keeping purposes on behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen.

Following public comment, Mayor Johnson indicated that members of the City Council may now offer their input.

Alderwoman Lanier stated she has attend rallies and activities at the park. She supports the work going on there. She imagines the dirt is quite fertile, given the remains of her ancestors who are buried there.

Having a pro-slavery advocates name on top of the land that is the grave of those enslaved men and women is just more than we can bare, and that is why we are here today. She stated she is in full support of removing the name of Mr. Calhoun, and she supports the naming of the square to Susie King Taylor, a naming process which we (the City Council) will come back to in the future.

Aldermen Leggett stated this is a sensitive subject, as the aldermen representing the area/district where this square lies. Conversations need to continue regarding this subject. He has already attended multiple meetings, on Sundays, and even in the rain. This is something we have to deal with, regarding the removal. We also need to be sure that people know who Calhoun was. He looks forward to the conversation with his colleagues on this situation, and he looks forward to making Savannah better regardless of what direction we go.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan stated she is against any person or persons who glorified slavery, who lost the Civil War. It is a painful reminder of our past, and the still continued institutionalizing of slavery mentalities and racism, which we all want to eradicate. She stated she is for the removal his name.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz stated with over/close to 40 years of fighting for social justice in the City of Savannah, this State, and this Nation, she sits today with a clear conscience knowing there is a time and a place for everything. Within the city, there are names of streets, monuments, buildings, and everything of everybody. The majority of those names, as history and her-story will tell you are named after a majority of white men in the City of Savannah. Throughout her years of struggle, fighting, and standing for African Americans, this is a time for celebration for having this conversation here in Council. With struggle on your mind when you go to sleep, dreaming struggle as you sleep, and in your body as you wake up and stand, this is the time for celebration right here. She indicated that she does not take this lightly, even though most people know where she stands on everything. She does not hide her feelings or her work. She and her husband have been doing it and fighting it too long. The thing for her about Calhoun Square is when it was discovered and related to her that bones of her ancestors are buried under the Calhoun Square. This took her to a place of no surprise, given how things are in the City of Savannah and the South, and because ancestors of African descent are under that square. Her last name is not going to change. It is going to stay Shabazz, which means a lot to her and her family. The time has come for not just this square, but she is glad we are starting here. There are thousands of names in Savannah for everybody but us. She indicated that she takes her hat off to applaud those in the struggle. This work is not easy, or for the faint at heart. She indicated that she stands for all who are in support of this work, including herself, her family, and the people in her district. She will support the removal (if we can do it today) of John Calhoun's name off of that square. She stands with the Mayor regarding the processes that need to go-through, and following the rules. Therefore naysayers cannot say that we are not following our own laws and ordinances. Let's be patient. She stated she believes we are going to win this thing.

Aldermen Palumbo expressed appreciation for having this discussion. It is not an easy one, but it should be had. History is not was, but it is. It is a part of us, it reflects us, and he stated he is glad we are talking about this. He thanked everyone for taking the time to come out this evening and sharing their thoughtful responses with us, it matters.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recited "What's in a name? A rose by any other name still smells just as sweet," a line offered by William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. He offered that line to denote the naming of things is irrelevant. On this day as a professional, educated, talented, smart, loving, caring, beautiful, black woman she stated she was called a black ghetto b (expletive) by a sitting Councilman on this Council (a white man), and it went unchecked. The naming of things, people, and labels mean a lot. She stated she is so proud of Ms. Pat Gunn and all the other advocates who have been laboring and serving along side of you. The work done will not be in vain. On this day you will rise and prove to be victorius. To the advocates of the Weeping Time Coalition, this is the same Council who voted to desecrate what we know to be Weeping Time land. Don't you give up either. To this Council, she stated she will never shut-up, will never give-up, and will never let-up: not until we take a unified stand and represent, as the people of Savannah have sent us to do so. To those in opposition of this effort, she said "God bless you. God keep you, and change your heart and your minds, as we go forth."

Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated folk who know her know where she stands automatically. And from what she heard from her Council colleagues, it is already a done deal. She stated she is one-hundred, one-thousand percent in support of removing that individuals name off of that square. To the lady who gave the history of name changes on the streets, she stated if we can change the names of the streets, we can certainly change the name of the square.

Aldermen Purtee said he is glad we are having the conversation today. There's a lot to learn from history. He thinks the conversation needs to continue, but he knows what it's like to feel oppressed. He even had a member of Council to call him a child pedophile, a faggot, and a predator. He further stated that even though he may have said "a ghetto b," which he apologized for; he does not like to be called a child predator, a predator, or a child pedophile.

(Away from the microphone) Alderwoman Gibson-Carter called Alderman Purtee a liar. She said she did not call him that, he is a liar, and he dare not say that lie about her. She told him to own what he did, she is sick and tired of him. Then she asked Alderman Purtee if he was going to support removing the name of Calhoun from the square, or not.

Alderman Palumbo made a motion to recess, then he made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Johnson declined to accept the motion and he asked Alderman Purtee to continue his statement.

Alderman Purtee stated he can't continue because Alderwoman Gibson-Carter keeps speaking. He thanked everyone for their comments. This is a decision that should not be taken lightly. Doing what is right is not always about doing what is easy. Anybody that knows him, knows where he stands on the issue. He stated he will stand with his constituents, always, as they have asked him to.

Mayor Johnson stated he appreciates everyone. He indicated that he intentionally wanted to be fair, and judicious, and thoughtful. To the City Attorney, he stated that Council can change the name of whatever we want, whenever we want. On the other end of it, it creates other opportunities for other people to change things back, or change things worse. If this name is removed, he stated he thinks we should have a full, inclusive opportunity for this community to determine what one of our squares should be named. Savannah is a composite of her people, her experiences, her good and bad struggles, and her triumphs. Mayor Johnson stated he wants to have this grown-up conversation about race in 2022. It's about time for us to talk about it and respect people's views, and rights to their views. It does not take anything away from you because you have a view that is different from mine. Ultimately, he wants us to be on the right-side of history. He wants to be able to celebrate more people to ensure we take account for all of our history. He stated he is still convinced that Savannah's greatest history is before us. We work everyday to ensure that we take into account all of our history. The things we like about Savannah, and the things we don't like about Savannah. He stated the question ultimately to Council he thinks has been answered. Before he even asked it, he questioned what are we going to do at this time. He stated we could change all of the names of the squares. He is not familiar with the conversation about Whitefield Square, he is only familiar with the conversation about Calhoun Square. So, he thinks Council members have weighed-in. In two weeks on the agenda, Mayor Johnson requested the City Attorney to draw-up a resolution for the City Council to approve, vote-on, consider to remove the name of John C. Calhoun from Calhoun square. In doing this, we've done public comment. We are getting letters, and we'll still get letters. Two weeks from now, we vote. Wherever we are -- before a vote we are Savannahians -- after the vote we are Savannahians. Imma still love y'all, and y'all still gon love me. Cause y'all still gonna see me in WalMart and wherever we are hanging out. We're still gonna pray together, we're still gonna work together, we're still gonna struggle together. We are still gonna be the beloved City that Dr. King, on our beloved MLK Jr. Blvd. talked about.

AGREEMENTS

21. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with New Hampstead GA, LLC for New Hampstead MF 5 Townhomes. This is for water and sewer services for a development of a townhome community consisting of 326 units.

Exhibit 1 : Water & Sewer Agreement - New Hampstead MF 5 Townhomes.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #21 and #22, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

22. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Ogeechee Place GA LLC for the Ogeechee Place Apartments. This is for water and sewer services for a multi-family apartment complex development consisting of 204 units.

Exhibit 1 : Water & Sewer Agreement - Ogeechee Place Apartments.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #21 and #22, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

23. A Resolution Honoring the Life and Service of Anthony Key, Water Operations Supervisor.

HEARD, after Item #5.

Mayor Johnson paused to recognize the life and service of an employee, Mr. Anthony Key. He was th father of three, grandfather of one, an uncle, and a cousin. He was originally from New Jersey. Mayor Johnson and Heath Lloyd attended his home going services. His family was present and Mayor Johnson asked them to approach the microphone, whereby Mayor Johnson asked for a moment of silence and he presented the Family of Anthony Key with a Resolution.

Antonio Key, son of Anthony Key, thanked the Mayor for attending the funeral service, and he thanked the members of the City Council and the staff members in the Water Reclamation Department.

Brian Shaw, a City of Savannah employee, stated that Anthony Key was a really good employee and he is really going to be missed.

Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #23, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 9:10 p.m.

A video recording of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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NOVEMBER 10, 2022, 12:00 noon - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 12:04 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Purtee to offer a prayer.

PRESENT:

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

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

Workshop Agenda Items

1. Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Authorities

FACILITATED by Mayor Johnson, the following Boards, Commissions and Authorities were reviewed for available appointments for nomination:

- Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizens Advisory Committee
- Cultural Affairs Commission
- Downtown Savannah Authority
- Ethics Board
- Keep Savannah Beautiful

- Park and Tree Commission
- Pilotage Commission
- Savannah Development and Renewal Authority
- Savannah Recreation Commission
- Savannah Resource Recovery Development Authority

Mayor Johnson indicated no action would be taken today, but Council would revisit the nominations at the first Council Meeting in December 2022.

The public was encouraged to apply for positions on the Boards, Commissions and Authorities.

2. Budget Update

Exhibit 1: Budget Teaser.pdf

PRESENTED by City Manager Melder and Office of Management & Budget Director Melissa Carter.

The 2023 Proposed Budget was distributed to Council Members. There will be an all day Budget Retreat on Monday, November 14, 2022, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Civic Center Ballroom.

Ms. Carter reviewed dates associated with the 2023 Proposed Budget preparation and distributed the FY2023 Council Budget Workshop Agenda for November 14, 2022. The 2023 Proposed Budget can be reviewed on-line at www.savannahga.gov/budget.

3. Impact Fees

Exhibit 1: Impact Fee.pdf

PRESENTED by City Manager Melder and Planning & Urban Design Director Bridget Lidy. City Manager Melder explained impact fees are for new development only, mainly single-family and multi-family development projects. He will be send Council Member a survey to be completed as timely as possible. He also thanked staff for all the hard work in generating information and getting the impact fee presentation ready for Council.

The following questions and comments from members of the City Council were answered/accepted by City Manager Melder and Ms. Lidy:

- Mayor Johnson thanked staff for all the work in getting the impact fee information to Council. Impact fees
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Ms. Lidy to explain a grandfathered project (this is a proje already in development). City Manager Melder explained impact fees are assessed at the time of the building permit, any project pass the permit phase will not have an impact fee.
- Alderwoman Lanier asked how the home builders association responded. Ms. Lidy indicated no response received yet. Alderwoman Lanier asked Ms. Lidy if the 3% administrative fee was included in the formula totals presented (not in the Savannah calculations, but in the other cities). Alderwoman Lanier asked about the spike in the formula. Ms. Lidy indicated the Savannah spike is in the parks and recreation category. Alderwoman Lanier asked if the collected funds would go back into that area (the fund is city wide, so the collected funds would be used for city wide priority projects).
- Mayor Pro-Tem asked how will capital improvement element be distinguished from the capital improvement project. City Manager Melder explained the difference. Mayor Pro-Tem explained she is not in favor of the impact fee as it puts more burden on residents building a new home.

The PowerPoint presentation is available and on file in the Clerk of Council's office.

ADD-ON:

4. Review of the Proposed 2023 Meeting Calendar for the Mayor and Aldermen.

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and City Manager Melder. The following changes were approve by Council for the 2023 City Council meeting schedule:

- Move February 9, 2023 Meeting to February 7, 2023 (Savannah-Chatham Day in Atlanta, GA)
- Remove July 13, 2023 Meeting (No Meeting)
- Move November 23, 2023 Meeting to November 21, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. (Thanksgiving)
- Move December 14, 2023 Meeting to December 7, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. (Holiday Season)
- Move December 28, 2023 Meeting to December 19, 2023 (Holiday Season

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Workshop at 1:19 p.m.

A video recording of the workshop can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

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NOVEMBER 10, 2022, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:04 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely who introduced Reverend Dr. Leonard Small, Pastor of Litway Missionary Baptist Church to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

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

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

Mayor Johnson initiated the meeting by reminding Council and the public to carry themselves with dignity and respect for the offices/positions elected or held. There is a responsibility for decorum and respect, but no requirement for agreement. We do not necessarily always agree, but we should always recognize and respect that as elected officials, we have the responsibility to fill our respective seats on Council with respectability. Mayor Johnson asked that each Member carry themselves with honor and dignity.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for November 10, 2022.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda as amended to add Item #39,

continue Item #11 to the March 9, 2023 City Council Meeting, and continue Item #31 to the December 8, 2022 City Council Meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on October 27, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on October 27, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Mille Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

4. Adoption of the 2023 Meeting Calendar for the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah.

Exhibit 1: Draft - 2023 City Council Meeting Schedule.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #4 as amended as follows:

- Move February 9, 2023 Meeting to February 7, 2023 (Savannah-Chatham Day in Atlanta, GA)
- Remove July 13, 2023 Meeting (No Meeting)
- Move November 23, 2023 Meeting to November 21, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. (Thanksgiving)
- Move December 14, 2023 Meeting to December 7, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. (Holiday Season)
- Move December 28, 2023 Meeting to December 19, 2023 (Holiday Season)

seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier, and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS

5. A Proclamation Recognizing November as National Runaway Prevention Month.

Exhibit 1: Proclamation - National Runaway Prevention Month.pdf

PRESENTED and read by Mayor Johnson to representatives from Greenbriar Children's Center, Inc. and Park Place Outreach, Inc.

Executive Director Gena Taylor spoke on behalf of Greenbriar Children's Center thanking Mayor and Council for the recognition. She introduced representatives from Greenbriar Children's Center and Association Director Adriana Tatum-Howard introduced representatives from Park Place Outreach. Ms. Tatum-Howard described the services provided by Park Place Outreach and thanked City Council for their support. Ms. Taylor shared data on youth runaway and how difficult it is for homeless families to navigate the system. Ms. Taylor thanked the City for funding received for the Greenbriar Children's Center programs.

6. Appearance by and Recognition of East Savannah United, Inc.'s Donation of $25,000 into the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund.

In the absence of Community Housing Services Director Anita Smith-Dixon, City Manager Melder introduced Community Housing Services Agency (CHSA) Board Chair and Housing Savannah Inc. Vice Chair Deborah Wright and the new Housing Savannah Inc. Executive Director Laura Lane McKinnon.

Ms. Wright introduced East Savannah United, Inc. Board Chair Jeff Cole who presented Mayor Johnson with a check for $25,000.00 for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund. Mr. Cole gave a brief description of the program to help residents in the repair of their homes. He thanked City Council for the opportunity to serve the residents of Savannah.

7. Appearance by and Recognition of First Chatham Bank's Donation of $7,500 into the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund.

On behalf of First Chatham Bank President Kenneth R. Farrell and Risk Management Officer Bria H. Hunt, CHSA Administraive Corrdinator Adela Smith presented Mayor Johnson with a check for $7,500.00 for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund.

8. Appearance by and Recognition of CSX's Donation of $5,000 into the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund.

On behalf of CSX Regional Manager of Community Affairs & Safety Ms. Peggy Smith who was unable to attend due to the tropical storm, Ms. Deborah Wright presented a $5,000.00 check to Mayor Johnson for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund.

Ms. Wright reported the year-to-date amount of private funds received for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund totals $125,000.00. Additional funds are expected before the end of 2022.

9. Recognition of Savannah Fire Department's Interim Chief Elzie Kitchen for Earning the Professional Designation of Chief Fire Officer from the Commission on Professional

Credentialing. The program recognizes individuals who demonstrate their excellence in seven components: experience, education, professional development, professional contributions, association membership, community involvement, and technical competence.

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and City Manager Melder to Fire Chief Elzie Kitchen.

Chief Kitchen thanked Mayor, Council and City Manager Melder for the honor and the opportunity to serve the residents of Savannah. He personally thanked the City for the tuition reimbursement program available to employees which enabled him to pursue his master's degrees complete his certification.

10. Recognition of Shawn Christopher, Manager of the Brown Boyz, for Receiving the 2022 Gospel Stellar Award Quartet of the Year

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to Shawn "J Chris" Christopher and his wife, Dr. Christopher.

Mr. Christopher thanked Council for the honor. He personally thanked Mayor Johnson and Alderman Leggett for their support and friendship from childhood throughout adulthood.

ZONING HEARINGS

11. Petition of Harold Yellin on behalf of Savannah Economic Development Authority for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone ~513 acres at 500 John Carter Road (PIN 21047 02001) from I-L (Light Industrial) to I-H (Heavy Industrial) Aldermanic District 5 (File No. 22-000807-ZA). MPC Denied the Petition. Continued to March 9, 2023.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for Council for 500 John Carter Road (File No. 22-000807-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 500 John Carter Road (File No. 22-000807-ZA).pdf

Item #11 moved to the March 9, 2023 City Council Meeting upon the adoption of the agenda.

12. Petition of Richmond Ferguson for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 0.11 Acres at 1712 Ogeechee Road (PIN 20066 21009) from TR-1 (Traditional Residential-1) to TC-1 (Traditional Commercial-1). Aldermanic District 1 (File No. 22-003056-ZA). MPC Denied the Petition.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for Council for 1712 Ogeechee Road (File No. 22-003056-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 1712 Ogeechee Road (File No. 22-003056-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Photos of 1712 Ogeechee Road (File No. 22-003056-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 4: Draft Ordinance for 1712 Ogeechee Road (File No. 22-003056-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #12.

Speaker(s):

- Marcus Lotson, MPC representative - recommended denial.
- Gloria Williams – OPPOSED
- Lavinia Jenkins – OPPOSED
- Richmond Fergerson, applicant/petitioner - SUPPORTED

Written Comment(s):

- Gloria Williams & Bobby Rogers (Cuyler Brownville Neighborhood Association - OPPOSED

City Manager Melder addressed the petitioner and stated although MPC had denied his request and suggested a compromise of a residential area with some commercial use, the petitioner decided to come before Council. City Manager Melder's recommendation is for Council to uphold MPC's decision for denial.

Mayor Johnson indicated there are various City community centers and parks in the area for residents.

Alderwoman Lanier asked Mr. Lotson what prevents Mr. Fergerson from doing his projects in the TR-1 zoning. Mr. Lotson answered, the MPC primary concern for Mr. Fergerson's site plan was the requested zoning by Mr. Fergerson allows such a wide array of commercial uses, should he not develop the property as planned, it would create an issue for the neighborhood. Following the MPC denial, Mr. Fergerson requested the TC-1. Alderwoman Lanier asked if a TN-1 zoning would work for Mr. Fergerson's planned uses. Mr. Lotson indicated more definitive information from Mr. Fergerson on his planned uses would be needed before MPC could make a decision on TN-1 zoning.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely discussed the possibility of making the current building on the property an historic site. Mr. Lotson indicated Mr. Fergerson was in the process of renovating the house, but the proposed buildings cross the property lines.

Alderman Palumbo asked Mr. Lotson if the proposal was in a historic district (yes). Alderman Palumbo recommended consideration of the 1916 dwellings that existed on the site and acknowledge they were residential. The neighborhood should be restored as it previously existed.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #12, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

13. Petition of Harold Yellin on behalf of Martin Vickery and Estate of Adolph Vickery for a Zoning Map Amendment for 11.5 Acres at 11313 Middleground Road (PIN 20784 01002) from RSF-5 (Residential Single Family-5) to RMF-2-18 (Residential Multifamily-2-18 units per acre). Aldermanic District 5 (File No. 22-004122-ZA). MPC Approved the Petition.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for 11313 Middleground Road (File No. 22-004122-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 11313 Middleground Road (File No. 22-004122-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Aerial Context for 11313 Middleground Road (File No. 22-004122-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 4: Draft Ordinance (File No. 22-004122-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #13.

Speaker(s):

- Marcus Lotson, MPC representative - recommended approval.
- Anita Jordan – OPPOSED
- J. J. Bellemare – OPPOSED
- Jackie Frant – OPPOSED
- Laura Brothers – OPPOSED
- Albert Taylor – CONCERNED
- Francesca Hackel – OPPOSED
- Katie Washington – OPPOSED
- Harold Yellin, representing applicant/petitioner - SUPPORTED

Written Comment(s):

- Jean "JJ" Bellemare - OPPOSED
- Rebecca Reeves - OPPOSED
- Luan Nguyen - OPPOSED

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz expressed the desires of the residents who have communicated their voice in opposition to increased density by an apartment complex in the area. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked Ms. Brothers for her in-depth coverage of the apartment density in the area.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed her opposition to the rezoning, but stated single family homes would be a better option.

Alderman Purtee viewed the plan and remarked it is a wonderful plan, but not for the area. The residents have voiced their opposition and he is in total agreement with residents.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Mr. Lotson if MPC's recommendations are solely based on geographical area, space and use, or if consideration is given for residents concerns. Mr. Lotson stated when MPC staff reviews a petition, it is based on development pattern, zoning of area property, and potential impacts in the area. However; the MPC Board reviews the petition after th public hearing and base their recommendations accordingly.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter spoke to Attorney Yellin concern his projects and recommendations made by MPC Board. She thanked him for using her neighborhood, Jackson Habersham Woods, as an example, stating contrary to Alderman Purtee's opinion that her neighborhood is a rich white neighborhood, but it is a blended neighborhood.

Alderman Purtee raised a point of order.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter continued her dialogue with Attorney Yellin as it relates to multi-family and single family dwellings in District 5 and District 6. She agreed with the residents in opposition to rezoning the property to RMF-2-18.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #13, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

14. Petition of Richmond Ferguson for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 0.11 Acres at 1712 Ogeechee Road (PIN 20066 21009) from TR-1 (Traditional Residential-1) to TC-1 (Traditional Commercial-1), Aldermanic District 1 (File No. 22-003056-ZA). MPC Denied the Petition.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for 1712 Ogeechee Road (File No. 22-003056-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 1712 Ogeecheee Road (File No. 22-003056-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Photos of 1812 Ogeechee Road (File No. 22-003053-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 4: Draft Ordinance for 1712 Ogeechee Road (File No. 22-003056-ZA).pdf

Alderwoman Lanier stated she had an opportunity to visit and walk the neighborhood includin speaking with members of the church across the street and the neighborhood association. In speaking with residents, there was no support for changing the zoning. However; Alderwoman Lanier recommends finding a way to support Mr. Fergerson's plans for recreational facilities for the area youth.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to deny Item #14, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recommended finding a way to work with Mr. Fergerson on his plans for recreational uses in the neighborhood. City Manager Melder stated staff is willing to take a closer look at Mr. Fergerson's plans to determine any feasibility within the current zoning for neighborhood recreational facilities.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the Cuyler Brownville Neighborhood Association had met with Mr. Fergerson. Ms. Williams answered yes, and they are willing to meet with Mr. Fergerson again to discuss possible options for the property. Alderwoman Lanier asked to be invited to the meeting.

15. Petition of Harold Yellin on behalf of Martin Vickery and Estate of Adolph Vickery for a Zoning Map Amendment for 11.5 Acres at 11313 Middleground Road (PIN 20784 01002) from RSF-5 (Residential Single Family-5) to RMF-2-18 (Residential Multifamily-2-18 units per acre) Aldermanic District 5 (File No. 22-004122-ZA). MPC Approved the Petition.

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Exhibit 4: Draft Ordinance (File No. 22-004122-ZA).pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to deny Item #15, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Savannah Fire Department Medical Fitness Examination, Testing, and Evaluation with St. Joseph/Candler Hospital (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed $175,889. This contract addresses fitness and provides physical examinations as appropriate and according to the fire service wellness and fitness program. (Fire)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - SFD Medical Fitness Exam.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - SFD Medical Fitness Exam.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #16, #17, #21, and #22, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Towing Services for Heavy Vehicles with Yarbrough Enterprise, Inc. Dba Tim's Towing & Recovery (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed $77,200. This contract will be used to provide towing services for City vehicles and equipment. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Towing Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Towing Services.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #16, #17, #21, and #22, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Three Street Sweepers with Elgin Sweeper Company in c/o Environmental Product Group in the Amount of $835,500. The street sweepers will be utilized by the Street Cleaning Division to meet sweeping requirements, which vary throughout given areas of the City. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Street Sweepers.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Street Sweepers.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder if this purchase will alleviate the current street sweepers leaving debris behind after sweeping. City Manager Melder indicated this item is to replace three old unusable sweepers with three new street sweepers. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked why some neighborhood residents receive tickets from street sweepers and other neighborhood residents never receive tickets. City Manager Melder answered there is no selective sweeper violation ticketing. She recommended staff do an assessment on where sweeper violations are occurring.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Item #18, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with McWaters (LOCAL) to Furnish the Hudson Hill Community Center in the Amount of $43,412. This furniture will support the programming functions of the new Hudson Hill Community Center. This purchase includes items such as tables, office and multipurpose chairs. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Hudson Hill Furniture.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Hudson Hill Furniture.pdf

Mayor Johnson thanked City Manager Melder and staff for expediting the completion of the Center. He expressed the necessity to order the furniture now since supply chains are slow to fill orders.

Alderwoman Lanier expressed her gratitude that the Center will be complete with the new furnishing.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #19, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 6 for the Dean Forest Landfill Expansion Project with Hussey, Gay, Bell, and DeYoung, Inc. (LOCAL) in the Amount of $58,756. This contract modification is for professional engineering and project management services through the anticipated remainder of the Phase 1D Dean Forest Road Landfill expansion project. (Sanitation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Construction Quality Assurance.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Construction Quality Assurance.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder if the total amount of the contract with all modifications came to $3,159,812.00. City Manager Melder indicated the 1999 contract with the six (6) modifications totaled $1,934,237.00. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed her displeasure with contracts with numerous modifications from frequent City vendors. City Manager Melder explained this is a landfill with continuing expansions since 1999.

Senior Director of Sanitation Gene Prevatt discussed the landfill and the need for multiple expansions over the years for increased use. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked for more education on modifications and for staff to send out bids when modifications are required.

Mayor Johnson instructed City Manager Melder to send Council Members copies of all six (6) modifications.

Alderman Palumbo asked why should Council approve this Item. City Manager Melder indicated the City residents need for the landfill for refuse. Alderman Palumbo explained this is a fair and reasonable amount for the modification and the delays for expansion due to weather and acts of God. City Manager Melder agreed with Alderman Palumbo.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #20, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Gibson-Carter. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder how long before completion of the landfill. City Manager Melder explained it is an on-going project and more dialogue will be forthcoming to Council in meetings and during the budget process as it relates to the Dean Forest Landfill.

21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 3 for Construction Quality Assurance Services with Atlantic Coast Consulting, Inc. (LOCAL) in the Amount of $125,344. These environmental compliance services are for sampling, and testing as required to document compliance with the Environmental Protection Division for the Dean Forest Road Landfill Expansion. (Sanitation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Environmental Compliance.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Environmental Compliance.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #16, #17, #21, and #22, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a 19' Carolina Skiff Boat with Custom Marine, in the Amount of $48,237. The boat will be used to obtain watershed samples at the five water treatment plants. Approximately 3400 watershed samples are analyzed a year. (Water Reclamation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Carolina Skiff Boat.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - Carolina Skiff Boat.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #16, #17, #21, and #22, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

23. Notification of an Emergency Purchase for a Provisional Odor Control System from GoForth Williamson in the Amount of $160,180. The pilot unit will be installed provisionally for 90 days to test it's ability to address the recurring issues associated with the City's operation of the Bio Solids Dryer. (Water Reclamation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Odor Control System.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Odor Control.pdf

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan noted this is a secondary system and she is very pleased address the odor control issue.

Alderman Leggett asked Assistant City Manager Lloyd to explain to the public how the supplementary odor control system will alleviate the odor in the community. Mr. Lloyd described the system and indicated if this system doesn't work the staff has a plan 'B'.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #23, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

24. Approval of a Leadership Development and Executive Coaching Program with The Advisory Alliance, in the Amount of $37,500.

HEARD after Item #39.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24 through #30, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

25. Approval to Amend the Sponsorship Agreement with OVG Facilities, LLC for an Additional Advertising Sponsorship in the Savannah Enmarket Arena Entertainment Venue, in the Amount of $254,491.

HEARD after Item #39.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24 through #30, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

26. Approval to Procure Two 70kW Trailer Mounted Generators from Ramsay-Bliese Corp., in the Amount of $125,116.

HEARD after Item #39.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24 through #30, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

27. Approval to Procure Public Safety Radios from Williams Communications Inc., in the Amount of $308,143.

Exhibit 1: Harris Radios - Williams.pdf

HEARD after Item #39.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24 through #30, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

28. Approval to Award a Five-Year Contract to Hancock Askew & Co. LLP to Provide External Financial Auditing Services, in the Amount of $378,500.

HEARD after Item #39.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24 through #30, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

29. Approval to Execute a Contract with APAC Atlantic, Inc., for the Robert B. Miller Road Construction Project, in the Amount of $468,080.

HEARD after Item #39.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24 through #30, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

30. Approval to Ratify the Disbursement of Funds for the Acquisition of the Leasehold Estate of Bouy, Hall & Howard Associates, in the Amount of $1,500,000.

HEARD after Item #39.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24 through #30, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

31. Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Authorities (This item has been postponed.)

Item #31 is continued to the December 8, 2022, City Council Meeting as requested by Mayor Johnson.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

32. Approval of a Resolution to Remove the Name "John C. Calhoun" from "Calhoun Square".

Exhibit 1 Calhoun Square Resolution.pdf

HEARD after Items #24 through #30.

Mayor Johnson stated there was public comment at the City Council October 27, 2022, meeting. At that time, Council requested the resolution to be placed on the next meeting agenda. Mayor Johnson indicated Clerk of Council has distributed to Council Members written comments received over the past two weeks.

Mayor Johnson asked the City's Archivist Director Luciana Spracher to share information from the City's archive on Calhoun Square.

Speaker(s):

- Municipal Archives Director Luciana Spracher- read the history of John C. Calhoun and the naming of Calhoun Square.

Written Comment(s):

- Karen Washburn - OPPOSED
- Jason Johnson - OPPOSED
- Kenneth Green & Lyn Weddle - SUPPORT
- Sharon Galin - SUPPORT
- Phil Starks - SUPPORT
- Elise Lander - SUPPORT
- Sharon Moeller - SUPPORT
- Mary Ellen Campbell - SUPPORT
- Grethen & Drew Bowden - SUPPORT
- Fayth Parks - SUPPORT
- Jean Riggins - SUPPORT
- Deborah Loughney - SUPPORT
- Ardra Hartz - SUPPORT
- Carol Pine - SUPPORT

- Rossie Norris - SUPPORT
- Margaret Clay - SUPPORT
- Lemuel Patterson - SUPPORT
- Cam Mathis - SUPPORT
- Marc Henley - SUPPORT
- Jim Hilleary - SUPPORT
- Christina Turner - SUPPORT
- Lynn Maclennan - SUPPORT
- Betty Jones - SUPPORT
- Gwendolyn Glover - SUPPORT
- Lillian & Kerry Brietbart - SUPPORT

A copy of the report from Director Spracher was distributed to Council Members and Mayor Johnsc requested a copy be given to Clerk of Council Massey for the permanent record of the Mayor an Aldermen/Alderwomen.

A Resolution to remove the name of John C. Calhoun from Calhoun Square was read into the record by Mayor Johnson.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #32, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Johnson instructed City Manager Melder to immediately remove the name of John C. Calhoun from the Square formerly and hereinafter known as the Square formerly known as John C. Calhoun.

Mayor Johnson indicated Council will begin an expansive discussion of renaming the Square formerly known as John C. Calhoun.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recommended the Susan B. Taylor coalition efforts be recognized as spearheading the renaming of the John C. Calhoun Square by naming the Square Susan B. Taylor. She stated there is no Square in Savannah named for a female or an African American.

Mayor Johnson thanked Alderwoman Gibson-Carter for expressing her opinion and she will have an opportunity to express her opinions on renaming the Square during Council considerations.

33. Approval of a Resolution Accepting East Savannah United, Inc.'s Donation of $25,000 into the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #33 to accept $25,000.00 from East Savanna United Inc., seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

34. Approval of a Resolution Accepting First Community Bank's Donation of $7,500 into the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #34 to accept $7,500.00 from First Chatham Bank, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

35. Approval of a Resolution Accepting CSX's Donation of $5,000 into the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #35 to accept $5,000.00 donation from CSX, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

36. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Quitclaim Deed for 2206 Iowa Street. (PIN 20039 01020)

EXHIBIT 1: 2206 Iowa St - Map.pdf

EXHIBIT 2: 2206 Iowa - Quit Claim Deed.pdf

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if owner Levi Williams will be responsible for paying the City $12,250.00 for cutting grass and clearing debris plus $1,000.00 for City staff. City Manager Melder explained the recipient of the quitclaim deed will pay the $13,250.00. Real Estate Manager Eric Chi explained the former owner Levi Jones has passed, the current owner BLR, Inc. purchased th property during the foreclosure process. There was an outstanding invoice of $13,250.00 from th City (Code Compliance) for cleaning up the property prior to the foreclosure process. BLR, Inc. agreed to pay the outstanding invoice from the City.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #36, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

37. Settlement #1

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney's office to resolve the claim of Anthony Venable (worker's compensation matter) in the amount of $80,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

38. Approval of the City of Savannah's 2023 Legislative Agenda.

2023 City of Savannah Legislative Agenda .pdf

Alderwoman Lanier asked Director of Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs Joe Shearouse, pertaining to item six, workforce housing, who would be responsible for the administrative requirements for the bonds. Mr. Shearouse stated the housing opportunity bonds would be administered by a new authority, The Savannah Action Plan, that will be formulated from an Atlanta model. Alderwoman Lanier asked for background information on items #5 and #7; Mr. Shearouse explained those are two new items and background information will be sent to Council after all due diligence is completed.

Alderwoman Lanier asked for clarity on the State Law as it relates to the approval by majority vote of Council. Mr. Shearouse indicated, staff is looking for majority vote (5) from City Council in order to advocate for the City on the State level.

Alderwoman Lanier expressed concerns for the hotel/motel tax and discussed the 2% new money and who makes the decision on how to allocate the 2% new money in the City's local economy. She recommends using the 2% new money on new endeavors in the City; possibly $6.5 to $7 million with the Black Chamber. Hopefully, this would help the low-wealth workers in the hospitality industry with childcare, transportation and housing. A prior meeting was held with Interim City Manager Brown, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier to discuss the 2% new money and Mr. Brown was adamant on placing the 2% new money with the current percentage going to Visit Savannah. Since negotiations failed with Interim City Manager Brown, the Alderwomen called the local Legislatures and discussed a plan for using the 2% ($7 million) new money for helping low-wealth individuals with childcare, transportation and housing. The Alderwomen failed to get the support of both Senators and the plan did not pass. Since that occurrence, the Alderwomen were accused of stopping the hotel/motel tax and not supporting local projects. The same item is on the legislative agenda again without any changes. Alderwoman Lanier wants the public to know the Alderwomen are not disrupters but looking for ways to assist the City's low-wealth workers in the hospitality industry.

Mayor Johnson asked Mr. Shearouse to explain the multi-approval process of the hotel/motel tax, the tourist product as it relates to State Law and why the City proceeds in the current manner. Mayor Johnson indicated the City missed a major opportunity to receive significant funds to used for tourist related product by a declared marketing organization. He wants the process explained. City Manager Melder explained the entire State Law process.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely agreed with Alderwoman Lanier and stated the language does not specify in detail how the funds would be used; therefore, she will not be voting for the 2023 Legislative Agenda.

Alderman Palumbo described projects that need funding in the City. The hotel/motel tax would help fund the completion of those projects. The vote has been taken, but because of the vote, the City is leaving millions of dollars on the table.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan expressed her displeasure with the vote and the failed opportunity for the City to receive additional funds from the hotel/motel tax.

Alderwoman Lanier stated, some money, you just don't want. She discussed the $20 million trail and how the funds could be used to help residents with a community market and entrepreneurial center.

Alderman Purtee moved to adjourned.

Mayor Johnson concluded the dialogue with the legislative agenda has been adopted, staff will move forward with implementation. The City will continue to pursue the increased hotel/motel tax every year until approved. The City has a responsibility to pursue all avenues for funding to serve the residents of Savannah.

Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #38, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 6-3-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Alderwoman Lanier voted no.

ADD-ON:

39. Proclamation recognizing the Alpha Iota Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Incorporated on the occasion of their Centennial Year, 100th Anniversary.

HEARD after Item #10.

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to representatives of Sigma Gamma Rho Incorporated, Alpha Iota Chapter.

Mayor Johnson read the background history of the beginning of Sigma Gamma Rho Incorporated and presented the proclamation to Shenequa Gresham currently serves as Centennial President for the Savannah alumnae chapter. Ms. Gresham introduced the members of the Executive Board and thanked Mayor Johnson and Council Members for the honor and recognition.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Johnson announced and recognized Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Gibson-Carter for their recent recognition by the Liberia Economic Development Initiative (LEDI).

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 5:28 p.m.

A video recording of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

https://savannahgovtv.viebit.com/player.php?hash=stFBUvSxFSvg

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: Tues. November 22, 2022

Signature: Mark Massey

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NOVERMBER 14, 2022, BUDGET WORKSHOP
CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

Mayor Johnson called the budget workshop of the City Council to order at 9:08 a.m. Alderman Purtee offered the invocation.

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

ALSO PRESENT:
City Manager Jay Melder
Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd
Sr. Director, Management and Budget Melissa Carter
Sr. Director, Financial Services David Maxwell
City Attorney Bates Lovett and Asst. City Attorney Denise Cooper
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

AGENDA ITEMS

- **See attached Agenda, and Parking Lot.**
- **The City Manager and staff made their presentations in accordance with the attached agenda, followed by the Mayor and Aldermen who either weighed-in, asked questions, offered comments, and/or made requests.**
- **The Management and Budget Team compiled a "Parking Lot" of items based upon the matters raised by the Mayor and Aldermen. See attached.**

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 4:54 p.m. [NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.]

Video recordings of the budget workshop can be found on the City's Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/cityofsavannah) and will be uploaded on the City's website and made available using the following link: https://savannahgovtv.viebit.com/index.php?folder=ALL

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FY2023 Council Budget Workshop

Savannah Civic Center Ballroom

November 14, 2022

AGENDA

8:30 AM **Budget Workshop Opening** *(Breakfast will be served)*

9:00 AM **Call to Order**.....**Honorable Van R. Johnson, II**
Mayor

9:05 AM **FY23 Proposed Budget Overview**..... **Joseph A. Melder**
City Manager

9:15 AM **Investing in Community Services** ..... **Taffanye Young**
Chief, Community Services

Culture & Recreation Update..... **Stuart Miller**
Sr. Director, Cultural Resources
Kelly Ledbetter
Sr. Director, Recreation and Leisure Services

Human Services, Housing and Homelessness..... **Kerri Reid**
Sr. Director, Human Services
Martin Fretty
Sr. Director, Housing and Neighborhood Services

10:45 AM **Morning Break**

11:00 AM **Public Safety**

Youth Violence Reduction Activities..... **John Bush**
Director, Neighborhood Safety and Engagement

Savannah Fire Department Overview..... **Chief Elzie Kitchen**
Savannah *Fire Chief*

Savannah Police Department Overview..... **Chief Lenny Gunther**
Interim Police Chief

12:15 PM **Lunch**

1:30 PM **Getting Back to Basics** ..... **Heath Lloyd**
Assistant City Manager

Transportation – Safe Streets for All ..... **Stephen Henry**
Sr. Director, Transportation Services Department

Comprehensive Grounds Maintenance..... **Gordon Denney**
Sr. Director, Park and Tree Department

Marketing & Communication Strategy..... **Nick Zoller**
Sr. Director, Marketing and Communications

2:30 PM **Investing in Team Savannah**
Recruitment and Retention Strategies ..... **Jeff Grant**
Sr. Director, Human Resources

Professional Workspaces.....**Bret Bell**
Chief of Operations

Pension Plan Update ..... **David Maxwell**
Sr. Director, Financial Services

3:00 PM **Afternoon Break**

3:15 PM **FY22 Financial Overview**..... **David Maxwell**
Sr. Director, Financial Services

FY23 Proposed Budget Framework ..... **Melissa Carter**
Sr. Director, Management and Budget

FY23 Proposed Enterprise Funds and Debt Service ..... **David Maxwell**
Sr. Director, Financial Services

4:00 PM **Council Direction**.....**Honorable Van R. Johnson II, *Mayor***

4:30 PM **Adjourn**

Parking Lot:

1. Can Cultural Arts narrow down the Weave-A-Dream application process? **(AB)**
2. Creating programs that will help young people understand the music business/industry. **(MVJ)**
3. Additional investments in energy efficiency/ weatherization incentives for senior citizens in existing home repair program and possible annual reporting. (Housing outlook) **(NP)**
4. Community input for using existing Grant Center for original purpose and not for storage. **(BL)**
5. Need report on Implementation Status of Phase 1 Recreation Park in Highlands area. **(BL)**
6. Focus on additional investments for entrepreneurships in the logistics tech corridor, and youth tech and entrepreneurialship investments city-wide with a priority focus on the entrepreneurial center slated for the waterworks building site. **(BL)**
7. Emergency Shelter Grants- 1 year action plan. **(KGC)**
8. When will we see our city products rival market rate products? **(KGC)**
9. How do we make certain that our dollars are not unspent on Community Partnership, and they are doing the work they are tasked to do? How are we measuring outcomes and accountability? **(KGC)**
10. How can we replicate Affordable Housing City-wide through the use of accessory dwelling units (ADU)? **(KGC)**
11. Are we looking to the future to set the pace for compensation in Public Safety? (MVJ)
12. Expedite/ explore ways to establish a partnership for Hospital-Based Intervention Program (HBIP) at the Hospital to serve as Mr. Bush's counterpart. **(MVJ)**
13. Has the city contacted the county's 911due to high call volume? (MVJ)
14. Get at-risk and high-risk youth involved in other programs outside of Savannah. **(AB)**
15. Wealth of History in Savannah- ONSE getting with Historical program to learn the wealth/background of the city. **(LWB)**
16. Are we up to date on all our fire apparatus? **(DL)**
17. In need of audit source for ONSE grants. (DL)
18. Are we overlapping programs between ONSE and SIP? **(DL)**
19. New presentation from ONSE pertaining to programmatic plans. **(DL)**
20. Create program that will mirror the Hospital-Based Intervention Program (HBIP).

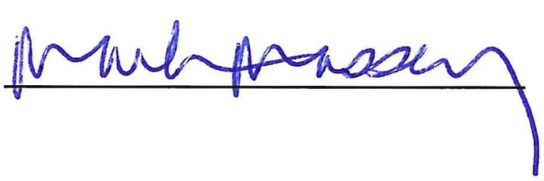
21. Audit impact of ONSE since implemented. How is the ONSE program impacting? **(BL)**
22. Continue partnering with local agencies (text to 911 meet people where they are at). **(NP)**
23. Community frustration no response when calling non-emergency 911lines, so more work can be done with our partners. **(KP)**
24. Extend Summer 500 Program beyond the summer, perhaps adding the weekends. **(KGC)**
25. City should not fund ONSE request pertaining to Hospital-Based Intervention Program (HBIP), rather support the partners that are currently doing that work. **(KGC)**

26. Information/stats pertaining to District 2 Fire Structure. **(KGC)**
27. Corresponding SPD calls for service data by aldermanic districts. **(KGC)**
28. Are we in conversation with county pertaining to 911 calls due to the lack of response? **(KGC)**
29. Will BHU coordinator hours expand to weekends due to additional coordinators being added to all precincts. **(KGC)**
30. Will there be Police added to the Highlands due to influctuation of houses? What is the status of the Highlands that's receiving standalone precinct? **(KGC)**
31. Expand the reach in the DA's office. **(KGC)**
32. Investigate additional spaces in the Waters Ave. Facilities beyond SIP and Family Justice Center. **(DL)**
33. How many crew members does Street Maintenance have to fill potholes? **(KGC)**
34. How does Street Maintenance prioritize sidewalk repairs? **(KGC)**
35. Requested report on Robotics data. **(KGC)**
36. Identify a dedicated funding source for Stormwater Management. **(NP)**
37. Request Skidaway Corridor Beautification Project, assistance in establishing a Skidaway Neighborhood Association. **(LWB)**
38. Signage in place for the west side – District 1, until Traffic Calming devices are implemented. **(BL)**
39. Come back with report of opportunities stemming from our 473 vacant lots. **(MVJ)**
40. Opengov dashboard for community engagement and transparency. **(MVJ)**
41. What is the status of the 3 acres on Old Talmage Bridge? **(BL)**
42. Identify current tax allocation districts. **(KGC)**
43. Want prior council knowledge of contractual agreements for real-estate. **(KGC)**

44. Partner with the President of Magnolia Neighborhood Association for strategies to address homeless population under Truman. **(KGC)**
45. Consider Hybrid workspaces. **(KGC)**
46. Provide council the list of all tax allocation districts. **(KGC)**
47. Grant revenues/funding sources incorporated in the FY23 Grants Fund Budget. What are the grant matching requirements? **(KGC)**

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: **December 8, 2022**

Signature: 

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NOVEMBER 22, 2022, 12:00 noon - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 12:04 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Purtee to offer a prayer.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2
Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman
Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem
Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ABSENT: Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

Workshop Agenda Items

1. Proposed FY23-FY27 Capital Improvement Program

Exhibit 1: FY23-FY27 Capital Presentation.pdf

Exhibit 2: FY23 Proposed Capital Project Allocation Listing.pdf

PRESENTED by City Manager Melder, Office of Management & Budget Senior Director Melissa Carter, and Senior Capital Improvement Projects Analyst Victoria Keller.

- Mayor Johnson recognized the budget team by asking members of the team to stand. On behalf of Council, he thanked Ms. Carter and her team for the outstanding work on preparing and submitting the FY2023 Budget.

- Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz commended budget staff and asked Ms. Keller to confirm if page 251 was the Capital Improvement Program (yes).
- Alderwoman Lanier requested a chart listing Council's priorities with associated costs. Ms. Carter indicated Council's priorities can be viewed in the City Manager's Budget Message. Alderwoman Lanier requested the priority text in pie chart format (Ms. Carter will prepare the pie chart for Council). Alderwoman Lanier requested the explanation/definition of the term 'Force Main Pig' as listed on the FY23 Proposed Capital Project Allocations. Assistant City Manager Health Lloyd explained the pig is a plug (large roto router) used to clean out the force main to increase capacity.

The PowerPoint presentation is available and on file in the Clerk of Council's office.

2. Inclusionary Zoning

Exhibit 1: Inclusionary Zoning Presentation.pdf

PRESENTED by City Manager Melder, Planning & Urban Design Senior Director Bridget Lidy, Senior Planner Candra Teshome, and Housing Director Martin Fretty.

City Manager Melder thanked Candra Teshome on her contributions to the City of Savannah and congratulated her on her new position in Asheville, NC.

The following questions and comments include Item #2 Inclusionary Zoning; and Item #3 Accessory Dwelling Units.

- Mayor Johnson thanked City Manager Melder and City staff for delivering the information requested by Council.
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked why inclusionary zoning included only 10% of property for tax credits and why no areas on the Southside were included. Ms. Lidy answered, the 10% is only a proposed recommendation, it can be increased at Council's discretion. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked why they used 15 years and not 20 years. Ms. Lidy explained, 15 years was used as a possible option, but 20 years can be used for the affordability. City Manager Melder explained that during staff analysis it was determined that putting inclusionary zoning on the Southside would suppress development. Alderwoman Miller Blakely disagreed with City Manager Melder and recommended at least some inclusionary zoning on the Southside.
- In relation to inclusionary zoning, Alderman Palumbo asked how area median income (AMI) wa calculated and what are the geographic boundaries used. Mr. Fretty answered, the AM geographic area, and fair market rents used is calculated and used by HUD on an annual basis (the tables are available online). Alderman Palumbo asked what are the expectations for the future and how will staff assess if the mechanism is working. City Manager Melder explained, moving forward any inclusionary zoning ordinance will need some adjustments and the ordinance will need to include provisions that will not cause any harm to residents. If Council approves an inclusionary zoning ordinance staff will need to look for ways to expand and develop the program annually.
- Mayor Johnson indicated he would be interested in viewing the staff's recommendations and/or assessment on achieving the City's ultimate plans. City Manager Melder will share staff's recommendations based on the collected data with Mayor and Council.
- Alderwoman Lanier discussed accessory dwelling units and inclusionary zoning as it relates to area density and the needs of the population to create quality of life (grocery stores, retail, etc.). Equity policies: inclusionary zoning, accessory dwelling units (ADU), community benefit ordinance, and community benefit agreements that empower residents and provide what is needed in the community to create quality of life. Alderwoman Lanier recommended inclusionary zoning city wide, not just in certain areas and reducing the ADU minimum lot area from 200% to 150% (150% is the proposed revision for minimum lot area requirement).
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz questioned if inclusionary zoning would be feasible for residents. Multi-family developments between Anderson and Derenne Avenues were discussed as it relate to parking incentives. Ms. Lidy explained, since parking structures are expensive to buil reducing the amount of parking required as incentives would reduce the amount of the tot development so as to include affordable housing with the inclusionary zoning. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz stated she does not support the program.

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3. Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)

Exhibit 1: Accessory Dwelling Unit Presentation.pdf

PRESENTED by City Manager Melder, Planning & Urban Design Senior Director Bridget Lidy, Senior Planner Candra Teshome, Housing Director Martin Fretty.

Following the presentations, questions and comments included Item #2 Inclusionary Zoning; and Item #3 Accessory Dwelling Units.

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Mayor Johnson adjourned the Workshop at 1:40 p.m.

A video recording of the workshop can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

https://savannahgovtv.viebit.com/player.php?hash=ySwmmqm0KzXg

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

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NOVEMBER 22, 2022, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:05 p.m. Following the roll call, Mayor Johnson asked the Beach High School Color Guard - Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps to enter Council Chambers for the Posting of the Colors. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderwoman Lanier to introduce Reverend Marion N. Brooks Sr., St. Mark's Baptist Church to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

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Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1
Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2
Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2
Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman
Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem
Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, November 22, 2022.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve/adopt the agenda as amended thereby continuing/postponing agenda Item #5 to December 8, 2022, meeting as requested by the City Manager, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on November 10, 2022, at 12:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: DRAFT MINUTES - November 10, 2022 City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on November 10, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: DRAFT MINUTES - November 10, 2022, City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

4. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Anthony Scarpulla for ViCi, a Restaurant Located at 340 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard between West Jones and West Charlton Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - ViCi.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - ViCi.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - ViCi.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - ViCi.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - ViCi.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearing open for Item #4.

No speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearing for Item #4, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #4, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

5. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Brittany N. O'Neal for Cru Lounge, a Restaurant Located at 1639 East Victory Drive between Grenoble and Wicklow Streets in Aldermanic District 3. (Continued to December 8, 2022)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Cru Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Cru Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Cru Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Cru Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Cru Lounge.pdf

CONTINUED/POSTPONED Item #5 to the December 8, 2022, Regular Council Meeting, during th adoption of the agenda for an administrative review and to re-engage the community.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. First Public Hearing to Receive Comments on the 2023 Proposed Service Program and Budget.

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing open for Item #6.

Speaker(s):

- Stanley Mosley – SUPPORTED pension increase for retirees (requested a workshop to be held)
- Ronald K. Butler – SUPPORTED pension increase for retirees (requested a workshop to be held)
- Mike Nichols – SUPPORTED pension increase for retirees
- Bob Eason – SUPPORTED pension increase for retirees
- Chuck Feagain – URGED reconsideration of City' position with respect to the County regarding L.O.S.T. distribution percentages

Mayor Johnson moved to close the public hearing for Item #6, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously. 9-0-0.

Mayor Johnson requested City Manager Melder to schedule a pension workshop during the first quarter of 2023. City Manager Melder agreed to the workshop and indicated there was a pension plan update during the budget retreat held on Monday, November 14, 2022. Prior discussions of ho the pension funds are invested were held and City Manager Melder indicated how the funds ai invested is not the purview of City Council, but the purview of the Pension Board dictated in large part by Federal and State Law. The scope of discussion for the pension workshop will be how the policy of the benefit is administered and not how the fund is invested.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder how the proposed pension workshop discussion relates to the request of retirees for a cost of living (COLA) increase. City Manager Melder answered, the Savannah Pension Plan has an annual COLA (one percent) built into the formula. Having been a volatile market, last year the pension fund suffered a $100 million less (a rebound is anticipated). There is no concern about the health of the fund. For this year, to extend a benefit would not be prudent. Making sure the fund is solvent this year and future years is the main objective of the Pension Board. City Manager Melder urged Council to be cautious not to overextend the pension fund and experience difficulty 10-15 years in the future.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and City Manager Melder discussed the retirees COLA benefits since 2000. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recommended forgoing the pension workshop and addressing the retirees request now by taking a more conservative approach to some of the legacy contractors or by spending money on items the City does not have or need. She expressed her support to the retirees.

Alderman Palumbo thanked the City Manager for his approach to the pension fund. The preservation of the pension fund is paramount to present/current and future retirees. The City is outperforming its peers in the market, it is in the top 10% performance for a pension fund. It's important Council realize the importance of the pension fund remaining solvent, successful, and healthy. In deciding on increased benefits, Council must make sure it's prudent and thoughtful for the success of the plan for many years to come.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed great concern over the $100 million investment loss. City Manager Melder explained due to market volatility, the fund is down $100 million from last year. Mr. Melder voiced concern for the retirees and stated once the fund is at 100% funded, he would recommend to Council benefits to match the stable fund. He further discussed the current amount contributed by the City ($11.5 million) and employees ($7.5 million) into the pension plan. In order to adjust the allocation or change the 1% COLA to an amount based on CPI would cost the City anywhere between $12.2 to $21 million.

After further questions concerning the $100 million investment loss by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, City Manager Melder discussed at length how the City's pension plan funds are invested and that now is not the time to increase benefits since the plan funds are at a downturn now (84% funded). He further read the changes made to the plan in 2000 which included automatic annual increases and other increased benefits. Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated she is looking forward to the pension workshop.

Alderman Palumbo clarified its not a $100 million loss, but a $100 million reduction in value. Money cannot be taken out except for the benefit of the beneficiaries and is managed by the employees.

Alderwoman Lanier expressed concern for the retirees continually requesting a COLA and stated this is a timely issue that needs to be addressed. She supports the pension workshop and recommended looking at the pension plans of neighboring municipalities. Since this is the first reading to approve the 2023 Proposed Service Program and Budget, Alderwoman Lanier asked if staff will continue to make tweaks and changes prior to the second reading. City Manager Melder indicated staff will take direction from Council on any changes and/or adjustments prior to the final reading.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan stated she can only speak for herself and not Council. The pension fund is about sustainability and workshops can be held, but we need money. There were two opportunities to increase City revenue, but the same people keep voting against the increase (hotel/motel tax and TSPLOST). That revenue could have created enterprise funds to assist the retirees. Council should vote for opportunities that will sustain the pension fund. More money is needed.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked Mr. Mosley for not giving up the fight for the pension fund and the other retirees. She also thanked the other public comment speakers for their support of retiree benefits. She is an advocate of the retirees receiving increased COLA benefits, but as the City Manager explained the City is not in a position at this time to give COLA adjustments to the retirees, due to the downturn of the market. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz welcomes the pension workshop and any positive outcomes from the discussions.

Mayor Johnson again requested City Manager Melder to schedule a Pension 101 Workshop for the first quarter of 2023. Mayor Johnson asked for the number of active pensioners. City Manager Melder indicated as of 1/1/2022, there are 1,719 retired participants/beneficiaries, 207 inactive former participants, and 2,230 active participants. The pensioners depend on the monthly income and it is the responsibility of the Council to assure the viability of the plan.

ING HEARINGS

Text Amendment Initiated by Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) Staff to Amend Section 5.4, Base Zoning Districts to Permit Restaurants in the OI, OI-T and OI-E ɔning Districts and Section 8.4.32 to Add Conditions to the Restaurant Use for These Zoning Districts with the Approval of a Special Use Permit. Recommendation is to Permit Use as a Limited Use with Conditions. (File No. 22-003650-ZA).

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Exhibit 3: Proposed Ordinance Revision (File No. 22-003650-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #7.

Speaker(s):

- Marcus Lotson, MPC representative
- Katie Siplon – IN FAVOR/SUPPORTED (did not speak)

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan requested the definition for cafe. Mr. Lotson indicated a cafe is different from a restaurant. The definition for cafe is not in the ordinance, but Mr. Lotson and staff have discussed adding the cafe definition. Cafe has less impact and can be in a neighborhood.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan requested more intel on cafe versus restaurant from City Manager Melder. Mr. Melder agreed to send Council the information.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #7, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 7-0-2. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Miller Blakely were not present for the vote. See related agenda Item #10.

8. Text Amendment Initiated by Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) Staff to Revise the Definition of "Stucco", Add a Definition for "True Stucco", and Clarify "True Stucco" with the Four Historic Overlay Districts to Include the Savannah Downtown, Victorian, Cuyler-Brownville, and Streetcar Historic Overlay Districts Sections 7.8, 7.9, 7.10, 7.11 and 13.5 of the Zoning Ordinance (File No. 22-004185-ZA).

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Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #8.

Speaker(s):

- Marcus Lotson, MPC representative
- Melanie Wilson, MPC Executive Director

Alderwoman Lanier asked if there is a difference in true stucco from sight and if the cost is different. MPC Executive Director Melanie Wilson indicated there is a sight difference and the difference in cost is substantial.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked how this was presented to MPC. Ms. Wilson indicated this topic became a consistent issue and she recommended staff work on the definition of true stucco.

Alderman Palumbo moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #8, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. See related agenda Item #11.

9. Petition of Josh Yellin, Agent for Romy Colman, Livco Furnishings, LLC, for the Property Owner Adam Purser, 1512 Bull Apartments, LLC, to Secure a Special Use Permit for Accessory Alcohol Sales by the Drink within Two Restaurants Located at 1504 and 1506 Bull Street (PIN 20053 23013). File No. 22-004422-ZA.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for 1054 and 1506 Bull Street (File No. 22-004422-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 1504 and 1506 Bull Street (File No. 22-004422-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #9.

Speaker(s):

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

Written comment(s):

- Josh Yellin - 24 letters - SUPPORT
- Josh Yellin - 71 signatures - SUPPORT

Alderman Leggett stated he conducted a due diligence meeting with the church and neighborhood association and both expressed no opposition.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan requested clarification on the two different addresses, and will there be two different alcohol licenses. Mr. Lotson indicated today the petitioner is asking for a special use permit for two buildings with one kitchen for both locations. The petitioner must return before Council to request an alcohol license. Mr. Yellin described the petitioner's plan to combine the two buildings using one kitchen for both restaurants.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if there is a parking plan for the business. Mr. Yellin indicated th parking requirements for the business are approved. Hours of operation are Monday - Wednesda 8am-11pm, and Thursday - Saturday, 8am-1am, and Sunday, 10am-10pm.

Alderwoman Lanier asked if the special use permit was for the building or applicant. The City Manager stated it applies to the applicant and these two addresses. She also asked if we have done this before. Mr. Lotson responded to the applicants approach.

a. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #9, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #9 (Special Use Permit), seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan requested clarification regarding the times and conditions. The MPC's recommendation regarding times stands. The summary may be incorrect.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

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After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #10, seconded by Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 7-0-2. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Miller Blakely were not present for the vote.

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ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

12. First Reading of a Resolution to Approve the 2023 Proposed Service Program and Budget.

HEARD FOR FIRST READING ONLY.

Mayor Johnson recognized the budget team and staff for their efforts in preparing the FY2023 budget.

13. Approval of the 2023 Revenue Ordinance. Each year, City Council adopts a Revenue Ordinance to authorize the collection of taxes and fees.

Exhibit 1: Memo to Council Regarding Revenue Ordinance.pdf

Exhibit 2: Revenue Ordinance Revisions Redline Version.pdf

Exhibit 3: Revenue Ordinance Revisions Clean Version.pdf

HEARD FOR FIRST READING ONLY.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Flooring City-Wide with 360TLX, LLC (LOCAL, DBE) in an Amount Not to Exceed $65,000. This contract will be used by the Facilities Maintenance Department for the removal and installation of various types of flooring solutions including, but not limited to, carpet, laminate, hardwood, and tile floors on an as-needed basis. (Facilities Maintenance)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Flooring City Wide.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Flooring City Wide.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #14, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract with National Distributors, Savannah Distributing, and Coca-Cola Company as Primary and United Distributors, Georgia Crown, Empire Distributing, and Southern Eagle Distributing as Secondary to Reconstitute Beverage Services at the Civic Center in an Amount Not to Exceed $525,000. This is a cost-neutral contract that will be used by the Civic Center in an effort to offer lower prices and a better value to citizens and patrons accessing the venue for events and meetings. (Civic Center)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Notes - Beverage Services at the Civic Center.pdf

Mayor Johnson offered an explanation of the primary and secondary distributors for the system. This is a new system used by the City and if the system does not provide lower prices and better value then the City will pursue other options.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder about the interest in lowering cost at the Civic Center as opposed to the Arena. The City Manager explained, there is City staff at the Civic Center. The City would like to contain cost of concessions at the Civic Center by managing concession items (alcohol and beverages). Because of the many parts involved in the operation of the Arena and Civic Center, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated she would not support this Item.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked for the number of events at the Civic Center and recommended having more events at the Civic Center. City Manager Melder discussed the meeting rooms, the ballroom, The Johnny Mercer Theater, and The MLK Arena. The MLK Arena is beyond its use due to needed expensive repairs, but the City has entered into a use agreement with the Ghost Pirates for the MLK Arena for their practice sessions. The agreement shifts responsibility of repairs to the Ghost

Pirates and mandates the Ghost Pirates perform a certain number of events during term of the agreement. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan expressed that her main concern is for The Johnny Mercer Theater and keeping the theater sustainable by hosting more events.

Mayor Johnson explained the City has an active agreement with OVG to manage The Johnny Mercer Theater. His concern is OVG managing the entire Civic Center. This agreement gives the City the opportunity to maintain the concessions by City staff. If OVG manages the concessions, the cost is increased drastically. Mayor Johnson explained to Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan that OVG manages the booking of events and this agreement is only for the concessions.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder how much the Ghost Pirates are paying for the use of the MLK Arena ($6,000.00 per month). This agreement is for alcohol and beverages at the concession stands. OVG manages securing events at The Johnny Mercer Theater, but the City staff manages the concessions. Alderwoman Miller Blakely requested OVG to secure more African American performers at The Johnny Mercer Theater. She also expressed that $6,000.00 per month is much too low for the temporary use agreement for the Ghost Pirates, it should be at least $10,000.00 per month.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked City Manager Melder the monthly cost of electric (utilities) at the Civic Center. City Manager Melder will send the information to Council along with other associated costs. Later during the discussion, City Manager Melder explained the Ghost Pirates pay 65% of the electric/utilities at the Civic Center, and residents will be able to use the MLK Arena for ice skating and ice hockey events.

Alderman Leggett expressed concern when OVG schedules performances at The Johnny Mercer Theater, the performers are driven to The Enmarket Arena. He is disappointed in the management of OVG and how they treat Council and staff. He asked how the temporary use agreement with the Ghost Pirates developed, since it was not brought before Council. The City Manager explained the Ghost Pirates temporary use agreement was executed by him as City Manager having the authority.

Alderwoman Lanier asked when OVG's Enmarket Arena contract expires. City Manager Melder answered, it is a ten year contract (5 years, with a 5 year renewal option). The option will come before Council, and OVG and Council must agree. With the original OVG contract the City missed the opportunity for a community benefits agreement, Alderwoman Lanier recommended creating a community benefits agreement when the next Enmarket Arena contract is established.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if the tailgating at the Civic Center for Enmarket Arena events will continue. City Manager Melder explained, currently residents take the Trolley from the Civic Center to the Enmarket Arena for events. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if the distributors in Item #15 will provide alcohol to residents at Civic Center events, prior to residents going to the Enmarket Arena by Trolley. City Manager Melder answered, only if staff coordinates the opportunity with the concessions managed at the Civic Center by City staff. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if the City has received any payment on the annual contractual agreement (no).

Mayor Johnson requested City Manager Melder to send the projected pricing for ice skating. City Manager Melder agreed.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #15, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 2 for the Gwinnett Street Widening Project with Preferred Materials Inc. in the Amount of $758,000. This modification is for the redesign of the bridge due to the unexpected encounter with a layer of impenetrable subsurface material. The bridge had to be redesigned to compensate for the shorter pile lengths because the piles at one location could not be driven to the original designed depth. (Mobility Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Gwinnett Street Widening.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Gwinnett Street Widening.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier stated the work has been done, so the City is obligated to pay the vendor. She expressed concern for the change orders. The chosen contractor missed achieving the estimated costs for the total contract. It is possible that the second bid would have covered the change orders cost of the original cost. This is an option staff should explore.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter agreed with Alderwoman Lanier on vendors submitting change orders. She inquired who was the vendor (Apac Atlantic. formerly Preferred Materials Inc.). Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated the City has a fiscal policy that acknowledges initial approval before purchases and/or modifications. City Manager Melder explained this was a final close-out. The work is completed. A final cost will be determined and brought before Council at the first opportunity. This situation is similar to the final close-out of the Ford Adams Complex. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter requested further discussions with City Manager Melder on Item #16, and his decision to pay the vendor prior to Council's approval. She asked how much general funds were used to pay the vendor and if a portion was paid by the initial Arena SPLOST fund. City Manager Melder stated initial Arena SPLOST funds for infrastructure and the Gwinnett Street project were used. Engineering firm Hussey Gay Bell is contributing $250,000.00 toward the project. Mr. Melder will provide the total

breakdown to Council on the total cost for the project. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed her concern that the change order was paid before it came before Council.

Alderwoman Lanier asked if there were any engineering firms representing the City who reviewed the specifications of the project before awarding the vendor. City Manager Melder discussed the bridge and the engineering pitfalls associated with the project once the workers were on site. This particular project's change order was a little different than the usual change orders.

Alderman Palumbo asked City Manager Melder if the capital projects team has built in buffers and if so why (usually because of construction time, labor and material). After March 2020 (COVID), cost, delay of materials, and labor costs changed significantly. Alderman Palumbo further stated that if the change order did not get approved, the bridge would not be in use now.

Mayor Johnson stated Council should have been notified before paying for the modifications. This would have alleviated any thoughts of sinister behavior and/or actions during the project from residents or Council.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan requested a statement from the City Manager be put in the record, "the original change order was $833,235.60, the change order decreased to $758,000.00. Additionally, the engineer on the project agreed to contribute $270,000.00, and the cost would be more if not negotiated with contractors". The total cost to the City is just under $500,000.00.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #16, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

AGREEMENTS

17. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with K. Hovnanian's Aspire at New Hampstead, LLC, for "Aspire at New Hampstead." This is for a development consisting of 266 single family homes in the Travis Field Service area.

Exhibit 1 : Water & Sewer Agreement - Aspire at New Hampstead.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated with Items #17, #18 and #20 the City now has 428 new home sites. City Manager Melder indicated the 428 homes are not building permits but water and sewer agreements (Items #17 and #18) and a plat for a major subdivision (Item #20). Alderwoman Gibson-Carter indicated the developers would eventually apply for 428 building permits for the new home sites. Will the 428 home sites be developed previous to the City impact fee ordinance (that would be pretty quick, the impact fee only applies to building permits after Council approves the impact fee ordinance.) Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated the City continues to approve single family and multifamily developments, prior to adopting a community benefit agreement and the community having infrastructure support, police, fire and recreational facilities. She is reluctant to approve of such developments.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan stated she wanted residents to know the City would receive $582,000.00 from water and sewer connection fees for Item #17. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter indicated Item #17 is not an impact fee.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17 and #18, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

18. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with D.R. Horton Homes Inc. for "The Pines at New Hampstead" Phases 3 & 4. This is for a development consisting of 91 single family homes in the Travis Field service area.

Exhibit 1 : Water & Sewer Agreement - The Pines at New Hampstead Phases 3 & 4.pdf

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Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17 and #18, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

19. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Savannah OZF Feeley Ave, LLC for the Feeley Avenue Industrial Site. This is for a development consisting of a bulk materials handling yard with an office building in the President Street service area.

Exhibit 1 : Water & Sewer Agreement - Feeley Avenue Industrial Site.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz indicated Items #17, #18 and #19 are all water and sewer agreements in District 5, and the City will receive tapping fees for all three items.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #19, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

MISCELLANEOUS

20. Approval of a Major Subdivision, The Palms Phase 3. The proposed subdivision is in the New Hampstead PUD development in the City of Savannah. One lot will be subdivided into 71 individual parcels (Lots 103-146, 167-193).

Exhibit 1: Plat for Major Subdivision - The Palms Phase 3

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #20, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Johnson announced he and City Manager Melder visited the Montgomery, AL Hyundai Plant, which is half the size of the proposed Hyundai Plant for Bryan County. It is a massive plant and only half the size of the plant coming to Bryan County: 1,400 cars a day are completed, every 56 seconds a new car comes off the lot. The Savannah area will need housing on all levels, infrastructure, roads, schools, etc. to be ready for the Hyundai Plant.

City Manager Melder announced the swearing-in of Fire Chief Elzie Kitchen on Wednesday, November 23, 2022, at 12:00 noon in Council Chambers. All are invited to attend.

Alderman Purtee announced Wednesday, November 23, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. at the Winsor Forest Community Center, State Representative Gillard along with others will giveaway 1,500 Turkeys.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked the members and Apostle Willie B. Jefferson of The Greater New Owens Temple at 4011 Rockdale Street in the Liberty City area for putting together beautiful Thanksgiving Day Dinner Boxes for needy residents of Liberty City and Tatemville.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan announced Basketball Night with the ONES, New Generations, Savannah Youth City, November 26, 2022, from 7:00pm - 11:00pm. There will be bicycle giveaways, bus cards, and gift cards. There will be a second annual Trolley Ride in the Districts with Christmas Caroling.

Alderman Palumbo announced Savannah Youth City Inc. will partner with Council on the second annu Trolley Ride.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely announced the Joe Green Classic fundraiser is being held at Beach High School this evening to support the City athletic departments. All support is needed. She wished all residents, staff and Council a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving.

Mayor Johnson announced Broughton Street will finally be opened Friday, November 25, 2022, the City will celebrate by holding the Tree Lighting ceremony at Bull & Broughton Streets (Compass Rose) at 5:30 p.m. He thanked Team Savannah and wished everyone a Blessed & Safe Thanksgiving.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan announced Special Events, Film & Tourism Director Susan Broker and staff will be extending Christmas lighting/decorations to other Districts. Mayor Johnson indicated there will be 600 Christmas Bows throughout the entire City.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 4:35 p.m.

A video recording of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: December 8, 2022

Signature: Mark Massey







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DECEMBER 8, 2022, 12:00 noon - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT
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The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 12:04 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Purtee to offer a prayer.

PRESENT:

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

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
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kshop Agenda Items

.. Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Authorities.

Mayor Johnson announced board appointments will be discussed during the Regular Meeting. Clerk of Council Massey stated discussions were held during the November 10th Workshop and the nominations were distributed to Council Members.

Alderman Purtee added the name of Ms. Barboza for Cultural Affairs Commission, her application was submitted for consideration today.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked if Spencer White submitted his application for Cultural Affairs Commission. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked Mr. Massey to check for his application before the Regular Meeting.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the application of Tim Mackey was received for Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizens Advisory Committee. Mr. Massey indicated no, but he would check for his application prior to the Regular Meeting.

Mayor Johnson spoke regarding the 2022 Meeting Calendar with respect to the December 22, 2022, City Council Meeting being held alternatively on Tuesday, December 20, 2022, assuming the FY2023 Budget is approved during the Regular Meeting today (12/08/2022).

City Manager Melder provided an update with respect to the L.O.S.T. negotiations with Chatham County and the other municipalities. A certificate must be delivered to the State of Georgia by December 30, 2022, for the Agreement to be legal and not to lapse. Once the agreement wil Chatham County is finalized, the next step will be to work with the eight municipalities in dividing th shares.

Mayor Johnson thanked City Manager Melder, Pooler City Manager Robbie Byrd, and Savannah City Attorney Bates Lovett who represented the eight municipalities, and Director of Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs Joe Shearouse for all the hard work and efforts trying to finalize the L.O.S.T. negotiations.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely indicated she had conversations with several of the County Commissioners who are in agreement with the City, she asked City Manager Melder who are the County Commissioners holding out. Mr. Melder indicated County Commission Chairman Ellis is leading the negotiations.

2. Impact Fees Presentation.

Exhibit 1: Impact Fee Presentation.pptx

PRESENTED by City Manager Melder and Planning & Urban Design Senior Director Bridget Lidy.

Following the presentation, Council Members asked questions and added comments:

- City Manager Melder indicated during the next two weeks, staff will be sending recommendations to Council Members (2 options).
  - Adopt a meaningful impact fee ordinance at a high rate across all amenity types with onl one exemption for affordable housing; or
  - do not adopt an impact fee ordinance.
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the impact ordinance is not adopted, will property taxes increase in order to supply amenities to the new communities. City Manager Melder answered he cannot comment on property tax increase, but additional revenues will be needed for community amenities. Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated she agrees with an impact fee ordinance as it will alleviate residents from experiencing increased property taxes to pay for new community amenities in other areas of the City.
- In relations to owner occupied housing, Alderwoman Lanier asked if there will be a different type consideration for that category. Ms. Lidy indicated talks are still on-going to identify if that would be part of affordable housing. Alderwoman Lanier asked, when looking at the AMI, can consideration be given to adjustment per zip code. Ms. Lidy will look into zip code adjustments. Alderwoman Lanier asked if any projections on impact fees for the affordable housing exemption. City Manager Melder discussed how impact fees would affect affordable housing.
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder since the City has an affordable housing fund, why not use the fund to offset the impact fees. Mr. Melder stated if you used the affordable housing fund for impact fees, no funds would be available for its purpose, affordable housing.
- When elected, the current administration had concerns about revenue generation because of the growth. Alderwoman Lanier commended City Manager Melder on doing a good job in bring impact fees to Council as another means of revenue generation. She asked if the City Manager says any fund expended from the affordable housing fund must be with a developer with th LITC (no, the fund is used in several ways, namely favorable financing for low income tax crec projects, home improvements, and to build new homes).
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked Ms. Lidy, if approved, the impact fee ordinance will be in effect for twenty (20) years (yes). The City Manager has stated, this is a blunt tool, it will hurt residents living on a budget. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz stated the residents of the 5th District do not want an impact fee ordinance. She is against impact fees.

The PowerPoint presentation is available and on file in the Clerk of Council's office.

3. Parklet Ordinance.

Exhibit 1: Parklet Program Presentation.pptx

PRESENTED by City Manager Melder and Special Events, Film & Tourism Senior Director Susan Broker.

Following the presentation, Council Members asked questions and added comments:

- Alderman Palumbo stated there are a few remaining parklets, how can the City support those businesses beyond the metered parking spaces with the new best practices. Ms. Broker discussed how the City would work with businesses to design a parklet in other non-metered space throughout the City.
- Alderman Leggett asked if the businesses downtown added input. Ms. Broker indicated they were notified and she received positive responses; however, non-restaurant businesses need their parking spaces, so restaurant owners will need to work within their block to work out all the details of a parklet with other business owners. Alderman Leggett has concerns with traffic (speeding) and welcomes the opportunity to work with Ms. Broker and her staff during parklet discussions/meetings.
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked about the parklet being permanent and how it will affect the property when the businesses closed. Ms. Broker explained it will be on a case by case basis, especially if it's not another restaurant. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if a survey of the downtown businesses (60 businesses) was conducted (yes). She indicated more businesses should be included in the survey. She also indicated the fee should be increased.
- Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan likes the concept and would like the parklets in the 3rd District. She asked how will parklets work in other areas that are not open container districts. Ms. Broker will give consideration on how parklets can be used in non open container districts.
- Mayor Johnson asked City Manager Melder to give consideration to establishments outside of the to-go cup zone.
- Alderwoman Lanier asked City Manager Melder, as it relates to Council's strategic priorities, why good government as opposed to economic development. Mr. Melder discussed how projects can overlap. Alderwoman Lanier discussed residents reluctance to visit downtown due to limited parking especially with the narrow sidewalks. She asked Ms. Broker the income a parklet space would generate in the core of downtown ($2,000 to $4,000 annually), she also asked how many parking spaces will be sacrificed for parklets (approximately 8-10 spaces).
- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter discussed furniture/structure sustaining hurricane forces; extending some considerations to Broughton Street vendors losing revenue during construction; requested examples in Georgia cities regarding parklets. She also asked what constitutes a violation and the penalties (the ordinance states violations and penalties). City Manager Melder indicated Broughton Street is excluded from the parklet program due to the sidewalks. He also does not recommend any special provisions to businesses on Broughton Street, as they will benefit from the Streetscape. He stated Broughton Street business owners have the option of submitting (damage) complaints through the City's petition process.
- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter discussed efforts as it relates to alcohol usage, leading to sexual assault, rape, under age drinking and DUI's. More prevention and education is needed. City Manager Melder discussed increased capacity in the ABC Unit which will increase safety with alcohol establishments. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concern that the film and tourism department focused only on the downtown corridors for parklets and not neighborhoods like Habersham. Ms. Broker will send Council the survey information, but some neighborhood associations do not want parklets in their community.
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder how many claims/petitions have been filed by downtown businesses (City Attorney Lovett will send Council a report on claims/petitions, 4-5).

The PowerPoint presentation is available and on file in the Clerk of Council's office.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Workshop at 1:40 p.m.

A video recording of the workshop can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: Tues. Dec. 20, 2022

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DECEMBER 8, 2022, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT
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The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:03 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Detric Leggett who introduced Reverend Dr. Gerald Frazier, Sr., Pastor of Followers of Christ Baptist Church to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

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

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

ROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for Thursday, December 8, 2022.

Mayor Johnson announced Item #14 will be continued to the January 12, 2023, City Council Meeting due to a death in the family of the Petitioner's attorney, and the Thursday, December 22, 2022, City Council Meeting will be moved to Tuesday, December 20, 2022, in the event the FY23 budget is approved by Council today.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed concern that Item #14, alcohol application for Cru Lounge, is being delayed yet again (since March 2022 for frivolous delays). Alderwoman Miller Blakely wants the Cru Lounge to receive the same respect and equity as other alcohol application petitioners.

Mayor Johnson indicated the request to continue Item #14 to the January 12, 2023, City Council Meeting was made by the petitioner's attorney and it will be honored.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve the agenda for December 8, 2022, as amended, continuing Item #14 to the January 12, 2023, City Council Meeting and consideration to move the December 22, 2022, City Council Meeting to Tuesday, December 20, 2022, 2:00 p.m., seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Budget Workshop Held on Monday, November 14, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

Exhibit 1: Action Minutes - November 14, 2022 Budget Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3, and #4, seconded by Alderman Legge and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on November 22, 2022, at 12:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - November 22, 2022 City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3, and #4, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

4. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on November 22, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: DRAFT MINUTES - November 22, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3, and #4, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS (ADD-ON):

Mayor Johnson indicated City Manager Melder is wearing a red and black tie today. Mr. Melder is a proud LSU graduate, but his team lost, and because he honors his commitments, he is wearing the colors of the prevailing team. Go Dawgs!

PRESENTATIONS

5. The American Red Cross is Recognizing the Savannah Fire Department, Specifically Savannah Fire Captain Irving Nichols, Fire Engineer Darren Lampley, and Advanced Firefighter Logan Gutierrez, for Lives Saved as a Result of Fire Safety Education Provided and Fire Alarms Installed on May 21, 2022.

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to the Savannah Fire Department and the American Red Cross representatives.

Assistant City Manager and incoming Mission and Outreach Chairperson for the American Red Cross, Savannah Chapter, Heath Lloyd, recognized the Savannah Fire Department personnel for their fire safety initiative that recently resulted in saving lives. Mr. Lloyd shared a story of how lives were saved due to fire safety education provided by a partnership between Savannah Fire Department and Savannah Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Also in attendance and introduced by Mr. Lloyd were Red Cross Board Chair Allan Galis and Len Tropea, City Auditor & Board Member.

Fire Chief Kitchen indicated the fire department gives out smoke detectors and every home in Savannah should have a smoke detector. He also announced the City of Savannah has not had a fire death in the past three years.

Mr. Lloyd introduced fire fighters Captain Irving Nichols, Engineer Darren Lampley and Advanced Firefighter Logan Gutierrez.

6. A Proclamation Declaring Wednesday, December 7, 2022, as "Pramukh Swami Maharaj Day" in the City of Savannah, GA.

READ and PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to Neil Sharma, Devotee & volunteer. Mr. Sharm thanked Mayor and Council for the recognition/honor and introduced other local temp representatives. He gave a brief background of the Temple's history in Savannah (District 6) ar included information on the non-profit organization and the annual walk-a-thon for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Mr. Sharma indicated the Temple would be honored to be invited to participate in the invocations at the City Council meetings.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

7. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Christopher Dickerson for Squirrel's Pizza Eastern Wharf, a Restaurant at 100 Port Street between Passage Way and Martius Avenue in Aldermanic District 1.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Squirrel's Pizza Eastern Wharf.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map- Squirrel's Pizza Eastern Wharf.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports- Squirrel's Pizza Eastern Wharf.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report- Squirrel's Pizza Eastern Wharf.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Squirrel's Pizza Eastern Wharf.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #7 through #13.

No speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #7 through #13, seconded by Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Items #7 and #8, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

8. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales for David W. Gay for tab, a Restaurant at 601 Turner Boulevard between artin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Fahm Street in Aldermanic District 1.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Tab.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Tab.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Tap.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Tab.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Tab.pdf

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No speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #7 through #13, seconded by Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Items #7 and #8, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

9. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Darshil Patel for The Savannah Taphouse, a Restaurant at 125 East Broughton Street between Abercorn and Drayton Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - The Savannah Taphouse.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - The Savannah Taphouse.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - The Savannah Taphouse.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - The Savannah Taphouse.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - The Savannah Taphouse.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #7 through #13.

No speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #7 through #13, seconded by Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderwoman Leggett moved to approve Items #9, #10, #11, and #12 per the City Manager's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

10. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to David W. Gay for Lucas Theatre, a Theatre Located at 32 Abercorn Street between East Congress and East Broughton Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Lucas Theatre.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Lucas Theatre.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Lucas Theatre.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Lucas Theatre.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Lucas Theatre.pdf

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No speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #7 through #13, seconded by Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderwoman Leggett moved to approve Items #9, #10, #11, and #12 per the City Manager's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

11. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Steven Beatty for Folklore, a Restaurant at 36 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard between West Congress and West Broughton Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Folklore.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Folklore.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Folklore.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Folklore.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Folklore.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #7 through #13.

No speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #7 through #13, seconded by Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderwoman Leggett moved to approve Items #9, #10, #11, and #12 per the City Manager's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

12. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Dipesh Patel for Chu's, a Grocery Market at 1015 Waters Avenue between East Park Avenue ar East Walburg Street in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Chu's.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Chu's.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Chu's.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Chu's.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Chu's.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #7 through #13.

No speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #7 through #13, seconded by Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderwoman Leggett moved to approve Items #9, #10, #11, and #12 per the City Manager's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

13. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Chandra Thomas for Hideaway Sports Grill, a Restaurant at 318 Mall Boulevard Building 800 Unit C&D between Abercorn Street and Hodgson Memorial Drive in Aldermanic District 4.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Hideaway Sports Grill.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Hideaway Sports Grill.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Hideaway Sports Grill.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Hideaway Sports Grill.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Hideaway Sports Grill.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #7 through #13.

No speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #7 through #13, seconded by Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #13, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

14. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Brittany N. O'Neal for Cru Lounge, a Restaurant Located at 1639 East Victory Drive between Grenoble and Wicklow Streets in Aldermanic District 3. (Continued from November 22, 2022)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Cru Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Cru Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Cru Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Cru Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Cru Lounge.pdf

CONTINUED/POSTPONED to the January 12, 2023, City Council Meeting, as requested by th applicant's attorney.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

15. Final Public Hearing to Receive Comments on the 2023 Service Program and Budget.

HEARD after Item #38.

Mayor Johnson indicated the budget is proposed based on some assumptions. If the Local Options Sales Tax (L.O.S.T.) negotiations change the City Managers revenue sources, the Council will need to meet to discuss the changes as it relates to the outcome of the negotiations.

City Manager Melder stated the FY23 Budget is very ambiguous. He gave a brief description of a few major line items and gave final remarks regarding items on today's agenda relating to the FY23

Budget.

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing open for Item #15.

Speaker(s):

- Pat Edwards – REQUESTED more CPP funding for MedBank Foundation

Written comment(s):

- Ardis Wood – SUPPORTED efforts to deal with climate change.
- Patrick A. Kelsey – REQUESTED adjustments to arts and culture investments.

City Manager Melder indicated last year's CPP funding was due to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds received by the City. The FY23 Budget does not include ARPA funds, as a result, some agencies will not receive the same amount of funding as last year.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan commended Ms. Edwards on the services provided to residents at the community center and encouraged her to continue working with residents with diabetes. If any funds become available, consideration will be given to MedBank.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Ms. Edwards who told her to ask for an expansion of MedBank services. Ms. Edwards did not release any names, but explained decision makers indicated if an agency expanded their services, it would be looked at favorably at budget review time.

Alderman Leggett asked City Manager Melder were funds available for full-time staff for the ABC and Revenue Units. Mr. Melder indicated there are funds available to add resources to the ABC Unit and Revenue Unit. For the Revenue Unit: 1-Revenue Manager, 1-Revenue Coordinator, 1-Customer Service Representative, and 1- Revenue Investigator. For the ABC Unit: 1-Sargent, 1-Sworn Detective, and 2-Civilian Investigators.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked City Manager Melder to consider moving funds towards the Office of Neighborhood Engagement and Safety (ONES) services if any funding opportunities become available. The ONES staff conducted a presentation at a District 5 neighborhood association meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was very impressed with ONES staff's ability to interact and assist residents with solving challenges and handling unfamiliar situations.

City Manager Melder indicated there are additional funds in the FY23 Budget for the ONES office including $500,000.00 for additional grants to support the ONES office and staff. Also, there are budgeted contingency for micro grant awards and mid-program period supplemental opportunities for grantees to receive more money.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if the $10,000.00 requested by Ms. Edwards would be reinstated. She believes the City should go back to Council's initial goal to look more closely to the needs of the community versus the competitive nature of the non-profit grant processes. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated she had discussions with City Manager Melder on how she believes there is political invasion when it comes to allocations to non-profit agencies. For non-profit executives and leaders who work on political campaigns, they are found in the top tier of receiving allocations and that is not fair. It is not keeping with the spirit of integrity of government.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan raised a point of order.

City Manager Melder stated, who supports who in the political arena has no bearing on how staff evaluates allocation of funds to non-profit agencies. As a government official, he believes picking and choosing which non-profit agency to increase funding after decisions are made, would degrade the total process. All the non-profits allocated funds in the FY23 Budget deliver a needed service to Savannah residents. The City allotted one million dollars in non-profit agency support in this year's budget. The allocations are for support and not for a permanent funding stream.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated the City has legacy contractors/vendors who she considers to be permanent funding streams by the City; namely, in todays agenda the vendor will receive over nine million dollars that comes from the City's General Fund (Johnson-Laux). It is not flesh and blood, it is brick and mortar. She will not be voting for approval. City Manager Melder indicated the SPD (Savannah Police Department renovations, $7,800,000.00) is coming from ARPA funds. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated the money should go to individuals whose back this City is built upon.

Mayor Johnson thanked City Manager Melder for his recommendations that go through a legal mandated procurement and purchasing process, and the Human Services staff for their integrity while providing a difficult service.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder if there will be funds in the budget for a summer youth and youth education programs. City Manager Melder indicated specific allocations for summer youth and education programs included in the budget. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked specifically about the Summer 500 Program. Mayor Johnson and City Manager Melder indicated the Summer 500 Program is not part of this budget nor a part of this administration.

Alderwoman Lanier expressed concern for the Forsyth Farmer's Market and advocated for restoring a $10,000.00 allocation. City Manager Melder indicated the Forsyth Farmer's Market received an allocation last year due to ARPA funds, but this year the non-profit funding was decreased. He will look for ways to add to the CPP Program throughout the year for the non-profits.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to close the public hearing for Item #15, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ZONING HEARINGS

16. Petition of Ethan Underwood (Agent) for Hopeton South Land Trust LLC (Property Owner) to Zone 278.16 Acres Located off Little Neck Road near Ogeechee Road (PINs 11007 01009, 11007 01010, and 11007 01011) from R-A (Residential Agricultural) to R-A-CO (Residential Agricultural-County) and 5850 Ogeechee Road (PIN 11007 01014) from P-B-C (Planned Community Business) to P-B-C-CO (Planned Community Business-County). (File No. 22-005223-ZA).

Exhibit 1: Zoning Summary to Support Annexation (File No. 22-005223-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps (File No. 22-005223-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #16.

Speaker(s):

- Bridget Lidy, Senior Director, Planning & Urban Design
- Reverend Jerome William Baker – OPPOSED to alcohol sales for the property
- Florida (Deacon) Hunt – CONCERNED about traffic and street maintenance of roads leading to the property
- Charles Roberts, representing the applicant – present but did not speak
- Ethan Underwood, petitioner – present but did not speak

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz stated there are plans for the expansion and improvement of Little Neck Road traffic. There are discussions for improvements on the table. She is part of the Coastal Regional Planning Association for the improvement of Highway 17, Ogeechee Road and Highway 204 and improvement is coming, but it will take time.

Alderwoman Lanier stated she is seeing more developers petition to annex their projects into the City and asked if the amenities are the reason. Ms. Lidy answered, the infrastructure and the ability to get water and sewer services from the City. She asked if it would be to the City's advantage to look at unincorporated areas and have a discussion concerning annexation. City Manager Melder stated that discussion is needed for the City's expansion. Alderwoman Lanier stated, according to the census number, the City is growing, not regular but monumental growth and residents on th Westside might find the area growth overwhelming.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter discussed residents concerns for road work, construction, speeding trucks and debris in the area, along with their feelings of neglect. An outgoing and prior elected officials of Garden City assured Alderwoman Gibson-Carter the petitioner is a good steward of project; however, unless she received opposition from residents, she will be unable to vote for this project because it is a continuation of the invasion of projects and the City's lack of responding to the influx of traffic in that area. Major Johnson asked Clerk of Council Massey if he received any comments other than those presented today on the project (no).

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #16 seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

17. Petition of Bridget Lidy on Behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah to Amend the Zoning Ordinance to Permit Single-family Residential within the Planned Use Development (PUD) District for Savannah Gardens. Aldermanic District 3 (File No. 22-004675-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for Text Amendment to Savannah Gardens PD (File No. 22-004675-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Master Plan for Savannah Gardens.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #17.

Speaker(s):

- Marcus Lotson, MPC representative

Written comment(s):

- Andrew Rosen - OPPOSED

Alderwoman Lanier asked if the PUD will be for this particular project or throughout. Mr. Lotson stated it is for this project only.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter discussed the $1.3 million cost of the project bringing the cost of each home to approximately $216,000.00. She asked if William Dasher is the developer.

Housing Director Martin Fretty answered, CHSA is the master developer and owner of the lots. CHSA will hire a contractor to build the houses. They have used William Dasher in the past, but are trying to work with other builders. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked how can other builders engage. Mr. Fretty stated builders should contact Anita Smith-Dixon to be considered at 912-651-2169 or 311. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder will the City give other builders in the

community an opportunity to participate in this project. Mr. Melder stated when it is the City contracting the services they would, but CHSA have their own process. There are only a handful of non-profit builders and other builders who can build the homes at the cost determined. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated, as a partner and funder of CHSA, the City should make sure of having an equity position in these projects. She also asked City Manager Melder if approval from the zoning board was received for the project (yes).

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder if he stated William Dasher is a non-profit builder. Mr. Melder stated no, he is not sure if William Dasher is a non-profit, but there are non-profit housing developers. Mr. Fretty stated William Dasher is a private developer/builder.

Alderman Palumbo moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #17, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

3. Petition of Bridget Lidy on Behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah to Amend the Zoning Map for 2022, 2024, & 2026 Bolling Street (PIN 20058-04020, 20058-04021, & 20058-04023) from B-N (Neighborhood Business) to PD (Planned Development District for Savannah Gardens). Aldermanic District 3 (File No. 22-004673-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for Rezoning of Bolling Street (File No. 22-004673-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for Bolling Street (File No. 22-004673-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for Rezoning of Bolling Street (File No. 22-004673-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #18.

Speaker(s):

- Marcus Lotson, MPC representative

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #18, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

19. Petition of Bridget Lidy on Behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah to Amend the Zoning Ordinance to Permit Single-family Residential as Use within the Planned Development District for Savannah Gardens. Aldermanic District 3 (File No. 22-004675-ZA).

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Exhibit 2: Master Plan for Savannah Gardens.pdf

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #19, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

20. Petition of Bridget Lidy on Behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah to Amend the Zoning Map for 2022, 2024, & 2026 Bolling Street (PIN 20058-04020, 20058-04021, & 20058-04023) from B-N (Neighborhood Business) to PD (Planned Development District for Savannah Gardens). Aldermanic District 3 (File No. 22-004673-ZA).

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Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for Rezoning of Bolling Street (File No. 22-004673-ZA).pdf

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #20, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

21. Approval to Annex 278.16 Acres Located off Little Neck Road near Ogeechee Road. The property will be developed as mixed use with residential, retail, and commercial.

Exhibit 1: Annexation Petition - Hopeton South Land Trust LLC.pdf

Exhibit 2: Annexation Ordinance - Hopeton South Land Trust LLC.pdf

HEARD for First Reading only.

2. Petition of Ethan Underwood (Agent) for Hopeton South Land Trust LLC (Property Owner) to Zone 278.16 Acres Located off Little Neck Road near Ogeechee Road (PINs 11007 01009, 11007 01010, and 11007 01011) from R-A (Residential Agricultural) to R-A-CO (Residential Agricultural-County) and 5850 Ogeechee Road (PIN 11007 01014) from P-B-C (Planned Community Business) to P-B-C-CO (Planned Community Business-County). (File No. 22-005223-ZA).

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Exhibit 2: Maps (File No. 22-005223-ZA).pdf

HEARD for First Reading only.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

23. Final Reading of a Resolution to Approve the 2023 Proposed Service Program and Budget.

HEARD after Item #15.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter indicated the FY23 Budget proposes an increase in water charges to residents. City Manager Melder indicated the combined water & sanitation rate increases by 3.91%,

which is the standard incremental increase. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated, residents are still facing challenges as it relates to water rate fees, plus the questionable leadership of the sanitation department and as a result, she cannot support Items #23 and #24. Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated she cannot support it either.

Mayor Johnson asked City Manager Melder to confirm the ABC Unit staff. City Manager Melder indicated beside the proposed positions, there is the creation of 5 new FTE's. There are 4 total new positions in the revenue department, and 4 total new positions in the ABC Unit; this is a $420,000.00 increase for ABC.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Mayor Johnson if there was a possibility for the Summer 500 Program or something similar. Mayor Johnson indicated the Summer 500 Program was funded by local businesses; however, if anyone wants to work now with the unemployment rate today, they w be able to find employment right away.

Alderman Leggett asked City Manager Melder, if Council approves the FY23 Budget today, what is the timeline to see the FTE's in place for the ABC Unit and the Revenue Department. City Manager Melder indicated recruitment will begin as soon the the budget is approved.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23 and #24, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

Mayor Johnson thanked City Manager Melder and his staff and recognized the budget staff by asking them to stand for delivering an exceptional budget.

24. Approval of the 2023 Revenue Ordinance. Each year, City Council adopts a Revenue Ordinance to authorize the collection of taxes and fees.

Exhibit 1: Memo to Council regarding Revenue Ordinance.pdf

Exhibit 2: 2023 Revenue Ordinance Redline Version.pdf

Exhibit 3: 2023 Revenue Ordinance Clean Version.pdf

See Item #23.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Procure a Multi-Station Play Structure with GameTime c/o Dominica Recreation Products, Inc. in the Amount of $29,862. The structure will replace aging playground equipment at Daffin Park for safety reasons. (Recreational & Leisure Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Multi-Station Play Structure.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Multi-Station Play Structure.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #25 through #31, and Item #35, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Procure up to 11 Splash Pads with WaterPlay Connect c/o Great Southern Recreation in an Amount Not to Exceed $881,000. This purchase is a part of the Savannah Recreation Re-iMagined Initiative and will raise the quality of City recreation facilities while providing increased access to residents. Splash pads are aquatic venues with playful features that spray or jet water on users. Each park will have unique components and feature full automation, zero depth water safety, and ADA compliance. (Recreation and Leisure Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Splash Pads.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Splash Pads.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #25 through #31, and Item #35, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

27. Notification of an Emergency Procurement of Three Bucket Trucks with Wade Ford in the Amount of $530,000. The vehicles will be used by the Traffic Engineering and Innovation & Technology Services Departments to replace units 5145, 9245, and 9223, which are no longer economical to repair. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Bucket Trucks.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Bucket Trucks.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #25 through #31, and Item #35, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

28. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for the Engineering and Installation of a New System that will Improve Streaming Services for the City's SGT Channel (Cable Channel 8) in the Amount of $27,788. (ITS)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Savannah Government Television.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Savannah Government Television.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #25 through #31, and Item #35, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

29. Notification of an Emergency Purchase for Centrifuge Repairs from GEA Mechanical Equipment in the Amount of $77,423. Services are needed for equipment used to ensure that sludge does not overrun storage capacity and the water treatment process is not disrupted or compromised. The equipment is used to dewater 2800 tons of sludge removed yearly from the treatment process and hauled to the landfill to prevent discharge violations. (Industrial and Domestic Plant)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Centrifuge Repairs.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Centrifuge Repairs.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #25 through #31, and Item #35, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

30. Notification of an Emergency Purchase of a Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) with GoForth Williamson in the Amount of $86,519. (Purchase Includes Installation Services) A VFD is an electric device used to control how water is pumped to provide service. VFD's ensure reliability and redundancy for supplying major industrial customers, supplementing groundwater supply, and ensuring fire protection. This repair ensures an adequate supply of clean water at sufficient flow and pressure. (Industrial and Domestic Plant)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Variable Frequency Drive.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Variable Frequency Drive.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #25 through #31, and Item #35, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

l. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Extend Two Electric Vehicle Leases with Acme Leasing, LLC. in the Amount of $38,920. The vehicles will be utilized staff in the Parking Services Department to issue parking citations. (Parking Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Electric Vehicle Leases.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Electric Vehicle Leases.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #25 through #31, and Item #35, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

32. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Architectural and Engineering Design Services for the City Hall Restoration Project with Ethos Preservation in an Amount Not to Exceed $490,395. The services will be used to complete an investigation of existing conditions, prepare an assessment report, develop a detailed restoration design, prepare a phased plan for preservation/restoration construction efforts, aid in confirmation of contractor's pricing, and perform construction administration and project closeout. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - City Hall Restoration Design.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - City Hall Restoration Design.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder for the balance of SPLOST VII. For this project how much is from SPLOST VII, general fund and real estate reserve. She also asked if the renovations for the Mayor's office came from SPLOST VII or the general fund which was not approved by Council. City Manager Melder answered the Mayor's office renovations came from general fund, basic Real Estate. Budget Director Melissa Carter stated the project is multi-funded, to date funding for the project would come from the general fund, Real Estate reserve and SPLOST. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked for specific amounts in each category. Ms. Carter will send the specific amounts to Council before the end of the meeting. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter wanted the public to know $490,395.00 will be spent to prepare an assessment report, develop a detailed restoration design, and prepare a phased plan for preservation/restoration construction for City Hall.

Mayor Johnson asked for the age of the City Hall building. City Manager Melder answered 106 years old, built in 1905, making it an historic building. Mr. Melder indicated this project is to restore Council meeting chambers and the rotunda's in the building (this project does not include any office space).

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan stated the questions being asked were discussed during the budget retreat, and she asked how often is Ms. Carter and her staff available for these questions.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely raised a point of order.

City Manager Melder answered, they are available to Council at any time for questions. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan stated, for the purpose of time, she would appreciate it if other Council Members would take into account, we are on a schedule.

Alderman Palumbo stated the City Hall building is very special and this project was discussed during the Council's Visioning Session. A couple years ago there was discussion to close this building and make it a museum. As a renaissance revival building, City Hall has special architectural building qualities. The building has held up great for its current use. It takes specific specialist to restore the building so the residents can enjoy it original beauty.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated the questions were asked because the summary did not state that it was for the rotunda and Council Chambers.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #32, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed, 6-2-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no, and Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was not present for the vote.

33. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Selective Interior Demolition of the Gamble Building with Johnson-Laux Construction (LOCAL, DBE) in the Amount of $960,833. This project focuses on the interior renovation of the building, and selective demolition is the first step in preparing the building's interior for new construction. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Gamble Building Selective Demolition.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Gamble Building Selective Demolition.pdf

Since this project is being paid by blended funds, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder for a breakdown on how much will be used from each fund for the project. She also asked for a monthly or quarterly report from the City Manager on expenditures. Mr. Melder indicated he could amend the funding verification form for Council, but regardless of the funding source here, the item is

for the approval of a contract for $960,833.00 which is a purchasing item not a budget item. Funding has been allocated for this item. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated as a fiscal responsible agent representing the City as an At-Large Alderwoman, she has the prerogative to asked questions. The funding is for grant opportunities available for the restoration of historic buildings. She would rather the City had spent money on the restoration of Council Chambers rather than the renovation of the Mayor's office.

Alderman Purtee raised a point of order.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked why the City continually gives Johnson-Laux projects, is there another contractor in the City for these projects. City Manager Melder answered this is part of a procurement process which the State of Georgia has specific regulations for the procurement of local construction contracts. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if local contractors could be educated c the State of Georgia regulations. Mr. Melder indicated the City does use other contractors Alderwoman Miller Blakely requested a list of the approved State regulated contractors. Ci Manager Melder will send the list to Council Members.

Mayor Johnson confirmed with City Manager Melder that Johnson-Laux was a local State regulated contractor. They are also a DBE. Was the process carried out according to law (yes).

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #33, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

34. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Construction Contract for Highlands Park Phase 1 with F.H. Paschen (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed $1,200,000. Phase 1 will include a walking trail approximately one-half mile long with lighting, landscaping, and parking area. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Highlands Park.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Highland Park.pdf

Mayor Johnson thanked City Manager Melder and Assistant City Manager Lloyd for their support on this project. The City needs to move forward on the master plan for all the recreational services in that area now that the COVID pandemic has passed.

Alderwoman Lanier thanked the City Manager and staff for working with her and the residents of The Highlands on securing funding for Phase I. She is looking forward to other recreational services in the future for the children residing in The Highlands.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #34, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter ar Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderman Palumbo was not present for th vote.

35. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Body Cameras, Tasers, and Digital Evidence System with Axon Enterprises, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed $696,001. The Savannah Police Department will utilize this contract to enhance police transparency and efficiency. (Police)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Body Cameras, Tasers, & Digital Evidence System.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Body Cameras, Tasers, & Digital Evidence System.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #25 through #31, and Item #35, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

36. Notification of Emergency Purchase of Clearing and Debris Removal of Encampment Site with Johnson-Laux (LOCAL)(DBE) in the Amount of $514,053. These services were used for clearing and debris removal of the encampment site under the Truman Parkway bridge after a fire damaged the bridge on October 1, 2022.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Clearing Encampment.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Clearing Encampment.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder if this was another purchase paid outside of Council approval. Mr. Melder indicated this was an emergency purchase which was approved according to his emergency procurement authority. He gave the total background of the bridge, the residents living under the bridge, and the fire that damaged the bridge.

Purchasing Director Johnnie Coker indicated the contractor was selected on an emergency basis; they were available quickly, they are a State Contractor previously approved for this type wo and they are local.

Mayor Johnson stated he visited the bridge and supports the City Manager's decision to move the residents living under the bridge away from the area. The City Manager informed Council of the complete process in writing prior to implementation. The area is clear and safe now. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter thanked City Manager Melder for the information.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Mr. Coker how many State contractors are available to the City to do this type work (2, F. H. Paschen and Johnson-Laux).

Since Council spends so much time discussing the process, Alderman Purtee requested a workshop to explain the purchasing process to Council.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #36, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

37. Notification of Emergency Purchase to Install an 8-Foot Temporary Fence with Sam-Jay Services (LOCAL) in the amount of $55,762. This fence was installed under the Truman Parkway bridge to prevent people from moving back underneath the bridge.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Fence Install Truman Pkwy.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Fence Install Truman Pkwy.pdf

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #37, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

38. Approval to Procure Six Vehicles to Add to the Airport's Fleet from JC Lewis Ford, in the Amount of $328,489.

HEARD after Item #40.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #38, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

39. Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Authorities.

The following appointments were voted upon and approved by Council.

Coastal Regional Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizens Advisory Committee

- Kevin D. Glover - appointed

Cultural Affairs Commission

- Dennis J. Murphy - appointed
- Barbara Essig - appointed
- Spencer E. White - appointed
- Danielle J. Barboza - appointed

Downtown Savannah Authority

- Theodore (Ted) Kleisner - appointed

Ethics Board

- Attorney Julie M. Wade - appointed
- Dr. Jose de Arimateia da Cruz - appointed
- Attorney Christian J. Steinmetz - appointed

Keep Savannah Beautiful

- Ashley A. Rainge - appointed

Park and Tree Commission

- Jean J. Bellemare - appointed
- Jake Henry - appointed

Pilotage Commission

- Sylvester C. Formey - appointed

Savannah Development and Renewal Authority

- Desmond Ralph Duval - appointed
- Romondo J. Stewart - appointed

Savannah Recreation Commission

- Latasha S. Wright - appointed

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

40. Approval of a Resolution Accepting a Donation from the Trustees' Garden Club in the Amount of $10,000. The donation will be used for the planting of trees by the Park and Tree Department's Urban Forestry Division to help beautify the northern portion of Forsyth Park affected by previous storms.

Exhibit 1: Trustees' Garden Club Resolution.docx

HEARD after Item #6.

Mayor Johnson accepted a $10,000.00 donation from the Trustees' Garden Club for planting trees in Forsyth Park.

President Melinda Bergen thanked City Council for their support and cooperation during the Forsyth Park Master Planning process and welcomes future partnerships with the City on Forsyth Park planning.

Director of City Parks & Trees Gordon Denney thanked the Trustees' Garden Club for the generous donation and he stated he looks forward to future partnerships with the Club.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #40, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

41. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Submit a Substantial Amendment for the FY2022 One Year Action Plan to Reprogram CDBG-CV Funds.

Exhibit 1: Resolution for FY2022 Substantial Amendment.CDBG-CV Project.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder if the projects were affordable housing (yes)

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #41, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

AGREEMENTS

42. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with Collinsville Meadow Townhomes, LLC for Collinsville Meadow Townhomes. This is for a development consisting of four townhomes near the intersection of Paulsen and East Park Avenue.

Exhibit 1 : Water & Sewer Agreement - Collinsville Meadow Townhomes.pdf

HEARD after Item #39.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder if the projects were affordable housing (no).

Alderman Leggett moved to approve Items #42 and #43, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

43. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement to Include Cost Sharing with CCC President, LLC, a North Carolina Limited Liability Company for the Water and Sewer Infrastructure Up-sizing for the Felicity, a Private Development Project south of East President Street and the developed Eastern Wharf area.

Exhibit 1: Water and Sewer Agreement - Felicity Apartments.pdf

HEARD after Item #39.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder if the projects were affordable housing (no).

Alderman Leggett moved to approve Items #42 and #43, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

44. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Fifth Amendment to Existing Lease between the City (Landlord) and New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC d/b/a AT&T Mobility Corporation (Tenant).

Exhibit 1: Map of 1801 Kerry Street.pdf

Exhibit 2: 5th Amendment to Lease - New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, dba AT&T Mobility Corp.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #44, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

45. Settlement #1.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #45, to authorize the City Attorney's office to resolve the claim of Yolanda Mendoza (worker's compensation matter) in the amount of $30,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Alderman Leggett, and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

46. Settlement #2.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #46, to authorize the City Attorney's office to resolve the claim of Sarah Bynes (car wreck matter) in the amount of $100,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Alderman Leggett, and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

47. Approval of a Major Subdivision, Brookline Phase 2. The subject property is located within the Brookline Subdivision, which is a part of the Highlands Development in the North Godley PUD. This proposed phase totals 11.629 acres and will consist of 47 single family lots with varying lot sizes. Brookline Phase 2 is located along the northern right-of-way line of Highlands Boulevard.

Exhibit 1: Plat for Major Subdivision Brookline Phase 2.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #47, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

48. Item Added on 12/5 (Purchasing): Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Renovations to the 31,335 Sq. Ft. Police Headquarters Building, Located at 201 Habersham Street, with Johnson-Laux (LOCAL, DBE) in the Amount Not to Exceed $7,800,000. Renovations will include window replacement, replacement of the HVAC

system, new flooring, installation of new IT infrastructure, repainting, and other repairs to both the building's envelope and interior. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Police Headquarters Renovation.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Police Headquarters Renovation.pdf

Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated to City Manager Melder that Johnson-Laux is used again. There are other contractors in the City that can do this work.

Alderman Palumbo raised a point of order.

Mayor Johnson indicated this is a historic building and asked City Manager Melder if the procurement process was followed (yes).

Alderman Palumbo stated this is the oldest operating police headquarters in the nation. The conditions in the building needs to be updated with a specific contractor for historic buildings.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan stated in order to win a bid you must participate in the procurement process. If a business does not respond for a project, they cannot be awarded the contract.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated it's not she does not want to renovate/restore the police headquarters, City Hall and Gamble Building, she just wants the resources spread equitably. It seems like Johnson-Laux is always getting the contracts and after her research, she questions Johnson-Laux as a DBE. Mayor Johnson stated once it's let, it becomes public record.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #48, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

49. Item Added on 12/5 (Real Estate Item): Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Lease for 16,500 square feet of Office Space at 6600 Abercorn Street (The Landmark Building).

Exhibit 1: Map - 6600 Abercorn.pdf

Exhibit 2: Landmark LOI City of Savannah 12.1.22 V2.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #49, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ADD-ON:

50. Reschedule the December 22, 2022, City Council Meeting to Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at 2:00 p.m, due to Christmas Holiday.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #50 (Added During the Adoption of the Agenda), seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Alderman Leggett announced the Savannah Hurricanes will have a game this Saturday, December 10th, 3:00 p.m. at Beach High School.

Alderman Purtee announced Council Caroling tomorrow, at 4:30 p.m. starting downtown then through all the Districts.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 4:53 p.m.

A video recording of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: Tues. Dec. 20, 2022

Signature: Mark Massey

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DECEMBER 15, 2022, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The special called meeting of the City Council was held at 3:03 p.m. in City Council Chambers. Mayor Johnson offered an invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance recited in unison.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Director of Policy and Governmental Affairs Jo Shearouse
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

Special Meeting Agenda Items

1. Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) Discussion.

Following a detailed presentation by Mayor Johnson and City Manager Melder, the City Manager made a strong recommendation for the Mayor and Aldermen to unanimously support (approve) the following LOST distribution between Chatham County and its municipalities:

YEAR	COUNTY % ALLOCATION	MUNICIPAL % ALLOCATION
2023	24%	76%
2024	26%	74%
2025	27%	73%
2026	29%	71%
2027 – 2032	31%	69%

Where upon, Members of City Council offered comments and asked questions.

Alderman Palumbo moved to authorize the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) Certificate of Distribution, as described by the City Manager, subject to the terms and conditions of the 2012 (2013) LOST Agreement. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Alderman Leggett, and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed, 8-0-1 (Board Vote). Alderman Purtee was absent.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Special Called Meeting at 4:20 p.m.

A video recording of the workshop can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: 1/12/2023

Signature: Mark Massey

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DECEMBER 20, 2022, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:01 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan to introduce Senior Pastor LeRoy Pollen, III, of New Wave Temple of Praise to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Deputy City Attorney Jen Herman
Assistant City Attorney Denise Cooper
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, December 20, 2022.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda for Tuesday, December 20, 2022, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on December 8, 2022, at 12:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - December 8, 2022 City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was absent.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on December 8, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - December 8, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was absent.

PRESENTATIONS

4. Appearance and Presentation by Leaders from Hunter Army Airfield in Support of National Wreaths Across America Day on December 17, 2022.

Garrison Leadership, Colonel Manny Ramirez of Hunter Army Airfield and Command Sargent Major Bryan Buchanan of Fort Stewart presented Mayor Johnson and City Council the Wreath for Warriors Walk honoring the fallen heroes of the 3rd Infantry Division.

Every year, a wreath is presented at Savannah City Hall. Mayor Johnson accepted the Wreath for Warriors Walk on behalf of City Council and the Savannah community. The Wreath will be on display throughout the holiday season in the City Hall Rotunda.

5. Appearance by the Savannah Police Department and Presentation of the Department's Newest Addition, Therapeutic Dog "Goose".

Mayor Johnson and Police Chief Gunther introduced the police department's newest member, Goose, an 11 week old Labrador. Chief Gunter gave a brief background and indicated Goose will introduce a non-traditional approach to trauma for officers, youth and members of the community. Behavioral Health Unit Corporal Julie Cavanaugh has Goose in training now to assist individuals experiencing trauma and crisis episodes.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

6. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Krishna Patel for Cambria Hotel - Savannah, a Hotel at 321 Montgomery Street between West Charlton and West Harris Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Cambria Hotel - Savannah.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Cambria Hotel - Savannah.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports- Cambria Hotel - Savannah

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Cambria Hotel - Savannah

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Cambria Hotel - Savannah

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearing open for Item #6.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearing for Item #6, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was absent.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #6, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was absent.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

7. Amend Section 2-4053 of the City's Code of Ordinances to Increase the City Manager's Purchasing Authority from $25,000 to $50,000. Contracts exceeding $50,000 shall be awarded upon approval by Council.

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Ordinance Amendment.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked for justification to increase the amount. City Manager Meld indicated 2007 was the last increase. Inflation, cost of services, and the ability to complete sm purchases in a timely manner is the main reason for the increase from $25,000 to $50,000. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed her problems with receiving monthly information regarding the City Manager's approved contract since Michael Brown served as Interim City Manager. She questioned the City's purchasing practices and lack of transparency to taxpayers. After over a year, she recently received her first monthly report on contracts approved by the City Manager under $25,000. She cannot support or approve the increase.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked how many African Americans benefited from the City Manager discretionary funds. City Manager Melder explained the difference between the City Manager's discretionary funds and the authority of the City Manager to approved contracts with a limit of $25,000. He also cited other cities who allowed the City Manager to approve contracts over $25,000.

City Manager Melder explained to Alderwoman Gibson-Carter that his office has worked over the past year to put policies and technology in place to send out monthly reports to Council and staff on the listing of City Manager approved contracts with the $25,000 limit.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated if the item passes, she will monitor these activities to make sure it is equitable.

Alderman Palumbo spoke in regards to discretionary versus purchasing authority. He asked the City Manager to explain the difference. City Manager Melder described the differences noting this is not discretionary, this gives the City Manager authority to approve contracts up to $50,000. He still must follow the City's procurement process, but it would not come before Council for approval.

Alderwoman Lanier called for the vote.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz explained, if this item passes, the City Manager will have the authority to approve contracts and services by local entrepreneurs up to $50,000 without coming before Council. She encouraged local small businesses to get certified and registered with the City to become eligible to receive small contracts with the City. This is an opportunity for small businesses and entrepreneurs to become part of the equitable process in the City.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan stated there are Council Members who continue to ask for an increase in mileage, Merry Christmas.

Alderwoman Lanier called for the vote.

Alderman Leggett asked, if passed, what parameters are in place for Council to question contracts approved by the City Manager. City Manager Melder indicated Council could question any contract's approved.

Mayor Johnson indicated this is about good government and good governance. This is a step in government completing transactions in a timely fashion. Approval is a statement by City Council that the City Manager is qualified and competent to approve contracts up to $50,000 with Council's approval.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter addressed the comment made by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan by asking City Manager Melder if an approval of $25,000 can be made for mileage. Mr. Melder indicated, not likely. She discussed her dissatisfaction with not receiving a monthly report of approved City Manager contracts, since being elected as At Large Alderwoman. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter requested a monthly report of approved contracts by the City Manager. City Manager Melder will send a monthly report to Council of approved contracts.

Mayor Johnson indicated former City Manager Stephanie Cutter would send Council Members reports of approved City Manager contracts up to $25,000 and the practice discontinued during the tenure of City Manager Rob Hernandez. Now, the practice has been reestablished.

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #7, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was absent.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan added reports were sent to Council by Interim City Manager Pat Monahan. She also stated, the economy did not stop with City Manager Melder. During the pandemic, some of Council Members stated because of inflation they wanted mileage added.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

8. First Reading of an Ordinance Pertaining to the Proposed Redistricting of Savannah Aldermanic Districts Pursuant to the 2020 U.S. Census Data.

Exhibit 1: Ordinance of the Charter Amendment for the 2022 Redistricting.pdf

HEARD ITEM #8 FOR FIRST READING ONLY.

INANCES - SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

Approval to Annex 278.16 Acres Located off Little Neck Road near Ogeechee Road. The property will be developed as mixed use with residential, retail and commercial.

Exhibit 1: Annexation Petition - Hopeton South Land Trust LLC.pdf

Exhibit 2: Annexation Ordinance - Hopeton South Land Trust LLC.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #9 and #10, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 6-2-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no. Alderman Purtee was absent.

10. Petition of Ethan Underwood (Agent) for Hopeton South Land Trust LLC (Property Owner) to Zone 278.16 Acres Located off Little Neck Road near Ogeechee Road (PINs 11007 01009, 11007 01010, and 11007 01011) from R-A (Residential Agricultural) to R-A-CO (Residential Agricultural-County) and 5850 Ogeechee Road (PIN 11007 01014) from P-B-C (Planned Community Business) to P-B-C-CO (Planned Community Business-County). (File No. 22-005223-ZA).

Exhibit 1: Zoning Summary to Support Annexation (File No. 22-005223-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps (File No. 22-005223-ZA).pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #9 and #10, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 6-2-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no. Alderman Purtee was absent.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

11. Notification of an Emergency Purchase for Replacement of a Bulldozer Undercarriage with Yancey CAT in the Amount of $45,221. The bulldozer is used to support operations at the Dean Forest Road Landfill. (Sanitation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Bulldozer Undercarriage Replacement.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Bulldozer Undercarriage Replacement.pdf.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #11 and #12, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was absent.

12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of a Tapping Machine from Hydra-Stop in the Amount of $63,957. A tapping machine provides acces to a pressurized pipe without disrupting water pressure or service upstream of the tap. This equipment will replace old equipment that has reached the end of its useful life expectancy and is no longer feasible to repair. (Water Distribution)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Hydra-Tapper.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Hydra-Tapper.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #11 and #12, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was absent.

13. Notification of an Emergency Purchase for the Rental and Delivery of Temporary Sheet Piles for the Chatham County-Owned Trade Center Riverwalk with Myrick Marine (LOCAL) in the Amount of $81,659. The sheet piles were used to stabilize the Trade Center Riverwalk which were needed to prevent a full collapse of the Riverwalk. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Trade Center Sheetpile.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Trade Center Sheetpile.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier asked, if the City did not intervene what would be the outcome. City Manager Melder indicated staff is in negotiations with the County for reimbursement. The City owns property just north of the site and that property would be affected if the County's property was not stabilized. He will notify Council when negotiations are completed. Alderwoman Lanier mentioned sidewalks in her district needing repairs for the past 2-3 years; however, a repair along the Riverwalk for tourist gets repaired immediately. She would like the City to be just as astute with residents as with the tourists.

Alderman Leggett indicated the City is proactive and applauded Assistant City Manager Lloyd for h quick action on the repairs.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #13, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was absent.

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Urban Planning and Design Services with Sottile and Sottile (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed $100,000. This contract will provide urban planning/design and architectural support services for various City projects. (Capital Projects).

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Urban Planning and Design.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Urban Planning and Design.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier asked if the City normally requested this service. City Manager Melder indicated the City has used these services when there are excessive amounts of design and architectural services work needed. She asked how many responded to the bid and if the lowest bid won. Mr. Melder answered, 3 requests for proposals were received, so it differs from request for bid, proposals are scored.

Since the City has a Planning & Urban Design department and MPC, Alderwoman Lanier expressed concerns for prior planning and design in her district, as it relates to working with residents on community design. She discussed prior and current planning projects and the lack of cooperation from City planning staff with the residents' desires for the Westside. City Manager Melder agreed with Alderwoman Lanier regarding the City's need for more planning capacity.

Alderwoman Lanier discussed Westside neighborhoods abutting the ports which cause noise f residents throughout the night, and she mentioned hearing a railroad coming up West Bay Street, b she had no official information. City Manager Melder had meetings several months ago concerning future railroad planning. He will keep Council informed when talks resume.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if Sottile and Sottile is connected with Johnson-Laux. City Manager Melder is not aware of any project that Sottile and Sottile is connected with Johnson-Laux, but they could have worked with Johnson-Laux on projects in the past. He also indicated Sottile and Sottile was asked to assist the City in recommendations for the Gamble building, the Civic Center, and space planning needs for the City.

Alderman Palumbo asked for the scoring techniques used during the selection process. City Manager Melder listed the five categories. Sottile and Sottile scored the highest and scored the

maximum for DBE and local points. Alderman Palumbo noted, as the City grows, additional expertise is needed to help with the challenges.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter reviewed the scores of the 3 responders and asked why Sottile and Sottile were selected, when Kern and Co had the lowest bid. City Manager Melder indicated, this was a request for proposal and not a request for bids, different procurement types. Over the life of the contract, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked how many times Sottile and Sottile won the proposal. Mr. Melder will send Council information on who the winning awardees are for urban planning and design. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if City staff had performed a cost benefit analysis on item 14, and she further discussed City spending and how contracts are awarded. She received a letter from a vendor who feels the City's purchasing process/practices need adjustment. She stated since she is in the minority, it is hard to get items on the agenda.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan raised a point of order.

Mayor Johnson, so noted.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recommended going into 2023 for staff to examine the purchasing practices, so she will not need to scrutinize such items. City Manager Melder stated he received the same letter, and steps will be taken to investigate the issue. He stated Item #14 was not a renewal, but a new Request For Proposal (RFP) with 4 option years. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter requested a report or information from the City Manager relating to contracts with the wording not to exceed or up to amounts. Mr. Melder indicated occasionally the amount is exceeded, and that is when an emergency contract is brought before Council.

Alderwoman Lanier had concerns with the scoring of Gunn-Meyerhoff-Shay and Sottile and Sottile, since the City has used both firms in the past. City Manager Melder indicated it goes back to the scope of the RFP.

Mayor Johnson indicated Council has spent too much time discussing the subject matter, and the agenda was distributed in enough time for Members to meet with and discuss any concerns with the City Manager.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan called for the vote.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #14, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed , 5-3-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Alderwoman Lanier voted no. Alderman Purtee was absent.

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Purchase Furniture for City Hall with JSI Division of Jasper Seating in c/o Mason, Inc. in the Amount of $85,000. This contract will be used to acquire new furniture, fixtures, and equipment (FF&E) to renovate several conference rooms and offices, as well as create a new flex-space for visiting staff to use when at the facility. (Real Estate Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - City Hall Furniture.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - City Hall Furniture.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if Council approved any offices or conference rooms to be renovated at City Hall. City Manager Melder indicated this is a contract from a budgeted item to renovate City Hall. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if this is the same as approved at the last Council Meeting for restoration. Mr. Melder indicated approval at the last Council Meeting was for restoration of the Rotunda, the Clerk's office, and Council Chambers. This is a different contract previously approved by Council as a budgeted item in the amount of $250,000. This particular request is for renovations (sprucing up) mostly the 4th floor.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter had concerns for taxpayer dollars being used to refurbish City offices. City Manager Melder explained why the sprucing up is necessary, and stated taxpayer dollars are being used to maintain City Hall for staff and public use. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter discussed previous renovations in City Hall. She also indicated the first floor restrooms and staff break room should have been renovated, prior to the Mayor's office. She stated this is wasteful spending. City Manager Melder explained the need for having desirable work spaces for staff, visiting residents, and soft space for managers or directors to work. He further indicated the real estate department has a budget for city-wide building improvements that are approved by Council with the Budget. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter continued to express her concerns for the City's wasteful spending and not being transparent.

City Manager Melder responded to Alderwoman Gibson-Carter's concerns, and he stated adding items on the agenda is being transparent for residents and staff. He discussed the need to have Team Savannah working in desirable work spaces and placing items on the agenda to keep them informed.

Mayor Johnson informed Council that City Manager Melder is available to answer agenda questions prior to the meetings. The agenda packet is distributed to Council well in advance of the meeting for meetings to be held with the City Manager.

Alderman Palumbo indicated the importance of describing the conditions as they are. The 4th floor does need improvement.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated the Clerk's office has not been upgraded for decades and she asked when will renovations take place, since residents visit that office frequently. City Manager Melder indicated the Clerk's office will be done during the restoration and will be expanded, with some work being done during 2023.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed concerns for the City spending funds for brick and mortar, but there is difficulty in getting a ball field updated. City Manager Melder explained more than $4 million is designated to recreational facilities.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan called for the vote.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked everyone for the restoration of Cann Park during 2023. Sh discussed City staff vacating the Savannah Morning News building on Chatham Parkway when Ci Manager Melder came and the numerous staff members who moved to the 4th floor. The space was not accommodating and as a result, the space needs to be reconfigured, add and replace furniture, and move staff to reasonable size working space. The sprucing up is much needed.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #15, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 7-1-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no. Alderman Purtee was absent.

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal with Health Plan, Inc. (HPI) to Provide Third Party Administration Services for the City of Savannah in an Amount Not to Exceed $337,000. The City of Savannah uses this contract to provide self-funded health plan third-party administration (TPA) services to include: medical claims processing, COBRA administration and other plan administration services.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Third Party Administration Services Renewal.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Third Party Administration Services Renewal.pdf

Deputy City Attorney Jen Herman and Assistant City Attorney Denise Cooper were recognized by the Mayor and Aldermen/Alderwomen as they left Chambers and City Attorney Lovett Bates arrived to Chambers.

Alderwoman Lanier asked if agenda Item #16 pertains to insurance for employees. City Manager Melder answered, it is for the administration for portions of employee health plans. After research and interactions with staff, Alderwoman Lanier located a vendor that might be able to save the City money. She requested the City Manager to look into opportunities for savings using a particula vendor. City Manager Melder agreed to have staff investigate the opportunities for savings on healt plans.

Alderwoman Lanier stated some Council Members receive the agenda a couple days before the meeting, reviewing the information and making notes, and sometimes meeting with the City Manager to discuss agenda items. Questions are asked in the meeting for the benefit of the residents for transparency purposes. These are questions being asked by residents who appreciate the open dialogue during the meetings. Residents feel they are more informed now than ever before because of the questions asked during Council Meetings. City Manager Melder thanked Alderwoman Lanier and stated he would answer any questions to the best of his ability.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #16, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was absent.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

17. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Task Order No. 19 for the Fuel Storage Facility Expansion Project with AECOM, in the Amount of $138,048.

HEARD after Item #30.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #17, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed 7-0-2. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz recused/abstained from voting, due to a business interest. Alderman Purtee was absent.

18. Approval to Execute Final Summary Change Order No. 2 with Independence Excavating, Inc., for the Air Cargo Apron Project, in the Amount of $56,297.

HEARD after Item #30.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #18 and #19, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was absent.

19. Approval to Procure Services from Eckard's Flooring Center to Replace the Carpet at the TSA Checkpoint, in the Amount of $27,680.

HEARD after Item #30.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #18 and #19, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was absent.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

20. Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages for On-Premises Consumption on Sunday, December 25, 2022.

Exhibit 1: Resolution - December 25 2022 Alcohol Sunday Sales.docx

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Items #20 and #21, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was absent.

21. Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages for On-Premises Consumption on Sunday, December 31, 2023.

Exhibit 1: Resolution - December 31 2023 Alcohol Sunday Sales.doc

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Items #20 and #21, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was absent.

AGREEMENTS

22. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Live Oak Landing II, LP for Live Oak Landing Phase Two. This is for a development consisting of one apartment building with 54 units in the President Street service area.

Exhibit 1 : Water & Sewer Agreement - Live Oak Landing Phase Two.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if any units were set aside for workforce, affordable, or income based housing. City Manager Melder answered, he is not aware of any.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #22, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed, 6-2-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no. Alderman Purtee was absent.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

23. Settlement #1.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23 through #26, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan.

Item #23, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney's office to resolve the claim of George Dailey (worker's compensation matter) in the amount of $40,000.00. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1, with Alderman Purtee was absent.

24. Settlement #2.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23 through #26, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan.

Item #24, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney's office to resolve the claim of Juanita Robinson (property damage matter) in the amount of $33,577.22. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was absent.

25. Settlement #3.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23 through #26, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan.

Item #25, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney's office to resolve the claim of Samuel Somers (car wreck matter) in the amount of $59,870.00. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was absent.

26. Settlement #4.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23 through #26, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan.

Item #26, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney's office to resolve the class action claim represented by Von Tropp Animal Lodge (water and sewer tap in matter) in the amount of $3,500,000.00. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was absent.

MISCELLANEOUS

27. Approval of the Installation of a Historical Marker on Public Property in Cann Park to Commemorate Robert Edward "Robbie" Robinson, a Savannah Civil Rights Leader, Attorney, and City Council Member (1947-1989).

Exhibit 1: Signed Board Recommendation to City Council.pdf

Exhibit 2: HSMC Submittal Packet for Robbie Robinson Historical Marker.pdf

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan gave a brief background of Robert Edward Robinson and his violent death in Savannah. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan for her diligent work with the Sites & Monuments Commission and City staff in getting the historical marker in Cann Park.

She shared photographs with the public of Mr. Robinson during the civil rights movement. Mayor Johnson shared his relationship with Mr. Robinson, and the service the former Alderman and Attorney gave to the residents of Savannah.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #27, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was absent.

28. Approval of the Installation of a Bronze Name Plaque on the Haitian Monument in Franklin Square Identifying James Mastin as the Sculptor.

Exhibit 1: Signed Board Recommendation to City Council.pdf

Exhibit 2: HSMC Submittal Packet for Haitian Monument Plaque.pdf

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #28, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was absent.

29. Approval of Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) Agreement.

Exhibit 1: 2022 LOST Certification of Distribution Agreement.docx

Mayor Johnson briefed the Council on the Chatham County Meeting held last Friday for LOST negotiations. City Manager Melder represented Savannah and the other seven cities (Pooler, Port Wentworth, Garden City, Vernonburg, Bloomingdale, Tybee Island, and Thunderbolt) during the negotiations. Mayor Johnson thanked City Manager Melder for his professionalism and dignity during those negotiations.

City Manager Melder presented the County's offer. This is the first step in the LOST Agreement, followed by the municipalities having to agree on their distributions/split.

Pooler, Port Wentworth, Garden City and Vernonburg have voted to accept the County's offer. Bloomingdale and Tybee Island will meet tomorrow to vote on the offer and City of Thunderbolt will schedule a Council Meeting prior to December 31, 2022.

City Manager Melder recommended Council vote to approve the LOST allocations. The allocations will not require Council to revise the FY2023 Budget or the budgeted millage rate of 12.2%. The allocations are as follows:

YEAR	COUNTY SHARE	MUNICIPAL SHARE
2023	25%	75%
2024	26%	74%
2025	28%	72%
2026	31%	69%
2027	31%	69%
2028	31%	69%
2029	31%	69%
2030	31%	69%
2031	31%	69%
2032	31%	69%

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to approve Item #29 as recommended by the City Manager in terms of the distribution percentages, and to authorize the City Manager to make any necessary narrative changes, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was absent.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Lanier verified the allocation percentages with City Manager Melder. Mr. Melder confirmed the percentages.

30. Item Added on 12/16: Recognition of Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd for Receiving the "2022 I Am Tourism Award" Presented by the Tourism Leadership Council. This award is one of the highest honors given to someone who embodies the spirit of tourism and promotes the "Hostess City of the South" mantra.

HEARD after Item #5.

Mayor Johnson and City Manager Melder recognized Assistant City Manager Health Lloyd for receiving the 2022 I Am Tourism Award. Mr. Melder shared background information on Mr. Lloyd including his outstanding educational accomplishments and his professional career. City Manager Melder described the incident Mr. Lloyd led, he was the driving force on stablizing a retaining wall (across the river) that started to fall. Mr. Lloyd took necessary steps to stabilize the wall until permanent repairs were made.

Assistant City Manager Lloyd thanked the City for the honor and recognized his team for their unwavering service to the City.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

behalf of Alderman Purtee, Mayor Johnson announced the Crusader's Christmas Parking Lot Party 81 Coffee Bluff Villa Road on December 21, 2022, from 5:00pm to 6:30pm. Alderman Purtee will make an appearance as Santa Claus.

Alderman Leggett announced Wreaths on Lamp Posts through the downtown corridors. He thanked City Manager Melder, Director of Special Events, Film & Tourism Susan Broker, and Park & Tree Director Gordon Denney and other team members for their work on getting the Wreaths throughout all the Districts.

Alderwoman Lanier asked City Manager Melder to announce the Holiday Schedule.

- Friday, December 23, 2022 - City Office Closed
- Monday, December 26, 2022 - City Office Closed
- Monday, January 2, 2023 - City Office Closed
- Sanitation schedules will be sent to residents. Fire and Police will be fully staffed during the Holiday season.
- Very cold temperatures are expected starting Friday, December 23rd through the Christmas Holiday. There will be housing available for those without living quarters, during the extreme cold temperatures.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely wished all citizens a Merry, Merry Christmas. She announced the play, Antigone, at First African Baptist Church, Wednesday, December 21, 2022, at 5:15pm, open and free to the public.

derman Palumbo wished all a very Happy Hanukkah.

Mayor Johnson announced this is the third day of Hanukkah. He along with, Alderman Leggett and City Manager Melder lit the first candle on the Menorah at Forsyth Park. The Counsel General of Israel was in town yesterday and toured City Hall and visited Forsyth Park.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan thanked Neighborhood Services, Chief Taffanye Young and Mr. Ledbetter of Leisure Services, for Recreation Re-imagined. The program is doing amazing things; flash pad, golf, Bacon Park and Moses Jackson facilities with activities for resident youth.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz announced the opening ceremonies for the unnamed square at 4:00pm, Wednesday, December 21, 2022, then proceeding to a play, Antigone.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter announced the hosting of the 3rd Annual Kwanza Krawl happening nightly beginning at 7:00pm, the schedule will be published on the City of Savannah web site. She invited all of Savannah to participate.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 4:45 p.m.

A video recording of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: 1/12/2023

Signature: Mark Massey

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JANUARY 12, 2023, 12:00 noon - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 12:01 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Purtee to offer a prayer.

PRESENT:

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

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

Workshop Agenda Items

1. 2023 City Council Organizational Items

Mayor Johnson indicated a memo would be sent to Council Members on topics for discussion during upcoming Workshops. Members were asked to respond within one week with preferences.

Mayor Johnson distributed a Salary Survey for Mayors and Council Members prepared by Clerk of Council Massey of local municipalities. Any changes approved by Council would be

accomplished by a Resolution.

Based on the research, the following is the proposed Council compensation and term limits, effective January 1, 2024:

PROPOSED COUNCIL COMPENSATION

(Effective January 1, 2024)

Council

Current: $25,000 (Annual)

Proposed: $30,000 + $5,000 (office/mileage expense)

Mayor

Current: $57,000 (annual)

Proposed: $65,000

TERMS

Term Limits: Maximum 3 consecutive terms in the same seat. Current Council members, if re-elected, would have 2 additional terms, effective January 1, 2024.

Staggered Terms: None recommended at this time.

Alderman Purtee announced staggered terms were discussed in community meetings in the 6th District and residents were in agreement with the Mayor. It creates an environment of freshness and renewal for Council and for community engagement. He recommends moving forward with the proposed compensation and term limits.

Alderman Palumbo recommended Council move forward with the proposal.

Alderwoman Lanier stated none are germane to her or the constituents she serves. During the visioning session, ADUs, duplexes, community benefits, inclusionary zoning, traffi calming, drainage, and fair housing council were the issues of concern for District 1. An compensation she receives goes back into the community.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely recommended no increase in compensation for Council due to higher taxes and increases in City services to residents. She did request an increase in a mileage stipend.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz stated the compensation does not matter as she was called to serve the residents of the 5th District. She will agree to the term limits approved by Council.

Mayor Johnson indicated the City Attorney will prepare the documents to move forward with the proposed Council compensation and term limits.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed her concern for Council's discussion on compensation and term limits. She feels there are more important issues to discuss, such as crime, homelessness, affordable house, etc.

In regards to travel, Mayor Johnson indicated Council receives $85/per day, which is more than City employees receive. The chart below outlines the options for Council travel reimbursements.

The $85/per day rate is more inclusive than City staff and it is recommended to maintain that rate for Council.

TRAVEL

1. Maintain an $85-a-day rate.
2. Reduce the rate to the per diem rate afforded to City staff.
3. Receive per diem based on Federal regulations by location.

2. Affordable Housing Partnership - Cuyler-Brownville Housing Initiative

01122023 Council Workshop - Galvan Presentation.pptx

Mayor Johnson provided an overview of the affordable housing partnership with Galvan Foundation for the Cuyler-Brownville neighborhood. He recognized the contributions and

efforts of Community Services Director Chief Young, CHSA Executive Director Anita Smith-Dixon, and Housing & Neighborhood Services Director Martin Fretty. He endorsed the project and asked Council for a unanimous approval.

City Manager Melder discussed Housing Savannah, Savannah Affordable Housing Fund, CHSA and how their combined efforts led to this opportunity. Along with Mr. Fretty, Chief Young, and Ms. Smith-Dixon, he introduced Housing Savannah Executive Director Laura Lane McKinnon and Housing Services Division Manager Tara Hicks as part of the team for the housing initiative in Cuyler-Brownville community.

City Manager Melder stated when the City contributed $9 million in the Savannah Housing Fund it was the beginning of increased affordable housing across the board. Because of the Savannah Affordable Housing Plan, a nationally known agency, Galvan Foundation, took notice and started negotiations with the City on a partnership for affordable housing. The Galvin Foundation expressed interest in the Westside neighborhood of Cuyler-Brownville and offered funds for housing initiatives.

City Manager Melder introduced Galvin Foundation Vice President Dan Kent who has offered to answer any questions.

City Manager Melder is requesting the support of Council for the following:

1. A donation of $1 million from the Galvan Foundation into the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund; and
2. The transfer of 19 vacant City-owned properties to the Land Bank Authority who will then sell those 19 properties to Galvan Foundation and work with CHSA to develop affordable housing on those sites.

City Manager Melder introduced Housing & Neighborhood Services Director Martin Fretty for the PowerPoint presentation.

Following the presentation questions and comments from Council Members were heard:

- Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan expressed concern for roofless people and she mentioned a 25 person shelter. City Manager Melder indicated the shelter is not part of the plan, it was a project developed by Galvan Foundation at a different location.
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely inquired about the suggestion brought to the City Manager early last year in a meeting with Senator Jackson and Lenwood Coleman. The project was similar and she asked the City Manager to reach out to Mr. Coleman. Mr. Melder will follow up.
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed concern relating to the housing reaching individuals in the neighborhood who need housing. She discussed another housing opportunity for residents that resulted in foreclosure due to having two mortgage payments (Dream Maker Program). Mr. Fretty explained in detail the Dream Maker Program.
- Alderman Palumbo expressed his excitement in the City finally receiving a plan for affordable housing after years of hard work. The City has the right partner to move forward with projects. He thanked everyone involved in the process.
- Alderwoman Lanier discussed the uphill battle that has faced the Westside neighborhood for years and expressed her thanks for being invited to the table when the Galvan Foundation expressed an interest in the Cuyler-Brownville Housing Initiative. Based on past programs, she stated that she feels its missing the community benefit strategic approach. The project is not resident/community driven.
- Mayor Johnson agreed with Alderwoman Lanier and indicated Housing Savannah, CHSA and residents were and continue to be engaged in the process.
- Galvan Foundation President Dan Kent thanked Council and staff for the reception and related how the Foundation became interested in Savannah. The Housing Savannah Plan was the instrument that laid the foundation for Galvan Foundation Board to meet with staff to formulate a partnership.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked the Foundation and reviewed benefits of Galvan housing experiences. She indicated the 5th District welcomes the Galvan Foundation with any projects.
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated there is a property on Middleground Road that the neighborhood would like affordable housing. She will discuss the property with Mr. Kent.
- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if there are any personal ownerships of the taxable City-owned property by any member of the group. Mr. Kent indicated Galvan Foundation

is a non-profit agency and the property will be owned by the Foundation. She asked if there would be an opportunity for a pilot and how many affordable housing units will be available for residents. City Manager Melder indicated the partnership with the Galvan Foundation is starting off in a very responsible way with the $1 million donation and the mix of single family and multi-family housing is still in the design process.

- Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan commented that Mr. Fretty comes before Council and advocates for affordable housing opportunities and not market rate housing and the Galvan Foundation is committed to affordable housing in its partnership with the City. City Manager Melder indicated housing choice vouchers will be the way the Federal Government invests in affordable housing moving forward and landlords will not be able to discriminate based on the source of the income. The City wants to continue t increase the inventory of housing where there is the barrier of using housing choic vouchers.
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the properties on Lavinia Street brought before Council by Rich Ferguson for zoning to establish a community center is the same properties. Mr. Fretty, City Manager Melder and Mayor Johnson indicated, no.

The PowerPoint presentation is on file and available for viewing in the Clerk of Council's office.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Workshop at 1:30 p.m.

A video recording of the workshop can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: January 26, 2023

Signature: Mark Massey

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JANUARY 12, 2023, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT
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SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:03 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized introduced Reverend Dr. Thomas E. Williams, retired Pastor of First African Baptist Church of East Savannah to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1
Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2
Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2
Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman
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ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
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Following the invocation, Mayor Johnson exercised a point of personal privilege by presenting a proclamation to Reverend Thomas E. Williams for his retirement after 36 years as pastor of the First African Baptist Church of East Savannah. The proclamation was read by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Mayor Johnson with Reverend Williams' wife and 2 daughters in attendance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for January 12, 2023.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve/adopt the Regular Meeting Agenda for January 12, 2023, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Special Meeting Regarding LOST Held on Thursday, December 15, 2022, at 3:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - December 15, 2022 Special Called Council Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - December 20, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

4. Resolution to Fix and Publish Qualifying Fees and Period for City of Savannah 2023 Municipal Election.

Exhibit 1: 2023 Election Resolution.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #4, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS

5. Appearance by and Recognition of the Galvan Foundation, Inc.'s Commitment to Improve Housing and Quality of Life in the Cuyler-Brownsville Neighborhood through the Development of 19 City-owned Properties for Mixed-income Affordable and Workforce Housing and the Donation of $1,000,000 to the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund for Use in Cuyler-Brownsville.

Mayor Johnson stated the City is making monumental strides in providing affordable housing for residents. The Galvan Foundation is prepared to make a commitment to improve housing and quality of life in the Cuyler-Brownsville neighborhood.

City Manager Melder stated Council was briefed during the Workshop of the Galvan Foundation commitment to develop 19 City-owned properties for housing and a donation of $1 million to the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund for use in the Cuyler-Brownsville neighborhood.

Mayor Johnson, Alderwoman Lanier, Housing & Neighborhood Services Director Martin Fretty, CHSA Executive Director Anita Smith-Dixon, Housing Savannah, Inc. Executive Director Laura Lane McKinnon, and other board members and staff from various related organizations were on hand to accept the donation.

Mr. Fretty discussed the importance of receiving funds from Galvan Foundation and the Cuyler-Brownsville neighborhood improvements that will be realized by the donation/investment.

Vice President Dan Kent of Galvan Foundation expressed how impressed the agency was after reading the Savannah Affordable Housing Plan and their decision to invest in the City. He thanked the City for the opportunity to invest and looks forward to working with Alderwoman Lanier, Mr. Fretty, Ms. Smith-Dixon and City staff on the Cuyler-Brownsville neighborhood improvements.

6. Appearance by the Benedictine Military School's Football Team Along with Coach Danny Britt to Recognize the Team for Winning the 2022 Class 4A Division State Footba Championship Game.

Mayor Johnson recognized the Benedictine Military School's Football Team winning the 2022 championship game. In attendance were Benedictine Coach Britt, Captain Za'Quan Bryan, Student Body President and Captain Charlie Iannone, Captain James Moore, Headmaster Father Frank Ziemkiewicz, and Principal Dr. Jacob T. Horne.

Coach Britt and Father Ziemkiewicz expressed thanks to the City for their support and thanked Mayor and Council for the recognition.

Various Council Members expressed words of thanks and congratulations to the team, the school, and parents of football team members.

7. Appearance by Representatives of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance Committee to Formally Request the 2023 Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade Permit.

Mayor Johnson PRESENTED the Parade Permit to Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance Day Association President Deborah Adams, and Association Members Linda Jones, Judee Jones, Carrie Howard, and Glenda Jones.

Ms. Adams presented Mayor Johnson with a cake and fruit basket as a token of appreciation from the Parade Committee. She announced Carolyn Blackshear and State Representative Carl Gilliard are the 2023 Parade Grand Marshals and Minister Latasha Barnes as Trailblazer.

The Parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, January 16, 2023, beginning at East Broad Street & Liberty. She also announced the appearance of Ms. Vickie Winans on February 19, 2023, 4:00 p.m. at Tabernacle on Allen Street, no cover charge. The public is invited.

Mayor Johnson PRESENTED a Citation for feeding children through the agency Save Our Youth Savannah, to Minister Latasha Barnes from July 30, 2022. She was previously unable to appear for the presentation.

8. Recognition of the Legacy and Contributions of Luis Amaro of the Chatham-Savannah Authority for the Homeless.

Mayor Johnson and Alderman Purtee recognized Luis Amaro for his work with the homeless.

Executive Director Jennifer Darsey acknowledged the outstanding work and service Case Manager Amaro provided to homeless individuals. She thanked City Council for the honor bestowed on Luis Amaro. Team members of the Chatham-Savannah Authority for the Homeless were in attendance.

Following the recognition/acknowledgments, Mayor Johnson asked for a moment of silence to honor Luis Amaro.

9. Appearance by Representatives of the Savannah Interagency Diversity Council to Receive a Proclamation Announcing Traffik Jam 2023.

PRESENTED and READ by Mayor Johnson to Savannah Interagency Diversity Council (SIDC) members, including Board Chair William Bill Gettis, GBI Attorney and Special Prosecutor Diane McCloud, Chatham Area Transit Outreach Manager Valerie Ragland, Tharros Place Executive Director Julie Wade and Outreach Coordinator Kate Templeton, and Mary's Place of the Coastal Empire, formerly the Rape Crisis Center, Executive Director Doris L. Williams.

Mr. Gettis accepted the proclamation and thanked Mayor Johnson and City Council for the recognition and asked for continued collaboration. He announced there will be a law enforcement workshop on January 27, 2023, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Savannah State University, Howard Jordan Auditorium, and on January 28, 2023, a general public main conference, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Student Union. Lunch will be served at both events.

Ms. McCloud shared sex and labor trafficking statistics in an effort to show the importance for the public to be aware of the increased problems with trafficking. Ms. Wade and Ms. Williams thanked City Council for their recognition and asked for the public's support.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

10. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Brittany N. O'Neal for Cru Lounge, a Restaurant Located at 1639 East Victory Drive between Grenoble and Wicklow Streets in Aldermanic District 3. (Continued from December 8, 2022)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Cru Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Cru Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Cru Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Cru Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Cru Lounge.pdf

HEARD after Item #15.

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearing open for Item #10.

Speaker(s):

- DeWayne Nathaniel Martin, representing the applicant/petitioner
- Brittany N. O'Neal, applicant

Written comment(s) received:

- B.J. Lowenthal – OPPOSED

- Morgan Taylor – OPPOSED
- Angie & Carle Lee Richardson – OPPOSED
- Michael Hough, et al. received July 14, 2022 meeting – OPPOSED

Mayor Johnson asked if the business model included the consumption of Hooka, the City has a smoke-free ordinance that does not allow this use. Mr. Martin indicated the establishment will not have Hooka or allow smoking.

Alderman Leggett asked if the establishment secured adequate parking. Mr. Martin indicated a certified parking plan was submitted and approved by the planning & development department in December 2022.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the petitioner has met all the requirements of the alcoh application, how long has the applicant tried for the license, and is the business in th alcohol overlay area in District 3.

City Manager Melder indicated the business is not in an alcohol overlay district, has met all administrative requirements to appear on the agenda with the City Manager's recommendation for approval.

Alderwoman Lanier indicated since the applicant has met all legal requirements for the alcohol license, Council's approval is subjective. Granting an alcohol license to a business is a privilege, but she does not see any red flags.

a. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to close the alcohol hearing for Item #10, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Item #10, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion failed, 4-5-0. Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Alderman Palumbo, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Purtee voted no.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked why the denial. Mayor Johnson indicated the question was inappropriate.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter indicated applicants/petitioners invest money and time in business before coming to Council. She asked City Manager Melder if the process could b revised to alleviate loss should the alcohol license be denied.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed her concern for the Cru Lounge and their time and money spent only to be denied an alcohol license when all requirements are met. Since her time on Council, no other applicant had as many requirements to meet approval. She discussed the lack of African-American owned bars and liquor establishments in Savannah and how bias, disparity and racism play a role in who is allowed to do business in the City of Savannah. She expressed her concern for exposing the City to litigious actions.

Alderman Purtee asked City Attorney Lovett if this will open the City to any litigious matters.

Attorney Lovett stated anyone can sue anyone for anything, but he believes the actions taken today by Council are legal.

Alderman Purtee stated he trusts the judgment of the 3rd District Alderwoman and will vote as she deems appropriate.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed her concern that the Cru Lounge was denied an alcohol license and feels it's egregious, since the applicants originally applied in March 2022. She stated that she feels the denial of this license is based on the personal vendetta of the Alderwoman of the 3rd District against black-owned businesses.

Mayor Johnson indicated Alderwoman Miller Blakely's comment was inappropriate and eac Member of Council votes their own convictions. Each Member is entrusted to respect each Member.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked the petitioner how much was invested to establish the business ($130,000.00). She asked City Manager Melder what process should applicants follow to alleviate the loss of funds if the alcohol license is denied by Council.

Mayor Johnson indicated applicants/petitioners should work with staff on the front-end as it relates to alcohol and zoning before appearing before Council for approval, but this will not guarantee a license/approval.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Mayor Johnson how the public can prevent the same circumstances as the Cru Lounge, since this has happened only two other times during her serving on Council and it only happened to black-owned businesses. Do applicants need to be non-black? Mayor Johnson stated Alderwoman Gibson-Carter's remarks were inappropriate.

c. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to deny Item #10, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 5-4-0. Mayor Johnson, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Alderwoman Lanier voted no.

Following the vote, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan stated she is not against black-owned businesses.

11. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Clayton Ehmke for The Haunt, a Restaurant at 606 Abercorn Street between East Hall and East Huntington Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - The Haunt.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - The Haunt.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - The Haunt.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - The Haunt.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - The Haunt.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearing open for Items #11 through #15.

Speaker(s):

- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if this petitioner/owner was the same as in 2021. City Manager Melder indicated, it is the same owner. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if the City received clarity on the past sexual assault allegations. City Manager Melder confirmed the sexual assault allegations were addressed and all due diligence is completed with the Savannah Police Department.
- Corporal Detective Sosbe of the Savannah Police Department ABC Unit reported the sexual assault allegations were investigated by the Special Victims Unit and all allegations were dismissed with no criminal charges pressed against the individual.

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearing for Items #11 through #15, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #11, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

12. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Ankurkumar Patel for Nest, a Bar/Lounge at 126 West Bay Street, Top Floor, between River Street Access and East Upper Factors Walk in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Nest.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Nest.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Nest.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Nest.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Nest.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearing open for Items #11 through #15.

No Speaker(s).

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearing for Items #11 through #15, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #12, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

13. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License for William W. Wilder, III for Pizza Party, a restaurant at 1201 Habersham Street between East Henry and East Duffy Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Pizza Party.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Pizza Party.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Pizza Party.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Pizza Party.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Pizza Party.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearing open for Items #11 through #15.

No Speaker(s).

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearing for Items #11 through #15, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Items #13, #14 and #15, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

14. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Juan C. DeJesus for Alligator Soul Restaurant, a Restaurant at 114 Barnard Street between West Broughton and West State Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Alligator Soul Restaurant.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Alligator Soul Restaurant.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Alligator Soul Restaurant.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Alligator Soul Restaurant.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Alligator Soul Restaurant.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearing open for Items #11 through #15.

No Speaker(s).

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearing for Items #11 through #15, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Items #13, #14 and #15, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

15. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Ryan C. Rans for Ruth's Chris Steak House, a Restaurant at 111 West Bay Street between Whitaker and Barnard Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Ruth's Chris Steak House.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Ruth's Chris Steak House.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Ruth's Chris Steak House.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Ruth's Chris Steak House.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Ruth's Chris Steak House.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearing open for Items #11 through #15.

No Speaker(s).

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearing for Items #11 through #15, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Items #13, #14 and #15, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ZONING HEARINGS

16. Petition of Josh Yellin on Behalf of Jeremy Huggins, 12500 Apache, LLC, to Rezone 2.08 Acres Located at 12500 Apache Avenue (PIN 20861 02001) from RSF-E (Residential Single-Family-Estate) to B-M (Maritime Business), Aldermanic District 6 (File No. 22-004424-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for 12500 Apache Avenue (File No. 22-004424-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 12500 Apache Avenue (File No. 22-004424-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for 12500 Apache Avenue (File No. 22-004424-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearings open for Items #16 and #17.

Speaker(s):

- Marcus Lotson, MPC representative

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if this was the old Bells Landing Property (yes). She indicated the City had an opportunity to purchase that property but did not follow through with the purchase. Hopefully, the development will be open to the public (restaurant).

Mayor Johnson indicated at the time the property was for sale, the City's funding source was not approved. City Manager Melder indicated hotel/motel tax was to be used for the purchase (hotel/motel tax was not approved). The City contacted the sellers several months ago, but the costs were not in line with the property value. The City approached the sellers a third time but the property was sold.

- Alderman Purtee requested #16 and #22 be heard for first reading only.

Alderman Purtee moved to close the zoning hearing for Items #16 and #17, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Written comment(s) received:

- Josh Yellin, representing the applicant/petitioner, with 159 petition signatures – IN SUPPORT

Alderman Purtee had several community meetings. This is a project needed in the sixth District for growth and development. A good neighborhood agreement is currently being developed, but was not completed at the time of the meeting.

Alderman Purtee requested Item #16 be heard as FIRST READING ONLY, pending the signed good neighborhood agreement.

17. Petition of Josh Yellin on Behalf of Jeremy Huggins, 12500 Apache, LLC, to Secure a Special Use Permit at 12500 Apache Avenue (PIN 20861 02001) for Accessory Alcohol Sales by the Drink in Association with a Marina Restaurant. Aldermanic District 6 (File No. 22-004426-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for 12500 Apache (File No. 22-004426-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 12500 Apache Avenue (File No. 22-004426-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearings open for Items #16 and #17.

Speaker(s):

- Marcus Lotson, MPC representative

a. Alderman Purtee moved to close the zoning hearing for Items #16 and #17, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Purtee moved to continue/postpone Item #17 (Special Use Permit) to the January 26, 2023, City Council Meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

18. Petition of Josh Yellin on Behalf of for Savannah Country Day School to Rezone ~ 0.81 Acres at 0 Merrydell Drive (PIN 20653 01001) from RSF-6 (Residential Single Family-6) to OI-E (Office and Institutional-Expanded) with Conditions. Aldermanic District 6 (File No. 22-005457-ZA). Continued to February 7, 2023.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for 0 Merrydell Drive (File No. 22-005457-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 0 Merrydell Drive (File No. 22005457-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for 0 Merrydell Drive (File No. 22-005457-ZA).pdf

Alderman Purtee moved to continue/postpone Item #18 to the February 7, 2023, City Council Meeting, as requested by the applicant/petitioner, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderman Leggett recused/abstained from the vote due to a business conflict.

19. Petition of John D. Northrup, III on Behalf of Capital Development Partners to Zone 10 Parcels of ~52.86 Acres on Buckhalter Road (PINs 10942 01003, -02A, -02B, -02C, -02D, -02F, 02E, -007, -008, -009) from R-A (Residential Agricultural) to R-A-CO (Residential Agricultural-County) to Support an Annexation (File No. 22-005494-ZA).

Exhibit 1: Staff Report for Buckhalter Road (File No. 22-005494-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for Buckhalter Road (File No. 22-005494-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for Buckhalter Road (File No. 22-005494-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #19.

Speaker(s):

- Bridget Lidy, Planning & Urban Design Director

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #19, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent for the vote.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

20. Petition of John D. Northrup, III on Behalf of Capital Development Partners to Zone 10 Parcels of ~52.86 Acres on Buckhalter Road (PINs 10942 01003, -02A, -02B, -02C, -02D, -02F, 02E, -007, -008, -009) from R-A (Residential Agricultural) to R-A-CO (Residential Agricultural-County) to Support an Annexation (File No. 22-005494-ZA).

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Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for Buckhalter Road (File No. 22-005494-ZA).pdf

HEARD after Item #21.

Alderwoman Lanier asked to view the master plan of this area (City) and what is the City's intentions for this area. Will the entire area be designated for light industrial?

City Manager Melder indicated there will be more smaller parcels around the Rockingham Farms development.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked that the record reflect her support of the annexation off Buckhalter Road.

Director of Planning & Urban Design Bridget Lidy explained along the north side of Buckhalter Road, are the ten parcels between the Monsieur School to the Buckhalter Road Extension. Staff anticipate the developer will work with residents from the Buckhalter Extension to Veteran Parkway, and that will be the last part of the Rockingham Farms development. The goal is to have all the parcels annexed into the City.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked Ms. Lidy for all her hard work over the past year wit residents, the developers and Rockingham Farms to finalize the development.

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #20, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed, 7-0-2, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderman Palumbo being absent for the vote.

21. Approval to Annex 52.860 Acres Located off Buckhalter Road near Veterans Parkway. The property will be developed as industrial warehouses as part of the Rockingham Farms development.

Exhibit 1: Annexation Petition - Capital Development Partners.pdf

Exhibit 2: Annexation Ordinance - Capital Development Partners.pdf

HEARD before Item #20.

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #21, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being absent for the vote.

22. Petition of Josh Yellin on Behalf of Jeremy Huggins, 12500 Apache, LLC, to Rezone 2.08 Acres Located at 12500 Apache Avenue (PIN 20861 02001) from RSF-E (Residential Single-Family-Estate) to B-M (Maritime Business). Aldermanic District 6 (File No. 22-004424-ZA).

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Exhibit 2: Maps for 12500 Apache Avenue (File No. 22-004424-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for 12500 Apache Avenue (File No. 22-004424-ZA).pdf

HEARD for FIRST READING ONLY, as requested by Alderman Purtee.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

23. Second Reading of an Ordinance Pertaining to the Proposed Redistricting of Savannah Aldermanic Districts Pursuant to the 2020 U.S. Census Data.

Exhibit 1: Ordinance of the Charter Amendment for the 2022 Redistricting.pdf

Mayor Johnson thanked Mr. Marcus Lotson and the MPC staff for their assistance with the redistricting of Savannah Aldermanic Districts by providing information and maps.

On behalf of MPC staff and SAGIS, Mr. Lotson expressed appreciation for the recognition from City Council and thanked all staff that participated in accumulating maps and information. MPC Senior Planner Melissa Paul-Leto was also in attendance. Council Members expressed appreciation and thanks to MPC Executive Director Melanie Wilson for her support and her staff's assistance.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #23, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed, 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being absent for the vote.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Stormwater Inspection Vehicle from Environmental Products Group, Inc. in the Amount of $262,875. The inspection vehicle will be utilized by the Stormwater Department to perform regular stormwater pipeline inspections and maintenance throughout the City. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Stormwater Inspection Vehicles.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Stormwater Inspection Vehicles.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24 through #27, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed, 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being absent for the vote.

25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Professional Services for the City of Savannah Microsoft G5 Implementation Project with Enabling Technologies in the Amount of $74,670. Enabling Technologies will assist with the implementation of several new Microsoft solutions acquired with our recent license agreement upgrade. (ITS)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - eGroup Professional Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - eGroup Professional Services.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24 through #27, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed, 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being absent for the vote.

26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for an Annual Maintenance for the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System (SCADA) with Emerson Process Management (LOCAL) in the Amount of $94,262. This annual maintenance contract maintains the SCADA network used by the Public Works and Water Resources Department. (Water Resources)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - SCADA Annual Maintenance.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - SCADA Annual Maintenance.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24 through #27, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed, 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being absent for the vote.

27. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification No. 1 and Renewal for Medical and Pharmacy Stop Loss Carrier with International Assurance of Tennessee, Inc. in the Amount of $870,000. This contract is used by the City of Savannah to provide for catastrophic claims reinsurance coverage for the City's self-funded medical and pharmacy plans. (Human Resources)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Stop Loss Carrier.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Stop Loss Carrier.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24 through #27, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed, 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being absent for the vote.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

28. Approval of the 2023 Airports Council International – North America Premier Airport Membership Dues, in the Amount of $31,069.

HEARD after Item #9.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #28 and #29, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

29. Approval to Execute Change Order No. 1 for the Terminal Security Checkpoint Expansion Project with Collins Constructions, Inc., in the Amount of $2,754,258.59.

HEARD after Item #9.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #28 and #29, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

30. Resolution to Transfer 19 City-owned Vacant Properties in the Cuyler-Brownsville Neighborhood to the Chatham County/City of Savannah Land Bank Authority (LBA) to Facilitate the Development of Affordable and Workforce Housing by the Galvan Foundation, Inc.

Exhibit 1: Resolution - Transfer of Title of 19 City-Owned Properties in Cuyler-Brownsville.pdf

Exhibit 2: Transfer of Title Request Letter - 19 City-Owned Properties in Cuyler-Brownsville.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #30, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

31. Resolution to Transfer a Vacant Lot Known as 214 Cumming Street to the Chatham County/City of Savannah Land Bank Authority (LBA) to the Owner-occupied House at 216 Cumming Street to Facilitate the Development of a Room Addition and Driveway.

Exhibit 1: Resolution - Transfer of Title for Property at 214 Cumming Street.pdf

Exhibit 2: Transfer of Title Request Letter - 214 Cumming Street.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #31, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

2. Resolution to Transfer a Vacant House at 4214 Sumter Street to the Chatham County/City of Savannah Land Bank Authority (LBA) to Facilitate Its Repair by CHSA evelopment, Inc. for Sale or Rent of the Property as Affordable Housing.

Exhibit 1: Resolution - Transfer of Title for Property at 4214 Sumter Street.pdf

Exhibit 2: Transfer of Title Request Letter - 4214 Sumter Street.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #32, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

33. Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Submit a Substantial Amendment for the FY 2021- 2022 One Year Action Plan to HUD to Include the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

Exhibit 1: HOME-ARP Allocation Plan Resolution.pdf

Exhibit 2: HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #33, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

AGREEMENTS

34. Authorize the City Manager to Accept the Second Allocation of FY2023 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Grant Awards for Adult ($800,420) and Dislocated Worker ($1,099,433) Programs. The awards will be used to provide programs from October 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024 to adults who are unemployed or underemployed, and adults who have been laid off from their jobs. The City serves as the fiduciary agent for the 10-county region.

Exhibit 1: FY23 Adult Statement of Award.pdf

Exhibit 2: FY23 Dislocated Worker Statement of Award.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Items #34 and #35, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed, 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being absent for the vote.

35. Authorize the City Manager to Accept the FY2023 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Grant Award Transferring Dislocated Worker Funds to the Adult Funding Stream in the amount $225,000. The award will be used to provide training and supportive services to adults who are unemployed or underemployed from November 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. The City serves as the fiduciary agent for the 10-county region.

Exhibit 1: FY22 Dislocated Worker Transfer Statement of Award.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Items #34 and #35, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed, 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being absent for the vote.

MISCELLANEOUS

36. Approval of a Major Subdivision - Savannah Highlands Phase 8. This subdivision is part of the Highlands Development in the North Godley PUD. This proposed phase totals 19.476 acres and will consist of 60 single family lots with varying lot sizes. It is located along the northern right-of-way line of Highlands Boulevard.

Exhibit 1: Plat for Major Subdivision Savannah Highlands Phase 8. pdf

Alderwoman Lanier expressed concern by residents of the increased traffic, the lack of traffic lights, accidents in the area, and traffic calming in the Highlands area. City Manager Melder indicated City staff is currently working on traffic calming and additional amenities in the Highlands area. There are resources needed for the area and staff is working to identify $26 million for Benton Blvd. Phase I and II, and additional work for increasing Highlands Blvd. In addition, staff is working with the traffic signal engineer to alleviate some of the congestion in the area.

City Manager Melder indicated it will take time and additional resources to address all the concerns of residents for improvements in the Highlands. He recommends continuing Iter #36 to the February 7, 2023 Council Meeting in order to allow staff time to prepare a mem outlining the needs/requirements of the Highlands community. Alderwoman Lanier agreed with City Manager Melder. This would allow more dialogue with the residents in the Highlands community.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to continue/postpone Item #36 to the February 7, 2023, Council Meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed, 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being absent for the vote.

37. Approval to Name a Unnamed Park Located at 1000 Bowden Street to "George Washington Carver Neighborhood Park."

Exhibit 1: Naming Petition for George Washington Carver Park.pdf

Mayor Johnson indicated City staff was notified by the Carver Village Neighborhood Association of the desire to name the unnamed park.

Alderwoman Lanier introduced Mr. Donald Jones, President of the Historic Carver Village Neighborhood Association to present to Council the Associations recommendation of naming the unnamed park. The George Washington Carver Neighborhood Park was voted unanimously by members of the Historic Carver Village Neighborhood Association as the name for the unnamed park. Mr. Jones asked for Council's support of the change. Other Association members in attendance included: Mr. Al Porterman, Ms. Gray, and Mr. Robe Meyers. Mr. Jones recognized Director of Policy and Governmental Affairs Joe Shearous and thanked him for his support and work on the project.

Alderwoman Lanier thanked members of the Historic Carver Village Neighborhood Association along with Mr. Shearouse for their work on the project.

Mayor Johnson thanked Alderwoman Lanier and members of the Association for naming the park in the neighborhood he played in growing up.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz expressed her thanks to those who worked on the project in naming the park.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #37, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed, 8-0-1, with

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being absent for the vote.

Following the vote, Mr. Jones thanked Council for the unanimous vote in naming the park and expressed his desire to one day see a George Washington Carver monument in the park.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

City Manager Melder acknowledged this is the first meeting for Lenny Brian Gunther as Chief of Police for the City of Savannah.

Mayor Johnson announced the MLK festivities will be held on Monday, January 16, 2023.

derwoman Miller Blakely announced Savannah State is sponsoring the SIAC. There will be 25-30 college basketball teams coming to the City. She asked for residents to support the teams and requested a listing of local businesses, especially black-owned, for the visitors to patronize.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan gave a 'shout out' to Public Service Commissioner Tim Echols for lending District 4 Alderman Nick Palumbo an electric car for testing purposes.

Alderman Leggett gave a 'shout out' to multiple athletics who played on the University of Georgia football team with a 60+ points win. There were 4 players from Savannah/Chatham County on the team.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 4:33 p.m.

A video recording of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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JANUARY 26, 2023, 4:30 p.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 4:30 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Purtee to offer a prayer.

PRESENT:

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

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

Workshop Agenda Items

1. Public Safety Update.

Exhibit 1: Savannah Police Department Public Safety Update.ppx
Exhibit 2: Savannah Fire Department Public Safety Update.pptx
Exhibit 3: Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement Update.pptx

Mayor Johnson welcomed all in attendance and to those watching. He expressed concern for the events in Memphis as it relates to police actions.

Mayor Johnson introduced City Manager Melder for the annual public safety update. Mr. Melder indicated there will be three presentations: Savannah Police Department, Chief Lenny Gunther; Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (ONES), Director John Bush; and Savannah Fire Department, Chief Elzie Kitchen.

Following the presentation there were questions and comments from Members of Council:

- Alderman Purtee asked what attributed to the increase in crime, and the largest challenge facing the police department. Chief Gunther indicated different factors effect increases in crime: mainly access to guns, auto thefts with unlocked vehicles and increased activity by residents since COVID relaxed. Vacancies are the largest challenges for the department. Alderman Purtee expressed his appreciation for the behavioral health unit and is hopeful the unit can be increased.
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed her thanks to the City Manager and the police department for hearing Council Members request/concerns. She asked Chief Gunther if the behavioral unit will work on weekends (yes). She asked if the Cadet Program participates will receive pay (the decision for pay is in conversation).
- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter noticed an increase in rapes and sexual assaults and asked Chief Gunther for the number of arrests (Chief Gunther will provide the data to Alderwoman Gibson-Carter & Council). In regards to the alcohol ordinance, she would like the City to take a more responsible position with allowing an increase in bars and establishments serving alcohol. She requested the City take more accountability measures. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concern for the number of fire incidents in District 2 and she asked if it was because of the student population. She asked Chief Gunther if there is similar response data (Chief Gunther will get the stats to Council). Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated she noticed a (positive) shift in morale in the police department when Chief Gunther took office, but the number of police vacancies should be addressed due to the number of students and tourists in the downtown area. She suggested more aggressive recruitment and looking at retirees or any officers who have recently left the City for other employment. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concern for: speed detectors in school zones ticketing outside of school hours; youth selling water at intersections; easier access to police reports by the public; and diversit while recruiting for the fire department.
- Alderman Palumbo expressed thanks to Mr. Bush on the great job the ONES' office has done in the community. He asked Chief Gunther if there was an increase in applications with the increase in salary and the perks (sign-on bonus, vehicle and retension bonuses) for new police officers (yes). Alderman Palumbo expressed an interest in the Real-Time Crime Center. Chief Gunther shared the plans for the Center and how useful the information will be for officers.
- Mayor Johnson expressed that he is looking at the aggregate and appreciating what did not happen. The officers are doing a lot of good work in the community. He thanked Mr. Bush, Chief Gunther and Chief Kitchen for all the work their departments contribute to the City.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz expressed that she noticed the positive atmosphere in the room. The leadership in public safety is phenomenal. She gave special thanks to Mr. Bush for his community work with youth. She asked Chief Gunther about the areas of the shot spotter (shot spotters are spread everywhere). Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz expressed thanks for the behavioral health unit, given the pandemic crisis and the residents and staff needing support. She encouraged the City Manager to keep going with the public safety and public health efforts in keeping the City safe.
- Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked Chief Gunther if the cold case unit will be reopened Chief Gunther indicated the cold case unit is still operating and advertised for two ne positions, this will make a total of six in the unit (he will send Council stats on the cases). She asked Chief Kitchen for any data on the elderly population and fires (Chief Kitchen will send Council the data).
- Alderman Leggett asked Chief Gunther for the roll-out date for dashboards for officers. He would like to share the information with neighborhood associations. The Savannah Impact Program will roll-out in the next couple days and there will be a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Waters Avenue Streetscape, both events will benefit the community. Alderman Leggett expressed appreciation to ONES Program Coordinator Isaac Felton for inviting him to have conversations with young men concerning life choices, the young men took the oath to be gun free. The ONES program is an opportunity to interact with community youth.

- As the City leverages technology with the use of cameras, Alderwoman Lanier asked Chief Gunther to add the lights, so the cameras and lights will work hand-in-hand. She thanked Chief Gunther for the work completed in the Cuyler-Brownsville area. Alderwoman Lanier asked Chief Gunther if the police department was working with the face recognition technology (no). She recommended some focus on traffic calming as residents complain of increased traffic on the Westside with trucks and traffic. Chief Gunther uses complaint data to address traffic issues and there are plans to increase the traffic unit. Alderwoman Lanier asked City Manager Melder if more speed detectors could be placed in communities. City Manager Melder indicated the traffic engineering department has budgeted for more detectors. Alderwoman Lanier asked Chief Kitchen when the CPR Program is initiated, please include Council for the opportunity to participate. She recommended Mr. Bush change the wording 'keeping youth safe, alive and out of jail'. The motto has a low expectation/vibration. A more upbeat or inspirational motto, such as 'guiding youth from risks to rewards', would be more positive. Alderwoman Lanier asked Chief Gunther about the number of homicides so far this year (0), last year at this time (2). City Manager Melder agreed with Alderwoman Lanier concerning the ONES motto that the City wants to see the youth thriving and not arrested.

Mayor Johnson thanked all the presenters, City Manager Melder and staff. He announced the City Council Regular meeting will begin at 6:40 p.m.

The PowerPoint presentation is on file and available for viewing in the Clerk of Council's office.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Workshop at 6:16 p.m.

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JANUARY 26, 2023, 6:30 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
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SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:41 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter who introduced Prophetess Dr. Hazel Scott, Pastor of Resurrection Pentecostal Temple, to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

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

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for January 26, 2023.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda for January 26, 2023, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on January 12, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: DRAFT MINUTES_January 12, 2023 City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on January 12, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: DRAFT MINUTES_January 12, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS

4. Appearance by and Recognition of the Inaugural City Manager's Emerging Leaders Academy Participants.

HEARD after Item #19.

Mayor Johnson introduced City Manager Melder for recognition of Team Savannah's group of emerging leaders.

City Manager Melder discussed why and how the Emerging Leaders Academy was developed. He asked the 30-member group to stand for recognition as he explained the application process. Each participant was paired with a mentor who holds a City leadership role, members participated in six development seminars, training from September through December, and each member completed a Capstone Project centered on initiatives for the City and presented their Project to their mentors and City senior staff at the Civic Center Johnny Mercer Theater.

Mr. Melder introduced each member of the City Manager's Emerging Leaders Academy. Mayor Johnson asked just one of the members to talk about their experience in the Academy. Harold Taylor, Jr. discussed his experience and how it has enhanced his understanding of the many roles involved in the operation of the City.

Alderman Leggett called out Richard Praylo for his outstanding assistance in helping a citizen at her residence with decorations and landscaping during his personal time. He also assisted in hanging holiday decorations for the City.

Alderwoman Lanier asked to see the Capstone Project presentations. City Manager Melder will send the link to Council Members.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

5. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Yue Bin Wang for Crab Du Jour, a Restaurant at 7804 Abercorn Street between Mall Boulevard and East Fairmont Avenue in Aldermanic District 4.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Crab Du Jour.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Crab Du Jour.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Crab Du Jour.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Crab Du Jour.pdf

Exhibit 5: Crab Du Jour Security Plan.pdf

HEARD after item #20.

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #5 and #6.

Speaker(s):

- Wei Lin, representing the applicant
- Yue Bin Wang, applicant

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated that resident, Robert Cohen, expressed concern wit accessibility to the establishment. Mr. Lin indicated there are no stairs and Mr. Cohe wanted someone to feed him. His concerns were addressed.

a. Alderman Palumbo moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #5 and #6, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #5, seconded by Alderman Purtee, The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

6. Approval of a Class D (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Atlulkumar Patel for Waters Liquor, a Package Shop at 5817 Waters Avenue between East 71st and East 72nd Streets in Aldermanic District 4.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Waters Liquor.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Waters Liquor.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Waters Liquor.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Waters Liquor.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Waters Liquor.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #5 and #6.

No Speaker(s).

a. Alderman Palumbo moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #5 and #6, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #6, seconded by Alderman Purtee, The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

IING HEARINGS

7. Petition of Josh Yellin on Behalf of Jeremy Huggins, 12500 Apache, LLC, to Secure a Special Use Permit at 12500 Apache Avenue (PIN 20861 02001) for Accessory Alcohol Sales by the Drink in Association with a Marina Restaurant. Aldermanic District 6 (File No. 22-004426-ZA). (Continued from January 12, 2023 Meeting)

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for 12500 Apache (File No. 22-004426-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 12500 Apache Avenue (File No. 22-004426-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #7.

Speaker(s):

- Marcus Lotson, MPC representative

Alderman Purtee moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #7, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

8. Petition of Robert McCorkle on Behalf of Telfair Business Center, LLC, to Zone Approximately 13.3 acres Located at 115 Bamboo Lane (PIN 11029 05012) from P-IL (Planned Light Industrial) to I-L (Light Industrial) to Support the Annexation of this Parcel into the City of Savannah (File No. 22-005857-ZA).

Exhibit 1: Staff Report for 115 Bamboo Lane (File No. 22-005494-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 115 Bamboo Lane (File No. 22-005857-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #8.

Speaker(s):

- Bridget Lidy, Senior Director, Planning & Urban Design
- Matt McCoy, representing the applicant

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked for the owners name. Mr. McCoy replied, Telfair Business Center, LLC. She asked if there will be warehouses on the property. Mr. McCoy answered, small warehouses. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the property was in close proximity to a residential area. Mr. McCoy stated the Bradley Point South neighborhood is close with a buffering property. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the residents were notified. Mr. McCoy indicated, per Ms. Lidy, notices were sent to residents and to residents in the neighboring properties. Ms. Lidy indicated there were not responses received from any of the residents, but she did receive a response from a neighboring tractor company concerned with the impact to their property (it will not impact their property).

Alderwoman Lanier asked if the notices placed on the property were easily viewable. Ms. Lidy indicated the signs (2) were placed on the frontage of the property for easy viewing.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked which neighborhood association was contacted. Ms. Lidy indicated the Bradley Point South Neighborhood Association. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated the Bradley Point South Neighborhood Association was not on the list of neighborhood associations. Ms. Lidy indicated it was on Open Neighborhood List which is the tool used to contact neighborhood associations. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder to have staff check for verification. City Manager Melder indicated Bradley Point South might be a Home Owners Association (HOA) rather than a neighborhood association, but he will have the information updated.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter did heard from a resident concerned with the increased traffic in the area due to increased warehouse activity. Ms. Lidy indicated this is a zoning issue today, later there will be a site plan and a traffic impact analysis might be included (it could be added as a condition). City Manager Melder indicated the City's light industrial zoning code is more restrictive in use than the County's.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked why would the petitioner want to be annexed into the City, if the zoning code is more restrictive. City Manager Melder indicated, for the City services.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if the developer will be subject to the impact fee ordinance. City Manager Melder indicated the impact fee ordinance should be ready for Council consideration at the next Council Meeting. If Council approves the impact fee ordinance in two weeks, the developer would participate in the impact fee program based on the timing of the application for a building permit.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #8, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

9. Adoption of an Ordinance to Amend Division II, Part 6, Chapter 1, Article H, Alcoholic Beverages, to Address Recent State Law Changes, Clarify Certain Provisions of the Current Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance, and Create New Administrative Provisions Related to Licensing and Ordinance Enforcement.

Exhibit 1: Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance Revisions.pdf

Exhibit 2: Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance Amendments.pdf

City Manager Melder distributed a memo outlining the revisions to the proposed alcoholic beverage ordinance amendment. He detailed the revisions by reading the proposed amendments. Mr. Melder recommended approval by Council:

- Section 13(a) Server Training Permit
- Section 7(t) Alcoholic Beverage Tastings
- Section 12(e) Alcohol Review Committee

Speaker(s):

- Jim Deagle, representative of Alcohol Server Training
- Mike Vacquer, representative of the National & Georgia Restaurant Association

Mr. Deagle would like to have the opportunity to be involved in the City's server training permit program. City Manager Melder agreed with Mr. Deagle and will follow-up with a meeting with Mr. Deagle.

Mr. Vacquer applauded the City for the proposed alcoholic beverage ordinance amendment and indicated the National Restaurant Association is willing to assist the City in helping t develop the server training permit program including the safety elements identified in the amended ordinance.

Alderman Purtee disagrees with not allowing home delivery here in the City. From a public safety issue, this might decrease the number of DUI's and public intoxication. He asked Revenue Department Manager Judee Jones how many community engagement meetings were held and the locations of the meetings. Ms. Jones indicated the public engagement meetings were held at the Georgia Coastal Center, Revenue Department, 305 Fahm Street. This is a central location for applicants with available parking.

Since State Law allows home delivery of alcohol, Alderman Purtee asked why the City will not allow home delivery. City Manager Melder indicated the feedback from residents and package store owners citing the point of sale by an employee would be harder to enforce and the purchase by underaged individuals would be hard to control. City Manager Melder recommends further research before approval of alcohol home delivery. Alderman Purtee suggested not waiting too long to research alcohol home delivery. The 6th District residents were not included in the conversations before a decision was made, and he would like to see equity on the Southside and other communities in the City.

Mayor Johnson indicated the City hardly ever supersedes State Law, but home rule i allowed on this issue.

Alderman Leggett asked where is the enforcement piece in the ordinance and how does it tie into the ordinance. City Manager Melder indicated the enforcement is throughout the ordinance. There are many mechanism to create enforcement, i.e. the BYOB, the selling alcohol through windows and doors, the alcohol review committee, and the alcohol beverage compliance unit administration meetings all increase enforcement. Enforcement will be strengthened across the board.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder if convenience stores will have tastings (yes, convenience and package stores can have tasting events). Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked for clarification on the BYOB section. City Manager Melder explained in detail

the temporary license associated with BYOB. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked when the alcohol overlay districts will be reexamined. City Manager Melder indicated, at the request of Council. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Mayor Johnson when the alcohol overlay districts will be reexamined and how long the alcohol overlay district has existed in District 1. Mayor Johnson indicated District 1 alcohol overlay district has existed for approximately 5 years, there are also alcohol overlay districts in Districts 3 and 5. Residents working with staff will determine when and if the alcohol overlay districts can or will be lifted.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely made a motion to direct staff to re-look at the alcohol overlay districts. Mayor Johnson indicated the motion was out of order. Mayor Johnson and Alderwoman Miller Blakely discussed if selling alcohol in a specific area causes an economic boom, and if so, does it enhance or destroy the area. Mayor Johnson indicated the alcohol overlay was not a permanent solution, but would be revisited at a later date. There were discussions of how the original overlays were established and the recent neighborhoods interested in removal of the overlay. Mayor Johnson indicated it is a subject that is not germane to the agenda and will be examined at a later date. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz stated that data will show that the neighborhoods have not changed their position in relation to the established alcohol overlay districts, especially in the 5th District.

a. After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #9, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. No vote was taken on this motion.

Alderwoman Lanier expressed how consumers behavior has changed in recent years and the amended alcohol ordinance addresses those changes. There should be equity when discussing changes and District 1 has not seen equity. The overlay district needs to be re-examined. District 1 needs economic drivers for sustainability and for residents to create wealth. Alderwoman Lanier discussed the to-go cup zone as it relates to customers getting a to-go cups and then getting in cars. She discussed when the alcohol overlay districts were established, a building size restriction was placed so small buildings with less than 2,500 s/f could not acquire an alcohol license preventing a large group of people in a small space. Mayor Johnson indicated it was Council that placed the restrictions and only Council can remove the restrictions.

City Manager Melder discussed the issue of leniency as it relates to restaurants converting to a club/lounge. The amended ordinance will require the restaurant to comply with a security license, age requirement, etc. in order to convert to a club/lounge.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter apologized to staff for the late hour; however she feels it is time well spent and thanked the staff for all the hard work in getting the amended alcohol license to Council for approval. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter agreed with Alderwoman Lanier that the alcohol overlay districts are the areas needing economic enhancements. She expressed concerns for alcohol playing a major role in rape, sexual assault and sex trafficking. She recommended adding rape and sexual assault to sex trafficking when the SPD releases data. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if there were any citations issued since BYOB is more restrictive. City Manager Melder indicated there would be no citations since BYOB businesses do not hold a license, but there have been issues.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter discussed bar cards and Mr. Deagle's recommendation on the requirements and maintain continuity across the program. She previously submitted training recommendations as a partnership instead of a demand approach to Interim City Manager Monahan with no response. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter discussed the requirements for wedding venues and asked for clarification on the alcohol requirements. Ms. Jones explained the temporary Sunday alcohol license rules, as it relates to weddings and Sunday events. City Manager Melder explained in detail the State and City requirements for Sunday venues to have consumption of alcohol on the premises. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if the selling through windows/doors states it preempts festivals, does that mean the St. Patrick's Day festivities only. City Manager Melder indicated any time the festival ordinance is enacted it will be enforced. She asked if it included the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day festivities. The festival ordinance was not enacted for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recommended giving Council an opportunity to highlight certain events and festivals for inclusion of the festival ordinance. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter requested additional clarification on identification of violations and the alcohol review committee's purpose and responsibilities. City Manager Melder answered her inquiries.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recommended an at-large person serve on the alcohol review committee. City Manager Melder stated the committee is an administrative process and should be separated from the political process where Council votes. She expressed her concerns for the waiting period of 24 months after a denial is punitive. City Manager Melder stated the waiting period is 12 months and is not punitive.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan stated she represents the residents in the 3rd District and the residents wanted the alcohol overlay and she will support her constituents.

b. After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderman Palumbo made a friendly motion to approve Item #9 amending Section 13(a), Section 7(t), and Section 12(e), as rea by City Manager Melder, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan The motion passed, 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely vote no.

Mayor Johnson thanked City Manager Melder and all staff that worked on the amended alcohol ordinance.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

10. Petition of Robert McCorkle on Behalf of Telfair Business Center, LLC, to Zone Approximately 13.3 acres Located at 115 Bamboo Lane (PIN 11029 05012) from P-IL (Planned Light Industrial) to I-L (Light Industrial) to Support the Annexation of this Parcel into the City of Savannah (File No. 22-005857-ZA).

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Exhibit 2: Maps for 115 Bamboo Lane (File No. 22-005857-ZA).pdf

HEARD FOR FIRST READING ONLY.

11. Approval to Annex 13.3 Acres Located off Bamboo Lane near Ogeechee Road. The property owner desires service by city utilities at in-side city rates.

Exhibit 1: Annexation Petition - 115 Bamboo Lane.pdf

HEARD FOR FIRST READING ONLY.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

12. Petition of Josh Yellin on Behalf of Jeremy Huggins, 12500 Apache, LLC, to Rezone 2.08 Acres Located at 12500 Apache Avenue (PIN 20861 02001) from RSF-E (Residential Single-Family-Estate) to B-M (Maritime Business), Aldermanic District 6 (File No. 22-004424-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for 12500 Apache Avenue (File No. 22-004424-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 12500 Apache Avenue (File No. 22-004424-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for 12500 Apache Avenue (File No. 22-004424-ZA).pdf

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #12, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Procurement of a Rough Terrain Forklift with Low Country JCB in the Amount of $87,505. This rough terrain forklift will be utilized by the Water Reclamation Department and driven over uneven and rocky surfaces during the installation and removal of pumps and the loading and offloading of chemicals. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Forklift.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Summary - Forklift.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13 and #15, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Procure a Multi-Station Play Structure with GameTime c/o Dominica Recreation Products, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed $81,183. The multi-station play structure will replace an aging playground feature removed at the start of construction of the New Hudson Hill Community Center. (Recreation & Leisure Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Multi-Station Play Structure.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Multi-Station Play Structure.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier expressed thanks to Assistant City Manager Lloyd and Cristy Lawrence Office of Capital Project Management, for accompanying her for the first walk through of the new Hudson Hill Community Center. There was only one correction of a paint color. Alderwoman Lanier thanked all involved in the project.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #14, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Ready Mix Concrete with Savannah River Utilities Company (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed $204,000. The Street Maintenance Division, Stormwater and Water Reclamation Departments will use the ready-mix concrete to repair utility cuts, sidewalks, curbing, and roadways within the City of Savannah limits.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Ready Mix Concrete.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Ready Mix Concrete.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated she noticed that from Derenne Avenue to Victory Drive and from Waters Avenue to Abercorn the entire area has new or repaired sidewalks. When was the project approved and what funds were used to pay the cost. City Manager Melder indicated Waters Avenue was a SPLOST project (Streetscape). Assistant City Manager Lloyd stated he will research the mentioned streets and get the information to Council. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concern for disparity in other requested areas of the City for new or repaired sidewalks for months. City Manager Melder explained there are numerous projects across the City including Streetscape and private developers completing or repairing sidewalks. Staff will research the streets if Alderwoman Gibson-Carter will provide a list. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concern for staff's lack of response to her inquires and asked how were the sidewalks between Derenne Avenue to Victory Drive and from Waters Avenue to Abercorn a priority over the needed new and repaired sidewalks on Waters Avenue between Stephenson and Abercorn. City Manager Melder committed to getting the requested answers/information for Alderwoman Gibson-Carter. He indicated staff works hard to address every question that comes through Council by providing a monthly packet going to each Member with the questions and the answers.

Mayor Johnson indicated the City Manager and staff respond to Council inquiries in a timely manner. He also stated there was one mile of sidewalks installed along Augusta Avenue as part of a SPLOST project.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13 and #15, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

AGREEMENTS

16. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Ivanenko, Inc. for Allcargo Solution Facility. This is for a development of a warehouse consisting of 30,000 sq.ft. at 2353 Tremont Road.

Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Allcargo Solution Facility.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier asked if the City was operating under the new redistricting map. Mayor Johnson indicated the new redistricting map is effective for the new administration, beginning January 1, 2024.

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to approve Item #16, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

17. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia. This is for a receiving and distribution facility development for the Second Harvest Food Bank.

Exhibit 1 : Water & Sewer Agreement - Second Harvest.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to approve Item #17, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

18. Authorize the City Manager to Approve an Easement Relocation at Abercorn Commons Phase II-A. The water and sewer lines were previously relocated and the associated plats showing the new locations were approved by the City. The former easement currently located on the privately-owned parcels is no longer needed and can be relocated.

Exhibit 1: Abercorn Commons Map.pdf

Exhibit 2: Signed Relocated Water and Sewer Easement.pdf

Exhibit-3: Large Plat - Old Easement.pdf

Exhibit 4: Large Plat - New Easement.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to approve Item #18, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

CELLANEOUS

19. Added Item: Presentation - Announcement of the Designation of the City of Savannah and Chatham County, GA as a World War II American Heritage City by the National Park Service.

HEARD after Item #21.

Mayor Johnson introduced Mr. Pete Nichols, Communications and Marketing Manager, National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force who explained when Savannah received Designation as a World War II American Heritage City and gave a brief description why Savannah was selected for the designation. Mr. Nichols has forwarded the signage/logo to City departments for usage throughout the City.

Mayor Johnson thanked Mr. Nichols for his work and stated the Designation is great news for the City. This will give visitors another reason to visit Savannah.

20. Added Item: Resolution - Adoption of a Civility Resolution as Proposed in a New Initiative of the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA).

HEARD after Item #4.

Mayor Johnson introduced the Civility Resolution presented to Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) conference attendees at the recent Summit United Conference in Atlanta. He discussed the importance of government officials' obligation to show civility as respect, courtesy and openness to peers. Mayor Johnson read the Civility Resolution.

a. Alderman Purtee moved to adopt the Civility Resolution, seconded by Alderwoma Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 6-0-3. Alderwoman Gibsor Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Alderwoman Lanier abstained from the vote.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed that the ultimate display of voter suppression is requiring a 5 Member approval for legislation items to be placed on the meeting agenda. She stated, this happens no where in the Unites States of America. She recommended Council consider more important issues like homelessness, wages requirements, prevention of forced displacement, sex trafficking, or Broughton Street enhancement/relief for business owners. She further recommended amending the Rules of Council to a moderate number of 3 members required to place an item on the agenda.

Mayor Johnson indicated these issues were not mentioned to him or other Members of Council in the past. The purpose of the agenda is to vote an item for approval or disapproval. In prior years only the City Manager or Mayor was able to place items on the agenda. The Rules of Council was changed to give Council Members an opportunity to place items on the agenda by majority vote. Members are encouraged to communicate with each other to request assistance in getting their individual items on the agenda by majority vote.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated she has communicated with the City Manager and Council Members to get an item on the agenda to no avail. Before addressing civilit incivility must be addressed. In early 2020, Council adopted Rules of Council permitting a member approval for items to be placed on the agenda. She expressed concern that no other jurisdiction within the United States requires such an approval and recommended amending the Rules of Council to a 3 member approval. This will permit her to have access to the process.

Mayor Johnson indicated he believes there are 19,000 other cities/counties in the United States.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely agreed with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and stated after surveying other elected officials, no other municipality has that requirement. She would also like to see the Rules of Council requirement reduced to a 3 member approval.

Mayor Johnson referred to the City Attorney Lovett and Clerk of Council Massey, since Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked to change the Rules of Council how to proceed.

Mr. Massey indicated, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter initially stated she wanted to approve the Resolution and amend the Rules of Council to change the ability to introduce legislation on the agenda from 5 to 3 Members.

b. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to adopt the Civility Resolution and amend the Rules of Council to introduce legislation as an agenda item to 3 (from 5) members, seconde by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion failed, 3-6-0. Mayor Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem D Shabazz, Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Alderman Palumbo and Alderman Purtee voted no.

Mayor Johnson distributed the Civility Resolution to Members of Council for signatures. It is the first City in the State to adopt the Civility Resolution. The executed Resolution will be sent to GMA.

Alderwoman Lanier stated she abstained from the vote due to conversations about civility and a lack of conversations about equity. There have been conversations with GMA and the National League of Cities (NLC) about requirements to get an item on a bodies agenda. An unofficial survey shows none require a majority vote for an item to be placed on the agenda. Alderwoman Lanier has used strategies to get her items on the agenda and some have

failed, but in order for her to serve her constituents effectively she would like to see the Rules of Council requirement reduced to 3.

Alderman Palumbo expressed the prior process for getting items on the agenda was through the Mayor or the City Manager. The Rules of Council empowered Council Members to get items on the agenda by working together as a team. There are no other governing bodies that empower their Council. His phone line and email is open. He is open to any ideas to benefit the residents.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated she ran and won Post 1 At-Large representing the entire City along with Alderwoman Miller Blakely Post 2 At-Large. She feels it is imperative to get items on the agenda. She along with Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier, District 1, are consistently closed out. It is a form of voter suppression and incivility.

Mayor Johnson stated the means of accessing government remains, the City Manager is accessible for administration. He is accessible along with Council Members. Incivility is caused by bad behavior; therefore a lack of respect or a show of disrespect will not lead to civil behavior. The City has an Ethics Board which each Council Member has access, if they feel aggrieved. The Resolution was adopted and signed by Council Members who voted yea. Three Council Members abstained.

21. Presentation: Recognition of Olympia Café as One of the Top 10% of Restaurants in the World According to Tripadvisor. Olympia Café is owned and operated by Nickolas (Nick) Pappas and Vasilis (Vas) Varlagas.

HEARD after Item #3.

Mayor Johnson recognized Nickolas Pappas and Vasilis Varlagas of the Olympia Cafe restaurant for being named in the top 10% of restaurants in the World according to Tripadvisor.

Mr. Pappas and Mr. Varlagas thanked Mayor Johnson, City Council and the City Manager for the honor.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter added Savannah Unforgettable Bakery and Cafe owned by Belinda Baptiste, was nominated for the James Beards Award for Outstanding Bakery.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Alderman Purtee recognized the passing of two people in District 6, Patrice Muller of Windsor Forest, leaving 10 & 14 year old daughters; and Daphne Walker an employee of the Savannah/Chatham County Authority for the Homeless for eleven years and recently promoted to a director level position. He asked the public to remember them in prayer.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely announced on Saturday a survey will be given to interested individuals and residents of Yamacraw Village at First Bryan Baptist Church, 10:00am to 1:00pm. For residents interested in preserving Yamacraw Village, there will be a meeting at the Georgia Coastal Center on Fahm Street, from 10:00am to 1:00pm and 4:00pm to 6:00pm on Monday, January 30, 2023. Come out and support preserving Yamacraw Village.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan gave a shout-out to Frances Pooker for sitting through the entire meeting.

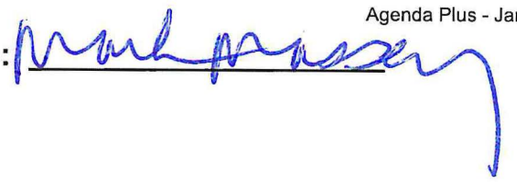
Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 9:50 p.m.

video recording of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: February 7, 2023

Signature: 

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FEBRUARY 7, 2023, 12:00 p.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 12:03 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Purtee to offer a prayer.

PRESENT:

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

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
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kshop Agenda Items

1. Discussion on Boards, Commissions, and Authorities

Exhibit 1: Updated Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Authorities 2023.pdf

Mayor and Council made the following nominations for appointments and/or reappointments to Boards, Commissions, and Authorities. Council will vote on the nominations at the 2:00 p.m. Regular Council Meeting:

1. Cultural Affairs Commission – **Emilee J. Cantrell Kornegay & Renee S. Rubens**
2. Historic District Board of Review – **Susan R. Myers, Stan Houle, & Gregory R. Sanders**
3. Historic Preservation Commission – **Jeffrey M. Notrica & Pamela A. Miller**

4. Metropolitan Planning Commission – **Karen M. Jarrett, Darnell L. Johnson, Julie M. Wade, & Yolandra Shipp**
5. Civil Service Board – **Ryan Martin & Taketha S. Kelley Hill**
6. Park and Tree Commission – **Jeffrey M. Notrica & Erika Archibald**
7. Savannah Airport Commission – **Randy Houston & Sabrina E. Kent**
8. Savannah Economic Development Authority – **Darnell L. Johnson & Charles P. Roberson**
9. Savannah Zoning Board of Appeals – **Michael T. Condon, Darnell L. Johnson, Sabrina Nagel & Armand J. Turner**

2. Purchasing Policies and Procedures

Exhibit 1: The Purchasing Process Presentation.pdf

City Manager Melder stated he indicated late last year, Council requested a presentation on the City's purchasing practices along with local and disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) goals.

PRESENTED by City Manager Melder, Purchasing Director Johnnie Coker, and Economic Development Business Opportunity Manager MaRonde Lumpkin-Lotson.

Following the presentations there were comments and questions from Council Members:

- City Manager Melder announced MaRonde Lumpkin-Lotson is appointed as the Liaison for local, small, and black businesses.
- Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked the logic of not having a broker. Ms. Lumpkin-Lotson replied a broker is just a middle man that is unnecessary. Without the broker the cost is contained.
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if Ms. Lumpkin-Lotson's old position will be filled or will the new appointment be added. City Manager Melder replied, the new appointment is an added responsibility, and she will receive support from his office. She asked if the position was advertised (no).
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely requested a hard copy of the Local Small Business Enterprise Program application (Ms. Lumpkin-Lotson will send her a copy). She asked if the porta has started (yes). Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked when the Reverse Trade Shows w begin? Mr. Coker replied, during the Mayor's Small Business Meetings in May.
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed concern for the DBE program and her research which showed Johnson Laux is not a DBE (decertified in 2019) and has not been certified with the State of Georgia since 2013. How will the City ensure DBE certifications. Ms. Lumpkin-Lotson replied, Johnson Laux is certified by the State of Florida Office of Supplier as a WBE. When a business is certified by a State or Federal entity, the City will accept that certification. Alderwoman Miller Blakely does not want legacy contractors receiving DBE contracts when there are qualified DBE contractors in the City. Savannah First should be a priority. Alderwoman Miller Blakely requested a copy of all City of Savannah DBE participants (City Manager Melder will follow-up with the information).
- Since Johnson Laux is certified in the State of Florida, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter inquired if there are any other local or State of Georgia contractors available to perform the work the City awarded to Johnson Laux. City Manager Melder explained construction contracts are governed by Federal and State Procurement Laws. The City used a State contract (local preference cannot be used) for construction work when awarding the projects to Johnson Laux. Using a State contractor allows the City to use local and DBE certified businesses.
- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated she appreciated City Manager Melder's explanatio however, she continues to have concerns for the purchasing department's practices. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated she was hoping upon City Manager Melder's arrival, and the new leadership in the purchasing department, that practices would change with fairness, more scrutiny, equity and integrity in the processes. She can only go by what she sees happening meeting after meeting, there are no changes. Her hope is that the City will do better. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recommended revisiting purchasing policies and procedures.
- Mayor Johnson clarified the process, Johnson Laux, regardless of where they received their certification, is a Savannah business. The City has a prescribed and legal process. He does not want anyones integrity (even) challenged. The City's purchasing department is appreciated for the work they do and the manner the work is completed.

Mayor Johnson thanked the purchasing department for their work to the citizens of Savannah.

- Alderman Palumbo commented on the remarkable effort put forth by the purchasing department and asked the number of employees (7). He asked what are some of the barriers of becoming a supplier for the City and are there any fees. Mr. Coker replied, there are no barriers, but you must be registered as a supplier and there are no fees. How to apply. Go to https://savannahga.gov/purchasing and click on 'become a supplier'. Mr. Coker and Ms. Lumpkin-Lotson explained compliance and enforcement. Alderman Palumbo asked how are suppliers notified and if there are any political considerations during the bid process. It is posted live on the City's purchasing portal which sends emails out to suppliers, an ad is placed in the newspaper, and it's posted with the Georgia Procurement Registry. There are no political consideration, during the bid process.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz expressed thanks for increasing the minority percentages with SBE, Savannah First, and now LSBE participation.
- Alderwoman Lanier discussed her prior experience and position while investigating MBE's and DBE's for Savannah Black Business League. The data collected was shared with then Savannah City Council. She stated the City is moving in the right direction. The program of pairing small DBE's and MBE's with major businesses and the DBE or MBE would become certified at the end of the process was a good idea, but it didn't happen. The minority participation numbers have increased and Alderwoman Lanier is pleased to see the improvement, but there is more work to be done.
- Alderwoman Lanier expressed concern with the cooperative purchasing process which excludes the small local and MBE's. She recommended using the program of pairing small DBE's and MBE's with major businesses and the DBE or MBE would become certified at the end of the process. She is encouraged with the work being done including having a Fair. More can be done to increase the number of local minority businesses that are used for City projects.
- City Manager Melder agreed with Alderwoman Lanier that the City could do more. He recently met with members of the black business community and the Black Chamber on how the City could participate with the businesses to ensure the City is creating a supplier list that shows diversity. In creating transparency, the City has developed a mechanism where you can go on-line and view all the purchasing documents; all P.O.s and all notes for every purchase over $5,000. The information is available for the public's viewing. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked for the timeframe of that information. Mr. Coker replied it goes back to November 2022. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the timeframe could be extended to go back to 2020? Mr. Coker will work with the IT department on the data and get back to Alderwoman Miller Blakely and City Manager Melder with the numbers.
- Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan discussed the joint-venture contract of Johnson Laux and Antonio Brown (a black business), awarded the $5 million President's Street contract and other joint-venture contracts (Gamble Building and Maintenance For Lanes). Johnson Laux is doing their part to include DBE's.
- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Ms. Lumpkin-Lotson about the division that checks to assure guidelines are being followed. In December, Ms. Dawn Morgan from Collins Construction sent an email concerning the $7.8 million award for police headquarters. It was the third project directly awarded to Johnson Laux, but it could have been a project to benefit the local community had it been a fair and open bid process. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter read portions of Ms. Morgan's email where she applauded Alderwoman Miller Blakely for questioning the process and remarked on how often she sees the same names being awarded City contracts. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if the correspondence was sent to the department and what steps were taken to address the contractor's concerns. She expressed her concern with orders under $5,000 being approved within the departments and asked if the division mentioned by Ms. Lumpkin-Lotson will be overseeing the departments on those contracts.
- City Manager Melder replied, the authority referenced by Ms. Lumpkin-Lotson is the division that ensures DBE goals and local participation as dictated by the contract and the law are followed. City Manager Melder did receive the e-mail read by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, but did not forward to Ms. Lumpkin-Lotson's division. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed her concern for the City not following through on the established processes. At bare minimum, the City must respond to the concerned citizens and to Council. She is just asking that the City do better.

- City Manager Melder explained the State Contract process versus the local contract process.

The PowerPoint presentation is on file and available for viewing in the Clerk of Council's office.

3. Impact Fees Recommendations

Exhibit 1: Impact Fee Presentation.pdf

City Manager Melder thanked everyone involved in the completion of the proposed impact fee ordinance. Council is not voting on the impact fee ordinance today. There will be a first and second reading with two (2) public hearings of the ordinance before it goes befor Council for approval.

City Manager Melder PRESENTED the proposed impact fee ordinance by fully detailing the pros and cons if Council decides to adopt the ordinance. The following is the recommendations from the Impact Fee Ordinance Committee and the Consultants of adopting a meaningful impact fee ordinance. The numbers are based on the cost of a single family home (1% of median home sale price over the past 12 months, $393,085.).

- Three-year implementation:
  - - Year 1: 50% of impact fee of $1,966
  - - Year 2: 75% of impact fee of $2,948
  - - Year 3: 100% of impact fee of $3,931

City Manager Melder recommends that if Council does not adopt or dilutes the recommendations listed above, then Council should not adopt any impact fee ordinance so the City does not over promise and under deliver.

City Manager Melder stated he is available for discussion or for a meeting.

The PowerPoint presentation is on file and available for viewing in the Clerk of Council' office.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Workshop at 1:37 p.m.

A video recording of the workshop can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: February 23, 2023

Signature: Mark Massey

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FEBRUARY 7, 2023, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at **2:05 p.m.** Mayor Johnson recognized **Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely** who introduced **Reverend Dr. Leonard Small of Litway Missionary Baptist Church** to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

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

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for February 7, 2023.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve/adopt the agenda for February 7, 2023, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on January 26, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

Exhibit 1: DRAFT MINUTES_January 26, 2023 City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on January 26, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Exhibit 1: DRAFT MINUTES_January 26, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

4. Resolution of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah in Support of the General Assembly Enacting a Local Law Amending the City Charter to Provide for Aldermanic Term Limits.

Exhibit 1: Resolution - Aldermanic Term Limit.pdf

Alderman Purtee moved to approve item #4, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier voted no.

Written comment(s):
• Ivan Cohen – OPPOSED (completed a speaker's card)

5. Resolution of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah to Provide for Compensation and Resources for Future Councils.

Exhibit 1: Resolution - City Council Salary Increases.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if the compensation includes a Mayor's car stipend and a City vehicle, in addition to the salary. Mayor Johnson indicated the Mayor does not have a City issued vehicle. The Resolution is for future Mayors and Aldermen.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely indicated that she opposed Item #5 due to viewing a City sanitation worker's pay stub showing an increase of a $0.37 raise. She cannot, in good faith, receive a raise when the City has sanitation workers receiving $15.37/hour. Council should not think about getting a raise, until all City employees receive fair wages.

Mayor Johnson stated that Alderwoman Miller Blakely annually questions Council' compensation. Alderwoman Miller Blakely replied she asked for mileage not compensation.

Mayor Johnson further stated, not only has this Council recently approved the largest increase of 8%, employees received a 2.5% increase effective January 1, 2023.

Alderman Purtee stated a comment was made the increase is for this Council, that is incorrect; the compensation increase is for future Councils.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated her no vote reflects concerns for the residents of Yamacraw Village. She discussed how she would like the funds allocated to this Council or future Councils to provide resources to those in most need. Mayor Johnson replied those are annual budgeted expenses which the City Manager will create in the City Budget.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #5, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 6-3-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier voted no.

PRESENTATIONS

6. Recognition of Sandra Hoffmann from Halle, Germany, a Participant in the International Exchange Firefighter Program. The exchange program is part of an agreement to bring the two cities together for cultural and tourist exchanges.

Mayor Johnson recognized Fire Chief Kitchen who introduced International Exchang Firefighter Sandra Hoffmann from Savannah's Sister City, Halle, Germany. Ms. Hoffman will be in Savannah for 23 days learning and working with the fire department and then return to Halle equipped with information received from Savannah Fire Department to share with Halle Germany Fire Department.

Ms. Hoffmann, a four year firefighter, thanked the City and Savannah Fire Department for receiving her with open arms and will return to Halle to share her welcoming visit.

Fire Marshall Brooke Mollenkamp has opened her home for Ms. Hoffmann and will be one of the Savannah Firefighters eligible to visit Halle, Germany for the International Exchange Program.

Dr. James Anderson expressed his thanks for working with the Greater Savannah International Alliance on the Exchange Program. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan thanked former Mayor Otis Johnson for his vision in bringing the International Exchange Program to the City.

7. Appearance by and Recognition of St. Joseph's/Candler Health System's Donation for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund.

President and CEO Paul Hinchey presented the Mayor Johnson with a $40,000.00 donation for the (CHSA) Savannah Affordable Housing Fund from St. Joseph/Candler Health Systems. To date the Health Systems has donated $145,000.00. Vice President of Human Resources Steve Pounds, Vice President of Mission Services Brendan Moss, and Manager of Switchboard Operations Vanessa Roseman from St. Joseph/Candler Health Systems were on-hand for the presentation. There have been 52 Health Systems employees to achieve homeownership through the program. A recent first time homeowner, Ms. Breonna Frazier shared her home buying experience through the program.

On-hand to receive the donation were Community Housing Services Director Anita Smith-Dixon, Housing Savannah, Inc. Executive Director Laura Lane McKinnon, and CHSA Administrative Coordinator Adela Smith.

Alderwoman Lanier gave a shout-out to the DreamMaker Program. The Program is working to deliver homeownership for residents. Alderwoman Lanier invited residents looking for housing to investigate the DreamMaker Program for home ownership.

8. A Proclamation Declaring February 17, 2023, as the Annual Arbor and Tree Planting Day in the City of Savannah.

Exhibit 1: 2023 Arbor Day Proclamation Draft.docx

The Proclamation was READ by Mayor Johnson.

Alderman Palumbo invited residents to celebrate Arbor Day this Saturday starting at 8:30 a.m. in the Parkside Neighborhood, at 1201 East 49th Street, to help with planting 80 trees.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if Sean Mannion was in attendance (no). She thanked Mr. Mannion for his tireless work and the work performed in the Edgemere/Sackville Neighborhood.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

9. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Parth Patel for Avom Food Mart, a Convenience Store at 1402 Stiles Avenue between Hearn Street and Ogeechee Road in Aldermanic District 1.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Avom Food Mart.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Avom Food Mart.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Avom Food Mart.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Avom Food Mart.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Avom Food Mart.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #9 and #10.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderwoman Lanier moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #9 and #10, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #9, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

). Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Amkit Amin for Smart Shop, a Convenience Store at 1114 Abercorn Street between East Park venue and East Duffy Street in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Smart Shop.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Smart Shop.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Smart Shop.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Smart Shop.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Smart Shop.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #9 and #10.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderwoman Lanier moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #9 and #10, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-

0.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #10, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

11. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Matthew Burnett for Bellwether House, a Bed and Breakfast Inn at 211 East Gaston Street between Abercorn and Lincoln Streets in Aldermanic District 2. (Staff recommends continuation.)

Due to an underlying zoning matter/issues, City Manager Melder stated staff recommends postponing indefinitely, Item #11.

Alderman Leggett stated there is also an issue with the neighborhood association understanding the scope of the business plan.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

12. First of Two Public Hearings to Adopt the Impact Fee Ordinance.

Exhibit 1: Methodology Report Final Document.pdf

Exhibit 2: Capital Improvements Element Final Document.pdf

Exhibit 3: City of Savannah CIE Approval.pdf

Exhibit 4: Proposed Savannah Impact Fee Ordinance and Maximum Fee Schedule.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing open for Item #12.

City Manager Melder explained the details of the proposed impact fee ordinance and recommends approval by Council with a phased implementation:

- Year 1: 50% of impact fee
- Year 2: 75% of impact fee
- Year 3: 100% of impact fee

City Manager Melder stated, if Council opposes or chooses to dilute the above proposed impact fee implementation phases, then Council should not adopt an impact fee ordinance at this time.

No speaker(s).

Written comment(s):

- Mike Vaquer on behalf of Home Builders Association - OPPOSED

Mayor Johnson closed the public hearing for Item #12.

ZONING HEARINGS

13. Petition of Josh Yellin on Behalf of Savannah Country Day School to Rezone ~ 0.81 Acres at 0 Merrydell Drive (PIN 20653 01001) from RSF-6 (Residential Single Family-6) to OI-E (Office and Institutional-Expanded) with Conditions. Aldermanic District 6 (File No. 22-005457-ZA). Continued to March 9, 2023 Meeting.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for 0 Merrydell Drive (File No. 22-005457-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 0 Merrydell Drive (File No. 22005457-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for 0 Merrydell Drive (File No. 22-005457-ZA).pdf

Alderman Purtee moved to continue Item #13 to the March 9, 2023, City Council meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

14. Adoption of the Impact Fee Ordinance. (2nd Reading Scheduled for February 23, 2023)

Exhibit 1: Methodology Report Final Document.pdf

Exhibit 2: Capital Improvements Element Final Document.pdf

Exhibit 3: City of Savannah CIE Approval.pdf

Exhibit 4: Proposed Savannah Impact Fee Ordinance and Maximum Fee Schedule.pdf

HEARD Item #14, FIRST READING ONLY.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

15. Petition of Robert McCorkle on Behalf of Telfair Business Center, LLC, to Zone Approximately 13.3 Acres Located at 115 Bamboo Lane (PIN 11029 05012) from P-IL (Planned Light Industrial) to I-L (Light Industrial) to Support the Annexation of this Parcel into the City of Savannah (File No. 22-005857-ZA).

Exhibit 1: Staff Report for 115 Bamboo Lane (File No. 22-005494-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 115 Bamboo Lane (File No. 22-005857-ZA).pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #15, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

16. Approval to Annex 13.3 Acres Located at 115 Bamboo Lane near Ogeechee Road. The property owner desires service by city utilities at inside city rates.

Exhibit 1: Annexation Petition - 115 Bamboo Lane (File No. 22-005857-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Annexation Ordinance - 115 Bamboo Lane (File No. 22-005857-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for 115 Bamboo Lane (File No. 22-005857-ZA).pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #16, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Commercial Refuse Containers with Lewis Steel Works, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed $90,975. The Sanitation Department will use these items to replace worn, damaged, and unserviceable front-end commercial refuse containers. (Sanitation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Sanitation Commercial Refuse Containers.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Sanitation Commercial Refuse Containers.pdf

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Items #17 and #18, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Roll-Off Containers with Lewis Steel Works, Inc. in the amount of $59,235. The Sanitation Department will use these to replace worn, damaged, and serviceable roll-off containers. (Sanitation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Sanitation Roll-Off Containers.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Sanitation Roll-Off Containers.pdf

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Items #17 and #18, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Final Close-Out Savings Modification for the Springfield Canal Bulkhead and Widening Project at the Old City Lot with C.A. Murren & Sons Heavy Civil LLC (LOCAL) in the Reduced Amount of $534,436. This is the first phase of a SPLOST-funded project to improve drainage in the Springfield basin by widening the canal to its outfall. (Stormwater)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Notes - Springfield Canal Bulkhead & Widening.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if the City is receiving money back. Mayor Johnson answered, yes.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked, as it relates to the Springfield Canal, are we still considering a canal district project? City Manager Melder stated the City is still planning for the development of the canal district as it relates to the Enmarket Arena in all directions. She asked if the City currently has funding for a canal district project. City Manager Melder indicated, as it relates to this project, its related to the bulkhead and the widening of the canal. Because the City was able to achieve the completion of the project below budget, a little over half a million dollars will be returned to the SPLOST fund. Mayor Johnson clarified this has to do with the basin and not the development of the Arena.

As it relates to the Springfield Canal drainage basin projects, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz stated this was approved with the SPLOST VII voter approval. She would like to keep the canal conversation alive as the City approaches SPLOST VIII allocations and the continued inclusion of the Springfield Canal drainage basin projects.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #19, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Thomas & Hutton (LOCAL) for the Lift Station 193 Force Main Upgrade in the Amount of $464,785. The vendor will design and oversee the construction of the upgrade for lift station 193 force main which is needed to convey additional sewage to the Travis Field Treatment Plant to serve new residential and industrial development in the Southwest Quadrant (New Hampstead). (Public Works and Water Resources)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Engineering Design and Construction Overview Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Engineering Design and Construction Overview Services.pdf

Exhibit 3: Project Vicinity Map - Engineering Design and Construction Overview Services.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated this is for design and overseeing the construction. She asked City Manager Melder if the City has any idea the number of units for the New Hamstead development and what type of development (light or heavy industrial?) City Manager Melder replied he will have to get back to her with more details.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated the West Chatham residents continue to reach out to her concerning traffic and public safety issues. She cannot support Item #20 .

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #20, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for Ogeechee Road Water and Sewer Relocations with Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) in the Amount of $2,980,672. GDOT is planning to widen Ogeechee Road from I-516 to Victory Drive and to update the intersections and traffic signals for better roadway safety.

(Public Works & Water Resources)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Ogeechee Road Water and Sewer Relocation.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Ogeechee Road Water and Sewer Relocation.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concern for the last GDOT project before Council. There was an Ogeecheeton sign that disappeared during a City budget meeting. This caused adverse actions to the residents in the area and she does not want the same thing to happen to that neighborhood again. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated the City spent over $2 million on that project along Derenne Avenue two years ago, and she has not seen any evidence of a GDOT project. For the current project, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter does not want the immediate residents to experience any adverse actions due to the GDOT project. City Manager Melder indicated the Derenne Avenue project was a water and sewer proje that involved a busted water main. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated the project she i relating to predates City Manager Melder.

Mayor Johnson stated the sign was placed on the State right-of-way, so the City had to ask for permission. The sign was removed during the construction. Once construction is complete, a new better sign will be erected. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Mayor Johnson to tell the residents of Ogeecheeton when the sign will be replaced. He replied when the construction is completed.

City Manager Melder explained the project is for widening Ogeechee Road and is sponsored by GDOT with cost sharing responsibilities on the part of the City. It reflects a reimbursement from GDOT of $88,000 to the City for their portion of design work. The City's portion of the project is to remove and relocate the utilities, and cost share for construction.

The Derenne Avenue project of several years ago was not a GDOT sponsored project. It is a City of Savannah sponsored project with the Federal Highway Administration, working through environmental injustice processes. The City has not received a Federal Highway Administration record of decision as it relates to the Derenne Avenue project.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz stated the Ogeechee Road widening projects have been on the books going on 25-27 years. The underground work of relocating the utilities must be don first before the widening project can begin.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder for the total cost. The City's cost share will be $2,980,671.21, and GDOT's portion is $1,730,362.79.

Alderman Palumbo thanked City Manager Melder and staff for all the hard work in getting the highway project underway. He requested this activity to be the first protected bike lane in the City. City Manager Melder and Mayor Johnson will ask and follow-up.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if all residents affected by right-of-way have been notified. City Manager Melder and Mayor Johnson indicated all right-of-way issues have been satisfied.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #21, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

22. Approval to Renew Contract for Professional Services with Ailevon Pacific Aviation Consulting, in the Amount of $165,000.

HEARD after Item #8.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #22, #23 and #24, seconded b Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

23. Approval for Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport to Participate in a Local Advertising Campaign to Promote New Service on Breeze Airways, in the Amount of $134,151

HEARD after Item #8.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #22, #23 and #24, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

24. Approval for Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport to Participate in a Co-Op International Golf Marketing Event with the Hilton Head Island Chamber of Commerce, in the Amount of $60,000.

HEARD after Item #8.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #22, #23 and #24, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

25. Approval for Task Order No. 21 for the SAV PCR Development Project with AECOM, in the Amount of $50,690.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz recused herself from voting or discussing his agenda item, due to business reasons.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #25 and #26, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz recused herself from the vote.

26. Approval for Task Order No. 22 for the Review of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan with AECOM, in the Amount of $37,310.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz recused herself from voting or discussing his agenda item, due to business reasons.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #25 and #26, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz recused herself from the vote.

27. Approval to Modify and Extend a Five-Year Software Subscription from ESi Acquisitions, Inc., in the Amount of $162,438.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #27, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

28. Boards, Commissions, and Authorities.

By majority vote, the following appointments and/or reappointments were made.

- **Cultural Affairs Commission – Emilee J. Cantrell Kornegay**
- **Historic District Board of Review – Stan Houle**
- **Historic Preservation Commission – Pamela A. Miller**
- **Metropolitan Planning Commission – Karen M. Jarrett**
- **Civil Service Board – Ryan Martin**
- **Park and Tree Commission – Erika Archibald**
- **Savannah Airport Commission – Randy Houston**
- **Savannah Economic Development Authority – Charles P. Roberson**
- **Savannah Zoning Board of Appeals – Michael T. Condon & Armand J. Turner**

AGREEMENTS

29. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Riverchase Apartments Owner, LLC for Riverchase Vista Apartments. This is for a development consisting of an apartment complex on Chatham Center Drive off Chatham Parkway.

Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Riverchase Vista Apartments.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #29 and #30, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

30. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Beacon Builders, Inc. for The Palms Phase 3. This is for a development consisting of 132 single family homes in the Travis Field Service area.

Exhibit 1 : Water & Sewer Agreement - The Palms Phase 3.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #29 and #30, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

31. Authorize the City Manager to Approve an Easement to the General Services Administration under Whitaker Street (Petition 21-057).

Exhibit 1: Whitaker Street Cable Cross.pdf

Exhibit 2: Easement - GSA signed.pdf

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #31 and #32, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

32. Authorize the City Manager to Declare Surplus and Available for Sale a Portion of a City Service Road Fronting 10421 Abercorn Street.

Exhibit 1: Vaden - Map Attachment.pdf

Exhibit 2: Vaden - Plat.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder who will be the purchaser of the property. City Manager Melder replied, Vaden Nissan.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked for the purchase price. City Manager Melder replied, the property appraised at $255,000.00 (sales price).

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #31 and #32, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

33. Approval of a Major Subdivision - Savannah Highlands Phase 8. This subdivision is part of the Highlands Development in the North Godley PUD. This proposed phase totals 19.476 acres and will consist of 60 single family lots with varying lot sizes. It is located along the northern right-of-way line of Highlands Boulevard. Continued from January 12, 2023 meeting.

Exhibit 1: Savannah Highlands - Plat for Major Subdivision Phase 8. pdf

Exhibit 2: Highlands - Master Plan 01-12-16.pdf

Exhibit 3: Godley Station - Approved Master Plan 10-13-15.pdf

Exhibit 4: Savannah Highlands - Location Map Phase 8.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier thanked City Manager Melder and Assistant City Manager Lloyd along with the traffic engineers in coordinating the traffic lights in The Highlands. This helps move the traffic expeditiously and safely.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #33, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

34. Approval of a Major Subdivision - Sweetwater Station Phase 8. The subject property is the eighth phase in the established subdivision of Sweetwater Station. This proposed phase totals 8.963 acres and will consist of 34 single family lots with varying lot sizes.

Exhibit 1: Sweetwater Station - Plat of Major Subdivision Phase 8.Pdf

Exhibit 2: Sweetwater Station - Revised Master Plan.pdf

Exhibit 3: Sweetwater Station Phase 8 - Location Map.pdf

Alderman Purtee stated there are nine phases of Sweetwater Station and the traffic is a nightmare. He recommended reaching out to our County counterparts to help resolve the traffic issues. If the issues remain unresolved, there won't be a phase nine.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #34, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely an Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

35. Approval of a Major Subdivision - Rockingham Farms Tract 7. The subject property is the second phase within the Rockingham Farms subdivision/development. This proposed phase totals 448.807 acres and will consist of three large lot sizes.

Exhibit 1: Rockingham Farms - Plat Major Subdivision Tract 7.pdf

Exhibit 2: Rockingham Farms - Masterplan.pdf

Exhibit 3: Rockingham Farms - January 12, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting Agenda Item.pdf

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #35 and #36, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

36. Petition of Josh Yellin on Behalf of Jeremy Huggins, 12500 Apache, LLC, to Secure a Special Use Permit with Conditions at 12500 Apache Avenue (PIN 20861 02001) for Accessory Alcohol Sales by the Drink in Association with a Marina Restaurant. Aldermanic District 6 (File No. 22-004426-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for 12500 Apache (File No. 22-004426-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 12500 Apache Avenue (File No. 22-004426-ZA).pdf

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #35 and #36, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz invited District 5 senior citizens to "Love In The Air" programs, Tuesday, February 14, 2023, from 11:30am to 1:00pm at Liberty City and Tatemville Centers for registered senior citizens of the Golden Age. This is in partnership with the City. Senior citizens do not have to sit at home alone, come out to enjoy the festivities. There will a DJ, dancing and lots of enjoyment for all in attendance.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan announced PUSH along with the Alderwoman of District 3 will have Valentines Parties next week for Stillwell, Veranda, Wheaton Street and Parks. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan expressed condolences to the family of James Harrell Friedman, a long-time

businessman in Savannah (The Pit Stop & The Deck), who recently passed. Services will be held this Saturday, February 11, 2023, at First African Baptist Church in East Savannah.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed concern for the activity on the Fairgrounds. She asked if the City is being paid. If so, can the funds be used in the community. City Manager Melder stated the activity is unrelated to the Fairgrounds. He will send data/information to Council on the activity. Alderwoman Miller Blakely sends condolences to the family of Van Slice Kennedy (former City employee) and Pastor Hart's mom (The Queen).

Alderman Leggett thanked everyone who participated in the Waters Avenue Streetscape project and remarked on the successful ribbon cutting held last week. There will be another ribbon cutting next week with Chief Taffanye Young for Recreation Reimagined, not only for the youth t the elderly at William's Court and the surrounding areas in District 2. He thanked Ms. ung and Assistant City Manager Lloyd for all their assistance. Alderman Leggett thanked SCAD for the donation relating to the computer lab.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 3:49 p.m.

A video recording of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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FEBRUARY 23, 2023, 4:30 p.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

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
Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1
Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2
Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2
Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman
Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem
Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

Workshop Agenda Items

1. Safe Streets for All - Vision Zero

Exhibit 1: Safe Streets for All - Vision Zero Update Presentation.pptx

City Manager Melder stated both presentations are related to transportation. He thanked Senior Director, Transportation Services Stephen Henry and the Traffic Engineering Department as well as Executive Director Caila Brown of Bike Walk Savannah who was consulted on the Action Plan. The Plan will be released after today's Workshop for the public. Mr. Henry will give the presentation of Safe Streets for All - Vision Zero and Assistant City Manager Lloyd will present Roadbotics:

Following both presentations there were comments and questions from Council Members:

- Alderman Purtee asked if an updated Artificial Intelligence (AI) Scan could be done in 2024 rather than 2025. There have been almost six years since the last scan. Mr. Lloyd stated that's a valid point, but the City would rather re-scan when the resources are available to pave/repave the roads.
- Alderman Palumbo asked the life spam of asphalt and how roadbotics accounts for the different types of road surfaces throughout the City. Mr. Lloyd replied, The AI system performs all the analysis.

  As it relates to Safe Streets for All, Alderman Palumbo asked how the City prioritizes investments for the school zones. Mr. Henry and City Manager Melder discussed tha schools were originally in communities for children to walk to school; however, no buses are bringing children to schools, so an effort by all involved (School Board, Parent-Teacher Group, CAT, City) to form a partnership will need to take place to accomplish priorities.
- Alderman Leggett asked how the City assesses the streets knowing under the streets there is constant movement, there are sink holes, and new development causing streets to collapse. This is happening in real time. Assistant City Manager Lloyd replied, the City has an asset management program to handle all underground infrastructure. With the AI and the asset management programs, hopefully, at some point both technologies could be combined on the same platform to manage streets and underground infrastructure. Alderman Leggett expressed concern about the Broughton Street tunnels and other utilities and the possibility of a collapse. Mr. Lloyd stated Broughton Street was put back the right way, underground utilities in the right place, and they added compacted soil. The goal of the City is to correct any prior possible errors in development when they arise, so there will be no mishaps in the future.
- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked about the status of the pilot program on Drayton Street. Mr. Henry indicated the pilot program will be driven by crash data and high injury. Drayton and Whitaker Streets did not fall under that category. City Manage Melder discussed the possible future plans of Drayton and Whitaker Streets; i.e. lowere speed limits, one lane with a bike lane, etc.

  Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if any action will be taken on Anderson and Henry Streets. Mr. Henry replied, speed limits were lowered from 35 mph to 30 mph.

  Alderwoman Gibson-Carter discussed the concerns of Mr. Armstrong on Henry Street with City Manager Melder. Does the City have a mechanism to respond to Mr. Armstrong's complaints. Mr. Melder stated enforcement is a key element of Vision Zero. There may be a way to funnel enforcement with human behavior by engaging the police department and traffic engineering in enforcing speed limits and issuing tickets; the school zone speed cameras are an example. The City does respond to requests when there is a complaint.

  Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Mr. Lloyd, as it relates to SPLOST dollars, where were the street repairs. Mr. Lloyd indicated the table in the presentation outlined the repairs and he explained the repair process.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz commented on the positive changes from 2018. She thanked Mr. Lloyd for continuing to diligently work on solutions. Mr. Lloyd introduced and acknowledged Mr. Richard Spivey who heads up the program.

  Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked Mr. Henry, when slowing down the speed limit o neighborhood streets, how will you enforce slower traffic? City Manager Melder believe most people will comply with the lower speed limits and for those who speed, there will be more enforcement in place.
- Mayor Johnson requested an update on total street repairs from 2022. Mr. Lloyd replied the report will be completed in April and sent to Council.

  Mayor Johnson asked Mr. Henry if the DEI person participated on the Task Force (yes). Mayor Johnson discussed the differences in concrete versus asphalt; so the repairs will be different and the product looks different. Carver Village has concrete streets; the repairs make the streets look as if different products were used for repairs. To be

equitable, there should be a system to bring the repairs up to look uniform as in other areas of the City.

For the safe and complete streets initiatives, Mayor Johnson discussed prioritizing schools, parks and community centers as it relates to traffic calming. Making these locations the first priority.

Mayor Johnson encouraged City Manager Melder to continue conversations with the State and Ports as it relates to heavy trucks and buses riding on roads not designed for their use. Equity would mean building roads to withstand the heavier weights.

- Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if there are bike lanes on the Southside. Mr. Henry replied yes and named the streets (Windsor Road, White Bluff to Largo, Largo, and Windsor to Park). She asked if the bike lanes will be extended on the Southside (Middleground Road side). City Manager Melder indicated, that area is included with the Truman Trail, Phase IIB and the Middleground Road section is on the work plan for this year.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Palumbo discussed the State transportation full funding through the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) expansion of Tide-to-Town; Middleground Road bike trail.
- Alderwoman Lanier discussed pedestrian behavior and their lack of attention in the streets. She asked if there is any type of education offered. Mr. Henry replied the education starts in the schools and there are local campaigns for visitors. Alderwoman Lanier recommended additional signage.

  Alderwoman Lanier expressed concern for equity as it relates to traffic calming priorities with regards to devices in low wealth areas. Alderwoman Lanier asked when did the City move from subjectivity to objectivity. Mr. Lloyd replied, in 2020. She expressed concern that the State has approved increased weight for 8-wheeler trucks which will cause more weight on City streets. Alderwoman Lanier and Mr. Lloyd discussed the AI scan as it relates to timing of repaving streets, longevity (deterioration) of paved streets, and how the City/AI scan prioritizes which streets should be paved. Alderwoman Lanier encouraged City Manager Melder to conduct another AI scan soon. Mr. Melder responded the City has set an industry standard rate at every three years.

  Mayor Johnson indicated Mike Vaquer of the Vaquer Firm stated a House Bill for increased weights for 18-wheeler trucks was sent back to Committee.
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Mr. Lloyd if the AI scan program reads concrete as well as asphalt. Mr. Lloyd replied the program only cares about the quality of the road surface, it reads both. She expressed concern that the roads in West Savannah are not being repaved.

The PowerPoint presentation is on file and available for viewing in the Clerk of Council's office.

2. Roadbotics

Exhibit 1: Roadbotics Presentation.pptx

PRESENTED by City Manager Melder and Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd.

Following the presentation, there were comments and questions by Council:

SEE ITEM #1

The PowerPoint presentation is on file and available for viewing in the Clerk of Council's office.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Workshop at 6:04 p.m.

A video recording of the workshop can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

https://savannahgovtv.viebit.com/player.php?hash=trad17iK2TeK

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: March 9, 2023

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FEBRUARY 23, 2023, 6:30 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at **6:32 p.m.** Mayor Johnson recognized **Alderwoman 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
Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1
Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2
Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2
Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman
Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem
Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

As a point of personal privilege, Mayor Johnson announced in the State of Georgia, February 23, 2023, is designated as 'The Ahmaud Arbery Day'. This is the day he lost his life three years ago. February 23 will forever be known annually in the State of Georgia as "The Ahmaud Arbery Day".

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for February 23, 2023.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the regular meeting agenda for February 23, 2023, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed 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.

Exhibit 1: DRAFT MINUTES_February 7, 2023 City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on February 7, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - February 7, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS

4. An Appearance by Dr. Bonzo Reddick, the Newly Appointed Health Director of the Coastal Health District.

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson, and he stated that the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Public Health Dr. Kathleen Toomey appointed Dr. Reddick as the District Health Director for the Savannah area.

A brief background was provided by Mayor Johnson of Dr. Reddick's education and career accomplishments. Dr. Reddick is a native of Savannah and was happy and honored to be back home to serve the residents of the coastal district. He thanked the Mayor and City Council for the recognition and indicated he can be reached by contacting Public Information Officer Ginger Heidel. Dr. Reddick introduced his two children, Juliana and Gavin.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

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).

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Sloppee Toppee.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Sloppee Toppee.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Sloppee Toppee.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Sloppee Toppee.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Sloppee Toppee.pdf

Exhibit 6: SPD Memo to the City Manager - Sloppee Toppee.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearing open for Item #5.

City Manager Melder recommended denial of Item #5. The applicant currently has an alcohol license for another establishment; however, City Manager Melder expressed his concerns with information received from Savannah Police Department (SPD) on a routine background check for alcohol license. The applicant is currently under federal indictment for charges that he felt disqualify her for an alcohol license.

Speaker(s):

- Jacqueline Somesso, applicant (spoke 3 times) - Applicant explained she faced the same allegations by the State, but they were dismissed. Ms. Somesso stated the federal charges/allegations, will be dismissed. Charges were related to a love relationship, whereby the applicant admitted was the wrong choice, but she was not involved in his activities and she since has dissolved the relationship.

  Ms. Somesso asked Council to approve the alcohol license to permit her to sell/operat the Sloppee Toppee Restaurant much like the current establishment she operates, Liquid Cafe.

  Ms. Somesso indicated she reached out to the neighborhood association and a meeting was scheduled, but canceled. She also stated that she reached out to the District Alderman for a meeting with the neighborhood association prior to today's meeting, but received no response. Ms. Somesso stated she has been in business for 25 years, employs numerous residents, has a mentorship program and is active in the community. She introduced Derrick Law Staton, as the responsible party on the alcohol application, and the manager and operator of the restaurant.

- Tony Riley, IN SUPPORT. Mr. Riley stated due to his former candidacy for County Commissioner, on the application for public office the question is asked have you committed a crime of moral turpitude. Ms. Somesso has not been adjudicated of a crime; therefore, she should be qualified for an alcohol license.
- Mayor Johnson asked City Attorney Lovett to address the alcohol license application versus running for a public office as it relates to moral turpitude.
- Attorney Lovett stated, when running for public office you cannot be convicted of moral turpitude (as per the legal definition). For Ms. Somesso, it is discretionary decision for Council. An alcohol license is a privilege not a right. She has checked all the boxes to appear before Council to request an alcohol license. Based on all the information provided on the application and provided by the City Manager, Council will render it's discretionary vote.
- Nancy Maia (Victorian Neighborhoods Association) – OPPOSED

Written comment(s) received:

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

Mayor Johnson asked City Manager Melder if his recommendation was based on findings related to the current establishment owned by Ms. Somesso. Mr. Melder indicated his recommendation is based solely on the current federal indictment for the new alcohol license application.

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearing for Item #5, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to reopen the alcohol hearing, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

c. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearing for Item #5, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

d. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Item #5. The motion was not voted upon.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked City Manager Melder if Liquid Cafe, in the 5th District, has any violations from SPD. Mr. Melder replied, there are a list of violations from SPD dating back to 2007. Recent violations from Revenue reveal returned checks, calls concerning Liquid Cafe and Sloppee Toppee (old location), but City Manager Melder indicated his current recommendation for denial is directly related to the serious federal charges against Ms. Somesso; conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute controlled substances, cocaine methenamine cocaine base, heroin, marijuana, maintaining a drug involved premises, bank fraud, possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance cocaine, possession of a firearm in furtherance of a drug trafficking crime. Mr. Melder indicated if the applicants charges are dropped or dismissed, his recommendations to Council may change.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz discussed her knowledge of the Liquid Cafe and Ms. Somesso's operation of the business. She has first-hand experience working with Ms. Somesso in the 5th District and has no problem with her style of operating a business.

Since the State charges have been dropped and Ms. Somesso expects the federal charges to be dropped, Mayor Johnson asked Ms. Somesso would she like to pause Council's decision after the federal charges are dropped. Today, Council will vote on the information presented (by City Manager Melder). Ms. Somesso stated since Mr. Staton is the responsible party on the alcohol application, she did not understand why the federal charges against her are a factor. City Attorney Lovett explained, Mr. Staton is listed as a responsible party and the manager, but Ms. Somesso is the applicant and the alcohol license is issued to the applicant.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated to Ms. Somesso, Sloppee Toppee was located on Liberty Street. Did the alcohol license get revoked (no). City Attorney Lovett replied, in 2018 or 2019, City Council changed the transfer law such that alcohol licenses or business ownership cannot be transferred to another location or to a new owner. You must apply for a new alcohol license.

Alderwoman Lanier asked when the charges occurred (City Attorney Lovett replied, allegedly in 2019). Alderwoman Lanier asked why did Council grant Ms. Somesso an alcohol license

in January 2023 for her other location. Attorney Lovett replied, because the indictment was just recently unsealed. Alderwoman Lanier stated, if the applicant met the requirements, she should be granted the license.

Alderman Palumbo stated judgment of the applicant is the purview of Council. It is Council's responsibility to take into consideration all factors based on location, frequency of alcoholic establishments, the background, character, and moral turpitude of the applicant in determining issuance of an alcohol license.

Alderman Leggett stated the neighborhood association as well as the neighbors are not targeting minorities or small business, but the issue is the quality of life in the Victorian District. Is this a bar or restaurant, the neighborhood has no objection to a restaurant. Every district and each neighborhood is different, but as Alderman of th 2nd District, he must listen to the residents.

Alderwoman Lanier expressed how complexions of communities are changing and the neighborhoods are requesting safe eating and meeting places. The alleged charges have not been proven at this location, and Ms. Somesso has proven herself a good business woman and community advocate.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked Ms. Somesso if she could wait until the alleged charges are dropped, as Mayor Johnson suggested, before pursuing the alcohol license for Sloppee Toppee. Ms. Somesso stated she appeared today to defend herself for the alcohol license.

Alderwoman Lanier called for the vote.

An unnamed man in a wheel chair expressed appreciation for Ms. Somesso's establishment and supports her request for an alcohol license.

Mayor Johnson asked Alderman Leggett if the neighborhood association and Ms. Somesso met to discuss the neighborhood concerns about a restaurant becoming a club. Alderman Leggett indicated there was no meeting. Mayor Johnson indicated, Council encourages the applicant and neighborhood association meet prior to coming before Council. Communication is very important before decisions are made. Is there an opportunity for the neighborhood association and the applicant to meet and discuss concerns and possibl establish a good neighbor agreement. Ms. Maia and Ms. Somesso agreed to meet.

e. Alderman Leggett made a motion to continue Item #5 for two weeks (March 9, 2023, City Council meeting) to allow time for a good neighbor agreement, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed concern that Ms. Somesso will only be able to serve beer and wine if she only operates a restaurant.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concern that Ms. Somesso will miss an opportunity to participate in the St. Patrick's Day Holiday thereby realizing increased revenue for the year. She discussed the responsibilities of the Council to unify the community rather than make divisions. She apologized to Ms. Somesso on behalf of the entire Council for any slander she may have experienced during the meeting and congratulated her on keeping her head high.

Alderman Purtee asked how many calls were made for the Liquid Cafe. City Manager Melder agreed to forward the information to Council.

f. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Item #5 with a good neighbor agreement or contingencies to be entered into after approval, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion failed, 3-6-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely an Alderwoman Lanier voted yes. Mayor Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Alderman Palumbo and Alderman Purtee voted no.

Mayor Johnson asked Alderman Leggett to facilitate the meeting between Ms. Somesso and Ms. Maia.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked how will the motion to continue Item #5 to the March 9, 2023, Council Meeting affect Ms. Somesso's business as it relates to the St. Patrick's Day Holiday. Ms. Judee Jones indicated a State alcohol license will be necessary to sell alcohol. The State is currently in a renewal period, so a time definite is uncertain for approval. Mayor Johnson indicated, if the alcohol license was approved today by City Council, there is no

guarantee it would make the date required for the St. Patrick's Day Holiday. Ms. Jones agreed.

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.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Korea Garden.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Korea Garden.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Korea Garden.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Korea Garden.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Korea Garden.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearing open for Item #6.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderman Palumbo moved to close the alcohol hearing for Item #6, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #6, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed 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).

Exhibit 1: City of Savannah Methodology Report Revised as of 02.17.23.pdf

Exhibit 2: City of Savannah Capital Improvements Element Final Document.pdf

Exhibit 3: City of Savannah Capital Improvements Element Approval 01.19.2023.pdf

Exhibit 4: Proposed Redlined Version of the Savannah Impact Fee Ordinance and Maximum Fee Schedule as of 02.17.2023.pdf

Exhibit 5: Proposed Final Version of the Savannah Impact Fee Ordinance and Maximum Fee Schedule as of 02.17.2023.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for #7.

City Manager Melder thanked consultants, staff and advisory committee for all the work and assistance on the impact fee ordinance over the past year. There are four items on the agenda related to impact fees: (1). public hearings #2; (2). consideration of the Capital Improvement Element (CIE) which includes the capital improvement projects and the percentages of those projects which will be paid for by impact fees based on the City's current level of service; (3). consideration of the impact fee ordinance (the highest fee has been reduced by 25%); and (4). consideration of an exemption for affordable housing projects from payment of development impact fees. City Manager Melder's recommendation is an adoption of impact fees as proposed or no adoption.

Speaker(s):

- John Mowry (Home Builders Assoc.) – OPPOSED
- Keri Martin (Home Builders Assoc.) – OPPOSED
- Ben Wall Jr. (garbage man and developer) – OPPOSED
- Blake Greco and Daniel Ben-Yisrael – OPPOSED
- William Ross, consultant

Written comment(s) received:

- Mike Vaquer, on behalf of Home Builders Assoc. - OPPOSED

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan expressed her concern for housing that is affordable. The burden of infrastructure and services for a new community should not be the responsibility of all taxpayers. Residents of new communities should bear some of the burden of expense for their community. She asked City Manager Melder to explain how affordable housing would be affected if the impact fee ordinance is approved. City Manager Melder replied, there is a Resolution on the agenda to exempt affordable housing from payment of development impact fees (up to 25%) for Council's consideration.

Alderman Palumbo discussed impact fees as it relates to the effectiveness of how taxpayers and homeowners will be affected. New growth does not pay for itself; this is a blunt tool that will affect everyone. Alderman Palumbo stated there are better places to raise revenue. He recommends extending Council's decision, at least until we see what will happen to House Bill 514 that would at least exempt affordable housing and workforce housing from impact fees.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz read a statement as it relates to impact fees. She thanked everyone involved in the research and preparation of the impact fee ordinance. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz recommended a review of the impact fee after 24-36 months to analyze it's effectiveness, if approved.

Alderwoman Lanier discussed new growth and development as it relates to the City's responsibility to put policies (equity policies) in place to change the trajectory of automatic poverty. New growth and development should be shared by people who will benefit instead of the entire City.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the money collected in a specific geographical area must be spent in that area. Consultant William Ross replied, no law requires money collected in that area needs to be spent in that area. Council will prioritize where the money is spent a collected. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder what would be the nex step if the impact fee ordinance fails. City Manager Melder replied, the growth will continue so the City will need to provide public infrastructure and public services. The City will need to provide resources from other revenue; property taxes, sales taxes, the City's portion of hotel/motel taxes, and other franchise fees. Mr. Melder discussed the many aspects of impact fees as it relates to all types of land use and single family homes. Alderwoman Miller Blakely commented, if SCAD (Savannah College of Arts & Design) had paid taxes to the City, there would probably not be a need for an impact fee ordinance.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if there is an opportunity to exempt existing projects. City Manager Melder, cited section 3, page 3 of the ordinance, to grandfather existing projects. She asked when the consultant firm was hired, September 9, 2021. Was that a unanimous vote (yes). Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked the amount paid to the consultants (up to $92,000.).

Alderman Purtee discussed the changes in the 6th District (Sweetwater Station and Windsor Forest) and the lack of infrastructure and traffic calming. The established residents should not be burdened with the expense of new developed communities.

Mayor Johnson thanked the Home Builders Association for their participation. He discussed the unexpected growth experienced in District 1 (Godley Station area). Development shoul help pay for itself. The City has a responsibility to help provide and prepare fo exponential development.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the public hearing for Item #7, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion closed 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).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 1401 Paulsen Street (File No. 22-005905-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 1401 Paulsen Street (File No. 22-005905-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Photos of 1401 Paulsen Street (File No. 22-005905-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 4: The Laundry Concept.pdf

Exhibit 5: Draft Ordinance for 1401 Paulsen Street (File No. 22-005905-ZA).pdf

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

Speaker(s):

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

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if this is a nightclub. Attorney Yellin explained the Stat brewery license law and replied, it is operated as an American style diner.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if a background check was completed. City Manager Melder replied, yes.

Alderman Leggett moved to close the zoning hearings for Items #8 and #9, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed 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).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 1401 Paulsen Street (File No. 22-005906-ZA) - Revised.pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps - 1401 Paulsen Street (File No. 22-005905-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Photos - 1401 Paulsen Street (File No. 22-005905-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 4: The Laundry Concept - 1401 Paulsen Street.pdf

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

HEARD after Item #11.

Speaker(s):

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

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the zoning hearings for Items #8 and #9, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #9 with conditions (special use permit), seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed 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 has requested to continue until March 9, 2023.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to continue Item #10 to the March 9, 2023, City Council Meeting at the request of the petitioner, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

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).

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Exhibit 4: The Laundry Concept.pdf

Exhibit 5: Draft Ordinance for 1401 Paulsen Street (File No. 22-005905-ZA).pdf

HEARD after Item #8.

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #11, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

12. Adoption of the Impact Fee Ordinance. (Note: The Resolution to Adopt Capital Improvements Element must occur prior to approving this item).

Exhibit 1: City of Savannah Methodology Report Revised 02172023.pdf

Exhibit 2: City of Savannah Capital Improvements Element Final Document.pdf

Exhibit 3: Compliance with the Development Impact Fee Act (01192023).pdf

Exhibit 4: Proposed Final Version of the Savannah Impact Fee Ordinance and Maximum Fee Schedule as of 02172023.pdf

HEARD after Item #21.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #12, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderman Palumbo voted no.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

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)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Street Sweeper Brooms.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Street Sweeper Brooms.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13 through #20, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed 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)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Aluminum Sulfate.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Aluminum Sulfate.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13 through #20, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

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)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Sidewalk, Curb, and Cobblestone.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Sidewalk, Curb, and Cobblestone.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13 through #20, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed 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)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Guy Minick Complex Field Lights.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Guy Minick Complex Field Lights.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13 through #20, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed 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)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Heavy Equipment Rental.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Heavy Equipment Rental.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13 through #20, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed 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)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Pharmacy Benefit Manager.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Pharmacy Benefit Manager.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13 through #20, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed 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)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Armed Security Modification.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Armed Security Modification.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder if Sunstates Security is paying their employees at least $15.00/hour. (The minimum paid salary is $17.00/hour).

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13 through #20, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed 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)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Fire Apparatus.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Fire Apparatus.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13 through #20, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

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).

Exhibit 1: Proposed Resolution to Adopt the Capital Improvements Element.pdf

Exhibit 2: Compliance with the Development Impact Fee Act (01192023).pdf

Exhibit 3: City of Savannah Capital Improvements Element Final Document.pdf

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #21, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderman Palumbo voted no.

Alderwoman Lanier questioned the use of 'so moved'. Clerk of Council Massey stated 'so moved' is considered improper. It is requested to use, 'make a motion to' or 'make a motion that'. Mayor Johnson indicated he accepted 'so moved' in this case.

b. Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #21, seconded by Mayor Johnson and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderman Palumbo voted no.

22. Adoption of a Resolution to Exempt Affordable Housing from the Payment of Development Impact Fees as Outlined.

Exhibit 1: Proposed Resolution to Adopt the Affordable Housing Exemption Resolution - Red Line Version.pdf

Exhibit 2: Proposed Resolution to Adopt the Affordable Housing Exemption Resolution - Revised.pdf

HEARD after Item #12.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #22, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

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.

Exhibit 1: Map - 2100 Little Neck Rd .pdf

Exhibit 2: Recorded Plat - 2100 Little Neck Rd. .pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #23, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed 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.

Exhibit 1: Map Attachment - 1900 E. Victory Drive.pdf

Exhibit 2: Fourth Amendment - 1900 E. Victory Drive.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder the monthly lease amount. City Manager Melder replied, $662.67 monthly to cover prorated expenses, but the City has occupied the space for years at no charge to the City.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan congratulated Major Young on her promotion; there is another Eastside Captain serving in the 3rd District.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #24, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

25. Settlement #1

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney's office to resolve the claim of Terrell Jones (worker's compensation matter) 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.

Exhibit 1: Signed Board Recommendation for Mamie Williams Marker.pdf

Exhibit 2: HSMC Submittal Packet for Mamie George Williams Marker.pdf

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan included, Ms. Williams was able to register 40,000 black females to vote, a rare accomplishment in those times.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #26, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed 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.

HEARD after Item #4.

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson.

Coach Ricciari introduced the five girl team and gave a brief description of the cross country terrain. One of the members of the team, Margaret Wade, won the individual state cross country crown in the GHSA Class 2A 3.1 mile course. Coach Ricciari thank Mayor and Council for the recogonition.

28. Added Item - Savannah Airport Commission - Approval to Execute a 5-Year Contract with Sterling Seacrest Pritchard, in the Amount of $506,000.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve item #28, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Alderwoman Lanier announced and invited the public to the 5th Annual Weeping Time Festival on Saturday, March 4, 2023, in Waterworks Park near the Enmarket Arena. Alderwoman Lanier wished Alderwoman Gibson-Carter a Happy Birthday.

Aldewoman Wilder-Bryan thanked the sanitation deparment (Gene Prevatt). Rock-the-Block starts in March.

Alderman Leggett honored the life of Coach Aubrey Whiting. He coached Little League Football for the Boys Club. He passed this morning. Condolences to his family. Alderman Leggett asked the public to continue to celebrate the Hurricane Basketball Team, number one in the Region for semi-pro teams. He thanked City Manager Melder and staff for moving quickly to help preserve the baseball season for local youth.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recognized the life work of long-time activist and communit advocate Clara Mae Curry who passed earlier this month. She invited the public out to Morrisville at Daffin Park, Sunday from 1:00pm to 4:00pm for Fit Over Fifty.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz sent condolences to the family of Clara Mae Curry. She thanked the seniors in the 5th District for 'Love In The Air' for Valentines Day. She thanked City Manager Melder and staff for recreation reimagined.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely sent condolences to the family of Booker T, services are this Saturday at St. Paul at 11:00am.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz expressed sympathy on the passing of one of her mentors and sent condolences to Clerk of Council Massey, his mother and family on the passing of 'Tommy Dortch' (his step-father). He was a mentor to many in Georgia and across the Nation. She will attend the services this Saturday, February 25, 2023 at 11:00am in Atlanta. Mayor Johnson sent his condolences to Ms. Dortch and family.

Mayor Johnson announced that Saturday on behalf of 100% Savannah, there will be an event, 10:00am - 1:00pm at Savannah Gardens, 520 East Crescent Street, food, music and community resources. Bring a copy of your Georgia Power bill to see if your eligible for free energy efficiency programs.

Mayor Johnson announced on Monday, February 27th, the Today Show will do a segment fror Savannah. More information will be provided tomorrow. Mayor Johnson and WSAV-TV News Anchorwoman Kim Gusby will highlight Savannah to the World as a place to come. The segment will only be 3-4 minutes, but it will be watched around the World. The public is invited to come out to support the segment (possibly Forsyth Park). Aldermen/Alderwomen will receive more information.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 9:27 p.m.

A video recording of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

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MARCH 9, 2023, 12:00 p.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 12:00 p.m. Alderman/Vice Chairman Palumbo recognized Alderman Purtee to offer a prayer.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1
Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2
Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2
Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman
Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ABSENT:

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

Alderman Palumbo announced Mayor Johnson and Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz were on their way to the Work Shop.

Vice-Chairman Palumbo called the work shop to order.

Workshop Agenda Items

1. Saint Patrick's Day Celebration/Festival Ordinance

Exhibit 1: St. Patrick's Day Celebration.pptx

PRESENTED after the Parklets Program presentation, by City Manager Melder, Special Events, Film & Tourism Senior Director Susan Broker, Police Sergeant Jason Pagliaro, and Fire Chief Kitchen. Police Chief Gunther, Senior Director, Park and Tree Gordon Denney, Director Henry, Director of Parking Services Sean Brandon, and Assistant Director of Special Events, Film & Tourism Eddie Grant were available for any questions or concerns.

City Manager Melder indicated the information is related to St. Patrick's Day and St. Patrick's Day related facilities as it relates to City operations during the festivities. The City is expecting large crowds for the weekend with local hotels currently at or near capacity.

Ms. Broker requested Council's consideration to enact the festival ordinance for March 17 and 18, 2023 on todays agenda. Parade Chairman and the Grand Marshal will ask Counc for the 2023 parade permit at the regular meeting.

Following the presentation, there were questions and comments from members of the City Council:

- Mayor Johnson expressed concern of bathroom use. Businesses along the parade route won't allow use. Mayor Johnson recommended a meeting with local businesses for a partnership to give consideration to City officials/employees for use of their bathroom facilities along the parade route. City Manager Melder indicated staff is currently working with local businesses for a partnership.
- Alderwoman Lanier expressed concern for the following: 1.) Where the current design standards shown to Council last year (no); 2.) Where are the boundaries for Parklets (anywhere in the City on local roads, but must meet the requirements; 3.) Is the St. Patrick's Day green dye staining (no); 4.) The extended southern boundary of the zone, any pushback or feedback (no negative feedback); and 5.) What is the total City budget for the St. Patrick's Celebration ($260,000.00).
- Mayor Johnson requested the hotel/motel and related income from last year. City Manager Melder will provide Council with the income totals. He indicated, no charges are made to any of the parades which the City helps to sponsor.
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked: 1.) Will the trash marshals be paid (yes, they are Cit employees); 2.) Will the presentation information be available to the public, includin permitting and parking availability (yes, through mass media outlets); 3.) What othe foundation will be green (all fountains from River Street to and including Forsyth Park); and 4.) For the Juneteenth Celebration, there is a request to color the fountains. Ms. Jackson of the Daughters of Mary Magdalene requested the fountains red for Juneteenth, and if not red, then possibly green. City Manager Melder received Ms. Jackson's letter of request and asked staff to investigate the possibilities of a safe dye. If red cannot be used, staff would look at using the green.
- Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan expressed concern for the squares along the parade zones and asked about the strategies for police and security (this year Deputy Marshals will work in the squares to issue ordinance violations/tickets. If there is an incident, the Marshals are in direct contact with the command center). Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked, since the Marshals are not police, does the City expect any pushback from citation/ticket recipients (there will be at least two officers in every square to handle the criminal element).
- Alderman Leggett asked about the status of motor coaches, RV's and campers (RV's only allowed at Visitors Center. If vehicles cannot fit in marked spaces, they cannot park).
- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked what is the City doing in regards to child sex trafficking, rape, sexual assaults, DUI's, and underage drinking. Since the last two years there has been a 30% increase. Has the City prepared any new strategies. Cit Manager Melder indicated a meeting with alcohol license holders and bar owners took place to discuss the need for partnership for public safety. There will be an enormous amount of police presence downtown during the St. Patrick's Day celebration. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter discussed the correlation between alcohol, underage drinking, sex assault and sex trafficking, and the programs and policies the City can establish to help prevent burdening the police officers. City Manager Melder agreed with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter that upstream prevention is the best practice and the City is moving in that direction.
- Alderwoman Lanier stated the City is being defaced with graffiti, its everywhere. City Manager Melder indicated the City will be having all the stakeholders to meet and

discuss how to resolve the issue.

- Alderman Purtee asked Police Chief Gunther if sexual assaults were up 30%. Chief Gunther will send Council the statistics. City Manager Melder indicated he sends Council a weekly crime update. Alderman Purtee indicated, if there is an increase of 30%, Council should be made aware of the increase.
- Mayor Johnson stated there is a renewed partnership with the Savannah Inter Agency Council which leads the way in terms of human trafficking, the City has extended more police being engaged in that area of training. It doesn't just happen on St. Patrick's Day, it's an everyday issue.
- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter presented to City Attorney Lovett information pertaining to several accidents on Broughton Street involving bollards. City Manager Melder indicated staff is monitoring the area for incidents, but everything is to code. Alderman Palumbo indicated the purpose of the wide turnouts is for the pedestrians safety. Staff will review data and make any necessary corrections.

Mayor Johnson addressed the Police Chief and Fire Chief: "That was some of the worst basketball playing I've ever seen!" As Mayor, he is ordering a rematch at the Grant Center (opening in May).

The PowerPoint presentation is on file and available for viewing in the Clerk of Council's office.

2. Parklets Program

Exhibit 1: Parklet Program.pdf

PRESENTED by City Manager Melder and Special Events, Film & Tourism Senior Director Susan Broker.

City Manager Melder opened the workshop with the Parklets Program which included feedback requested by City Council late last year. He introduced Susan Broker to begin the presentation on the Parklets Program and indicated the St. Patrick's Day logistics and safety plan will follow.

Both The Parklets Program and St. Patrick's Day Celebration have an ordinance on today's agenda for Council's consideration.

Ms. Broker asked for Council's consideration of the regulatory requirements of the Parklets Program Ordinance on today's agenda.

Following the presentation, there were questions and comments from members of the City Council:

See Item #1 for comments and questions.

The PowerPoint presentation is on file and available for viewing in the Clerk of Council's office.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Workshop at 1:26 p.m.

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

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MARCH 9, 2023, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at **2:05 p.m.** Mayor Johnson recognized **Alderman Detric Leggett** who introduced **Pastor Andre J. Osborne of First Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church** to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1
Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2
Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2
Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman
Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ABSENT:

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for March 9, 2023.

Alderman Palumbo moved to adopt/approve the Regular Meeting Agenda for March 9, 2023, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on February 23, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

Exhibit 1: WS DRAFT MINUTES_February 23, 2023 City Council Workshop.pdf

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on February 23, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Exhibit1: RM DRAFT MINUTES - February 23, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem D Shabazz was absent.

PRESENTATIONS

4. Appearance by the Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee Grand Marshal and His Aides, and Presentation of the 2023 Saint Patrick's Day Parade Permit by Mayor Van R. Johnson II. The parade will be held on March 17, 2023.

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to the parade committee members, including the Parade Committee General Chairman Ashley Norris and Parade Grand Marshal George Schwartz.

General Chairman Norris expressed his gratitude for being able to have the St. Patrick's Day celebration and parade. He introduced Committee Member Martin Hogan who read a message in Irish. General Chairman Norris introduced members of his Executive Committee and 2023 Grand Marshall George Schwartz. Grand Marshall Schwartz introduced his wife, Sherry, his Aides, and Chaplin Father O'Brien. He asked the Mayor and Aldermen/Alderwomen for the 2023 St. Patrick's Day Parade Permit. Mayor Johnson presented the parade permit to Grand Marshall Schwartz.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #4, the parade permit, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

5. Appearance by Gene Dobbs Bradford, Executive Director of the Savannah Music Festival, to Provide a Preview of the 2023 Savannah Music Festival.

INTRODUCED by Mayor Johnson.

Executive Director Gene Dobbs Bradford provided highlights of the Savannah Music Festival including the names of performers, and locations across the City. The 2023 Savannah Music Festival takes place March 23 through April 8, 2023.

6. Appearance by Maria Center, Executive Director of the Southeast Georgia Chapter of the American Red Cross, and a Proclamation Designating the Month of March as American Red Cross Month.

INTRODUCED by Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd, Proclamation READ by Mayor Johnson, and PRESENTED to Maria Center.

Assistant City Manager Lloyd, as Mission and Outreach Coordinator of the Board, shared background information of Ms. Center's career serving the community and residents of Savannah.

Ms. Center thanked Mayor and Council for the recognition and invited the them to 'Sound the Alarm' on Saturday, April 29, 2023, at Connors Temple Baptist Church. Savannah Fire Department are partnering with the Red Cross to provide fire safety education and free smoke alarm installation in various communities. The Red Cross provides the smoke detectors and the fire department installs them.

7. Appearance by and Recognition of Matson Foundation's $2,500 Donation into the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund.

PRESENTED by Executive Director of Community Housing Services Agency (CHSA) Anita Smith-Dixon to the City on behalf of Matson Logistic.

Ms. Smith-Dixon introduced Executive Director of Housing Savannah Inc. Laura Lane McKinnon, Board Member Naomi Brown, CHSA Administrative Coordinator Adela Smith, and Chairman and Board Member Jay Melder to accept the $2,500.00 donation from Matson Logistic for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund.

8. Appearance by and Recognition of Savannah Agenda's $3,000 Donation into the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund.

Ms. Smith-Dixon introduced Executive Director of Housing Savannah Inc. Laura Lane McKinnon, Board Member Naomi Brown, CHSA Administrative Coordinator Adela Smith, and Chairman and Board Member Jay Melder to accept a $3,000.00 donation from Savannah Agenda's Author Eric Curl collecting half of the funds from individual residents of the City for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund.

Ms. McKinnon reported the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund has collected, year-to-date, $1,045,500.00.

Alderman Palumbo congratulated Mr. Curl on his accomplishments.

9. Appearance by the City of Savannah Purchasing Department to Recognize March as Procurement Month.

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and City Manager Melder to Purchasing Director Johnnie Coker and staff members Cory Miller, Tiffany Daniels and Vernell Mitchell (3 staff members were unable to attend).

City Manager Melder stated, March is procurement month and the City's purchasing department does an outstanding job of dedicated public service.

Following the introduction of team members, Director Coker thanked Mayor, Council and staff for the recognition of the purchasing department.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recognized March as International Women's Month and March 8, 2023, as International Women's Day. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan recognized the women working at the City of Savannah and thanked them for their service.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

10. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Gary High for Bellwether House, a Bed and Breakfast Inn at 211 East Gaston Street between Abercorn and Lincoln Streets in Aldermanic District 2. Continued from the February 7, 2023 Council Meeting.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Bellwether House.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Bellwether House.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Bellwether House.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Bellwether House.pdf

Exhibit 5: Bellwether House Security Plan.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #10 through #15.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderman Palumbo moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #10 through #15, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #10, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously , 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

11. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales and a Class A (Beer, Wine) (Caterer) Alcohol License to Ryan Williamson for Wildflower Cafe on Telfair Square, a Restaurant Located at 207 West Oglethorpe Avenue. The establishment is located between Barnard and Jefferson Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Wildflower Cafe on Telfair Square.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Wildflower Cafe on Telfair Square.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Wildflower Cafe on Telfair Square.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Wildflower Cafe on Telfair Square.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Wildflower Cafe on Telfair Square.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #10 through #15.

Speaker(s):

- Judee Jones, Revenue Department
- Ryan Williamson, applicant/petitioner

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concern about how management calculated the ages of patrons. City Manager Melder asked Revenue Director Judee Jones to address the security plan of alcohol establishments. Ms. Jones asked petitioner, Ryan Williams to address Alderwoman Gibson-Carter's concerns. Mr. Williams indicated, servers use a patron's ID for age requirements.

a. Alderman Palumbo moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #10 through #15, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #11, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

12. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Alkesh Patel for Mall Marathon, a convenience Store Located at 8001 Waters Avenue between Mall Boulevard and Cranman Drive in Aldermanic District 4.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Mall Marathon.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Mall Marathon.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Mall Marathon.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Mall Marathon.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Mall Marathon.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #10 through #15.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderman Palumbo moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #10 through #15, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #12, #13 and #14, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

13. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Krishna Patel for Hilton Garden Inn, a Hotel Located at 5711 Abercorn Street Between Johnston Street and Janet Drive in Aldermanic District 4.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Hilton Garden Inn.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Hilton Garden Inn.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Hilton Garden Inn.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Map - Hilton Garden Inn.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Hilton Garden Inn.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #10 through #15.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderman Palumbo moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #10 through #15, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #12, #13 and #14, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

14. Approval to Add a Class C (Liquor) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to the Existing Class C (Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Yulima T. Ospina for Antojo Latino, LLC t/a Antojo Latin, a Restaurant Located at 44 Posey Street Between Abercorn Street and White Bluff Road in Aldermanic District 4.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Antojo Latino.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Antojo Latino.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Antojo Latino.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Antojo Latino.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Antojo Latino.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #10 through #15.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderman Palumbo moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #10 through #15, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #12, #13 and #14, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

15. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Sarvesh Sharma for Vishu Mart, LLC t/a Lucky's, a Convenience Store Located at 10004 Abercorn Street Between Television Circle and Montgomery Crossroad in Aldermanic District 5.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Lucky's.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Lucky's.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Lucky's.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Lucky's.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Lucky's.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #10 through #15.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderman Palumbo moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #10 through #15, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #15, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

16. 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). Continued from the February 23, 2023 Council Meeting.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Sloppee Toppee.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Sloppee Toppee.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Sloppee Toppee.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Sloppee Toppee.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Sloppee Toppee.pdf

Exhibit 6: SPD Memo to the City Manager - Sloppee Toppee.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearing open for Item #16.

This agenda item was continued from the February 23, 2023, Council Meeting, giving the petitioner and the neighborhood association an opportunity to communicate. An agreement was established and signed.

Alderman Leggett reported the petitioner, the neighborhood association, police and Alderman Leggett met at City Hall to communicate and establish a good neighbor agreement. The petitioner, Ms. Somesso, and the neighborhood association signed the good neighbor agreement. The agreement is conditional with the alcohol license.

Speaker(s):

- Nancy Maia, President, Victorian Neighborhood Association – OPPOSED
- LaRay Benton – IN SUPPORT
- Jacqueline Somesso, applicant/petitioner
- Tony Riley – IN SUPPORT

Written comment(s):

- Nancy Maia, President, Victorian Neighborhood Association – OPPOSED
- Andree Patterson – OPPOSED
- Caroline Berry – OPPOSED
- Steven A. Lietz – OPPOSED
- Trudy Herod – OPPOSED
- DNA President – OPPOSED
- Patricia Underwood – OPPOSED
- Andre Napoli – OPPOSED
- Gerald Bluett – OPPOSED
- Susan J. Gorecki – OPPOSED
- Margaret Goss – OPPOSED
- Robert Becker – OPPOSED
- Ivan Cohen – IN SUPPORT

Mayor Johnson indicated Council received a letter on March 2, 2023, from the City Manager and from the Savannah Police Department (SPD), in reference to Council's request for the history of Liquid Cafe and Sloppee Toppee. He recommended Ms. Somesso get a copy of the letter which identifies problems. He asked Ms. Somesso if she is still consistent with the signed good neighbor agreement (yes).

a. Alderman Palumbo moved to close the alcohol hearing for Item #16, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

Mayor Johnson indicated alcohol licenses are privileges and not a right. Alcohol licenses have an administrative portion and a City Council portion. The City Manager and staff perform due diligence and the City Manager gives City Council recommendations based on findings. City Manager Melder recommended denial based on pending federal indictment charges against Ms. Somesso. Mayor Johnson expressed his concerns: 1.) Holding a person accountable for pending charges and they have not been found guilty; and 2.) There are issues and concerns with the operation of the Liquid Cafe and Sloppee Toppee. If these issues existed, the City should not have renewed the alcohol license for Liquid Cafe. Mayor Johnson's position at this time is, since there is a signed good neighbor agreement, Council proceed and make the signed agreement a condition of the alcohol license. If the agreemer is not adhered to, the alcohol license will be revoked.

Alderman Palumbo asked City Manager Melder if the petitioner had a license revoked in the past. Alderman Palumbo stated, according to the Savannah Morning News in 2007 or 2008 the petitioner had a license revoked for Club Ice/Club Oz. This establishes a pattern of behavior of the petitioner showing their virtues and morale turpitude. He asked City Manager Melder to have Ms. Jones provide information on the 2007/2008 status of Club Ice/Club Oz, and forward that information to Council. City Manager Melder indicated he provided Council documentation as to his recommendation for denial, it is not controversial. Alderman Palumbo requested the calls for service from SPD for Liquid Cafe and Sloppee Toppee. City Manager Melder read the list of calls for service from a letter dated March 2, 2023.

Alderman Palumbo asked the City Attorney to explain an accusation and how a federal indictment is achieved. City Attorney Lovett provided definitions. Alderman Palumbo requested City Attorney Lovett to list the indictments against the applicant (Ms. Somesso). City Attorney Lovett read the charges. Alderman Palumbo asked if the charges happened at the Liquid Cafe. City Attorney Lovett replied, he did not note the location of the drug charges, but the money laundering and theft of PPP Loan charges were at the Liquid Cafe. Alderman Palumbo stated the applicant cited charges were against her due to guilt by association at the February 23rd City Council alcohol hearing; however, there is a charge fc Count 8 - Bank Fraud, on or about May 21, 2021, Alderman Palumbo read the charges.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter raised a point of order. Chair rules, Mayor Johnson permitted Alderman Palumbo to finish reading the charges.

Alderman Palumbo indicated the charges occurred through the alcohol license which the applicant currently holds. The applicant provided false statements to Council at the February 23, 2023, City Council alcohol hearing. The applicant is charged and charged alone. Council cannot in good conscience approve the request for an alcohol license. The charges are of the highest and most heinous nature. Alderman Palumbo highly recommends Council deny the alcohol license.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan stated an alcohol license is a privilege. The residents of the community want quality of living to remain the same when a new business enters the neighborhood. Her position will always be to give consideration to the residents who live in the community.

Alderman Leggett discussed his responsibility as an Alderman to represent the citizens of the community as well as the business owners. The quality of life must be of concern when making decisions. It's not a racial issue or an issue of monetary gain. It's an issue of quality of life within an established neighborhood.

Alderwoman Lanier stated the last business owner of the previous business in that location, Ms. Etta's restaurant, was a black female. The people that frequented that restaurant will probably frequent Sloppee Toppee. There are other black businesses in close proximity of the location. The area is changing. Alderwoman Lanier does not believe this business will change the nature or character of the community. The Treehouse is in that community, a place where a murder occurred and the City issued an alcohol license to that establishment. If the police call records were pulled for Ms. Somesso's businesses, Alderwoman Lanier requested the police call records for every establishment in the City issued an alcohol license. She discussed the to-go cups and requested the number of drunkenness cases involving to-go cups. Alderwoman Lanier requested the list of PPP Loan recipients.

Alderwoman Lanier admonished Council of being judgmental and apologized to Ms. Somesso.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated, an alcohol license is a privilege. There are less than 10 African American businesses out of 600 that have received the privilege. There is something definitely wrong with those numbers. The neighborhood association agreed to approve the alcohol license for Sloppee Toppee, and if the owner was prosecuted, the license would be revoked. It is unfair and unjust for the petitioner to be ridiculed by a Council Member. Alderwoman Miller Blakely apologized to Ms. Somesso and requested the vote on the amended motion.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter discussed the City's responsibility of creating change for diversity. The City is currently being sued for denial of alcohol licenses. She discussed the police service calls throughout the City. All citizens should be treated with dignity. In addition to Alderwoman Lanier's request for police call records for other establishments, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter requested the list of criminal background checks for all business owners with an alcohol license. It is Council's responsibility as leaders, not to shame citizens, but to see how business owners and neighborhoods can work together within the community.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan called for the vote.

Ms. Somesso stated she attended a meeting, as requested by Council, with the Victorian Neighborhood Association, where a good neighbor agreement was signed. She is here today asking Council to approve her request for the alcohol license.

Mayor Johnson indicated the owner, Ms. Somesso, has charges against her and has numerous police service calls at both establishments, Liquid Cafe and Sloppee Toppee. Since there are numerous police service calls and charges against Ms. Somesso, he recommends a re-evaluation of the alcohol license issued for Liquid Cafe. City Manager Melder indicated his recommendation for denial of Sloppee Toppee is based solely on the pending federal charges against Ms. Somesso.

Alderwoman Lanier asked for the motion to be restated.

Mayor Johnson thanked the Victorian Neighborhood Association for meeting with the petitioner and being fair.

b. Alderman Purtee moved to deny the license of Item #16, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion FAILED, 4-4-1. Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Alderman Palumbo, and Alderman Purtee voted to deny the license. Mayor Johnson, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Alderwoman Lanier voted no on the motion to deny. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

c. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to amend the motion to approve Item #16 with a good neighborhood agreement, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion was not voted upon.

d. Mayor Johnson made a friendly amendment to approve Item #16 based on the conditions of a signed good neighbor agreement and with the issuance of a conditional license that could be revoked, if the applicant was later convicted or pled guilty to indictment charges. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter accepted the friendly amendment, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion to approve with conditions FAILED, 4-4-1. Mayor Johnson, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Alderwoman Lanier voted yes on the motion to approve with conditions, as described above. Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Alderman Palumbo, and Alderman Purtee voted no on the motion to approve with conditions. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

ZONING HEARINGS

17. Petition of Robert McCorkle (Agent) on Behalf of Paul Amrein (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), Continued from the February 23, 2023 Council Meeting.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 5106 Skidaway Road (File No. 22-005903-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Photos for 5106 Skidaway (File No. 22-005903-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Maps for 5106 Skidaway Road (File No. 22-005903-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 4: Residential Conversions along Skidaway Road (File No. 22-005903-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 5: Draft Ordinance for 5106 Skidaway Road (File No. 22-5903-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearing for Item #17. (See Item #19).

Speaker(s):

- Marcus Lotson, MPC representative
- Robert McCorkle, representing the applicant

Mr. McCorkle gave a detailed description and explanation of how the owner will use the property. He asked for City Council's approval of the project.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan expressed concern of how the owner will use the property long-term. Residents are concerned with approving a specific business, if it changes into a different type business in the future.

Alderwoman Lanier asked Clerk of Council if any public comments were received in reference to Item #17 (no).

Alderwoman Lanier moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #17, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

18. Petition of Harley Krinsky to Change the Status of 301 Alice Street (PIN 20045 16001) from a Contributing to Non-contributing Structure in the Savannah Downtown Historic Overlay District. Aldermanic District 2. (File No. 22-005388-COA)

Exhibit 1: Savannah Downtown Historic District Board of Review Staff Report for 301 Alice Street (File No. 22-005388-COA).pdf

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Exhibit 3: Historic Building Map for the Savannah Historic District.pdf

Exhibit 4: Photos of 301 Alice Street.pdf

Exhibit 5: Proposed Ordinance to Revise the Savannah Downtown Historic District Contributing Resources Map (File No. 22-005388-COA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #18. (See Item #20).

Speaker(s):

- Marcus Lotson, MPC representative
- Leah Michalak, representing the Historic District Board of Review
- Ryan Jarles, Director of Preservation & Historic Properties – OPPOSED
- Harley Krinsky, applicant/petitioner
- Ralph Anderson, representing the applicant

Written comment(s):

- Ryan Jarles – OPPOSED
- Ron Melander on behalf of several neighbors – IN SUPPORT

Alderman Leggett asked the petitioner if he planned to build a single family residence on the property (yes). Alderman Leggett expressed concern for the church across the street and future use of the property changing to an alcohol business. Mr. Krinsky stated the Pastor supports a single family home on the property.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked Mr. Jarles to define for the public the definitions of contributing and non-contributing factors. Mr. Jarles stated any structure built before 1973 is considered historic and the cinder block is a historic material.

Mayor Johnson asked if the concern is more about this specific property or the precedent it might set. Mr. Jarles indicated, both. Mayor Johnson asked if the building is currently functioning. Mr. Krinsky replied, for the past thirty years the building has been used as a construction warehouse by owner, Ralph Anderson.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked when the building was constructed. Mr. Krinsky replied, 1953. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked for the MPC recommendation. Ms. Michala replied, the Historic District Board of Review recommended to de-list the structure.

Alderwoman Lanier asked owner, Mr. Anderson, what year he purchased the building. Mr. Anderson replied, 1991 and he was not notified the building was placed on the list of historic structures (they had the wrong mailing address). Alderwoman Lanier discussed how the building became historic and how important block buildings and tabby houses were during that time in history.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if this was the Savannah Historic Foundation. Mr. Krinsky replied, Ms. Michalak represents the Historic District Board of Review empowered by City Council for recommendations, and Mr. Jarles represents the Historic Savannah Foundation, a private funded organization expressing an opinion. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed her concern in finding the integrity and the value in the representative body, and she asked if

it is the same body who recommended the demolition of the church at East Broad and Gwinnett Streets built in the 1800's. City Manager Melder indicated the issue with that church, it was outside the purview of the Historic District Board of Review. It was not the same body, the City of Savannah allowed it.

Alderman Palumbo viewed the structure. It is a very compromised space; the entrance doors at the north and south location were replaced with an incompatible modern vinyl material; the windows were replaced; and the roof would be very difficult to replace. If it rains, the rain would probably run right through the structure. It would be very difficult to envision how the building could be restored with adequate/productive use.

Alderman Leggett moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #18, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

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Exhibit 5: Draft Ordinance for 5106 Skidaway Road (File No. 22-5903-ZA).pdf

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to deny Item #19, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed, 5-3-1. Mayor Johnson, Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Alderman Palumbo, and Alderman Purtee voting yes to deny. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Alderwoman Lanier voted no to the denial. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan stated a reconsideration would be made by residents when/if the applicant/petitioner presented a definite business plan.

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After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #20, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 5-3-1. Mayor Johnson, Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Alderman Palumbo, and Alderman Purtee voting yes. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Alderwoman Lanier voted no. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

21. First and Second Reading of the Parklet Ordinance. An Ordinance to Amend Part 6, Licensing and Regulation, Chapter 1, Business and Occupations, of the Code of the City of Savannah, Georgia to Add a New Article - JJ. - Parklets.

Parklet Ordinance.SWB.pdf

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #21, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely advised the public the Parklet Ordinance is City-wide and not just for the downtown area.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

22. Notification of an Emergency Purchase for a Pin Rack Assembly with WSG & Solutions, Inc in the Amount of $57,930. The pin rack assembly works in conjunction with the stationary bar screens which are designed to remove floating debris from incoming stormwater. (Stormwater Management)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Pin Rack Assembly.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Pin Rack Assembly.pdf

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #22, #23, and #25 through #28, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

23. Notification of an Emergency Purchase for Water Line Repairs with Sam-Jay Services (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed $99,446. The service was used to repair multiple water lines and main breaks throughout the City of Savannah. (Conveyance and Distribution)

Exhibt 1: Funding Verification - Water Line Repairs.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Water Line Repairs.pdf

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #22, #23, and #25 through #28, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Installation of Lights at the Highlands Park Walking Trail Phase 1 with Georgia Power in the Amount of $111,070. This will provide for the installation of 25 LED lights along the walking trail. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Highlands Park Walking Trail Lighting.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Highlands Park Walking Trail Lighting.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier expressed her appreciation for the walking trail lights and informed the residents of The Highlands that Phase I is moving forward.

Mayor Johnson indicated the City is trying to secure $26.5 million to alleviate the traffic congestion at Highlands and Benton Boulevards.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #24, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for Low Voltage Cabling Services with Netplanner Systems, Inc. (LOCAL) in the Amount of $73,624. This contract modification will be used by the Innovation + Technology Services Department (ITS) to procure and install the required IT infrastructure for Landmark Building Located at 6600 Abercorn Street. (ITS)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Low Voltage.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Low Voltage.pdf

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #22, #23, and #25 through #28, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Temporary Staffing with Robert Half International, Inc. (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed $125,000. The Innovation + Technology Services Department (ITS) will use the temporary staffing services to provide technical knowledge and skill in specialized computer applications for all City users. These will include software and PC upgrades, helpdesk and network services support, as well as program/project support. (ITS)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Staffing Services for ITS.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Staffing Services for ITS.pdf

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #22, #23, and #25 through #28, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

27. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Portable Radios with Motorola in an Amount Not to Exceed $225,000. This contract will be used by the Innovation + Technology Services Department's Mobile Services to purchase radios for the Savannah Police Department to replace radios that are aging and have fallen out of production. (ITS)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Motorola Portable Radios.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Motorola Portable Radios.pdf

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #22, #23, and #25 through #28, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

28. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Computer Replacements and New Purchases with Dell Marketing LP in an Amount Not to Exceed $625,750. This contract will be used by the Innovation + Technology Services Department to provide end user devices such as laptops, desktops, monitors, and rugged tablets. (ITS)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Dell Computer Replacement.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Dell Computer Replacement.pdf

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #22, #23, and #25 through #28, seconded b Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

29. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Portable Toilet Rentals with United Sites Services in an Amount Not to Exceed $122,290. This contract will be used by the Special Events, Film & Tourism Department to provide portable toilets for the St. Patrick's Festival, Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade, Veteran's Day Parade and Savannah State Home Coming Parade.(Special Events)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Portalets.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - Portalets.pdf

Mayor Johnson and City Manager Melder, spoke about equity. For years, portable toilets were provided along the St. Patrick's Day Parade only; the City staff found a way to provide

portable toilets for the other parades. Mayor Johnson thanked the City Manager for the much needed addition for other parade events.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely requested the Juneteenth Holiday be included in the contract. City Manager Melder indicated the Juneteenth Holiday will have portable toilets available for the public.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed her desire to make a motion to include the Juneteenth Holiday in Item #29 contract for portable toilets. City Manager Melder indicated the City provides for portable toilets during the Juneteenth Holiday. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked even though it is provided by the City, can it be added in Item #29. Mayor Johnson indicated that would be out of order, the City Manager stated it will be provided. City Manager Melder indicated the City provides the portable toilets for Juneteenth, so another contract will not be necessary.

Mayor Johnson moved to approve Item #29, seconded by Alderman Palumbo and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

Alderwoman Lanier asked Clerk of Council who made the motion for Item #29 (Mayor Johnson). Alderwoman Lanier stated, it was improper. Mayor Johnson indicated, he can make a motion. Clerk of Council Massey indicated the Mayor is a voting Member of Council, the motion was proper.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

30. Approval of a Sponsorship with the Savannah Ghost Pirates for the 2024 Warrior/ECHL All-Star Classic Games, in the Amount of $55,000.

HEARD after Item #9.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #30, #31 and #32, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

31. Approval for the Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport to Participate in an Advertising Campaign in New Haven, CT, to Promote Service on Avelo Airlines, in the Amount of $91,349.

HEARD after Item #9.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #30, #31 and #32, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

32. Approval to Participate in the 2023 Visit Savannah Co-Op Digital Advertising Campaign, in the Amount of $300,000.

HEARD after Item #9.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #30, #31 and #32, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

33. Enactment of Section 6-2421, also known as The Festival Ordinance of 2013.

Exhibit 1: Festival Ordinance 02172023.docx

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #33, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

REEMENTS

4. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Sweetwater Developers, LLC for Sweetwater Station Phases 8, 10 and 11. This is for a development consisting of 81 single family homes in the Gateway Service area. Also, approval of an associated railroad Facility Encroachment Agreement inclusive of cost sharing provision as stated.

Exhibit 1 : Water & Sewer Agreement - Sweetwater Phase 8 10 & 11.pdf

Exhibit 2 : Facility Encroachment Agreement.pdf

Exhibit 3 : Sweetwater-Georgetown Water Main Loop.pdf

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #34 and #35, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

35. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Sweetwater Investors, LLC for Sweetwater Station Phase 9. This is for a development consisting of 30 single family homes in the Sweetwater service area.

Exhibit 1 : Water & Sewer Agreement - Sweetwater Phase 9.pdf

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #34 and #35, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

36. Authorize the City Manager to Accept Donation of a Portion of 5111 Abercorn Street (PIN 20128 02001).

Exhibit 1: Map - 5111 Abercorn Street.pdf

Exhibit 2: Plat of Donation Area - 5111 Abercorn Street.pdf

Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #36, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1 Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

37. Settlement #1

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Items #37 and #38, to authorize the City Attorney's office to resolve the (injury) claim of Dylan Merritt for $150,000.00, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

38. Settlement #2

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Items #37 and #38, to authorize the City Attorney's office to resolve the (trip and fall) claim of Michelle Willis for $180,000.00, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

City Manager Melder wished all a safe and festive St. Patrick's Day.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 4:56 p.m.

A video recording of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

https://savannahgovtv.viebit.com/player.php?hash=oTByzb8ny9JR

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: March 23, 2023

Signature: Mark Massey

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MARCH 23, 2023, 6:30 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:32 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan who introduced Bishop Jermaine Oliver, Pastor of New Life Resurrection Church, to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

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

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for March 23, 2023.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda as amended to postpone/continue Agenda Items #11 and #13, regarding 1800 East 63rd Street, as requested by the petitioner to the April 27, 2023, City Council Meeting, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on March 9, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: WS DRAFT MINUTES_March 9, 2023 City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on March 9, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: RM DRAFT MINUTES_March 9, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS

4. Proclamation Designating the Month of March as Muscular Sclerosis Education Awareness Month.

Mayor Johnson took a moment to send condolences and prayers to the family of Revenue Department cashier, Dominique Mechell Sterling, who passed on March 18, 2023. Services will be held over the weekend.

Condolences and prayers were sent to the family of Dr. Jessica Miller Mullinex, daughter of former Alderman Julian Miller, who passed within the past few days; and to the family of Ella Louise Hammond Sims, Savannah State University Professor and long-time companion of Commissioner Bobby Lockett, who passed on March 21, 2023.

Mayor Johnson took a moment of personal privilege and asked attendees for a moment of silence in memory of those who recently passed.

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to representatives of P.R.Y.M.E.2 and M.B.H.M., Mobilizing & Balancing Health Management, Inc.

Ms. Geneva Golden, representing P.R.Y.M.E.2, accepted the proclamation and thanked Mayor and Council for the recognition. Ms. Golden announced there will be a Walk for Muscular Sclerosis on April 1, 2023.

5. Proclamation Recognizing the Month of March as Habitat for Humanity Women's Build Month.

PRESENTED and read by Mayor Johnson to Jessica Leavitt, representative of The National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC), Coastal Georgia Chapter #380. Ms. Leavitt accepted the proclamation on behalf of NAWIC and thanked Mayor and Council for the recognition. As a partner with Habitat for Humanity, Ms. Leavitt invited volunteers to come out and help with the two remaining build days. More information is available on the Habitat web page.

Alderwoman Lanier cited the motto "Girls play house, and women build them". Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked the NAWIC for continuing to lift up the banner for women in the construction industry. This allows the younger generation of women to know the building and construction industry is open for their participation and career goals.

6. Appearance by a Representative of the by the Ardsley Park/Chatham Crescent Garden Club and Recognition of their Generous Donation of $11,985 Towards the Enhancement of the Solomon and Guekenheimer Parks (Aldermanic District 4).

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson, and READ by Alderman Palumbo, to garden club representatives Trish Lawrence, Arleen Vieira, and Park and Tree Director Gordon Denney. See Item #19.

Ms. Lawrence accepted the Resolution on behalf of the fifty-member Ardsley Park/Chatham Crescent Garden Club, and thanked Mayor and Council for the recognition. The Garde Club is celebrating it's fifty-year anniversary this year. April 22, 2023, is the annual fun raiser, Tour of Homes. The public is invited. Contact Ms. Lawrence for tickets.

Mr. Denney accepted the donation and thanked the Ardsley Park/Chatham Crescent Garden Club. The donation will free-up City funds and allow for additional projects across the City.

For public knowledge, Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked for the locations of Solomon and Guekenheimer Parks. Alderman Palumbo indicated Solomon Park is located on 50th Street at Harmon Street, and Guekenheimer Park is located at Battey and 45th Streets.

7. Appearance by and Recognition of Brittni Evans, the Miss Savannah 2023 Competition Winner. (Item postponed)

NOT PRESENTED (postponed).

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

8. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Raghav Sapra for The Drayton Hotel, a Hotel Located at 7 Drayton Street Between East Bay and East Bryan Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - The Drayton Hotel.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - The Drayton Hotel.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Documents - The Drayton Hotel.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - The Drayton Hotel.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - The Drayton Hotel.pdf

Mayor Johnson took a moment of personal privilege to introduce friend and former Mayor of Augusta, Hardie Davis. They were in the class of 2006, Leadership Georgia. Mayor Davis has served in the Georgia House and Senate, and recently completed eight years as Mayor of the City of Augusta. Mayor Johnson recognized Mayor Davis for supporting the citizens of Savannah for the consecutive years when evacuation was necessary. Mayor Davis welcomed Savannah residents to the City and churches of Augusta. Mayor Davis thanked Mayor, Council, and the citizens of Savannah for the recognition and wished the City future success.

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #8 and #9.

No speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #8 and #9, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #8, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

9. Approval of Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Mital Patel for Marathon, a Convenience Store Located at 329 East Montgomery Crossroads Between Edgewater Road and Aegean Avenue in Aldermanic District 4.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Marathon.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Marathon.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Documents - Marathon.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Marathon.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Marathon.pdf

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No speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #8 and #9, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #9, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ZONING HEARINGS

10. Map Amendment for Gregory Polster (Agent) on Behalf of Polster Commercial Holdings, LLC to Rezone ~0.76 Acres Located at 11903 Middleground Road (PIN 20782 02005) from B-L (Limited Business) to OI-E (Office Institutional-Expanded) Aldermanic District 6 (File No. 23-000305-ZA).

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Exhibit 2: Maps for 11903 Middleground Road (File No. 22-000305-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for 11903 Middleground Road (File No. 23-000305-ZA).pdf

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

Speaker(s):

- Marcus Lotson, MPC representative. MPC recommended approval.

Written comment(s) received:

- Jennifer Lee Crumpton – IN SUPPORT

Alderman Purtee moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #10, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. (See #13)

11. Map Amendment for Robert McCorkle (Agent) on Behalf of Richard G. Mika and Savannah Health Services, LLC to Rezone ~20.5 Acres Located at 1800 East 63rd Street (PIN 20104 30014 and a portion of 20105 10008) from RSF-6 (Residential Single Family-6) to RMF-2-20 (Residential Multi-family-2-20 units per acre) Aldermanic District 3 (File No. 22-004421-ZA). [ITEM POSTPONED TO APRIL 13TH AT THE REQUEST OF THE PETITIONER.]

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Exhibit 4: Draft Ordinance for 1800 East 63rd Street (File No. 22-004421-ZA).pdf

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to postpone/continue Items #11 and #13 to the April 27, 2023, City Council Meeting, as requested by the petitioner, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. (See Item #1)

Written comment(s) received:

- Thomas Pigage, Jr. - OPPOSED

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

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After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #12, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

13. Map Amendment for Robert McCorkle (Agent) on Behalf of Richard G. Mika and Savannah Health Services, LLC to Rezone ~20.5 Acres Located at 1800 East 63rd Street (PIN 20104 30014 and a portion of 20105 10008) from RSF-6 (Residential Single Family-6) to RMF-2-20 (Residential Multi-family-2-20 units per acre) Aldermanic District 3 (File No. 22-004421-ZA). [ITEM POSTPONED TO APRIL 13th AT THE REQUEST OF THE PETITIONER.]

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PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of Badger Tablets from Badger Meter, Inc. in the Amount of $96,441. The Revenue Department has an immediate need to upgrade its meter reading handheld devices to ensure accuracy, transparency, and accountability in the meter reading process for services provided to the citizens of Savannah. (Revenue)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Badger Tablets.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Badger Tablets.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder if the equipment will be used in conjunction with the previous AMI reader equipment purchased by the City. City Manager Melder replied, the AMI readers do not require an actual meter reader, it is cellular based and the information can be pulled as water happens. These readers are badger products and will help advance the meter reader technology.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter discussed the many issues residents have/are facing due to water meter readings and complimented City Manager Melder on opening his office and the revenue department for residents to contact in regards to their concerns with water billing; however, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter has concerns for the changed billing cycles and the addition of an administrative/late fee ($50.00). In addition, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter has concerns for senior citizens applying for discounts and having to go to 3025 Bull Street, Senior Citizens, Inc. building, to acquire the form and then present the completed form to the revenue department. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked to make the process easier fc senior citizens. She also asked when the new meter readers will arrive. City Manage Melder indicated the AMI readers have arrived. Staff will use a phased approach for installing AMI readers and several more investments will be made to update 50,000+ water meters across the service area. He stated that this is a several year updating process. City Manager Melder will keep Council informed of the updated installations and the pilot program that is in progress. City Manager Melder explained the City has given residents a timeframe for paying the $50.00 administrative fee and the revenue department will work with residents on paying down water bill charges (payment plans). For the senior citizens discount, City Manager Melder will work with Interim Revenue Manager Dr. Jennifer Blalock in streamlining the process.

With the new equipment, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan expressed concerns of how this will effect the sixty day cycle. City Manager Melder indicated it will not effect the time-line for meter readings. The City bills bi-monthly, with 9 billing cycles, ranging from 40+ to 60 days. Billing cycles are posted on the bills.

City Manager Melder clarified, fee schedule updates are presented to Council annually for consideration. The fees are associated with rate payers, not tax payers.

Mayor Johnson indicated the City operates/provides utility services for residents and must remain solvent. Funds are required to maintain a water and/or sewer system, this will avoid any future problems.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Item #14, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for an Accounting Software Upgrade from MHC Software Holdings, Inc. in the Amount of $86,100. The Finance Department is requesting this software upgrade to provide an additional software module for document self service (DSS) for City employees and retirees. (Finance)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Accounting Software.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Accounting Software.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15, #17, and #18, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for a Learning Management System with Cornerstone OnDemand in the Amount of $104,259. This contract provides education, professional development, and learning pathways for all City of Savannah employees, to include regulatory and compliance trainings, professional development and growth training, and educational advancement. (ITS)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Learning Management System.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Learning Management System.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier expressed support of digital learning for continued education. The City is moving in the right direction making the modules accessible to employees. As the City embarks upon learning modules, there have been certain demeaning treatment of residents in marginal and low wealth areas on the West side; employees in the field are rough and gruff with residents. Elderly residents are fearful of interacting with employees. Alderwoman Lanier recommended a module to teach staff how to interact and serve vulnerable communities. Alderwoman Lanier indicated the staff of the 311 office are very good in dealing with vulnerable communities. Residents have shared their pleasure with Alderwoman Lanier on the 311 staff's interaction and service.

Mayor Johnson indicated when budgets are decreased, the first segment omitted is training; however, the City was fortunate enough to maintain training for its employees. He agrees with Alderwoman Lanier especially as it relates to explicit bias, the inclusion, diversity and equity goals set by Council can be utilized with training modules for staff.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #16, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for Barracuda's Cloud-Based Email Archive System from SHI International in the Amount of $78,000. The Department of Innovation+Technology Services uses the Barracuda message archive system to provide critical service for email filtering with advanced threat protection. This service scans and protects incoming and outgoing emails to sure that accidental or intentional malicious data is not introduced into our environment. This cloud-based service protects the integrity of the network and systems that the Innovation+Technology Services supports. (ITS)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Barracuda Cloud-Based Email Archive System Renewal.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Barracuda Cloud-Based Email Archive System Renewal.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15, #17, and #18, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

3. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Well Maintenance Services with Layne Christensen (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed $175,000. The well aintenance services will be utilized to service City wells for preventive maintenance and repairs including video inspection, flow testing, and repairs to well pumps and asings. Five wells are pulled on a cycle for complete inspection and maintenance and repairs. (Water Supply & Treatment)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Well Maintenance.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Well Maintenance.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15, #17, and #18, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

19. A Resolution Accepting the Donation of $11,985 from the Ardsley Park/Chatham Crescent Neighborhood Association Garden Club.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #19, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

20. A Resolution Accepting the Donation of $100,000 to the Savannah Fire Department from the Proper No. Twelve founded by Conor Mcgregor.

Exhibit 1: Resolution for Proper No 12 Donation to Savannah Fire Department

Mayor Johnson stated he hung out with Conor McGregor during the St. Patrick's Day celebration, and Mr. McGregor was impress with the celebration. Mayor Johnson challenged Mr. McGregor, he declined, but he donated $100,000.00 to the Savannah Fire Department from his Proper No. Twelve Brand. Fire Chief Elzie Kitchens displayed the check and expressed appreciation for the donation from Mr. McGregor.

Mayor Johnson recognized and thanked Fire Chief Elzie Kitchen and staff for assisting in the emergency last evening in The Highlands until EMS arrived an hour later.

Mayor Johnson and City Manager Melder thanked Fire Chief Kitchen, Police Chief Gunthe the Sanitation Department, Special Events, Film & Tourism and all participating staff for a exceptional successful St. Patrick's Day celebration. Thank you Team Savannah!

Mayor Johnson moved to approve Item #20, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

AGREEMENTS

21. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Teal Lake Development, LLC for Teal Lake SD Phase 2. This is for a development consisting of 42 single family homes in the Teal Lake service area.

Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Teal Lake SD Phase 2.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #21, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked the Revenue Department staff present to stand for recognition. Council thanked the Revenue Department staff for their service.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan thanked Mayor Johnson for recognizing Dominique Sterling. Mike and Janice Sterling are personal friends.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter announced 'The Jewel in You' organization, bringing awareness c domestic & sexual violence, will host a 5K race at Lake Mayer on March 25th, registration opens at 8:30 a.m. and the race begins at 9:00 a.m. March is colon/rectal cancer month, all individuals over the age of 40-45 should have an examination.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter announced Jenkins High School young men who signed for college today: Joshua Gasdon attending Allen University, Josh Pridgen attending Northern Illinois University, Troy Smith attending Shaw University, and the last will be announced by the Alderman of District 2.

Alderman Leggett announced his son, KeShon Leggett, accepted the call to Savannah State University. Alderman Leggett thanked everyone sending condolences and prayers to his family on the death of his Grandmother on Sunday. The funeral will be on Saturday morning.

Mayor Johnson announced public notice is given, some Council Members will be attending the National League of Cities (NLC) Conference in Washington, DC.

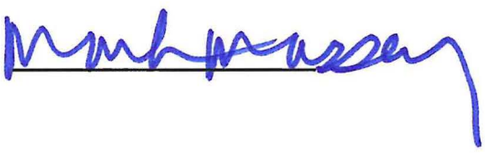
Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:35 p.m.

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

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APRIL 13, 2023, 12:00 p.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 12:01 p.m. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order and recognized Alderman Purtee to offer a prayer.

PRESENT:

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

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

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r. 100% Savannah Plan Annual Update

Exhibit 1: 100% Savannah Update.pptx

PRESENTED by City Manager Melder, Sustainability Director Nick Deffley, and Program Manager Alicia Brown, with Denise Cheeseman also present.

Mr. Deffley gave a brief background of the sustainability goals set by Council and how the department has achieved the goals set forth. He introduced Program Manager Alicia Brown for the presentation.

Following the presentation, Council participated in discussions and asked questions.

- Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked Ms. Brown to explain the partnership with The Chelsa At Five Points Apartments receiving discounted permitting fees for installation of solar panels and if the program can be incorporated for senior housing. Ms. Brown explained the partnership and welcomed other apartment complexes to reach out to the sustainability department for assistance.
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed concerns with the workforce training. There are currently fifteen students. Are there plans to increase the number of participants and how would an individual enroll? Ms. Brown stated, the fifteen students enrolled when the first class was offered. There will be additional classes offered in the future for anyone interested in enrolling. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the students in training are paid or receive a stipend. Ms. Brown indicated students are not paid during training, but on-the-job work is paid at $15.00/hour.
- Alderman Palumbo commended the sustainability team for their efforts and he is excited to se the team pursue the EPA grant of the energy efficiency program. He commended the Savanna sustainability team for being selected to lead all Georgia cities in the RFP process in savin Georgia taxpayers $1.1 billion in savings.
- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder concerning the allocation for $100,000.00 up to $1.5 million for the audit process, can the margins be narrowed to a more definitive number? City Manager Melder stated the scope of the audit depends on the various energy saving factors. He explained a method of savings the City can use during the energy savings audit. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if the Enmarket Arena would be included in the audit; Ms. Brown indicated the Arena would not be included as it is the newest structure.
- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if the City has received a payment from the Arena contractual agreement. City Manager Melder will send Council data when the payment is received (May 2023). Alderwoman Gibson-Carter commended the sustainability team on successful projects. She asked if the faith based community engagement sector previously discussed is still on the table. Ms. Brown indicated support for the faith based community efforts.
- Mayor Johnson thanked the entire Council in making sustainability a priority initiative. He thanked the sustainability team for their leadership and recognition across the State of Georgia.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked the sustainability team for their equity by keeping the least in the community and seniors on their radar, and she thanked City Manager Melder for his focus on sustainability.
- Alderwoman Lanier expressed concern for environmental injustices as it relates to low wealth residents on the Westside and the port areas. She discussed the air quality, railroad track noise, etc. that impacts the quality of life on the Westside. The concentration and funds shou be used for the residents and not buildings. The City is not concentrating on the actua environmental injustices that are happening right now.
- City Manager Melder stated Alderwoman Lanier made good points as it relates to the sustainability office working on addressing inequities that exist on the Westside, Southside and Eastside. The City takes opportunities when it can to make progress at a magnitude that will make a difference in the lives of the City's residents. Alderwoman Lanier's concerns will be applied to the City's values to try and achieve better goals.
- Alderwoman Lanier asked, in going after the environmental grant, do we have the people who are contributing to the injustices at the table and asking them to help to mitigate the issues? City Manager Melder will have the sustainability team to send a memo to Council on the engagement process, and request, along with any data used to respond to the grant.
- Mayor Johnson indicated the office of sustainability is based on partnerships. As the City continues to raise its profile while maintaining its value and objectives; we must take advantage of opportunities when available.
- City Manager Melder indicated the environmental justice grant is not for government buildings, but for individual households for residents. It provides resources to households to achieve greater energy efficiency and cost savings.
- Mayor Johnson indicated the Secretary of Energy visited Savannah to discuss solar energy. She walked the streets of Woodville and talked with residents relating to their concerns.
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the grant funds from the environmental justice grant will b used for the residents of Woodville. Ms. Brown indicated the grant funds will target the industri pollution areas (airport area, along the river). The requirements will be income based.
- Alderwoman Lanier stated, it is important to have the correct partners involved in the total process.

The PowerPoint presentation is on file and available for viewing in the Clerk of Council's office.

2. Fairgrounds Update

Exhibit 1: Fairgrounds Update.pdf

PRESENTED by City Manager Melder and City Attorney Lovett.

City Manager Melder indicated there are two items on today's agenda related to the Fairgrounds property. He stated several Council Members have requested a continuance for two weeks of the

Fairgrounds items on the agenda.

Following the presentation by City Manager Melder, Council Members asked questions and made comments:

- Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked City Manager Melder and staff for the Fairgrounds update and for the months of continuous reports to Council.
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder why the loan of $1.9 million. City Manager Melder explained Item #25 on the regular agenda is for a $1.9 million loan from CHSA to construct 64 senior apartment with favorable financing. This is not a loan to the developer, the $1.9 million will be leveraged to acquire low income tax credits which is necessary for the affordable apartments project.
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if Bill Gross received any funds from the City when developing the property at the corner of Waters and Anderson. City Manager Melder replied, he will check the City records, but he doesn't believe he received any City funds. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if David Jones of the P3 Joint Venture Partner Group under Federal indictment (no, that was Steve Nielson, it was a State indictment). Steve Nielson is not part of this project.
- City Manager Melder indicated, the City established an affordable housing fund to give favorable financing to developers. The City's favorable financing allows for low income tax credit award points to make units affordable. The City will put a significant amount of public resources into the Fairgrounds property with right-of-ways and infrastructure. It is important the affordable housing portion of the development is successful.
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed concern of the purchase and sales agreement stating the $2 million purchase price would be paid to the City in phases. City Manager Melder explained the payment is in phases as the different project on the Fairgrounds property are approved and completed. Each portion of the property will be paid as developed.
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked for information concerning Robert Gould of R. G. Media Affiliates. City Manager Melder stated Robert Gould is a partner in the P3 Joint Venture Partner Group. P3 Partners, LLC and Robert Gould Media Group encompass the P3 Joint Venture Partner Group.
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if phase II, 11.85 acres for a sound and film studio buildings, will be leased out by the P3 Venture Group. City Manager Melder answered, the purchase and sales agreement allows the P3 Venture Group to assign certain work, but stipulates the City will have the right to approve or disapprove of any partners. City Manager Melder explained the purchase and sales agreement allows ownership to revert back to the City after the thirty year debt service period.
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated when she was introduced to the Fairgrounds project, Craig Gordon was the individual discussing the sound and film studio projects. She asked if he was still involved in the project. City Manager Melder replied, all correspondence received implies Craig Gordon is no longer a partner in the Group.
- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter received numerous phone calls from residents concerning non-notification of the Fairgrounds project being placed on today's regular agenda. She expressed her concerns for the lack of communication to the 5th District residents.
- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated she felt somewhat used by accepting a trip to Atlanta to meet parties participating in the Fairgrounds project; namely, Robert Gould and his mother Carol Gould. She feels she was cultivated and expressed her concerns to City Manager Melder. City Manager Melder indicated he saw no nefarious behavior or actions. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter disagreed and she discussed the many aspects of the Fairgrounds project, including meetings with residents who expressed their priorities and concerns for the property. She stated the Fairgrounds project is politicized in this election season and she feels it is disingenuous to the citizens in the 5th District.
- City Manager Melder stated staff is willing to meet with residents of the 5th District to discuss the Fairgrounds proposal. There are no changes in the purchase and sales agreement that were not in the original winning RFP.
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely requested to read a letter from Craig Gordon. Mayor Johnson indicated he has spoken to the leaders and residents of the 5th District and there is no need for reading a letter. Mayor Johnson stated the meeting is in recess.

3. City Manager Update

NOT PRESENTED.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Workshop at 1:40 p.m.

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: April 27, 2023

Signature: Mark Massey

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APRIL 13, 2023, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
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SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:01 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Nick Palumbo who introduced Clinton Edminster, recently ordained by the Universal Life Church to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1
Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2
Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2
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ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for April 13, 2023.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve Items #1 and #2, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on March 23, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - March 23, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve Items #1 and #2, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Johnson took a moment of personal privilege to welcome and recognize the National League of Cities (NLC) Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer Clarence Anthony, who was in town conducting an NLC Retreat. Also in attendance were NLC senior staff members: Irma Esparza Diggs, Senior Executive and Director, Federal Advocacy; Antoinette Samuel, Senior Executive and Director, Operations and Administration; Seantae Byers, Senior Executive and Director, Member and Partner Engagement; Jon Kuhl, Senior Executive and Director, Digital Engagement, Marketing & Communications; Tia Plunkett-McQueen, Senior Executive and Director, Human Resources; Michael Terseck, Chief Financial Officer; Stacy Richardson, Chief of Staff; the new Senior Executive for Municipal Practices; and Dr. Robert Blaine, Senior Executive and Director, Center for Leadership, Education, Advancement and Development.

PRESENTATIONS

3. Appearance by and Recognition of First Chatham Bank's $7,500 Donation into the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund.

PRESENTED by CHSA Executive Director Anita Smith-Dixon. Also present were Housing Savannah Executive Director Laura Lane McKinnon, Pastor Marsha Buford, and City Manager Jay Melder.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to accept the $7,500.00 donation from First Chatham Bank into the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

4. A Proclamation Declaring April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. National Child Abuse Prevention Month recognizes the importance of families and communities working together to strengthen families to prevent child abuse and neglect. Through this collaboration, prevention services and support help protect children and produce thriving families.

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to Coastal Children's Advocacy Center Administrative Assistant Gloria Greer, Intake Specialist Kristen Waters, Family Victim Advocate Jordan Fields, Intern Brooke Benton, and Board of Directors Member Megan Edwards.

On behalf of Director Rose Grant-Wiseman and Coastal Children's Advocacy Center, Ms. Greer accepted and thanked Mayor and Council for the proclamation and recognition.

5. Appearance by and Recognition of Brittni Evans, the Miss Savannah 2023 Competition Winner. (Previously postponed from March Council Meeting)

Not Presented/Present.

6. A Proclamation Declaring April as Safe Digging Month. Georgia 811 is utilized not only by municipalities, but homeowners and contractors as well. Calling 811 before digging helps locate vital utilities during construction so damages do not occur to those utilities. When a utility is damaged, it not only costs money, but sometimes property damage and, in some cases, even people's lives.

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and READ by Alderman Palumbo to Water/Sewer/Engineering Department team members: Director of Water & Sewer Planning and Engineering, and Georgia 811 Chairman of the Board Jim Laplander, Georgia 811 Liaison Branden Cody, Water & Resource Director Ron Feldner, and Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd.

ZONING HEARINGS

7. Petition for a Map Amendment from Joshua Yellin, Agent for J. Elder Studio, on Behalf of 2613 Montgomery LLC (owner) to Rezone ~0.09 Acres at West 42nd Street (PIN 20073 31009) from TN-2 (Traditional Neighborhood-2) to TC-1 (Traditional Commercial-1) Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 23-001036-ZA).

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- Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for W. 42nd Street (File No. 23-001036-ZA).pdf
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- Exhibit 5: Site Visit to W. 42nd Street (File No. 23-001036).pdf

HEARD after Item #21.

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #7. See Item #8.

Speaker(s):

- Melissa Paul-Leto, MPC representative (Development Services)
- Joshua Yellin, representing the applicant

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if any of the apartments will be assigned affordable, or will all the apartments be market rate. Mr. Yellin answered, the building is an 11-unit apartment complex and does not qualify for any of the tax credits or affordable housing programs; therefore, all the apartments will be market rate.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated the area in question is becoming gentrified at an alarming rate. She requested Mr. Yellin to ask the owner if some (1-2) of the apartments can be affordable. Mr. Yellin stated he will have the developer explore the options.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter discussed inclusionary zoning as it relates to affordable housing for the residents of Savannah. She stated she will not support Item #8 as it does not support affordable housing. The City needs to think outside the box to create affordable housing, and not hide behind State regulations. Mayor Johnson commented the City will not do anything against State regulations and, the City needs housing on all levels.

Alderwoman Lanier asked for the status of inclusionary zoning. She discussed the importance of the City to put policies in place and implement those policies to assure the City has housing that is affordable to residents on all levels in the City. Alderwoman Lanier asked, at what point could the City implement the inclusionary zoning ordinance that would call for new development to adhere to the requirements of the inclusionary zoning ordinance. City Manager Melder indicated the City work plan shows the inclusionary zoning ordinance scheduled for the next City Council meeting agenda.

Alderman Palumbo asked Attorney Yellin to describe the current usage of the property. Attorney Yellin indicated the property is empty and uninhabitable. Alderman Palumbo stated the City is in a massive housing shortage and needs housing on all price points.

Alderman Leggett asked Clerk of Council Massey and City Attorney Lovett if any opposition was received for Item #7, (none). Alderman Leggett indicated over fifty residents met in September 2022 with no opposition; however, MPC met recently with two residents in opposition, but as the meeting progressed and property usage was defined, both residents were in agreement with the developer.

Alderman Leggett moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #7, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

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After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #8, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed 6-3-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier voted no.

Alderwoman Lanier discussed gentrification and the impact on neighborhoods, generational wealth, crime and racial gaps for those adversely affected. Gentrification is a slow and gradual process which is rooted in policy initiatives. It is more than what the market drives, it is by design; the victims are not always the cause of their victimization. Mayor Johnson commented, his studies finds it includes a combination of all the above. Sometimes, those affected, move to the suburbs for a better lifestyle.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

9. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for Grounds Maintenance at Facilities City-wide with SamJay Services (LOCAL) in the Amount of $162,322. This contract will be used by the Facilities Department to provide grounds maintenance at 24 City properties. (Facilities Maintenance)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - City Grounds Maintenance.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - City Grounds Maintenance.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #9, #10, #11, #12, #15, #16, and #18, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

10. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of Wastewater Sludge Disposal Chemicals for the City's Water Reclamation Facility on President Street in an Amount Not to Exceed $200,000. This system adds chemicals to the treated wastewater to solidify sludge so it can be removed from the water treatment process for disposal. The chemicals will be used by the Water Reclamation Department to assist with the sludge processing and disposal process. (Water Reclamation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Sludge Disposal Chemicals.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Sludge Disposal Chemicals.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #9, #10, #11, #12, #15, #16, and #18, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Refurbish the Polychem Chain and Flight Sludge Collection System from Brentwood Industries in an Amount Not to Exceed $ 202,900. The system removes inner material from the wastewater that cannot be broken down biologically in order to go to the next phase of the water treatment process. The primary clarifiers are the first step in the treatment process to remove suspended solids, oils, and grease before entering the biological treatment process. (Water Reclamation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Polychem Chain.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Polychem Chain.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #9, #10, #11, #12, #15, #16, and #18, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Final Closeout Modification for 2155 West Gwinnett Street, Fire Support and Code Compliance Building with Johnson-Laux Construction, LLC in the Amount of $220,330.75. This final modification is needed to cover additional costs associated with unforeseen conditions. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Fire Support Center.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Fire Support Center.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #9, #10, #11, #12, #15, #16, and #18, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Final Closeout Modification for the Broughton Streetscape Project with Astra Construction Company in an Amount Not to Exceed $1,250,000. The final closeout modification is needed to cover additional costs associated with unforeseen conditions. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Broughton St.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Broughton St.pdf

Mayor Johnson stated that any purchasing items pulled from the agenda for questions/discussion must be germane to that purchasing item or the question/discussion will be dismissed.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder and City Attorney Lovett if the Broughton Street design flaws and complaints she submitted to their office are included in the final modifications. City Manager Melder answered, it has not been determined there are any design flaws. The closeout modification is to cover the cost of unforeseen underground cost; mostly at the corner of Broughton and Bull Streets intersection where basements are protruding out into the right-of-way, and the delay in construction requested by Broughton Street businesses during the 2021 holiday season.

Stating this is a SPLOST project, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder the total cost to date of the Broughton Street project. City Manager Melder answered, for Broughton Street Phase I, with this modification, the total is $13,330,395.00. City Manager Melder detailed the other cost modifications which included $871,507.00 from the water & sewer enterprise fund for an existing 12" deteriorated water main, and $30,000.00 from the general fund in 2019 during the planning phase of the project.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #13, seconded by Alderman Leggett an Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoma Miller Blakely voted no.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated, the majority of Council voted to approve the $871,507.00 modification; however, she did not vote for approval.

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Civil Design Engineering Services with CHA Consulting (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed $1,300,000. The services will be used on an as-needed basis to include preparation of design plans, specifications, cost estimates, permitting, and construction documents for projects. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Civil Design Engineering.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Civil Design Engineering.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder if CHA Consulting is a local business, the company is located in Albany, NY, and is the project related to housing. City Manager Melder indicated CHA is a large company and has an office in Savannah. This is a business support annual contract for public (civil) works. The contract will be used to support the New Hampstead temporary public safety facility for the police and fire departments, and will support further improvement of the Springfield Canal and some improvements on Louisville Road.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #14, seconded by Alderman Palumbo and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contracts for Investment Grade Energy Audit for City buildings with NORESCO, LLC and Johnson Controls, Inc in an Amount No to Exceed $1,510,000. These audits will analyze energy, water, and material use and operational practices at City facilities and identify improvements that can be made to increase efficiency and generate cost savings. (Sustainability)

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Notes - Investment Grade Energy Audit.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #9, #10, #11, #12, #15, #16, and #18, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Welding, Fabrication, and Machine Shop Services with Coastal Sunbelt Associates, Inc. (LOCAL) in an Amount not to Exceed $141,600. These services will be utilized by the Stormwater Department and miscellaneous maintenance for various departments throughout the City to perform machine shop repairs, welding, and fabrication services. (Stormwater Management Division)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Welding Fabrication & Machine Shop Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Welding Fabrication & Machine Shop Services.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #9, #10, #11, #12, #15, #16, and #18, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for Late Night Alternative Transportation with Downtowner in an Amount Not to Exceed $534,840. These transport services are for workers who park and live outside of the central business district who want safe, reliable transportation to and from their homes. (Parking & Mobility)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification- Downtowner.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Downtowner.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder if an assessment or audit was completed to determine the usage of the Downtowner. City Manager Melder will convey the data to Council Members. The City would like to continue this valuable service to residents. Staff is working with Chatham Area Transit (CAT) on a partnership to provide the service for the City; however, the cost is double for CAT. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concerns that the Downtowner service extend to neighborhoods such as Cloverdale. She recommended more communication of the service which might be more beneficial. City Manager Melder indicated the new Dotty route has been successful in the Cloverdale area and neighborhoods west of Savannah. This is a partnership with the City and CAT.

Mayor and Council Members discussed all the areas DOT free service is available. Sean Brandon explained the transportation services available to residents. The City's web site, under Mobility and Parking, has detailed for residents. Alderwoman Miller Blakely recommended the DOT service expand to the Southside. Alderwoman Lanier expressed concerns for free transit service.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to approve Item #17, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for Additional Mowers with John Deere c/o Beard Equipment Co. (formally Greenville Turf & Tractor) in an Amount Not to Exceed $177,972. The additional mowers will consist of three (3) John Deere 60" zero turn mowers, one (1) 54" zero turn mower, two (2) 48" zero turn mowers, two (2) 54" zero turn mowers with material collection systems, five (5) 7.5' pull behind finishing mowers, and one (1) 10.5' pull behind finishing mower. (Park and Tree Department)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Mower Lease Agreement.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Mower Lease Agreement.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #9, #10, #11, #12, #15, #16, and #18, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

19. Approval to Renew the 2023-2024 Annual Maintenance Agreement with Kone, Inc., in the Amount of $159,692.

HEARD after Item #6.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #19, #20 and #22, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

20. Approval of an Agreement with CHA Consulting, Inc., for Design and Construction Administration Services for the Construct Auxiliary Parking Lots Project, in the Amount of $118,840.

HEARD after Item #6.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #19, #20 and #22, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

21. Approval of Task Work Order No. 24 with AECOM for an Access Control System Assessment, in the Amount of $52,538.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #21, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz abstained/recused herself, due to business reasons.

2. Approval to Procure One Transit Commercial ADA, Full Size Wheelchair Van, in the Amount of $87,018.

HEARD after Item #6.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #19, #20 and #22, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

23. Authorize the City Manager to Transfer a Vacant Lot at 0 Crescent Drive (PIN 20039 02087) in Savannah Gardens to the Chatham County/City of Savannah Land Bank Authority (LBA) to Facilitate its Transfer to CHSA Development, Inc. for the Construction of Two 3-Bedroom Dwellings for Families Experiencing Homelessness Utilizing CDBG-CV Funding Previously Approved by City Council.

Exhibit 1: Resolution to Transfer Title of 0 Crescent Drive (20039 02087)

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #23, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

24. Authorize Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. (CHSA) to Make a $1,260,000 Loan from the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund in Support of a 2023 LIHTC Application to Develop 42 Affordable Housing Apartments on Vacant Land at 1700 Drayton Street and 104 E. 34th Street.

Exhibit 1: Favorable Financing Resolution of Support 1700 Drayton 2023

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder why give the loan and she requested a list of all Community Housing Services Agency (CHSA) loans given. City Manager Melder explained the loan is given so the developer can receive tax credits to build affordable housing. He will provide to Council the list of loans given by CHSA. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked what is the criteria for a developer to apply for a CHSA loan to construct affordable housing. City Manager Melder indicated developers can go to CHSA to apply for loans; CHSA works with developers in structuring financing for various sizes of projects.

Mayor Johnson stated the City has made a commitment to establishing affordable housing and ar developer interested in the CHSA loan program can contact CHSA Executive Director Anita Smitl Dixon and Senior Director, Housing & Neighborhood Services Martin Fretty or web page https://www.savannahga.gov/housing and https://www.savannahga.gov/housingsavannah. At the request of Mayor Johnson, Ms. Smith-Dixon and Mr. Fretty stood for identity purposes.

Alderman Palumbo stated, the City is making a promise delivered by selling 1700 Drayton Street with stipulations that only affordable housing can be built on the property. Affordable housing is a complicated, strenuous process. The City needs all types of housing, luxury, affordable, market and everything in between.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan stated the CHSA team has delivered on affordable housing and has received over $1.3 million to date in support of their efforts. This is a commitment by the City in partnership with CHSA to establish affordable housing in the City of Savannah.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder what happens if the developer does not get the tax credit and who is the developer. Pinyan/Procida Development Group LLC's is the company. The loan is contingent upon the tax credit award. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated in the past, tax credit projects mature and the property reverts back to market rates. Has the City provided any assurances/protection this project will remain affordable housing. City Manager Melder stated, there is a thirty year tax credit covenant. City Attorney Lovett explained, when the City sold the property, it was deed restricted, in the warranty deed there are stipulations the property can only be used for certain purposes forever.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #24, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. Th motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

25. Authorize Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. (CHSA) to Make a $1,920,000 Loan from the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund in Support of a 2023 LIHTC Application to Develop up to 64 Affordable Housing Apartments for Senior Citizens on About 3.8 Acres of Land on the Former Fairgrounds Property Located at 4801 Meding Street.

Exhibit 1: Favorable Financing Resolution of Support 4801 Meding Street 2023

Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed concerns that Craig Gordon was not listed in any of the documentation as he was the person who originally brought the Fairgrounds project to her attention. Mr. Gordon previously asked City Manager Melder if the property could be parceled out and sold separately, and he was told no. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if that has changed (she read the email letter of June 2, 2022 from Mr. Gordon). City Manager Melder indicated, the information is incorrect and misinformed. The RFP for the Fairgrounds project included the entire acreage of the Fairgrounds property. The proposal recommended by the City Manager was submitted by P3 Joint Venture Group Partners. P3 Joint Venture Group Partners are responsible for the development of the entire Fairgrounds acreage. Mr. Gordon asked City Manager Melder if he could parcel out a portion of the acreage and sell it to him. Since the RFP was for the entire Fairgrounds acreage, and authority from City Council was not given to parcel out any portions of the Fairgrounds acreage for individual sale, City Manager Melder could not sell any portion of the property to Mr. Gordon. Per the purchase and sales agreement, all aspects for the development of the Fairgrounds property will be under P3 Joint Venture Group Partners; so Mr. Gordon might be able to work directly with the grou for a specific project/parcel.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder if Item #25 would be postponed for two weeks. City Manager Melder stated he spike to the Fifth District Coalition representative and received a letter this week addressed to Council requesting the item to be postponed. It will be the will of Council to postpone Item #25.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated she would like to see equity as it relates to DBE participation throughout the entire Fairgrounds development. She has received information from DBE's, they have not received any updates on the project.

Mayor Johnson indicated they have not received updates because for eighteen months the City Attorney and City Manager were charged with delivering a purchase and sales agreement for Council consideration. Mayor Johnson stated, he is only considering discussion and/or action on Item #25.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked for more clarification on the CHSA loan of $1.9 million for the affordable housing project. City Manager Melder detailed the entire process of the RFP, three presentations, awarding the RFP, selling the Fairgrounds to the P3 Joint Venture Group Partners, and the request to develop of up to 64 affordable housing apartments for senior citizens. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder to give the definitions of income based housing and affordable housing. City Manager Melder gave the definitions.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #25, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 6-3-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Alderwoman Lanier voted no.

b. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter offered a substitute motion to delay/postpone/continue Item #25 for two weeks, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion failed, 3-6-0. Mayor Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Alderman Palumbo, and Alderman Purtee voted no.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated the Fifth District Coalition was not informed of the agenda item and did not have an opportunity for input. She asked who will receive the $1.9 million loan from CHSA. City Manager Melder answered, for the low income tax credit project, the loan will go to The W. H. Gross Construction Company.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concern for the individuals who are involved in the project. She discussed a trip to Atlanta with Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz who introduced her to individuals now involved in the project. She stated there may have been nefarious actions and Alderwoman Gibson-Carter does not want to be a party to disadvantaging a qualified responder from doing business with the City. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated she wants to be transparent, and she asked the Clerk of Council to include her comments for the record.

Mayor Johnson indicated Alderwoman Gibson-Carter should have filed an ethics complaint at the time of the incident.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz stated she has served on Council for over eleven years. When the current Alderwomen were elected in 2019, she was elated and offered to assist them, and share her experience as an Alderwoman. She asked Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Alderwoman Lanier to accompany her on a trip to Atlanta in 2019, to introduce them to individuals who shared information on being Alderwomen. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz was reaching out showing love to the Alderwomen, prior to them taking office in January 2020.

During the workshop and the meeting, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz stated City Manager Melder has addressed the April 12th letter sent to Council and staff from the District Five Coalition by answering both questions; why is a loan being requested, and why the urgency of voting today.

Speaker Card(s) received:

- Queen E. Reeves - OPPOSED
- Valeria Reynolds Darby - OPPOSED

AGREEMENTS

26. Approval of Modification No. 1 to the PY2022 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Ross IES Youth Services Sub-awards (Bryan, Liberty, Long and Chatham) in the Amount of $43,456.51.

Exhibit 1: Ross IES Modification.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #26, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

27. Authorize the City Manager to Accept a Rapid Response Grant Award in the Amount of $95,000. The award will be used to implement general Dislocated Worker workforce/training activities. The City serves as the fiduciary agent for the ten-county region.

Exhibit 1: FY23 Rapid Response Statement of Award.pdf

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #27, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

28. Settlement #1

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #28 and #29, to authorized the City Attorney's Office to resolve the (worker's compensation) claim of Lawrence Chaplin for $75,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

29. Settlement #2

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #28 and #29, to authorized the City Attorney's Office to resolve the (worker's compensation) claim of Alfred Butler for $40,000.00, seconded by

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

30. Approval of a Major Subdivision - Teal Lake Phase 2 Situated in Aldermanic District 5 at the Ends of Teal Lake Drive and Tar Creek Drive. The subject property is the second phase of an established subdivision. The proposed phase totals 10.86 acres and consist of 43 lots.

Exhibit 1: Teal Lake Phase 2 - Plat Major Subdivision

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #30, seconded by Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

31. Authorize Supplemental Budget Appropriations to Fiscal Year 2023 Operating and Capital Improvement Program.

Exbihit 1: FY23 Quarter 1 Operations & CIP Budget Appropriations Attachment.pdf

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #31, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabaz and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

32. Added Item (Agreements): Approval of a Purchasing and Sale Agreement for the Fairgrounds.

Exhibit 1: Purchase and Sale Agreement - Fairgrounds Project Final with exhibits.pdf

Exhibit 2: Site Plan Exhibit A.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #32, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 6-3-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier voted no.

Speaker Card(s) received:

- Queen E. Reeves - OPPOSED
- Valeria Reynolds Darby - OPPOSED

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan announced student, Jamyia Taylor, Granddaughter of Martha Rogers, is a Multi Media Journal major doing a story on City Council today. She congratulated the President of Savannah State who had their honors awards today. Next Friday, April 21st, the City will celebrate Earth Day at Daffin Park from 4:00pm to 8:00pm.

Mayor Johnson congratulated CAT on the award of $1.2 million to help with local (micro) transportatic from DOT, through the efforts of U.S. Senator Raphael Warnock and U.S. Senator Jon Ossoff. This is only phase one with hope of future successful applications. Congratulations to CAT Chairman Deidrick Cody, Executive Director Faye DiMassimo, and Board Member Alderman Detric Leggett.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 4:44 p.m.

A video recording of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

https://savannahgovtv.viebit.com/player.php?hash=NrEWlCtb0LEM

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

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APRIL 27, 2023, 4:30 p.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 12:01 p.m. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order and recognized Alderman Purtee to offer a prayer.

PRESENT:

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

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

kshop Agenda Items

1: REAL Taskforce Update

Exhibit 1: R.E.A.L. Task Force Presentation.pdf

Mayor Johnson introduced the R.E.A.L. Task Force lead by former Mayor Dr. Otis Johnson. Mayor Johnson gave a brief outline of the how and why the task force was established.

Dr. Johnson explain all members of the task force are volunteers and introduced the coaches of the Task Force. Step-Up Executive Director Alisha Johnson and Coastal Georgia Indicators Project Executive Director Liz Ann Roberts presented the PowerPoint presentation along with other sub-committees of the R.E.A.L. Task Force.

Following the presentation, there were comments and questions from Council Members:

- Mayor Johnson thanked the Task Force for their dedicated work.
- Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan thanked the Task Force for the presentation and the work completed.
- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter thanked the Task Force for the information. She inquired if there was a specific ask from the Task Force of the City with regard to specific policies and ordinances to incorporate the recommendations of the Task Force. That is were the changes take place. Not at this time, but the Task Force is willing to meet with staff and/or Council for further discussions.
- City Manager Melder indicated on the bond reform, they must work with Court Judges. Mayor Johnson indicated the Task Force is currently working with the Court Judges.
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked what is CARES? Mayor Johnson answered, the Citizens Accountability Review and Emergency Services. It is the first task force and partnered with the R.E.A.L. Task Force. Dr. Johnson stated the concerns within the Harvard Report are being addressed. The R.E.A.L. Task Force will hold it's report until a decision is made by the CARES Task Force on how they will move forward.
- Alderwoman Lanier expressed concern for the Food Security and the asset based economic development goals. As it relates to the Westside community. She hopes the community will not have to fight for their own food security.

The PowerPoint presentation is on file and available for viewing in the Clerk of Council's office.

2. Inclusionary Zoning

PRESENTED by City Manager Melder and Director of Planning & Urban Design Bridget Lidy. City Manager Melder indicated these are the City's base recommendations. There still needs to be input from the community and Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC).

Ms. Lidy made the PowerPoint presentation. Following the presentation there were comments and questions by Council Members.

- Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked how the formula was developed for in-lieu of fees. Ms. Lidy indicated no formula has been developed, staff is currently working on the formula.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked for the timeline with regards to the outreach to residents. She recommended staff taking more time before presenting to residents. City Manager Melder indicated staff will use the time wisely for all the input before presenting Council and then to the community.
- Alderwoman Lanier stated ADU's and IZ's were included as part of the Visionary Sessions held by Council. She expressed concerns with IZ's located only in certain areas of the City. Alderwoman Lanier discussed how developers build apartments in the more affluent areas of the city and the low-wealth areas need these policies for affordable housing, since all the units are not market rate. City Manager Melder indicated the City wants affordability throughout the City. The IZ policy will need to be tweaked several times to make it work for the entire City. Alderwoman Lanier asked for a practice/policy that was established in zones, how it was implemented, and in what location (city). City Manager Melder stated, staff will comply with Alderwoman Lanier's request.

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3. City Manager Update

PRESENTED by City Manager Melder.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz recused (left the room) herself from the Workshop meeting and the presentation/discussion due to business related reasons.

City Manager Melder discussed the final closeout modifications for the Enmarket Arena in detail. He discussed the unforeseen issues which accounted for the modification overruns and the funding source to pay for the modifications.

Following the City Manager's presentation, there were comments and questions from Council Members.

- City Manager Melder discussed the OVG revenue share and audit. The City will receive a third party audit from OVG on May 1st regarding revenues. City staff will review the audit and send the results to Council as to any revenues due the City.
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the contract stated OVG does not have to give the City any revenue for 3-4 years. City Manager Melder indicated the contract states, only if the arena is not profitable. The City is optimistic, the Enmarket Arena has been very successful and the City may receive revenue.
- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked when will the City receive profit sharing. City Manager Melder answered, the profit sharing will be itemized in the audit and the City will receive the profit

sharing at that time. The audit is due to the City on May 1.

- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter inquired the nature of recusal by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz for AECOM/Hunt. Mayor Johnson indicated business.
- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if AECOM/Hunt has received the fund for modifications. City Manager Melder indicated, the modifications are presented for Council approval today. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if the City staff was aware of cost overruns as the construction of the arena progressed. City Manager Melder stated the staff knew they were getting close to the budgeted amount. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concern that Council should have been informed of any upcoming cost overruns at an earlier date. City Manager Melder believes he informed Council the arena construction was reaching the budgeted amount that might cause modifications and he is presenting those modifications to Council for approval. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed that she does not recall being informed that AECOM/Hunt was nearing a $4.5 million overrun. City Manager Melder indicated he is presenting Councill with the Enmarket Arena closeout. Council was recently presented with two additional closeouts, Broughton Street and the new Code Compliance building, both with modifications. It is not unusual for a project to have closeout modifications, especially this project at $150 million. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concerns for contractors winning a bid and then having cost overruns and/or modifications. City Manager Melder explained the reason for the modifications for the Arena was unforeseen circumstances below grade.
- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated she has visited and had meetings with Cloverdale and Carver Village residents who have expressed concern for drainage issues, having a new neighborhood sign, and other issues in the neighborhood due to the construction of the Arena. If the City could just appease the residents with something.
- Mayor Johnson stated not only do the residents want the Arena, they end up with a better Stiles Avenue, they are receiving benefits from the construction of the Arena. There is better water conveyance, the land has been mitigated, and the sign for the neighborhood will be addressed. The Arena project is completed and Council is being asked to approve the arena construction modifications for closeout.

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ıyor Johnson adjourned the Workshop at 6:15 p.m.

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APRIL 27, 2023, 6:30 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:38 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
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Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2
Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
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ROVAL OF AGENDA

Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for April 27, 2023.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda as amended by request of Mayor Johnson to add a Proclamation Declaring April 30th through May 6th as National Small Business Week, and a Point of Personal Privilege to acknowledge the loss/passing of Darlene Ward Jackson, an employee of the Human Services Department, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on April 13, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Workshop Draft Minutes - April 13, 2023 City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on April 13, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Regular Meeting Draft Minutes - April 13, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS

4. Appearance by and Recognition of the City of Savannah Age 10 and Under Youth Basketball Team, the Savannah Stallions, Along with Coaches Chris Pickett and Rommel Waldburg, for Winning the City, District, and Georgia Recreation and Park Association State Basketball Championship for their Age Group.

ADDED:

Mayor Johnson took a moment of personal privilege to recognize the loss and send condolences to the family of Darlene Ward Jackson, Outreach Counselor, Human Services Department and Advisor/Coordinator, Savannah Youth Ambassadors. Arrangements are scheduled for next Thursday and Friday. Mayor Johnson asked everyone to stand and exercise a moment of silence on behalf of Darlene Ward Jackson. He asked everyone to keep the family in prayer. Taffanye Young, Chief Community Services Officer and former Director of Human Services spoke about the positive attributes displayed by Ms. Jackson and the many lives she touched on behalf of the City.

ADDED:

Mayor Johnson read and presented a Proclamation Declaring April 30th through May 6th as National Small Business Week to Business Opportunity Manager in the Department of Economic Development MaRonde Lumpkin-Lotson and Deanna Gibbs.

Ms. Lumpkin-Lotson accepted the Proclamation on behalf of friends of the U.S. Small Business Administration. She announced the Mayor's 2023 Small Business Conference, themed, Discovering the Opportunity, to be held Tuesday, May 2, 2023, 8:30am-1:30pm. Registration has closed as the conference has reached the 300 seating capacity. The Conference will be followed by an inaugural trade show for individuals to introduce their small businesses to local decision makers.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz encouraged small business owners to participate in the conference ar trade show. Alderwoman Miller Blakely thanked Ms. Lumpkin-Lotson for decreasing the small business application from ten pages to two pages, making the application process much easier for citizens.

Mayor Johnson recognized the City of Savannah Age 10 and Under Youth Basketball Team. Interim Director of Recreation and Leisure Services Nick Roberts gave a brief description of the 2023 program. He acknowledged and introduced Head Coach Chris Pickett, Assistant Coach Rommel Waldburg, and President Tiffany Brown to say a few words and introduce the players. Ms. Brown presented Mayor Johnson with a Jersey. Mayor Johnson thanked Ms. Brown for the Jersey and praised all the young players for their outstanding athletic ability and encouraged them to be pursue academic excellence.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter thanked City Manager Melder for his support of the youth teams by making sure there was revenue in the City Budget for their equipment and uniforms.

5. Appearance by the Memorial Day School Boys Basketball Team, Along with Coach Mark Sussman, to Recognize the Team for Winning the 2023 Class A Boys GIAA State Basketball Tournament.

Mayor Johnson read the proclamation and recognized Athletic Director Tyler Helmly, Coach Dale Mock and the Memorial Day School Boys Basketball Team. He congratulated the team on winnir the 2023 Class A Boys GIAA State Basketball Tournament and asked Coach Mock to make remarl and introduce the team.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter announced local athlete Jalen Deloach is one of Georgia's newest Bulldogs.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

6. Approval of a Class C (Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales and Class E (Wine) Alcohol License to Jason Boehm for The Hamilton-Turner Inn Located at 330 Abercorn Street Between East Harris and East Charlton Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Hamilton-Turner Inn.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Hamilton-Turner Inn.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Hamilton-Turner Inn.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Hamilton-Turner Inn.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Hamilton-Turner Inn.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearing open for Item #6.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearing for Item #6, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #6, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ZONING HEARINGS

7. Map Amendment for Robert McCorkle (Agent) on Behalf of Richard G. Mika and Savannah Health Services, LLC to Rezone ~20.5 Acres Located at 1800 East 63rd Street (PIN 20104 30014 and a portion of 20105 10008) from RSF-6 (Residential Single Family-6) to RMF-2-20 (Residential Multi-family-2-20 units per acre) in Aldermanic District 3 ile No. 22-004421-ZA). (Item continued from the March 23, 2023 agenda).

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #7.

Speaker(s):

- Marcus Lotson, MPC representative - recommended approval
- Robert McCorkle, representing applicant.
- Travis Coles – OPPOSED
- Mark Fountain – OPPOSED
- Robin Wright Gunn – OPPOSED
- John McDowell – OPPOSED
- Kinte Taylor – OPPOSED
- Alex Wolfe – OPPOSED
- Oliver Casson-Gary – OPPOSED
- Thomas Pigage – OPPOSED
- Mira Harrison – OPPOSED

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked Clerk of Council if any written comments were received. Clerk of Council received three written comments in opposition, through Alderman Purtee, a comment from today's speaker (Robin Gunn), and one written comment in support. Mayor Johnson indicated all comments received by Clerk of Council are submitted to Council Members and retained for the permanent record of the Mayor and Aldermen/Alderwomen.

Written comment(s) received:

- Jeff Kole – IN SUPPORT
- Jessica Jung – OPPOSED
- Margaret Edwards – OPPOSED
- Robin Wright Gunn – OPPOSED
- Michael Mayhew – OPPOSED

Alderman Palumbo stated the City has a short supply of affordable housing. Petitioners are asked to accommodate the short supply by using set asides, voucher, tax credit, etc. Council must consider the context of the entire City while making a decision.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely thanked the citizens for coming to the meeting and voicing their opinions of any changes in their neighborhood. She indicated she is listening to the residents and she will vote no.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concern for the City's responsibility to put policies and practices in place as it relates to housing affordability. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated she is bound by the voice of the residents and will support their request.

Alderwoman Lanier described a prior incident in her neighborhood where the residents did not want a project, but Council agreed with the developer and approved the project. That land now stands vacant because the project could not be built on the land. Alderwoman Lanier stated the Council must listen to the residents who are stakeholders, it's the people's time.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked all citizens in opposition of the project to stand (a large number of residents stood). Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan stated there is no environmental impact statement and asked City Attorney Lovett if this constituted an unacceptable health environment for human life (no). Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan stated she has received numerous calls from residents opposed to the project and she will defer to the residents.

Mayor Johnson gave final comments stating it is a unique parcel of land and will eventually be developed. He expressed concern for the proposed requested zoning change (RSF-6 to RMF-2-20), and he hopes any future project will take into consideration the zoning changes.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to close the zoning hearing for item #7, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. See related agenda Item #9.

8. Petition of Robert McCorkle (Agent) on Behalf of Northpoint Industrial XVI, LLC (Petitioner) for Speir Property, LLC (Owner) to Zone ~667.895 Acres at 420 Bush Road and 302 Bush Road (PIN 11026 01017 and 11026 01002C) from RA (Residential Agriculture) to RA-CO (Residential Agriculture-County) and PDR-SM (Planned Development Reclamation-Surface Mining) to PDR-SM-CO (Planned Development Reclamation-Surface Mining-County). Petition Supports Annexation.

Exhibit 1: Staff Report for 302 and 420 Bush Road (File No. 23-001208-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 302 and 420 Bush Road (File No. 23-001208-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #8.

Speaker(s):

- Bridget Lidy, Director of Planning and Urban Design
- Robert McCorkle, representing applicant
- Amanda Wilson – OPPOSED
- John Yates – OPPOSED
- Kerrie Bieber – OPPOSED
- Michael A. Love – OPPOSED
- Rhonda Moss – OPPOSED
- Bennie Warshaw – OPPOSED
- Jennifer Hilborn – OPPOSED
- Leslie Pickett Sheehan – OPPOSED
- David Kuhn – OPPOSED
- Connie Shreve – OPPOSED

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked the residents for their comments and stated the land is in her district. She asked Mayor Johnson to allow her to make motions for Items #10 and #11. She stated she will move to deny.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked for the information in the letter Mayor Johnson handed to Clerk of Council from the county manager to the city manager. City Manager Melder responded the letter indicated Chatham County objects to the annexation. City Manager Melder indicated he recommends approval of the annexation into the City.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concern that Chatham County objected to the annexation and the petitioner is proposing to develop the land as light industrial. City Manager Melder and Alderwoman Gibson-Carter discussed the pros and cons of the project, and changing the zoning to industrial. Alderman Leggett asked what guarantee does the City have that after the annexation, the zoning won't be changed to light industrial designation. Mayor Johnson indicated the vote today only for annexation, the zoning will need to come before Council at a later date.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #8, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. See related agenda items #10 and #11.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

9. Map Amendment for Robert McCorkle (Agent) on Behalf of Richard G. Mika and Savannah Health Services, LLC to Rezone ~20.5 Acres Located at 1800 East 63rd Street (PIN 20104 30014 and a portion of 20105 10008) from RSF-6 (Residential Single Family-6) to RMF-2-20 (Residential Multi-family-2-20 units per acre) in Aldermanic District 3 (File No. 22-004421-ZA). (Item continued from the March 23, 2023 agenda).

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to deny Item #9, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderman Palumbo voted no.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

10. Approval to Annex 667.895 Acres Located on Little Neck Road near Bush Road. The property is proposed to be developed as light industrial.

Exhibit 1: Annexation Petition - Speir Property LLC.pdf

Exhibit 2: Annexation Ordinance - Speir Property LLC.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to deny Item #10, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

11. Petition of Robert McCorkle (Agent) on Behalf of Northpoint Industrial XVI, LLC (Petitioner) for Speir Property, LLC (Owner) to Zone ~667.895 Acres at 420 Bush Road and 302 Bush Road (PIN 11026 01017 and 11026 01002C) from RA (Residential Agriculture) to RA-CO (Residential Agriculture-County) and PDR-SM (Planned Developme Reclamation-Surface Mining) to PDR-SM-CO (Planned Development Reclamation-Surface Mining-County). Petition Supports Annexation.

Exhibit 1: Staff Report for 302 and 420 Bush Road (File No. 23-0012008-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 302 and 420 Bush Road (File No. 23-0012008-ZA).pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to deny Item #11, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No.1 of an Annual Contract for Multifunction Copier Equipment with Automated Business Resources (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed $288,055. These devices will be connected to the City's network and will provide printing, copying, scanning, and faxing functions. (Innovation+Technology Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Multifunction Copier Equipment.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Multifunction Copier Equipment.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #12 through #15, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for Grounds Maintenance for City-Owned Vacant Lots from Sam Jay Services, Inc. (LOCAL) In an Amount Not to Exceed $180,000. The services will ensure that all City-owned vacant lots are properly maintained within a three-week rotation during the growing season. (Park & Tree)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Grounds Maintenance of City-Owned Lots.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Grounds Maintenance of City-Owned Lots.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #12 through #15, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Training Ammunition with Precision Delta Corporation in an Amount Not to Exceed $61,925. The Savannah Police Department will utilize this contract for the purchase of training ammunition to conduct firearms familiarity, training for new recruits, and in-service training for current officers and special operations teams. (Police)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - SPD Ammunition.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - SPD Ammunition.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #12 through #15, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Letter Processing Services with T2 Systems, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed $57,873. The Parking & Mobility Services, Code Compliance, and Sanitation Departments (Street Cleaning Division) utilize this service to send customers notifications of outstanding citations. (Parking & Mobility)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - T2 Letter Processing.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - T2 Letter Processing.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #12 through #15, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Final Project Close-out Amendment with AECOM/Hunt for the Stiles Avenue Widening, Underground Unforeseen Sitework Conditions, and Additional City Lot Sitework Beyond the Original Scope in the Amount of $4,593,897. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Arena Closeout Modification Amendment.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Arena Closeout Modification Amendment.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem De. Shabazz recused herself for purposes of business.

City Manager Melder gave a brief update of the project and the need for modification due to unforeseen infrastructure issues in widening the road and additional needed expansion construction.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely requested a point of information and asked if Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz's recusal is due to ongoing or current business with AECOM/Hunt. Mayor Johnson indicated he had no knowledge of the business conflict, but stated Aldermen/Alderwomen can recuse themselves if they feel there is or appears to be a conflict of interest.

Alderwoman Lanier stated there was a guaranteed maximum price, but there were unforeseen additional expenses. The Stiles Avenue area is old and the developer should have expected and included in the bid any overruns due to unexpected infrastructure issues during construction. She expressed concern that the City has not met it's original intent to uplift/improve the western corridor of the City. The policies for a community benefit agreement were not in place prior to construction; therefore, the residents/neighbors are not benefiting from the addition of the arena in their neighborhood. Alderwoman Lanier recommended instituting a community benefit agreement at the time of the OVG contract renewal.

Mayor Johnson, as a resident of the area, stated the benefits are numerous for the residents; the traffic is better, the drainage is better, the land has been cleared of environmental hazards, and the residents he has spoken to agreed the Arena is a welcome addition to the neighborhood. Council has a recommendation from City Manager Melder to close out the Arena project today. The City anticipates to turn a profit in a year which was unexpected, and the Arena has afforded an opportunity for local businesses to operate in the Arena.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated she attends regular meetings in the Stiles Avenue area and the residents are complaining about the traffic, litter, drainage, the need for sidewalks, etc. She recommended the City put policies in place to address overruns on projects for future construction. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder if there were funds available from the City to address some of the needs of the residents. City Manager Melder indicated there are some funds remaining in the Stiles Avenue Project fund which could be moved as Council advises.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #16, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed 5-3-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Alderwoman Lanier voted no, and Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz recused herself from the vote for business reasons/purposes.

Alderwoman Lanier stated the closest neighbors to the Arena are Cloverdale, Historic Carver Village and Brickyard. The residents are now saying the flooding is worst and it now floods in areas it never flooded before the construction of the Arena. Since Mayor Johnson stated the drainage is better in the area, Alderwoman Lanier asked City Manager Melder to acquire data for the truth. City Manager Melder stated the City monitors stormwater and believes residents when they say there is flooding in new areas. Both statements could be true. He described how improvements were made causing widening in some areas and narrowing in others; this could cause the current conditions. The City will investigate and proceed as needed to mitigate the problem.

AGREEMENTS

17. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Beacon New Homes, LLC for The Resort at New Hampstead. This service agreement is for a development consisting of 305 single family homes in the Travis Field service area.

Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - The Resort at New Hampstead.pdf

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #17, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed, 8-0-1, with Alderman Palumbo being not present for the vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan made various announcements: congratulations to Georgia Representative Bill Hitchens on being awarded Legislator of the Year by Mary's Place; the elders at Lake Mayer were celebrated today; shouts out to Kareem Hill, Natasha Butler and Phil; Healthy Savannah's Annual Breakfast is May 2nd; the Citizen's Advocacy is having the 45th Annual Pot Luck, 5:30pm to 8:30pm, shouts out to Tom Koller and new Director George Seabrook, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan will host a table.

Alderwoman Lanier thanked Chief Gunther and the Savannah Police Department for patrolling West Bay Street today. It made a big difference in the traffic flow.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 9:54 p.m.

A video recording of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

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MAY 11, 2023, 12:00 p.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

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sistant City Manager Lloyd exercised a point of personal privilege to honor and recognize Savannah lice Sgt. Kelvin Bernard Ansari who died in the line of duty four years ago, and he requested a moment of silence.

Workshop Agenda Items

1. 100 Days of Summer

Exhibit 1: 100 Days of Summer Fun and Safety 2023.pdf

PRESENTED by Assistant City Manager Lloyd, Chief Community Services Officer Taffanye Young, Police Major Shinita Young, Police Lt. Timothy Lewis, ONES Director John Bush, Assistant Fire Chief William Handy, Cultural Resources Program Manager Jenna Ward, Human Services Director Kerri

Reid, Recreation & Leisure Services Acting Director Nick Roberts, and Marketing & Communication Services Director Nick Zoller.

Following the presentation, questions and comments from members of the City Council were discussed:

- Mayor Johnson expressed his concern that the residents of the City of Savannah have priority for their children as it relates to the summer activities. The summer programs are paid for with taxpayer dollars and the children residing in the City should have priority. Assistant City Manager Lloyd and Chief Young outlined the application and screening process which provides the residents of the City priority. Non-residents may apply after a specific time and pay an additional amount to be included in the programs.
- Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan expressed her interest in clergy participation; sharing program information with the public; transportation to programs; including pickle ball and golf; cookin programs; and the Reconnect program in Savannah locations. All concerns were answered an explained by John Bush, Nick Zoller, Chief Young, Nick Roberts and Kerri Reid.
- Alderman Leggett asked if movie night and a fishing program will be offered this year, yes. Alderman Leggett asked Lt. Lewis to discuss the programs at Savannah Impact and asked Assistant Fire Chief Handy if the Explorer Program communicated with the School Board to create a ROTC type program. No ROTC program has been considered, but will be investigated. Alderman Leggett asked how the youth receive payments, by check or through parents. Checks are made out to the youth after parents verify means of cashing the checks or a debit payroll card can be utilized, answered Chief Young.
- Mayor Johnson asked what provisions the City made for families who cannot afford the fees. Chief Young stated for those students with reduced/free lunch costs, the fee is reduced 75% and 50% respectively; local agencies are also solicited for assistance. Assistant City Manager Lloyd and Chief Young will look at ways to establish a waiver.
- Alderwoman Lanier asked if Midnight Basketball is the same as the City's Summer Night Lights program. Mr. Bush answered, no, but Savannah is working toward getting a Midnight Basketball Chapter. She asked which churches are involved in the summer program; First African Baptist and Second Bethlehem Baptist. Alderwoman Lanier expressed concern that transportation was not provided to the programs; Mr. Bush stated conversation with CAT are on-going for a partnership to secure transportation. Alderwoman Lanier asked if Manpower will participate as a partner this year due to prior problems; Mr. Bush answered the problems were solved and yout will be able to cash payroll checks. At the request of Alderwoman Lanier, Assistant Fire Chi Handy explained the process of enrolling female youth in the Camp Ignite Program and Ms. Rei detailed how the Moses Jackson Center programs were chosen. Alderwoman Lanier recommended the West African cultural being incorporated, given the heritage of many participants.
- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recommended local sources for recruiting girls to Assistant Fire Chief Handy. She expressed concern for the facilities being completed in time for the summer programs and if there are any shortages of staff; Mr. Roberts indicated all facilities are completed and no shortages of staff exist for the programs. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recommended hiring college students for the summer programs and incorporating education about the Weeping Time history.
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed concern as it relates to gun violence and youth. Mr. Bush detailed the 70 youth jobs program for the summer as requested by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. She asked for the cost of the cultural arts program; Ms. Ward outlined the different cost for each session and the associated available waivers. Alderwoman Miller Blakely discussed and/or offered recommendations for various programs: summer lunches in the park, movies in the park, reinstating the Summer 500 Program, and offering a life skills program for the youths. A financial literacy program for youth is being negotiated and Alderwoman Miller Blakely will share the information with Chief Young when finalized.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz recommended adding District 5 in the community engagement programs. She expressed concern that Tompkins and Liberty City Community Centers were n utilized for The Summer Night Lights program; Mr. Bush indicated the City does not have th capacity to open more than two centers for the summer programs, but they are open to everyon in the City. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked staff for including lunches/food in the summer programs and for increasing female participation in the fire department programs. She acknowledged that all the programs are open to all citizens and all districts.

The PowerPoint presentation is on file and available for viewing in the Clerk of Council's office.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Workshop at 1:39 p.m.

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MAY 11, 2023, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:06 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Nick Palumbo who introduced Alderman Kurtis Purtee to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

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

ALSO, PRESENT:

Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for May 11, 2023.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda for May 11, 2023, as presented, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on April 27, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

Exhibit 1: WS DRAFT MINUTES_April 27, 2023 City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on April 27, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Exhibit 1: RM DRAFT MINUTES_April 27, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Johnson announced that the City Manager was excused for particularly important reasons (getting married) and Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd is sitting in his stead.

PRESENTATIONS

4. A Proclamation for HUGS (Heads-Up Guidance Services) in Honor of National Mental Health Month. HUGS is a local non-profit organization making quality mental health and addiction recovery services available to all motivated individuals by utilizing professional volunteers with the goal of increasing awareness of a critical need, decreasing the stigma of seeking emotional help, and recognizing the efforts of those providing counseling services in the community.

READ and PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to HUGS Founder and Managing Director Andrea Epting.

Ms. Epting thanked the Mayor and City Council for the recognition and proclamation. Alderman Purtee expressed his thanks to HUGS for the resources made available to residents.

5. A Proclamation Declaring May as International Internal Audit Awareness Month. Internal auditing is an independent, objective assurance and consulting activity designed to enhance and preserve organizational value, and helps a business accomplish its objectives by bringing a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of risk management, control, and governance processes.

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to Performance and Accountability Senior Director Len Tropea and Principal Internal Auditor Daniel Colello.

Mr. Tropea thanked City Council and staff for the support and recognition. Chief Operating Officer Bret Bell gave a brief description of the audit process and thanked Mr. Tropea and Mr. Colello for the services provided to the City.

6. A Proclamation Declaring May as Building Safety Month. The theme for Building Safety Month 2023, "It Starts with You," encourages us all to raise awareness about building safety on a personal, local and global scale, and in observance of Building Safety Month, people all over the world are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety, resilience and economic investment at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting lives and property.

Exhibit 1: 2023 Building Safety Month Proclamation.docx

READ and PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to Development Services Senior Director Julie McLean and Fire Marshal Whitney Williams Smith, and other team members joining them at the podium.

Ms. McLean thanked Mayor Johnson and City Council for the recognition and support. She introduced members of her team and members from the fire department who partnered with the Development Services department.

Assistant Fire Chief Handy thanked City Council, Ms. McLean and the Development Services team for their support and recognition.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concern regarding the City obtaining a certificate of occupancy (COO) for the Enmarket Arena, to avoid any retaliation from the City's fire department. Assistant City Manager Lloyd advised, the City is operating on a temporary COO, and working through issues for the permanent certificate. He expressed his thanks to Fire Marshal Smith for her diligent work on making sure the Arena is safe and for continuing to secure the certificate of occupancy.

Fire Marshal Whitney Smith, the first African-American female Fire Marshal for the Region, expressed her gratitude for the recognition and to staff members supporting her efforts. Fire Marshal Smith stated, as a member of the Savannah Fire Department, she will continue to protect and keep the residents safe.

Alderman Leggett announced, he and Director of Policy & Governmental Affairs Joe Shearouse met with staff at GSA who gave praises to the Savannah fire department staff and City engineers for the efficiency and professionalism in dealing with the work being done on the Tomochichi Federal Building.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

7. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Alpaben Patel for Victorian Market at 1004 Abercorn Street, a Convenience Store between East Waldburg Street and East Park Avenue in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Victorian Market.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Victorian Market.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Victorian Market.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report -Victorian Market.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Victorian Market.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #7, #8, #9 and #10.

No speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #7, #8, #9 and #10, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #7, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

8. Approval to Add Sunday Sales to Existing Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Ankur Patel for The Nest at 126 West Bay Street, a Restaurant between Barnard Street Ramp and East Upper Factor Walk in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - The Nest.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - The Nest.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - The Nest.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - The Nest.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - The Nest.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #7, #8, #9 and #10.

No speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #7, #8, #9 and #10, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #8, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

9. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Quianna Kearse for 800 East, a Restaurant at 800 East Gwinnett Street between Paulson and Harmon Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - 800 East.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - 800 East.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - 800 East.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - 800 East.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - 800 East.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #7, #8, #9 and #10.

No speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #7, #8, #9 and #10, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #9, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

10. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Dipeshkumar Patel for Jasmine Food Mart, a Convenience Store at 9602 White Bluff Road between Paradise Drive and Wesley Street in Aldermanic District 4.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Jasmine Food Mart.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Jasmine Food Mart.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Jasmine Food Mart.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Jasmine Food Mart.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Jasmine Food Mart.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #7, #8, #9 and #10.

No speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #7, #8, #9 and #10, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #10, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

11. Notification of an Emergency Purchase for One Excavator from Yancey Brothers Company in an Amount Not to Exceed $124,814. The new excavator will be assigned to the Street Maintenance Department and will be replacing unit #3227, which has been deemed unsafe to operate on public roads. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Excavator.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Excavator.pdf

HEARD after Item #21.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #11 and #12, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for One-Ton Chlorine Cylinders with JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed $276,000. The one-ton cylinders are used to disinfect more than 14 billion gallons of drinking water and wastewater effluent. (Industrial and Domestic Water Plant)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - One Ton Cylinders.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - One Ton Cylinders.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #11 and #12, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Office Furniture for the Floyd Adams Jr. Complex with Young Office in an Amount Not to Exceed $83,133. The furniture, which includes desks, chairs, storage cabinets, training tables, corkboards, and markerboards, will be used to functionalize office space for various departments. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Floyd Adams Furniture.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Floyd Adams Furniture.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concern that the City only received one responder to the bid. Assistant City Manager Lloyd explained this was a State contract. The State has vendors they use in the bid process. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked which office will use the furniture. Assistant City Manager Lloyd indicated the furniture will be used primarily for fifty plus employees in the park and tree department, and for a few other employees in other departments.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concern that after a year, the complex does not have the name of former Mayor Floyd Adams on the building. Assistant City Manager Lloyd answered, the Floyd Adams signs that will be posted on and around the building are on order and should arrive soon.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed concern that there are local companies within the City who can perform the work of making the signs for the building. Assistant City Manager Lloyd explained, there are local companies capable of doing the signs, but they did not respond to the bid. The City placed the bid out for the signs on three different occasions, and finally received an acceptable bid. Staff expects the signs to be completed within the next thirty to forty-five days.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #13, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Construction Services with SJ Hamil Construction, LLC in the Amount Not to Exceed $5,872,540. This project is to widen the existing Bilbo Canal to achieve a 100-year conveyance North to Normandy Street. (Stormwater Management)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Bilbo Canal Widening.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Bilbo Canal Widening.pdf

Exhibit 3: Development Agreement - Riverview President Street LLC.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier asked which area/portion of the Bilbo Canal will be expanded. Assistant City Manager Lloyd indicated this expansion is for eight hundred feet south of President Street. There will be drainage improvements for the Blackshear community, the northern part of Benjamin Clark and Hitch Village.

Alderwoman Lanier asked what is the large paved area north of President Street (a dock, easement or trail?). Assistant City Manager Lloyd explained that area is a very wide sidewalk which connects to Riverwalk in and around the Wharf, and then connects back to President Street. The large paved area is a City maintenance shelf, but can be used by pedestrians for walking.

Alderwoman Lanier asked Assistant City Manager Lloyd if this Bilbo Canal expansion is a phased project, yes.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the area was earmarked as a tax allocation district (TAD). Assistant City Manager Lloyd answered, yes. For the public's benefit, Alderwoman Miller Blakely explained a TAD is a district that generates taxes and the taxes collected must stay in that district. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Assistant City Manager Lloyd, how much are the developc contributing to the project, if any. Assistant City Manager Lloyd explained the City entered into development agreement with the developers in March 2022, for an estimated $6.5 million project cost. The developers contribution of the agreement is a maximum of $2 million, with the City contributing the first $4.5 million. Assistant City Manager Lloyd announced the project cost is $5.8 million; the City will contribute the first $4.5 million and the developers will contribute the remaining $1.3 million.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter acknowledged a local business submitted a $7.7 million bid for the project. When it comes to local businesses, does the City extend any liberality to local businesses? City Manager Lloyd replied, the City does give credence to local vendors; however, in this case there was a gap of $2 million. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concern for developers winning a bid at a lower amount and then come before Council with a request for additional funds to complete a project with modifications.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #14, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

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15. Approval to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Moore | Martin Real Estate Valuation Services, Inc., in the Amount of $28,750. (This item has been postponed.)

HEARD after Item #10.

POSTPONED/CONTINUED Items #15 and #19.

16. Approval to Procure Installation Services and Equipment from Infax, Inc., in the Amount of $43,347.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #16, #17, #18, #20 and #21, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

17. Approval to Procure Darktrace Cybersecurity Platform from Darktrace, in the Amount of $65,302.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #16, #17, #18, #20 and #21, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

18. Approval to Procure Two Vehicles from O.C. Welch Ford, in the Amount of $94,290.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #16, #17, #18, #20 and #21, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

19. Approval to Fund an Additional Year of the Professional Services Agreement with Carol Holladay & Associates, in the Amount of $96,000. (This item has been postponed.)

POSTPONED/CONTINUED Items #15 and #19.

20. Approval to Procure Seven Vehicles from J.C. Lewis Ford Pooler, in the Amount of $393,173.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #16, #17, #18, #20 and #21, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

21. Approval of the 2023-2024 Airport Liability Insurance Program with Sterling Seacrest Pritchard, Inc., in the Amount of $1,210,669.80.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #16, #17, #18, #20 and #21, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ADDED:

Mayor Johnson exercised a moment of Mayoral privilege by recognizing Scenic Chatham Chair Ardis Wood, affiliate of Scenic America that focuses on improving the visual of the environment, to issue a Certificate of Appreciation to Benedictine Military School Headmaster Father Frank Ziemkiewicz, in appreciation for improving the border of their property, and beautifying their campus.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Alderman Leggett announced the anniversary of Police Sgt. Kelvin Ansari who died in the line of duty four years ago.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely announced her grandson, Bubba, was in attendance today for the Council meeting.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan announced former Commissioner & Harlem Globe Trotter Larry Gator Rivers was funeralized last evening. She gave shouts out to all Harlem Globe Trotter's who attended the service.

ıyor Johnson thanked teachers, nurses and all mom's. We appreciated you.

ıyor Johnson sent congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jay Melder.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 2:57 p.m.

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: May 25, 2023

Signature: Mark Massey

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MAY 25, 2023, 4:30 p.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT
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SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 4:32 p.m. Mayor-Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz recognized Alderman Purtee to offer a prayer.

PRESENT:

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

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

kshop Agenda Items

1. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Update

Exhibit 1: Diversity Equity and Inclusion Update.pdf

PRESENTED by City Manager Melder and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer F. Takeshia Brown.

Following are some of the questions and comments from members of the City Council:

- Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked for the racial makeup of the forty diversity champions mentioned in Strategies and how they were selected, and has the poverty level dropped. Ms. Brown will supply the information.
- Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked if there were any roadblocks and what is the diversity in supervisory positions as it relates to females. Ms. Brown supplied the information.

- Alderman Purtee expressed concern with equity as it relates to aging and disability. Ms. Brown indicated diversity included all aspects of the City's population.
- Alderwoman Lanier and Ms. Brown discussed stakeholders, workforce culture, policy analysis, and the recent census in regards to low wealth individuals being under counted.
- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concern to City Manager Melder for the City's policies as it relates to diversity, equity and inclusion. City Manager Melder indicated Ms. Brown presented some of the policies in the presentation and staff continues to improve the City's policies on an on-going basis. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed her concern for the leadership at the City needs to show more diversity, equity and inclusion.
- Mayor Johnson and City Manager Melder responded to Alderwoman Gibson-Carter's concerns and expressed the City's on-going efforts to enhance diversity, equity and inclusion for all City departments and for all City Districts. Mayor Johnson indicated the City needs to engage a outside consulting firm to conduct an independent study to heighten the development diversity, equity and inclusion in the organization
- Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan discussed the initiative for women and the staff luncheon celebrating women in leadership roles.
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed concern about a prior disparity study and the outcome of it. Mayor Johnson indicated the prior administration decided to go in a different direction. Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated to City Manager Melder she was not invited to the luncheon celebrating women in leadership roles. City Manager Melder indicated the luncheon was established for City staff members.
- Alderwoman Lanier stated she was not invited to the luncheon and asked City Manager Melder for the total cost of the luncheon. City Manager Melder will send Council Members the information.
- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed her concern for the City's standards in leadership. She is concerned with equity in staff salaries, economic opportunity for external partners, and for economic opportunity and fairness in the purchasing department. She discussed the City's lack of equity, diversity and inclusion in dealing with internal as well as external partners.
- Mayor Johnson stated there still exists a fundamental failure for some members to distinguish the role of Council (government) versus City management (administration). He further stated the City is not perfect and can use improvement, but there needs to be recorded data and external examination. He thanked Ms. Brown for the presentation and thanked the staff of the City for the service offered to the public. For every negative experience, most assuredly, there will be twen positive experiences where staff gave an outstanding service.

The PowerPoint presentation is on file and available for viewing in the Clerk of Council's office.

2. City Manager's Update

Not Presented.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Workshop at 5:57 p.m.

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

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MAY 25, 2023, 6:30 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

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SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:32 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Bishop James Gregory Rodges, Senior Pastor of Jonesville Baptist Church of the PAW to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1
Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2
Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
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ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

ROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for May 25, 2023.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda as amended to add a special recognition as requested by Mayor Johnson, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on May 11, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - May 11, 2023 City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on May 11, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - May 11, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS

4. A Proclamation Declaring the Month of May as National Historic Preservation Month. It is important to celebrate the role of historic preservation in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to safeguard the tangible aspects of the heritage that has shaped us as a people.

READ and PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to the Historic Savannah Foundation and th Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC). Accepted by MPC Executive Director Melanie Wilson, the first female and first African-American to serve as MPC Executive Director.

Ms. Wilson thanked Mayor and Council for the recognition and proclamation. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, and Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz added comments.

Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated for purposes of the record they are excusing themselves from this presentation. They indicated they do not support this recognition due to the City's previous position and lack of attention given to The Weeping Time, Yamacraw Village, and other historical properties located in District 1.

ADDED:

A Proclamation Recognizing April 27, 2023, and May 25, 2023, as Colonel Hank Reed Day in the City of Savannah.

READ and PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to Colonel Hank Reed. Colonel Reed thanked the Mayor and Aldermen/Alderwomen for the honor and recognized the Savannah Downtown Redevelopment Authority (SDRA) Board for the outstanding contributions to the City. Also in attendance was Mrs. Heidi Reed. Alderman Palumbo and Alderman Leggett added comments.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

5. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to C. Ansley Williams for Boar's Head Grill and Tavern, a Restaurant, Locate at 1 N. Lincoln Street Ramp Between East Bay and East River Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Boar's Head Tavern & Grill.doc

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Boar's Head Grill and Tavern.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Boar's Head Grill and Tavern.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Boar's Head Grill and Tavern.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Boar's Head Grill and Tavern.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearing open for Item #5.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearing for Item #5, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #5, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ZONING HEARINGS

6. Approval of a Zoning Text Amendment to Permit "Pharmacy for Medical Cannabis Dispensary or Medical Marijuana Dispensary" as a Limited and Special Use in Certain Zoning Districts. (File No. 22-003953-ZA)

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet (File No. 22-003953-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Extend Temporary Stay of Medicinal Cannabis for an Additional 180 Days dated October 13, 2022.pdf

Exhibit 3: Revised Draft Ordinance for Medical Cannabis Dispensaries (File No. 22-003953-ZA) .pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #6.

City Manager Melder gave brief background information and outlined the recommendations of the ordinance for Council.

Speaker(s):

- Bridget Lidy, Urban Planning & Design Director

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked who would regulate the dispensary. Ms. Lidy answered the State. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan expressed concern for the locations of the dispensaries. City Manager Melder and Ms. Lidy explained the City's zoning ordinance will enforce the locations. Alderwoman

Wilder-Bryan recommended holding the agenda item until applications from the State can be viewed by Council.

Alderman Palumbo requested an explanation of the application approval process. Ms. Lidy explained the process. He also requested information on the State's regulations as it relates to the legislature. Ms. Lidy answered.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed concern for the five (5) licenses issued by the State and if they will be able to open multiple locations. City Manager Melder and Ms. Lidy explained the State's process, one license, one location. There was discussions of the alcohol overlay and marina (Coffee Bluff Marina) districts as it relates to placing dispensaries in those locations.

Mayor Johnson stated this is a rapidly evolving industry and the City has the opportunity to put parameters in place for the future.

Alderman Leggett stated the City has put safeguards in place relating to established locations of the dispensaries. He asked if the City will receive any revenues for sales. Ms. Lidy indicated the only fees the City will receive will be the business license fees.

Alderwoman Lanier expressed concern for equity, diversity and inclusion. She questioned why the dispensaries could not be located in the alcohol overlay districts when the residents in those districts are experiencing the same illnesses the cannabis/marijuana oil will be able to relieve. She stated the City is sending mixed messages, the dispensaries should go anywhere and in any district within the City, wherever pharmacies can go or be placed.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz expressed concern for Council not having the ability to determine where the dispensaries will be located in the City. Will the State have the authority to determine the placement of the dispensaries without the input of Council. City Manager Melder explained the City will have authority over the locations of the dispensaries via zoning.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder when the alcohol overlay districts will be discussed. City Manager Melder indicted, it is Council's decision when to revisit alcohol overlay changes. He indicated there are several locations in the 1st and 5th districts where the dispensaries will be able to operate.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and City Manager Melder discussed staff's decision to not have the dispensaries located in alcohol overlay districts. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concern for any medical research as it relates to diseases within alcohol overlay districts that a local dispensaries would be of benefit to residents experiencing those diseases.

Alderman Purtee called the question.

Alderwoman Lanier asked Ms. Lidy were there any recommendations from MPC which were not incorporated into the final ordinance. Ms. Lidy answered, everything from MPC was incorporated into the ordinance.

Alderman Purtee moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #6, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no. See related Agenda Item #9.

7. Approval of a Zoning Text Amendment for Bridget Lidy on Behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah to Revise Sections 4.1.7 Buidling Measurements, 8.7.2 Generally, 8.7.4 Accessory Dwelling Units, 8.7.5 Caretaker Dwelling Unit as well as 13.2 and 13.5 Definitions of the Zoning Ordinance. Citywide. (File No. 22-005883)

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for Accessory Dwelling Units (File No. 22-05883-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance for ADUs (File No. 22-005883-ZA) .pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #7.

Speaker(s):

- Marcus Lotson, MPC representative
- Whitney Shephard – IN SUPPORT

Written comment(s):

- Tim Weber – OPPOSED

Alderman Leggett expressed concern for parking associated with the Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). Mr. Lotson indicated parking associated with the main dwelling unit can be applied to the ADU. At the request of Alderman Leggett, Mr. Lotson discussed how ADUs coincide with the Oglethorpe Plan as it relates to the historic district (by limiting heights). Alderman Leggett requested City Manager Melder to schedule a meeting for Council to discuss the establishment of STDRs as it relates to ADUs. City Manager Melder indicated he will comply.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely requested a listing of places in the City where ADUs are not permitted. City Manager Melder will send the requested data to Council Members.

Alderwoman Lanier expressed concern of the heights and square footage of the ADUs. Mr. Lotson explained the height and square footage restrictions, the requirements, and the associated possible variances.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #7, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was not present for the vote. See related Agenda Item #10.

8. Approval of a Zoning Text Amendment for Bridget Lidy on Behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah to Revise Section 3.2, Public Notice Procedures, to Comply with the Georgia Zoning Procedures Law. Citywide. (File No. 23-001583)

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for Public Notification (File No. 23-001583-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Georgia HB 1405.pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for Public Notification (File No. 23-005813-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #8.

Speaker(s):

- Marcus Lotson, MPC representative

When a large parcel needs to be rezone by the City, Alderwoman Lanier asked Mr. Lotson to explain how the City notifies/negotiates with the property owner. Mr. Lotson explained the notice procedure.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #8, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. See related Agenda Item #11.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

9. Approval of a Zoning Text Amendment to Permit "Pharmacy for Medical Cannabis Dispensary or Medical Marijuana Dispensary" as a Limited and Special Use in Certain Zoning Districts. (File No. 22-003953-ZA)

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After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #6, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 6-3-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Alderwoman Lanier voted no.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated she voted no because it's not in the overlay districts.

10. Approval of a Zoning Text Amendment for Bridget Lidy on Behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah to Revise Sections 4.1.7 Buidling Measurements, 8.7.2 Generally, 8.7.4 Accessory Dwelling Units, 8.7.5 Caretaker Dwelling Unit as well as 13.2 and 13.5 Definitions of the Zoning Ordinance. Citywide. (File No. 22-005883)

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Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance for Accessory Dwelling Units (File No. 22-005883-ZA) .pdf

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #10, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was not present for the vote.

11. Approval of a Zoning Text Amendment for Bridget Lidy on Behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah to Revise Section 3.2 Public Notice Procedures to Comply with the Georgia Zoning Procedures Law. Citywide. File No. 23-001583.

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Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for Public Notification (File No. 23-005813-ZA).pdf

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #11, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

12. Approval to Amend Article E. 'Hotel Motel Tax' of the 2023 Revenue Ordinance to Adjust the Hotel Motel Tax Rate from Six Percent to Eight Percent and Establish an Effective Collection Date of September 1, 2023.

Exhibit 1. Article E. Hotel Motel Tax

Exhibit 2- Article E. Hotel Motel Tax TRACKED CHANGES

Mayor Johnson declared the 1st and 2nd readings of Agenda Item #12 open for public comment.

Mayor Johnson gave a brief history of House Bill 718. The Bill was introduced by State Representative Edna Jackson (former Mayor) and signed into law by the Governor, changing the Hotel Motel Tax Rate from six percent to eight percent. Mayor Johnson thanked Governor Kemp for signing the law to amend the hotel motel tax rate from six percent to eight percent.

Mayor Johnson indicated the City receives significant revenue from tourism dollars. An increase in the hotel motel tax rate by 2% would benefit the City economically. For the past years, the hotel

motel tax rate failed, due to a failure of all parties to agree on the use of revenue. The revenue must be related to tourism related projects.

Mayor Johnson announced, this year, after many meetings, a lot of hard work, and trips to Atlanta, House Bill 718 passed. Today, City Council will consider amending Article E Hotel Motel Tax Revenue Ordinance by adjusting the tax rate from six percent to eight percent.

Mayor Johnson thanked City Manager Melder, City Attorney Lovett, Chief Operating Officer Bret Bell; and most importantly Director of Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs Joe Shearouse for his dedicated work and professionalism during deliberations.

Mayor Johnson specifically thanked the City Lobbyist Marcia Rubensohn, former Mayor and State Representative Edna Jackson, Chairman of the City's Delegation Ron Stephens, Chairman Colonel Bill Hitchens, State Senator Ben Watson, Chairman Carl Gilliard, Chairman Jesse Petrea, State Senator Billy Hickmen, State Senator Derek Mallow, State Representative Anne Allen Westbrook, and Team Savannah.

Mayor Johnson discussed some of the projects the City will be able to complete with the additional tax revenue; namely, River Street reconstruction, Tide-to-Town trail, and the development of the Waterworks Building. He thanked Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo who worked on his behalf during the early stages of the process.

City Manager Melder thanked Mayor Johnson and especially Mr. Shearouse. The City Manager thanked Michael Owens at TLC and Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Bert Brantley for all their hard work and support during the process. City Manager Melder acknowledged there would be no success without the hard work by residents, staff, and Council during prior years.

Speaker(s):

- Dr. Deidre Grim – OPPOSED
- Bodua Gordon – OPPOSED

Alderwoman Miller Blakely read a portion of the Hotel Motel Tax Rate Resolution for citizens to know what tourism development projects would be funded. Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated when the hotel motel tax rate increase was previously discussed, $7 million was requested to assist employees working in the hotel motel industry.

At the request of Alderwoman Miller Blakely, City Manager Melder described some of the tourism product development projects outlined in the Resolution approved by the State House and the Governor. The list of projects has not changed. He indicated some of the projects approved by all partners involved.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed concern for the $2 million allocated in the Resolution for a water access facility on Savannah's Southside, namely Belles Ferry. Alderman Purtee explained the item related to the sixth district for access to public waterways. A few sites were identified, but any waterway within the City can be utilized.

Alderwoman Lanier discussed and expressed her concerns for monies allocated for the Waterworks Building and the prior request for $7 million for the motel hotel industry employees (housing, transportation, childcare, etc.). Mayor Johnson, City Manager Melder and Alderwoman Lanier continued in discussion.

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #12, seconded by Alderman Palumbo and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 6-3-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Alderwoman Lanier voted no. See related Agenda Item #22.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder the amount of revenue the additional two percent of hotel motel tax will generate. Mr. Melder answered, under the current model for 2022, for this year the total collected was $34.6 million. The projected at eight percent for 2023 is $52 million. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and City Manager Melder discussed the amount/percentages of revenue from the tax which will be applied to the City's general fund. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed her concern for how the additional hotel motel tax revenue will be utilized as it relates to parks, employees of the hotel motel industry, residents living in hotel/motels, and low wealth residents who will not receive any benefits from the increased tax revenues.

Alderman Purtee and Alderman Palumbo expressed appreciation for the additional tax revenue that will be available for the improvement of the City's trails. Alderman Palumbo thanked all the partners and staff involved in getting HB 718 approved.

Mayor Johnson asked City Attorney Lovett if the hotel motel tax can be legally used for compensation for employees in the hotel motel industry, for childcare, for housing, (no). There is an element for

transportation. Mayor Johnson indicated the prior request of $7 million for hotel motel employees are not allowable by law.

As it relates to the 2021 Resolution list of projects, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz expressed her concern for the fifth district inclusion and to confirm the $37 million for the Waterworks Building. She indicated when the listed projects are completed, the City will realize additional revenue for new projects in future years.

Alderwoman Lanier asked City Manager Melder the amount allocated for the Waterworks Building, $20 million. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan commented on equity; the first district was allotted projects and/or funds as opposed to the third district without any projects.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for Energy Performance Owner's Representative Services with 2KB Energy Services in an Amount N to Exceed $199,654. The modification covers the additional responsibilities related to the investment grade energy audit (IGEA) activities and the negotiation and execution a GESPC, if pursued, specifically for water resources facilities. (Sustainability)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Energy Performance Owner's Rep.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Energy Performance Owner's Rep.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13, #15, #17, and #20, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Stantec Consulting Services, LLC in an Amount Not to Exceed $492,500. The contract will encompass a range of services, including environmental assessments of properties, development of cleanup plans, grant management support, and reporting. The geographic focus of this grant-funded project includes the area between Habersham and Pennsylvania Ave north of Victory Drive, portions of the 37th St. / Victory Drive corridor, and neighborhoods in the west side of Savannah along Bay Street. (Sustainability)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Environmental Consultant.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Environmental Consultant.pdf

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #14, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Temporary Traffic Table Installation and Removal Services with SABE, Inc. (Primary)(LOCAL)(DBE) and AWP, Inc. (Secondary) in the Amount of $206,720. The Transportation Services Department will use this service in an effort to expedite the installation of temporary traffic calming devices on approved residential streets. (Transportation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Traffic Table.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Traffic Table.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked when will the traffic calming devices be placed in Cloverdal Cann/Jackson Park and Twickenham. City Manager Melder indicated he will forward to Council th status of all the applications.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13, #15, #17, and #20, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Procure Various Playground Renovations, Multi-Station Play Structures, and Site Amenities with GameTime c/o Dominica Recreation Products, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed $539,024. This equipment will replace aging park and playground features at 21 playgrounds as part of the Recreation Reimagined Initiative. (Parks & Recreation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Various Multi-Station Play Structures.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Various Multi-Station Play Structures.pdf

Alderwoman Miller Blakely requested a listing of all the playgrounds being refurbished. City Manager Melder will provide Council with the complete listing.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to approve Item #16, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Gibson-Carter. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for PLX PenLink Software from PenLink in the Amount of $57,371. PLX PenLink will allow for the capability to aggregate and analyze the digital evidence the Savannah Police Department captures from mobile devices, social media, and other third-party systems. (Innovation + Technology)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Penlink Software.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Penlink Software.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13, #15, #17, and #20, seconded b Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Recorder's Court A/V Solution with NetPlanner Systems, Inc. (LOCAL) in the Amount of $340,905. The Recorder's Court will use this project to implement a robust, cloud-based, audio-video conferencing and recording solution to three courtrooms allowing multiple parties reliable remote access to court proceedings. (Innovation + Technology)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Recorders Court A/V Solution.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Recorders Court A/V Solution.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed her concern for the disparity of persons in recorders court and she recommended night court as a possible solution.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Item #18, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

19. Authorize the City Manager to Procure a Contract for New and Replacement Mobile Data Terminals (MDT) with Law and Order Technology, LLC in an Amount Not to Exceed $920,000. The mobile data terminals will provide the Savannah Police Department (SPD) and Savannah Fire Department (SFD) real time GPS locations and information for current tasks. (IT)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Mobile Data Terminals.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Mobile Data Terminals.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Item #19, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Modernization of the Elevators in the Savannah Police Department (SPD) Headquarters Building with TK Elevator (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed $886,035. The scope of the contract encompasses various updates and enhancements to the elevators, including the controller, motor, governor, car, hoist way, doors, car fixtures, and pit. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - SPD Elevators.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - SPD Elevators.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13, #15, #17, and #20, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

21. Approval of Change Order No. 2 with Barnett Southern Corporation for the Southeast Quadrant Stormwater Drainage Improvements Project, in the Amount of $51,175.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #21, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

22. Approval of a Resolution to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Hotel/Motel Excise Tax under O.C.G.A. 48-13-51(b) by Amending the City of Savannah's Hotel Motel Tax Rate from 6% to 8%; to Allow All Necessary Acts to Accomplish the Intent of this Resolution; and to Provide an Effective Date for the Execution of September 1, 2023.

Exhibit 1. Hotel Motel Tax Resolution

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #22, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 6-3-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Alderwoman Lanier voted no. See related Agenda Item #12.

AGREEMENTS

23. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Ann Street Property Owner, LLC for Kehoe Assemblage, a Development Consisting of a 215 Hotel Rooms, 232 Apartments and 2 Restaurants in the President Street Service Area in District 2.

Exhibit 1 : Water & Sewer Agreement - Kehoe Assemblage.pdf

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Items #23, #24, and #25, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

24. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Godley Station Enterprises, LLC for Brookline Subdivision Phases 3 & 4. This is for a development consisting of 109 single family homes in the Godley West service area in District 1.

Exhibit 1 : Water & Sewer Agreement - Brookline Subdivision Phases 3 & 4.pdf

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Items #23, #24, and #25, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

25. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Marion Lake Owner, LLC for Marion Lake, a Development Consisting of a 305 Unit Multi-family Development in the Godley West Service Area in District 1.

Exhibit 1 : Water & Sewer Agreement - Marion Lake.pdf

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Items #23, #24, and #25, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

26. Authorize the City Manager to Approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Effecting a Second Extension of Facilities Use Agreement with the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System Board of Education.

Exhibit 1 - BOE IGA - Map Attachment.pdf

Exhibit 3 - BOE IGA - Current Agreement.pdf

Exhibit 2 - BOE IGA - MOU Modified Extension of Facilities Use Agreement Exp 5-31-2025.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier asked City Manager Melder if this MOU is in place in other areas of the City, Yes. Alderwoman Lanier can speak with Chief Taffanye Young for more information.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #26, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

27. Settlement #1

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #27, to authorize the City Attorney's Office to resolve the (settlement agreement) claim of Jamia Beaton for $35,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

28. Added Item on 05/22 - Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Network Maintenance Services, Equipment, and Security Annual Renewal with Layer 3 Communications (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed $1,075,000. The Innovation+Technology Services Department will use the service for hardware and software maintenance for designated Juniper, Aruba, and Palo Alto Networks equipment. (IT)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Network Maintenance, Equipment, and Security.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Network Maintenance, Equipment, and Security.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #28, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Johnson welcomed and congratulated the newly married Mr. & Mrs. Jay Melder. Mayor Johnso congratulated the class of 2023 of the Chatham-Savannah Public School Systems, private an parochial schools from kindergarten through twelfth grades.

Monday is Memorial Day. Mayor Johnson encourages everyone to remember those who died serving our Country.

Alderman Purtee announced he met with the Special US Assistant District Attorney and the partnership program has been very successful. She has prosecuted felony drugs, felony guns and felonies within the City of Savannah.

Alderman Leggett announced the 2nd District and Hitch Village community had a successful event on Saturday.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan announced on May 26th PUSH partnered with Riverview Health and the 3rd District for a Hollywood Crown for the Elderly event. On May 30th, In the Park with Kareem Hill and others. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan thanked the many students who sent letters to Council Members.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz announced Seniors On The Go program with Nick Roberts and the Recreation Leisure Services staff for a successful event.

Alderman Palumbo congratulated Urban Planning & Design Director Bridget Lidy on the completion of two (2) complicated projects and presenting the projects before Council today.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 10:27 p.m.

A video recording of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

https://savannahgovtv.viebit.com/player.php?hash=uNtEu694j0DRYmHF

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

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JUNE 8, 2023, 12:00 p.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 12:02 p.m. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order and recognized Alderman Purtee to offer a prayer.

PRESENT:

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

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

Workshop Agenda Items

Pension Plan Update

Exhibit 1: Pension Plan Update.pptx

PRESENTED after the Capital Construction Update.

PRESENTED by City Manager Melder and Finance Director David Maxwell.

Due to time constraints, comments and questions from Council Members will be continued to the June 22, 2023, Workshop.

The PowerPoint presentation is on file and available for viewing in the Clerk of Council's office.

2. Capital Projects Update

Exhibit 1: Capital Projects Update.pptx

PRESENTED by City Manager Melder, Capital Projects Management Senior Director Cristy Lawrence, and Stormwater Management Director Zach Hoffman.

Ms. Lawrence introduced the members of the capital projects management team: Senior Capital Project Manager Douglas Patton, Capital Project Manager Dan Reel, Capital Project Manager Byron Stiles, Construction Inspector James 'Jim' Wood, Contract Coordinator Amber Williams, Senior Administrative Assistant Jenneida White, and Capital Projects Liaison Phillip Kalogitonas.

Following the presentation, Council Members offered comments, discussion and questions:

- Alderman Palumbo expressed concern for capital funding of stormwater infrastructure. City Manager Melder explained most of stormwater financing is from SPLOST funding. Alderma Palumbo and City Manager Melder discussed sustainable funding sources and gree infrastructure.
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed interest in the remaining SPLOST projects and the location of Atlantic Park. She indicated there is no handicap parking at the Enmarket Arena; discussed hotel/motel tax for funding of pedestrian wayfinding signage; and the Victory Drive landscaping and irrigation project funding. City Manager Melder indicated staff is currently doing an analysis of hotel/motel tax versus SPLOST funds to determine funding sources for projects.
- Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked how contamination is addressed during construction, Ms. Lawrence indicated professional consultants are contracted for unexpected environmental issues. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan recommended having a designated staff person to handle environmental issues, City Manager Melder indicated that option can be considered. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan requested updates on the DeLesseps Avenue widening and the Semken & LaRoche Avenue bridge replacements. She asked if signage at project sites or communication can be sent to residents with project completion dates. Ms. Lawrence indicated the department (Mr. Kalogitonas, Liaison) will be working with the community to supply updated information. Mayor Johnson indicated SPLOST projects have signage which identifies name, cost, timeline, etc.
- Alderwoman Lanier indicated Ogeecheeton Park has a problem with holding water and the gate has fallen off. She stated the Enmarket Arena parking garage needs handicap parking. Highlands Park Phase I, residents are requesting another meeting for additional information on the park and to ask questions. Regarding the Hudson Hill Community Center, a tree was move and it died. There is a smaller sapling in its place and the Lanier family was not notified if th was a replacement. The residents are very pleased with the Center.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked for clarification of the Springfield Canal Drainage projects. Mr. Hoffman outlined Phase I, Phase II, and Phase III of the Springfield Canal drainage projects. She asked for clarification of the drainage box rehabilitations. Mr. Hoffman provided an explanation relating to the pump stations.
- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concern for owned City property as well as needed additional office space. She recommended policy initiatives on how the City acquires real estate. Through the budget process, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recommended rolling back the millage rate to save citizens on their property taxes. She suggested the City forgo some capital projects in an effort to curtail wasteful spending. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter discussed the Canals as it relates to funding and allocating resources incrementally. In regard to post construction and quality assurance, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter is of the opinion that the work is of a lower quality, given the amount of money the City paid for the projects. After attending ribbon cuttings at projects, there were leaks and other items needing attention. City Manager Melder indicated capital projects all have a scope, and the City staff does have quality assurance and they are always working to make improvements. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed her concerns for contracts with modifications, as it relates to additional funds for completion of a project.
- Mayor Johnson indicated he is adding a facts check feature for unsubstantiated and baseless claims. This Council and the previous administration lowered the millage rate for taxpayers. Th millage rate is the lowest since 1987. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated, it's not the lowest it ca be. Mayor Johnson indicated the City Manager cannot institute any policies that duly elected officials have established pertaining to any real owned assets.

The PowerPoint presentation is on file and available for viewing in the Clerk of Council's office.

3. City Manager's Update

NOT PRESENTED.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Workshop at 1:33 p.m.

A video recording of the workshop can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

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JUNE 8, 2023, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:06 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter who introduced Father Pablo Migone, Pastor of Corpus Christi Catholic Church to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

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

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

ROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for June 8, 2023.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda as amended thereby continuing/postponing agenda item #5 as requested by the applicant, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on May 25, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Workshop Draft Minutes - May 25, 2023 City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #2, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on May 25, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Exhibit 1: RM DRAFT MINUTES_May 25, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier expressed concern for the unanswered questions from Item #9 from the Regular Meeting of May 25, 2023. The following questions her concern:

- Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan - requested to view the State's application. (Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan did receive the information prior to her vote from Assistant to the City Manager Kelvin Bryant)
- Alderman Palumbo - requested an explanation of the application approval process. (Alderma Palumbo indicated the minutes reflected his questions were answered by Ms. Lidy during th meeting)
- Alderwoman Lanier - stated dispensaries should go anywhere and in any district within the City wherever pharmacies can go (wherever pharmacies can go was not included in the minutes).

Mayor Johnson indicated minutes are what is done in a meeting and not what is said. The Clerk of Council has included what was done in the minutes. The Clerk of Council is willing to make any corrections/changes as deemed necessary for anything said, but if it concerns a factual matter, the City Manager should be notified. To change the minutes, any Alderman/Alderwoman on the prevailing side can reconsider the approved action with a motion.

Alderwoman Lanier asked if Item #9 from the prior meeting can be revisited based on new information. Mayor Johnson indicated Council has taken it's action. City Manager Melder can address the concerns, if he so desires.

City Manager Melder explained Item #9 from the prior meeting was a zoning issue and not a matter of the number of licenses issued by the State or the number of dispensaries associated with each license. City Manager Melder stated he would inquire as to how many dispensaries are allowed per license and share the information with Council Members. Since the prior meeting, City Manager Melder has received information that each licensee would be allowed up to five dispensaries.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely indicated experts on the State application and dispensaries are in Counc Chambers and they are willing to explain. She asked City Manager Melder if they could come bac and share information on all aspects of the license and dispensaries with Council. Mayor Johnsc indicated Council has taken its action. City Manager Melder explained Council approved Item #9 as a zoning issue to determine what areas the dispensaries would be placed and not how many dispensaries per license.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #3 as amended to correct the minutes pertaining to medical cannabis dispensaries agenda Item #6, to include within Alderwoman Lanier's comments that dispensaries should be able to go or be placed wherever a pharmacy can go, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated not allowing the dispensaries in the alcohol overlay districts prohibits access to the communities who need the medical cannabis/marijuana the most. City Manager Melder indicated Council's actions related to the issue does not conflict with any State law, ordinance or regulation.

Alderman Purtee raised a point of order. Mayor Johnson recognized point of order, and moved to Item #28.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

4. Approval of a Class C (Liquor) (By the Drink) Alcohol License for Sobremesa, a Bar/Lounge Located at 2312 Abercorn Street Between East 39th and East 40th Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Sobremesa.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Sobremesa.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Sobremesa.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurements Report - Sobremesa.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Sobremesa.pdf

HEARD after Item #20.

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearing open for Item #4.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearing for Item #4, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #4, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no, due to the City Council's previous action taken regarding the Cru Lounge.

5. Request for a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Derrick Law-Staton for Sloppee Toppee, a Restaurant Located at 1308 Montgomery Street Between West Anderson and West Henry Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Sloppee Toppee.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Report - Sloppee Toppee.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Sloppee Toppee.pdf

Exhibit 4: Security Plan - Sloppee Toppee.pdf

Exhibit 5: Measurement Report - Sloppee Toppee.pdf

CONTINUED/POSTPONED Item #5 to the June 22, 2023, City Council Meeting, during the adoption of the agenda.

Written comment(s):

- Nancy Maia, representing Victorian Neighborhoods Association – OPPOSITION requested to continue

ZONING HEARINGS

6. Special Use Permit for Josh Yellen (Agent) for Susanne Warnekros on Behalf of 14 W. 43rd, LLC (Owner) to Allow for a Restaurant with On Premises Consumption of Alcohol at 2602 Whitaker Street (20074 14001) with Conditions. Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 23-000865-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for 2602 Whitaker Street (File No. 23-000865-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 2602 Whitaker Street (File No. 23-000865-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Letters of Support for 2602 Whitaker Street (File No. 23-000865-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #6.

Speaker(s):

- Marcus Lotson, MPC representative
- Josh Yellin, representing the applicant
- Noah Estes – IN SUPPORT

Written comment(s):

- More than 200 letters received IN-SUPPORT, as submitted by the applicant's agent (Josh Yellin)
- Andrew Brochu – IN SUPPORT

Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed concern for parking at the restaurant and asked if there was a parking plan. Attorney Yellin answered, working with City of Savannah staff, a parking plan was established. Alderwoman Blakely stated she supported the restaurant, but would not be voting in favor of the special use permit until the City is justified in giving the Cru Lounge an alcohol license.

Alderman Palumbo expressed his pleasure in the return of the establishment and wants an invitation for him and his wife to the Dance Party, when it returns.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed her pleasure in seeing so many citizens in Chambers supporting the establishment. She encouraged the residents to display the same energy during the millage rate process.

Alderwoman Lanier asked Mr. Lotson why a special use permit. Mr. Lotson indicated the establishment is in close proximity to a residential area. She asked if there was any opposition, Mr. Lotson answered, not in this case.

Alderman Leggett expressed his concern for following the process and having an opportunity to meet with the petitioner prior to the Council Meeting. The neighborhood vote was 8 to 1 in favor, but Alderman Leggett would like to be transparent and meet with all parties involved in the process and make sure everyone is on one accord.

a. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #6, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #6, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no, due to the City Council's previous action taken regarding the Cru Lounge.

Mayor Johnson exercised a point of person privilege and announced and recognized Marcus Lotson. This is Mr. Lotson's last meeting with City Council. He is leaving the Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) to pursue other career opportunities. Mayor Johnson thanked Mr. Lotson for his dedicated service to the City, his professionalism during his tenure with MPC, and every interaction with City staff and Members of Council.

Mr. Lotson expressed his thanks to the Mayor, Council and staff for the many years of support and encouragement. He thanked the MPC staff and he ensured Council the MPC will continue to work with the City by sending other staff members to Council meetings for public hearings.

Various Council Members and City Manager Melder expressed their appreciation to Mr. Lotson and his years of professionalism and contributions to the City, and they congratulated him on his new career endeavors.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

7. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Wastewater Debris Removal Parts with Parkson in the Amount of $64,995. The Crossroads Water Treatment Facility will use the parts to remove floating debris from the wastewater treatment process. (Water Reclamation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Screen Assembly Parts.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Screen Assembly Parts.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #7 through #13, seconded by Alderwoma Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

8. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for Generator Maintenance with Current Edge Solutions, LLC (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed $500,000. This increase is due to unforeseen required critical repairs for generators which power the City's stormwater pumping stations which are vital to ensuring flooding does not occur during severe rain and hurricane events. (Stormwater)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Pumping Stations Generator Maintenance.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Pumping Stations Generator Maintenance.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #7 through #13, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

9. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Stadium Seating at Grayson Stadium with Irwin Seating Company in the Amount of $131,625. This request will be utilized to replace 620 seats at Grayson Stadium that are dilapidated. (Facilities Maintenance)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Grayson Seating.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Grayson Seating.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #7 through #13, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

10. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Recyclable Materials Processing Services with Pratt Recycling, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed $728,000. The Sanitation Department will use the recyclable materials processing services to process all single stream recycling material collected by the City of Savannah. (Sanitation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Recyclable Materials Processing Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Recyclable Materials Processing Services.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #7 through #13, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Microsoft Enterprise Software with Insight Public Sector, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed $1,445,000. The software will allow all city departments to utilize this cloud-based environment by providing increased security, expansion of accessibility to daily operational resources, and delivering a platform for disaster recovery. (Innovation+Technology)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Microsoft Enterprise Software.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Microsoft Enterprise Software.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #7 through #13, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Final Closeout Modification for Renovations at Waters Avenue Shopping Center (Savannah Impact Program) with Johnson-Laux Construction (LOCAL)(DBE) in the Amount of $73,613. The final project closeout modification entails replacing the roof over the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (ONSE) office, an area that was not included in the original contract. The ONSE office was previously a community room that received minimal roof repair work during its construction in 2015. However, the occurrence of increasing leaks in the ONSE office throughout 2022 has necessitated the installation of a new roof. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Waters Avenue Renovations.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Waters Avenue Renovations.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #7 through #13, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Final Closeout Modification for the Grant Center Gymnasium with Dabbs-Williams General Contractors, LLC. (LOCAL) in the amount of $76,300. The final project close-out amendment is required to account for additional costs associated with various factors, including credits, unforeseen condition constructability items, plan clarifications, and owner-requested changes. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Grant Center Gym.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Grant Center Gym.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #7 through #13, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Batting Cages with H2i Group Inc. in the Amount of $69,804. This purchase is for the replacement of the batting cage at Paulson Sports Complex and an additional batting cage at Guy Minnick Sports Complex. (Parks & Recreation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Batting Cages.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Batting Cages.pdf

Alderman Purtee thanked Alderman Palumbo, City Manager Melder, Assistant City Manager Lloyd, and Chief Taffanye Young, and Nick Roberts from Recreation Reimagined for completing the work at the sports complex. Alderman Purtee expressed his gratitude for the recreational facilities throughout the City and recommended investing in more like projects.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated Tribble Park looks amazing; however, signage is needed around the ditch and lighting is needed. Mayor Johnson encouraged Alderwoman Miller Blakely to meet with City Manager Melder to discuss the improvements needed at Tribble Park.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #14, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

. Approval to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Moore | Martin Real Estate Valuation Services, Inc., in the Amount of $28,750.

HEARD after Item #28.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15, #16, #17, #18, #19, and #20, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

16. Approval to Renew the Software License and Support Agreement with Civix for One Year, in the Amount of $69,195.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15, #16, #17, #18, #19, and #20, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

17. Approval to Enter into an Engagement with PFM Financial Advisors, LLC., in an Amount Not to Exceed $75,000.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15, #16, #17, #18, #19, and #20, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

18. Approval to Procure Two Vehicles from JC Lewis Ford Savannah, in the Amount of $90,500.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15, #16, #17, #18, #19, and #20, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

. Approval to Fund an Additional Year of the Professional Services Agreement with Carol Holladay & Associates, in the Amount of $96,000.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15, #16, #17, #18, #19, and #20, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

20. Approval to Renew the Paychex Service Subscription for up to Five Years, in an Amount Not to Exceed $550,000.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15, #16, #17, #18, #19, and #20, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

21. Resolution to Authorize the City Manager to Execute Two FY2023 HOPWA Grant Applications to the Housing and Urban Development on Behalf of the Project Sponsor, Union Mission, Inc. to provide permanent supportive housing for low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS.

Exhibit 1: Resolution - FY2023 HOPWA Renewal-Replacement Grant Applications.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #21, seconded by Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

AGREEMENTS

22. Approval to Modify and Extend the PY2022 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Year-Round Youth Sub-Awards to Provide Summer Work Experience Opportunities. The extension will allow Service Provider, Ross-IES, Inc., to provide Youth Summer Work Experience opportunities for the ten-county region: Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, Long, McIntosh and Screven counties.

Exhibit 1: PY22 Youth Statement of Award.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier requested information on the program. City Manager Melder will send information to Council Members.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #22, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

23. Authorize the City Manager to Accept an Easement Donation from Belk's Department Store of Savannah Georgia, Inc. Belk's is in the process of selling its property and has agreed to donate an utility easement for the existing sewer lines, force main, and Lift Station #41 to the City of Savannah before closing on the transaction.

Exhibit 1: Map - Lift Station No. 41.pdf

Exhibit 2: Plats - Lift Station No. 41.pdf

Exhibit 3: Easement - Lift Station No. 41.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder how this purchase would benefit the City. City Manager Melder answered by acquiring the easement, the City will be able to manage the

utilities without interaction with the new owner.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #23, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

24. Settlement #1

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #24, to authorize the City Attorney's Office to resolve the claim (worker's compensation) of Timothy Alston for $75,000.00, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

25. Approval of a Major Subdivision - Lot 31 A, a Recombination of Lot 31 and the South 50 feet of Lot 32, Hull Subdivision, Situated Near the Intersection of Bee Road and Victory Drive in Aldermanic District 3. The proposed subdivision totals 0.39 acres and consist of five lots.

Exhibit 1: Plat - Hull Major Subdivision.pdf

Exhibit 2: Vicinity Map - 2818 Bee Road.pdf

Exhibit 3: Aerial Map - 2818 Bee Road.pdf

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Items #25 with a signed community agreement and Item #26 , seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

26. Approval of a Major Subdivision - The Palms Phase 4 Located at the End of Coconut Drive in the New Hampstead Area in Aldermanic District 5. The proposed subdivision totals 38.65 acres and consists of 112 lots.

Exhibit 1: Plat - The Palms Major Subdivision, Phase 4

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Items #25 with a signed community agreement and Item #26 , seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

27. Approval of Monument Application Part I: Theme, Location, and Preliminary Design for the Creation and Installation of a 5'8" Tall Bronze Bust of Reverend Andrew Bryan in Yamacraw Square. The applicant has selected artist Jerome Meadows for the creation of the bust and the budget for the monument is $14,500.

Exhibit 1: Signed Board Recommendation for Rev. Andrew Bryan Bust.pdf

Exhibit 2: Submittal Packet for Rev. Andrew Bryan Bust.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier announced the church and community is excited to have the Bronze Bust of Reverend Andrew Bryan in the neighborhood. Alderwoman Lanier expressed her thanks to all who contributed and participated in the process.

Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #27, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

28. Added Item: An Appearance by the PROUD Savannah Task Force and Others to Receive a Proclamation Designating June 2023 as PRIDE Month in Savannah.

HEARD after Item #3.

PRESENTED and READ by Mayor Johnson and Alderman Purtee.

The proclamation was accepted on behalf of LGBTQ and the Proud Savannah Taskforce by Pastor Candace E. Hardnett, Chair of the Proud Savannah Taskforce. Pastor Hardnett thanked the Mayor and Council for the recognition. Others in attendance; Erica Hardnett (wife of Pastor Hardnett), Lawrence Appenzell, Executive Director, First City Pride Center, Communications Director and LGBTQ Liaison Nick Zoller, and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer Takeshia Brown.

Lawrence Appenzell invited the public to the Stonewall Block Party on June 24th commemorating the June 28,1969 events in New York at the Stonewall Uprising for LGBTQ equality. On Saturday, Unity of Savannah is hosting a Trans Joy event; and Say Gay Louder Cabaret event will be hosted by Savannah Cabaret.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A resident in the audience thanked Council on behalf of the First Bryan Baptist Church.

Alderman Purtee announced the ribbon cutting at Tribble Park last week was a big success. He expressed his thanks to staff and Council for their support.

Alderman Leggett acknowledged the opening of the Silk Building on Waters Avenue and thanked the Chiefs for coming out in support of the opening. Alderman Leggett sent condolences to the family of Mr. Charles Thorpe who recently passed.

Mayor Johnson announced the Birthday of Executive Assistant Sharonte Turner and he thanked her for excellent service in the Mayor's office.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely announced the celebration at 38th Street Park of Juneteenth sponsored by the City. There will be events across the City and asked citizens to attend/participate. Alderwoman

Miller Blakely announced Operation Rolling Thunder is in force through Sunday and she asked the listening audience to make sure you are driving with your license, don't speed, smoke, or drink and drive.

Mayor Pro-Tem Shabazz thanked City Manager Melder and Team Savannah for a successful Town Hall meeting last evening in District 5.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan sent shout-outs to Savannah Fire Department and rescue workers for saving Mandy Mercer; to Chief Gunther for providing forums across the City to answer resident questions about crime; to residents that school zones are still giving out tickets if you go over the posted speed limits, even though school is out; and on June 21st there will be a ribbon cutting in Cann Park in honor of former Alderman Robbie Robinson.

lerwoman Wilder-Bryan presented Mayor Johnson with a Founders Award from The National sociation of University Women founded by Ms. Williams. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan accepted the ward in Mayor Johnson's absence .

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan expressed condolences to the families of Elijah Bentley and her friend Kathy Slaughter, both area residents who recently passed.

Alderwoman Lanier sent congratulations to her grandson, Anthony Lanier, III, who was named one of the top players in the CFL entering the 2023 season.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 3:32 p.m.

A video recording of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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JUNE 22, 2023, 4:30 p.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT
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SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 4:31 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Purtee to offer a prayer.

PRESENT:

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

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
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kshop Agenda Items

.. Board Appointments

Exhibit 1: Available Appointments to Boards.pdf

Facilitated by Mayor Johnson. The following nominations were submitted:

- ***Coastal Region MPO Citizens Advisory Council*** – Robert R. Pirie (two-year term) - nominated by Alderman Leggett.
- ***Downtown Savannah Authority*** - (One Vacancy & Two Expired Terms) - POSTPONED at the request of Mayor Johnson.
- ***Historic District Board of Review*** – Robert G. Becker (three-year term) - nominated by Alderman Leggett.
- ***Hospital Authority of Savannah***

- Taqwaa Saleem (four-year term) - recommended for reappointment by Mayor Johnson
- Grace H. Taylor (four-year term) - recommended for reappointment by Mayor Johnson
- Dr. Jose de Arimateia da Cruz (four-year term) - nominated by Alderman Purtee

- ***Savannah-Chatham Historic Sites and Monuments Commission*** – Dr. Nicholas Henry (five-year term) - nominated by Alderman Palumbo.

2. Pension Update II

City Manager Melder acknowledged a Pension Update was presented at the June 8, 2023, workshop, but comments and questions were continued for today's workshop.

Mayor Johnson indicated any questions from Council Member could be sent in writing to his office and they would be addressed. Retirees can submit written questions to the Mayor's office for response.

Pension Board Member Alderman Palumbo provided an overview of the pension board membership and an explanation of the Board's duties and responsibilities. Alderman Palumbo responded following Mr. Eason's comments with regard to the investment responsibilities and fund performance. He invited everyone to a pension board meeting to view how the employees manage the fund.

Vice President and Treasurer of the Eternal Order of Police in Savannah Bob Eason gave a brief synopsis of his background and experience with pension plans. He is advocating for those who have elected him in Savannah (Firefighters and police officers). Mr. Eason responded to the Pension Update presentation of June 8, 2023. The concerns/highlights of his discussion included the following:

- Firefighters raise.
- Pension fund performance is low.
- Money Managers' investment selections are questionable.
- Pension plan needs to be update/adjusted.
- Cost of living adjustment is needed for retirees.

City Manager Melder indicated City Council Members have no authority over the investments or selection strategies involved in the pension fund, the process is managed by the pension fund board.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder if any of the requests received by retiree will be honored. City Manager Melder indicated the June 8, 2023 presentation identified two option for Council consideration, and the option for the retirees to receive a 13th check annually. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recommended the City reevaluate staffing and spending practices, rather than increase the employees donation into the pension fund. She also discussed the millage rate and how it effects the retirees if not rolled back.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked the City Manager if the meeting held with retirees produced a consensus for all parties involved. City Manager Melder indicated the meeting took place last year and no consensus was met. Alderwoman Miller Blakely and City Manager Melder discussed the pension funds decrease in value due to the volatility of the markets.

Alderwoman Lanier asked City Manager Melder if the pension board was under advisement of a professional investment advisor/manager (yes).

3. Mid-year Financial Update

Exhibit 1: FY23 Midyear Financial Update Presentation.pptx

Senior Budget Director Melissa Carter, Assistant City Manager Lloyd, and City Manager Melder presented the FY2023 mid-year financial update. Following the presentation, comments and questions were offered by City Council Members:

- City Manager Melder indicated he is recommending the city maintain the 12.20 millage rate s the city can continue to capture growth in the digest and pay for unfunded stormwater capital improvement needs for now and in the future.
- Mayor Johnson stated maintaining the 12.20 millage rate will allow the city to capture money needed for stormwater improvements. It will not pay for the total cost, but it's a way to start a fund for stormwater.
- Alderwoman Lanier expressed her concerns:
  - City operating on a zero based budgeting process.
  - Current millage rate versus the rollback rate.
  - City's bond rating - AA1 versus AAA, the city is at AA1 due to it's poverty rate.
  - The city may be contributing to displacement of residents by increasing property taxes, residents will move out of the city.

- Policy initiatives recommended; gentrification exemption, capture grant opportunities, and rent management.
- The city should look to alleviate the burden of taxes for residents.
- Springfield Canal, spent $45 million in one particular area, yet there still remains drainage issues.

- Alderman Palumbo asked City Manager Melder:
  - Does the city have an impact on the valuation of property/taxes (no).
  - Does the city currently have a dedicated stormwater fund (no).
  - What will happen to homes in the area if a hurricane hits the concerned/targeted areas, Victory Drive, Liberty City, or Hayner's Creek (it will flood into the low lying areas, water cannot flow and homes will be impacted with the water).
  - With the city's current infrastructure, can the city withstand a major tropical storm (there will be areas of the city that will flood).
- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter addressed the following.
  - City staff listen to residents as it relates to the millage rate, before and during public hearings.
  - Concerns with AECOM Hunt cost overruns of $4.5 million.
  - Recommended the city consider other sources of revenue besides tax increases.
  - The budget is based on historical figures, recommend budget staff interact with the public for their feedback.
  - Expressed concern for policemen receiving raises under the prior millage rate, some did not realize an increase. Funds for salary increases should not come from increased taxes, but use city slush funds or pockets of money not allocated.
  - City received ARPA funds of approximately $57 million. City Manager Melder indicated the funds were used for citizen's services in the FY2022 Budget, i.e. City Council approved projects: recreation, meter readers, sidewalks & infrastructure, community centers, etc.
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely addressed the following.
  - Asked City Manager Melder about the 2021-2022 Federal Bi-partisan funds from the infrastructure bill (the city received funds for studies & infrastructure planning and funds for the flyover removal study, but no capital funds).
  - Requested more information regarding the Hayner's Creek flooding. Assistant City Manager Lloyd explained the flooding in that area.
  - Will the city's budgeted funds help with the Augusta Avenue & Lathrop flooding areas. Assistant City Manager Lloyd explained any improvements of the Springfield Canal will help alleviate the various bottleneck areas of flooding in the city.
  - A chart for a rollback for city commercial property was displayed, why not a rollback for city resident property. City Manager Melder indicated a rollback for city resident property will be discussed in the two upcoming millage rate public hearings. The rollback rate would be 11.119 mills.
  - Expressed concern that the City of Savannah will become like Charleston, SC where the African American citizens were forced out of the city. The property taxes continued to increase, forcing those unable to pay to vacate or sell their homes. The value of the homes in Savannah have increased causing property taxes to increase. This could cause a burden on some residents.

The PowerPoint presentation is on file and available for viewing in the Clerk of Council's office.

4. Added Item: City Manager's Update

Exhibit 1: Community Improvement Districts.pdf

NOT PRESENTED.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Workshop at 6:20 p.m.

A video recording of the workshop can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

https://savannahgovtv.viebit.com/player.php?hash=bOIlATUGxgAT7Nma

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: July 27, 2023

Signature: Mark Massey

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JUNE 22, 2023, 6:30 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:35 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderwoman Miller Blakely to introduce Reverend Dr. Leonard Small, pastor of Litway Missionary Baptist Church to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

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

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

OCATION

1. The invocation will be delivered by Reverend Leonard Small, pastor of Litway Missionary Baptist Church.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for June 22, 2023.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the regular meeting agenda of June 22, 2023, as amended by request of Mayor Johnson to add a Resolution Honoring Andre´ Jackson, former Police Department employee, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on June 8, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - June 8, 2023 City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #3 and #4, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

4. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on June 8, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - June 8, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #3 and #4, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Johnson exercised a moment of personal privilege to introduce the 56th Mayor of Dayton Ohio, former Mayor Nannette 'Nan' L. Whaley. Mayor Whaley is in Savannah attending the Georgi Municipal Association (GMA) conference this weekend. She presided over the United State Conference of Mayors from 2021 to 2022. Mayor Whaley thanked Major Johnson for the recognition and expressed her gratitude for the warm welcome from everyone in Savannah.

PRESENTATIONS

5. Recognition of and Resolution for President Kimberly Ballard-Washington on Her Retirement as President of Savannah State University.

HEARD after Item #24.

READ and PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to Dr. Kimberly Ballard-Washington.

Dr. Ballard-Washington thanked Mayor and Council for the honor and recognition. She expressed her gratitude to the residents of Savannah and Savannah State University staff and students for the continued support and encouragement she received during her tenure. Also in attendance were the family members of Dr. Ballard-Washington.

6. Resolution Honoring the Life and Service of Innovation + Technology Services Employee, Harry Tucker Campbell, Jr.

HEARD after Item #4.

READ by Mayor Johnson followed by a moment of silence. The Resolution was delivered to the family of Mr. Harry Tucker Campbell, Jr. and made a part of the permanent record of the Savannah City Council meeting minutes.

City Manager Melder and Chief Operating Officer Bret Bell thanked Mayor and Council for the Resolution and the outpouring of support to the family and the IT department.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #6, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderman Leggett and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan was not present for the vote.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

7. Approval of a Class C (Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License for Locally Made, an Ice Cream Shop at 223 West Broughton Street. The establishment is located between Jefferson and Barnard Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Locally Made.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Locally Made.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Locally Made.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Reports - Locally Made.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Locally Made.pdf

HEARD after Item #11.

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearing open for Item #7.

No speaker(s).

Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed concern and asked if this was an ice cream shop. The applicant answered the shop is a retail store selling milk shakes, slushies, smoothies to go, and small baked goods. The alcohol application is for wine slushies and wine shakes.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked the applicant if the business is in the 'to go cup zone' (yes).

Alderman Leggett indicated the neighborhood association has no concerns.

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearing for Item #7, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #7, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

8. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License for Chevron, a Convenience Store at 7203 Abercorn Street. The establishment is located between Eisenhower Drive and Stephenson Avenue in Aldermanic District 4.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Chevron.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Chevron.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Chevron.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Reports - Chevron.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Chevron.pdf

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

No speaker(s).

a. Alderman Palumbo moved to close the alcohol hearing for Items #8 and #9, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #8 and #9, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

9. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License for GX Market, a Convenience Store Located at 8900 White Bluff Road. The establishment is located between Wesley Street and Paradise Drive in Aldermanic District 4.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - GX Market.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - GX Market.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - GX Market.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Reports - GX Market.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - GX Market.pdf

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

No speaker(s).

a. Alderman Palumbo moved to close the alcohol hearing for Items #8 and #9, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #8 and #9, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

10. Request for a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Derrick Law-Staton for Sloppee Toppee, a Restaurant Located at 1308 Montgomery Street Between West Anderson and West Henry Streets in Aldermanic District 2. (Continued from June 8th City Council Meeting at petitioner's request.)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Sloppee Toppee.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Report - Sloppee Toppee.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Sloppee Toppee.pdf

Exhibit 4: Security Plan - Sloppee Toppee.pdf

Exhibit 5: Measurement Report - Sloppee Toppee.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearing open for Item #10.

Speaker(s).

- Attorney Pierre Ifill - representing the applicant.

Alderman Leggett indicated the building has been condemned and there are issues needing to be addressed before moving forward.

Mayor Johnson asked the City Manager or the City Attorney for the current status.

City Manager Melder indicated the building is condemned and cannot perform as a business, but a Certificate of Occupancy (COO) is not required for the issuance of an alcohol license. The alcohol license application is in order, if Council wants to proceed with the alcohol hearing.

Attorney Ifill indicated the business name has changed from Sloppee Toppee to d/b/a Henry Street Bistro. The applicants are securing the building for occupancy and the city should receive a letter from engineers by weeks end stating the building can be occupied.

Alderman Leggett expressed concern and asked City Attorney Lovett what would happen if the city approved the alcohol license, and the building cannot be repaired for occupancy. Attorney Lovett answered the business would not be able to operate the establishment.

Alderman Leggett recommended waiting until the letter for occupancy is produced and the applicant has met with the neighborhood association. He recommended postponing Item #10 until all concerns are addressed/corrected and the structure has been fully approved by the city.

Mayor Johnson expressed concern, because of the location. He asked Attorney Ifill if a good neighbor agreement was executed. Attorney Ifill answered the applicant is willing to work with the

neighborhood and would be willing to abide by the previous neighborhood agreement. Attorney Ifill stated the city has previously issued alcohol license to establishments with a temporary occupancy certificate (TOC).

Alderwoman Miller Blakely requested the number of TOC's issued by the City to businesses with an alcohol license. City Manager Melder indicated he did not have the information, but will send the information to Council. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked why the building was condemned. City Manager Melder indicated the building was struck by a vehicle on June 16th. The City's first responders and building inspectors responded to the accident and the City's code compliance determined the building was structurally unsound. Code Compliance condemned the building pending a structurally sound engineer's report/letter.

There was discussion by Mayor Johnson, City Manager Melder, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Attorney Ifill relating to a COO; however, it was made clear by the discussions that the approval by Council of the alcohol license is not dependent on the issuance of the COO.

Alderman Purtee agreed with Alderman Leggett. To be consistant, the City requires a good neighbor agreement when issuing alcohol license. He recommended postponing Item #10 until the new owner signed a good neighbor agreement.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed her opinion of recent City approved alcohol license.

Alderman Purtee raised a point of order. Point taken by Chair.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recommended issuing the alcohol license contingent on the repairs needed to receive the COO. City Manager Melder indicated Council has the ability to issue the alcohol license with contingencies. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Attorney Ifill what repairs are needed. Attorney Ifill explained in detail the steps being taken by the applicant to repair the building. The at-fault driver's insurance company will be responsible for the repairs and he indicated a letter from the engineers will be sent to the city on tomorrow.

Alderwoman Lanier asked if the applicant has reached out to the neighborhood association. Attorney Ifill indicated the applicant reached out to the neighborhood association two days ago and the association asked questions pertaining to the change of name and the new owner. The applicant is trying to arrange a meeting with the neighborhood association. Alderwoman Lanier asked if the applicant and neighborhood association would agree to the previous good neighbor agreement. Attorney Ifill indicated there should be a few tweaks to the agreement. Alderwoman Lanier asked there was a particular item in the good neighbor agreement which could not be agreed to by both parties, would that constitute a denial of the alcohol license. City Attorney Lovett indicated the matter would come back before Council, and Council would decide if the questionable condition constitutes the denial of the alcohol license.

Alderman Leggett asked Attorney Ifill who is the lease holder. He answered, the lease holder is still Jackie Somesso. The landlord would not break the lease, Jackie Somesso is the financial guarantor on the lease. Alderman Leggett indicated the lease holder is one of the reasons for the request of meeting with the neighborhood association with Alderman Leggett in attendance.

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearing for Item #10, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked the City Manager who maintains a copy of the neighborhood agreements. City Manager Melder indicated the city and the various neighborhoods maintain a copy. Alderwoman Miller Blakely requested a copy of all the good neighborhood agreements with business licenses. She stated it seems like there is always a problem when an African American applies for an alcohol license.

Alderman Purtee and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan raised a point of order. Point of order was recognized by the Chair.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan indicated the good neighbor agreements are an on-going process in the third district. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked if a certificate of appropriateness (COA) will be required since the establishment is in the historic district. City Manager Melder indicated the COA is a separate issue from the alcohol license.

Mayor Johnson indicated good neighbor agreements were instituted to prevent numerous alcohol establishments in a neighborhood. The alcohol ordinance established questions for the alcohol application that must be answered by the applicants: 1.) is there a neighborhood association; 2.) was the neighborhood association contacted; and 3.) were there any concerns. It was a way to include the neighborhoods/residents in the process. All applicants must answer those three questions to be considered for an alcohol license approval by Council.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to CONTINUE/POSTPONE Item #10 to the next City Council Meeting on July 27, 2023, contingent on entering into a good neighbor agreement, seconded by Alderwoman

Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 6-3-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Alderwoman Lanier voted no.

c. Alderwoman Lanier moved to amend the motion to approve Item #10 with the condition of an executed good neighbor agreement, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion failed, 3-6-0. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Alderman Palumbo and Alderman Purtee voted no.

Alderman Leggett indicated the neighborhood association president just texted him. She has not met with the new owners. Attorney Ifill indicated the neighborhood association was contacted and have been provided a letter.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

. Public Hearing to Receive Comments on the 2023 Property Tax Millage Rate. The proposed millage rate of 12.20 mills for 2023 is unchanged from the final rate for 2022.

Exhibit 1: 2023 Notice of Property Tax Increase.pdf

Exhibit 2: 2023 Tax Digest and Five Year History.pdf

HEARD after Item #5.

Mayor Johnson read an explanation for the public hearing on the City's proposed millage rate of 12.20 mills for 2023. He announced there will be two additional hearings concerning the millage rate to be held on July 27, 2023, at 10:00am and 6:30pm, respectively.

City Manager Melder explained maintaining the 12.20 millage rate will allow the City to establish a stormwater management fund to provide improvements in drainage at bottleneck areas in the City. The City Manager and staff recommend approval of the proposed millage rate of 12.20 mills.

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing open for Item #11.

Speaker(s):

- Monique – requested police protection and better support from the district attorney regarding a domestic violence issue.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the public hearing for Item #11, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

NG HEARINGS

. Request for a Special Use Permit from Robert L. McCorkle, III (Agent) for Chris Moody (Agent) on Behalf of Train Track Investments, LLC (Owner) for a Restaurant with accessory Alcohol Sales at 410 East 37th Street (PIN 20064 33001), Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 23-001765-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 410 E. 37th Street (File No. 21-001765-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Drawings for 410 E. 37th Street (File No. 21-001765-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Maps for 410 E. 37th Street (File No. 23-001765-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #12.

Speaker(s):

- Melanie Wilson, MPC Executive Director
- Melissa Paul-Leto, MPC representative
- Edward Morrow, MPC representative
- Jason Combs, President of the Thomas Square Neighborhood Association – IN SUPPORT - read the SUPPORT letter from Kevin Rose, Architect, representing the Thomas Square Neighborhood Association
- Robert L. McCorkle, III, representing the applicant

Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) Executive Director Melanie Wilson introduced MPC representatives, Melissa Paul-Leto and Edward Morrow who will represent MPC at City Council meetings for zoning hearings. Ms. Paul-Leto and Mr. Morrow will be taking the place of Marcus Lotson who resigned from MPC to pursue other career opportunities. Ms. Paul-Leto presented the presentation from MPC.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Mr. Combs the names of the other two businesses owned by the applicant. Mr. Combs responded, Mood Right's and Over Yonder, in the same building located close to Abercorn Street and Victory Drive. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Mr. Combs if there was a good neighbor agreement. Mr. Combs answered, a good neighbor agreement was not required because this is not the alcohol application. The Thomas Square Neighborhood Association provided what MPC required for the special use permit.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if this property/building came before Council for approval at a prior meeting (no, she attended the neighborhood association meeting). Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Mr. McCorkle discussed the convenience/walkability for the immediate neighbors and the assigned parking for the business.

Alderman Leggett asked if the applicant contacted the railroad and the storage business across the street. Mr. McCorkle indicated the applicant has reached out to the railroad for use of right-of-way in the rear for storage and the storage business is in support, along with two other neighborhood businesses. Alderman Leggett indicated the applicant has reached out to the local church, and the neighborhood association is in support.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if there are parking spaces for the business. Mr. McCorkle indicated, although it is not required, there are three assigned parking spaces for the establishment.

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the zoning hearing the Item #12, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #12, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan an Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Lanier voted no.

PETITIONS

13. Approval for an Honorary Street Designation for "Virginia Edwards-Maynor Way" Located on Hopkins Street Between West 52nd and West 53rd for Her Service as the First Savannah-Chatham County Public School's African American Female Superintendent.

Exhibit 1: Honorary Street Petition Virgina Edwards Maynor Way.pdf

Mayor Johnson and Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Ann Levett co-sponsored an Honorary Street Designation for Virginia Edwards-Maynor Way. Ms. Virginia Edwards-Maynor became the superintendent of Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools in 1998 where she remained until 2001. She was the school district's first African American female superintendent. The portion of Hopkins Street between West 52nd and 53rd Streets is where Ms. Edwards-Maynor served as principal at the former DeRenne School. The Historic Sites and Monument Commission approved the designation unanimously.

Superintendent Levett was unable to attend the meeting, but Ms. Bernadette Oliver, Deputy Superintendent who works under and closely with Superintendent Levett thanked Mayor and Council for the honor and recognition of Ms. Edwards-Maynor. Ms. Oliver indicated she worked closely with Ms. Edwards-Maynor who was a mentor to many and opened (kicked-down) doors for those who would follow her career path.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #13, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blake and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderman Palumbo was not present f the vote.

Later in the meeting:

b. Mayor Johnson moved to reconsider Item #13 to give Alderman Palumbo an opportunity to vote, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

c. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #13, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

14. Approval to Amend the 2023 Revenue Ordinance, Adopt the 2023 Property Tax Millage Rate, and Adopt the Special Service District Tax Rate for the Water Transportation District. The proposed millage rate of 12.20 mills for 2023 is unchanged from the final millage rate of 2022.

Exhibit 1: 2023 Millage Rate Ordinance.pdf

Exhibit 2: 2023 Revenue Ordinance Memo.pdf

FIRST READING ONLY. READ by Mayor Johnson.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Water Meter Calibration Software with Mars Company in an Amount Not to Exceed $67,707. The software measures water meter testing protocols and will allow the City Water Distribution to 'grade' the water meters that serve the customers of Savannah. (Water & Sewer Convey & Distribution)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Water Meter Calibration Software.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Water Meter Calibration Software.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder if the residents will experience a rate increase. City Manager Melder indicated there will be no rate increases for residents.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Item #15, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

16. Notification of an Emergency Purchase of One Diesel Engine Generator from W.W. Williams Company in an Amount Not to Exceed $205,981. The Industrial and Domestic Water Plant Division will replace one (1) of the four (4) generators that have failed to ensure continuing reliability in the event of loss of power. (Water Supply and Treatment)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Emergency MTU Diesel Engine Generator.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Emergency MTU Diesel Engine Generator.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #16, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

17. Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Authorities.

Mayor Johnson announced, City Council met to consider the following appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Authorities. Mayor Johnson read the following for Council's approval:

- **Coastal Region MPO Citizens Advisory Council** – appointed Robert R. Pirie (two-year term)
- **Historic District Board of Review** – appointed Robert G. Becker (three-year term)
- **Hospital Authority of Savannah** – reappointed Taqwaa Saleem and Grace H. Taylor, and appointed Dr. Jose de Arimateia da Cruz (four-year terms)
- **Savannah-Chatham Historic Sites and Monuments Commission** – appointed Dr. Nicholas Henry (five-year term)

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #17 as read by Mayor Johnson, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

18. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Creation of Savannah's Waterfront Community Improvement District in Accordance with Section VII, Article IX of Georgia Constitution and State Senate Bill 640.

Exhibit 1: Savannah Waterfront Community Improvement District Resolution.pdf

Mayor Johnson read the Resolution and indicated the creation of the Community Improvement District (CID) would accelerate the improvement opportunities along the waterfront.

City Manager Melder explained the CID and how the tax revenue collected in that district can be utilized. By creating a CID, the City will be able to use general funds for other projects. City Manager Melder recommended approval. City Manager Melder acknowledged Ansley Williams, Chelsea Williams, Julie Musselman, and their team who worked on the project.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder if a Community Improvement District can be created in a residential area (Yes, if the property owners agree to tax themselves. There is a threshold, a majority of property owners must agree and those property owners must represent 75% of the assessed property value in that geographical area).

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderwoman Lanier expressed their congratulations to the creators of the CID and recognized the economic benefits the CID will bring to the community. Alderwoman Lanier asked City Manager Melder if there is a time limit on the Community Improvement District (yes, must be renewed every 6 years).

Mayor Johnson moved to approve Item #18, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was not present for the vote.

AGREEMENTS

19. Approval of An Intergovernmental Agreement with Chatham County Board of Commissioners, Mayor of Alderman of the City of Pooler, and the Mayor and Alderman of the City of Savannah to Acknowledge the Mutual Benefits and to Facilitate the Approval of the De-annexation and Annexation of the Properties Bordering both the City of Savannah and the City of Pooler.

Exhibit 1: Chatham, Pooler, Savannah Intergovernmental Agreement.pdf

Exhibit 2: IGA Map of Properties.pdf

City Manager Melder requested Item #19 to be POSTPONED as requested by staff. Item #19 was postponed by unanimous consent.

20. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Phase 4 GHB, LLC for The Palms Phase 4. This is for a development consisting of 112 single family homes in the Travis Field service area.

Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - The Palms Phase 4.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #20, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

21. Approval of Development Agreement with HP Ogeechee Road LLC for Hillpoint Multifamily Development.This is for water and sewer services for a proposed multi-family residential development located within the City of Savannah Water and Sewer Georgetown/Gateway Service Area. (Unincorporated Chatham County)

Exhibit 1: Development Agreement - Hillpointe Apartments.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #21, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

22. Authorize the City Manager to Approve a Temporary Construction Easement to Drayton-Parker Companies, LLC.

Exhibit 1 - Temporary Construction Easement - Pine Grove (DPC Executed).pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder how long will the temporary easement exist and how will the City reclaim ownership. City Manager Melder indicated when the utility line is completed, the City will expire the temporary easement and the work will be deeded to the City.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #22, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

23. Settlement #1

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Attorney Lovett about how the City assesses lawsuits. City Attorney Lovett explained the City assesses all the damages of the claim (in this case, $72,000.00) When liability is clear, special damages (lost wages, property, medical, etc.) are doubled to arrive at settlement amount.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #23, to authorize the City Attorney's Office to resolve the (motor vehicle collision) claim of Latarius Gordon for $150,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ADDED:

24. Resolution Honoring the Life and Service of Police Department Employee, Lt. Andre' Jackson.

HEARD after Item #6.

READ by Mayor Johnson and followed by a moment of silence.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #24 and made a part of the permanent record of the Savannah City Council meeting minutes, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan was not present for the vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Johnson announced the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) Conference will be in Savannah through Monday, June 26, 2023. Savannah will be awarded as Georgia's first City of Civility from GMA.

Alderman Purtee took a moment of personal privilege to recognize the passing of the founder of th Wilshire Neighborhood Association, Ms. Bonnie Wells-Harris. Family and friends will gather at Fir Presbyterian Church, 520 Washington Avenue, at 2:00 p.m. Saturday to celebrate her life and accomplishments.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan congratulated Team Savannah on the Robbie Robinson Monument Marker in Cann Park. The LB3 Foundation Golf Camp in partnership with the Savannah Golf Club for kids who would not otherwise have an opportunity to learn or participate in golf. Stillwell Towers will be having the King and Queen event.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely announced she and Alderwoman Lanier attended the National Black Caucus of Elected Officials Conference in Jackson, Mississippi. "See Black" was the theme. Major topics were safety, education, and economics, and how to utilize those tools in the African American communities. Thanks to Sharonte Turner for arranging safe and efficient travel accommodations.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked Team Savannah and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan for the Robbie Robinson Monument in the 5th District.

Alderwoman Lanier announced that security on the first floor is holding a lost portfolio and phone.

Mayor Johnson thanked Team Savannah for all their hard work and support. The next City Council Meeting will be on July 27, 2023, he encouraged taking a vacation during the extra time.

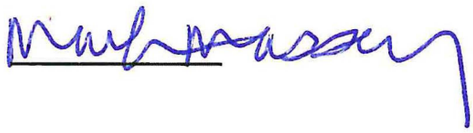
Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 9:18 p.m.

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JULY 27, 2023, 4:30 p.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT
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OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

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
Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1
Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2
Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2
Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman
Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem
Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

Workshop Agenda Items

Financial & Compliance Audit

Exhibit 1: 2022 Financial and Compliance Audit 7-27-2023.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the workshop and introduced City Manager Melder to give an overview of the workshop information.

City Manager Melder introduced the City's auditor, Mauldin & Jenkins Partner Trey Scott; he also acknowledged Chief Financial Officer David Maxwell's twenty years working on the City's audit, and recognized Senior Budget Director Melissa Carter and thanked their teams for the diligent work on the audit and budget.

Following the presentation by Trey Scott, questions from Council were answered by Mr. Scott, David Maxwell, Melissa Carter, and City Manager Melder.

- Mayor Johnson thanked and congratulated the City Manager, David Maxwell and the City's Auditors on a successful audit.
- Since the chief recommendation from the audit report (Mr. Scott) was to decrease the funding gap in the general fund, Alderman Palumbo asked Mr. Scott for the chief strategies used by other municipalities to achieve the funding gap in the general fund balance. Mr. Scott suggested the City increase revenue or decrease expenses. Best practices by municipalities and the City's upcoming budget process were discussed by Mayor Johnson and City Manager Melder.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked Mr. Scott for the audit report. She expressed her satisfaction with the pension and OPEB trust funds reports. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked Mr. Scott to restate the property tax collection process.
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely thanked Mr. Scott and asked the number of years Mauldin & Jenkins did the audit for the City and if the audits were satisfactory. Mr. Scott answered, Mauldin & Jenkins has done the City audits for five years and the audits were satisfactory. She expressed concern for the retirees who are asking for an increase and asked City Manager Melder if the increase will be possible. City Manager Melder stated he/staff is looking into the possibility of an increase for retirees in the FY2024 budget; he plans on supplying Council with options.
- Alderwoman Lanier expressed an area that could be improved is increasing the City's bond rating to a triple A (AAA). This would allow the City to borrow money more cheaply. City Manager Melder discussed ways the City could improve it's credit rating which included an increased fund balance. Alderwoman Lanier asked besides an increased fund balance what other factors would help to increase the City's credit rating. Mr. Maxwell answered, the credit rating agencies look at level of reserve balances, economic demographics, poverty rate, and median property values.
- Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan thanked Mr. Maxwell, Ms. Carter and Mr. Scott. She indicated after last year's audit report, Mauldin & Jenkins offered additional information to Council in the form of a monthly report. With the assistance of Mr. Maxwell, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan has received the monthly report and she recommended reading the informational report to other Council Members for better understanding and clarity.
- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked why the Enmarket Arena was not mentioned in the audit report. Mr. Maxwell indicated the arena was included with the Civic Center fund in the Proprietary Fund Activity-2022 Report. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter requested the amount received only from the arena. Mr. Maxwell indicated the upfront amount in the contract was $5 million paid over the course of construction, and Alderwoman Gibson-Carter requested breakdown of how and when the City received the $5 million. Mr. Maxwell stated the informatic is in the contract, he will send Alderwoman Gibson-Carter a copy of the contract.
- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder for a hard number of the amount received from operations of the arena. After completion of the OVG audit, City Manager Melder indicated a report was sent to Council Members on the arena profits. Another report will be sent to Alderwoman Gibson-Carter. City Manager Melder indicated the total number of revenue share to the City from OVG was $583,914.00. Mr. Maxwell indicated the Enmarket Arena has a separate audit for that building. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter suggested the arena should be a separate fund in the audit, not included in the Civic Center fund. City Manager Melder indicated a separate arena fund could be established.
- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked the contract period for Mauldin & Jenkins and the end date of the contract. Five year contract ending this year. Mr. Maxwell indicated staff is working on an city audit service RFP to be sent out within the next couple of weeks. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked for the amount of the Mauldin & Jenkins contract; Mr. Maxwell answered, approximately $135,000.00 for the financial statement audit and the single audit.
- Mayor Johnson thanked everyone for their participation.

The PowerPoint presentation is on file and available for viewing in the Clerk of Council's office.

2. City Manager's Update

Exhibit 1: 072723 City Manager's Update.pdf

City Manager Melder's update presentation included a review of five agenda purchasing items. For the police department, two for technology, one for equipment, one for police strategy and management, and one for a weapons system. For short-term vacation rentals, management software, Rentalscape, that will allow residents to call a hotline for any issues, twenty-four hours, seven days a week. The program will assist code compliance in identifying properties out of compliance.

Following the presentation comments and questions from members of the City Council were answered by City Manager Melder, Mayor Johnson, and Assistant Police Chief Gavin:

- Mayor Johnson thanked City Manager Melder, Police Chief Gunther, Assistant Police Chief Gavin, and the police department for the outstanding services rendered to the citizens of

Savannah.

- Alderman Purtee stated that he teaches firearms use and safety to police officers and new recruits. He stated the new system improves all around skills with weapons, with safety, and shooting proficiency. The system is truly beneficial.
- Alderman Palumbo thanked City Manager Melder for the new weapons safety system and asked Assistant Police Chief Gavin to explain the old system. Assistant Chief Gavin stated the current weapons system is twenty-seven years old. The new weapons system will assist officers to be more accurate, field of vision will improve, bystanders will be safer, and the holsters and body equipment will be improved. Alderman Palumbo asked City Manager Melder to explain the FUSUS system. City Manager Melder indicated the FUSUS system is being used by other communities and the City of Atlanta. The police department can integrate the system into shotspotter, license plate readers, body worn cameras, and a citizen's ring camera. It will give police officers an effective tool in solving crime.
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Assistant Chief Gavin what will happen to the old weapons and how many will be replaced. Assistant Chief Gavin indicated there are five hundred weapons that will be a one-for-one swap. The old weapons will go back to the company.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz discussed the FUSUS technology and how it will enhance the current systems used by the police department and engaging the citizens. She asked how the citizens can register. City Manager Melder used the City of Atlanta as an example. Atlanta established a website, Connect Atlanta, where citizens can go to the website and receive the necessary information. Savannah would use the same platform for citizens to register. The City will provide a roll-out program and there will also be community meetings explaining the program. Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed concern as it relates to the identity of the registered homeowner's camera. Who will be able to access the information. City Manager Melder indicated the information will only be available to certain law enforcement officials. Assistant Chief Gavin stated the information is protected from open records similar to shotspotter. All information is relayed inside the police department and no information is shared in the City's system and no physical visits to the homes are required.
- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recommended posting signs on businesses using the system to deter crime. She expressed concern for individual's rights being violated and asked City Manager Melder if there are any protections for citizens who participate. City Manager Melder indicated citizen participation is completely voluntary. Citizens would complete a form with their address, if an incident happened in their neighborhood the police would contact them to see if their camera captured anything suspicious during the timeframe. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recommended a complete explanation of how the system works and the residents responsibility during the educational roll-out phase. As it relates to the new weapons, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recommended revisiting firearms training as to when and how officers use guns. City Manager Melder discussed police officers and training techniques for difficult/sensitive encounters during a criminal situation. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked how the FUSUS system was selected (RFP process?) and the cost. Assistant Chief Gavin and City Manager Melder explained the system was discussed at length over time and several systems were reviewed. The FUSUS system was selected/determined to be the best for the City. The purchase amount was $150,000.00

Mayor Johnson stated State law requires the officers are trained in firearms. High caliber candidates are selected for the Savannah Police Department training program. It should be noted, over the past two years, four of the five officers involved in shootings have been cleared of any suspicious behavior (wrong-doing). Alderman Purtee indicated the Savannah officers are trained to deescalate situations, and the Behavioral Health Unit has referred offenders to programs rather than arrest.

Mayor Johnson thanked everyone for participating in the presentation.

The PowerPoint presentation is on file and available for viewing in the Clerk of Council's office.

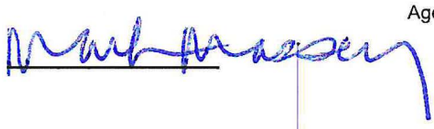
ıyor Johnson adjourned the Workshop at 5:59 p.m.

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JULY 27, 2023, 6:30 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

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SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:35 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderwoman Bernita B. Lanier to introduce Jean Edwards, Associate Pastor of Temple of Glory Community Church to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

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

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

ROVAL OF AGENDA

Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for July 27, 2023.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda for July 27, 2023, as amended to continue Item #11, Sloppee Toppee alcohol license to the August 10, 2023, meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on June 22, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - June 22, 2023 City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on June 22, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - June 22, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS

4. Recognition of Betty Burns, Administrative Assistant for the Recreation and Leisure Services Department, for Coordinating the City of Savannah Cheer Camp for 31 Years.

READ and PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to thirty-one year employee Ms. Betty Burns.

Ms. Burns thanked Mayor and Council for the honor and expressed her joy in working with youth over the years. Alderman Purtee acknowledged the contributions by Ms. Burns to Windsor Forest neighborhoods, and the mentorship to young women in the community.

5. Recognition of Dr. Ann Levett, on Her Retirement as Superintendent of the Savannah Chatham County Public Schools System.

READ and PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson.

Dr. Levett thanked Mayor and Council for the proclamation and the recognition. She thanked the host of friends and citizens who have supported her over the years. Sigma Theta Sorority Sisters were present with Dr. Levett at the podium.

Mayor Johnson acknowledged former Savannah Mayor Edna Jackson as one of Dr. Levett's Sorority Sisters. Members of Council offered words of appreciation to Dr. Levett; Alderman Leggett, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Lanier, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, and Alderwoman Miller Blakely.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

6. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Mark Wnorowski for Aqua Vitae, a Bar Located at 719 East 65th Street. The establishment is located between Paulsen and Frederick Streets in Aldermanic District 4.

Exhibit 1: Density Map - Aqua Vitae.pdf

Exhibit 2: Checklist - Aqua Vitae.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Aqua Vitae.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Aqua Vitae.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Aqua Vitae.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #6, #7, #8 #9, and #10.

No Speaker(s).

a. Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings closed for Items #6, #7, #8, #9, and #10.

b. Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #6, #7, #8, #9, and #10, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed for Items #6 and #8, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no due to Council's previous vote regarding The Cru Lounge.

7. Approval of a Class C (Wine) (By the Drink) and Class A (Wine) (Caterer) Alcohol License to Monica Mays for KIS Café, a Coffee Shop Located at 714 Mall Boulevard, Unit 4. The establishment is located between Waters Avenue and Mall Court in Aldermanic District 4.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - KIS Cafe.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - KIS Cafe.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - KIS Cafe.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - KIS Cafe.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - KIS Cafe.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #6, #7, #8 #9, and #10.

No Speaker(s).

a. Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings closed for Items #6, #7, #8, #9, and #10.

b. Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #6, #7, #8, #9, and #10, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed for Items #7, #9, and #10 unanimously, 9-0-0.

8. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Michael Bartlett for Tailgate Sports Bar & Grill, a Restaurant Located at 11215 Abercorn Street, Suites 1-3. The establishment is located between Largo and Bedford Drive in Aldermanic District 6.

Exhibit 1: Checklist -Tailgate Sports Bar.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Tailgate Sports Bar.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Tailgate Sports Bar.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Tailgate Sports Bar.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Tailgate Sports Bar.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #6, #7, #8 #9, and #10.

No Speaker(s).

a. Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings closed for Items #6, #7, #8, #9, and #10.

b. Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #6, #7, #8, #9, and #10, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed for Items #6 and #8, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no due to Council's previous vote regarding The Cru Lounge.

9. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Zinalben Patel for Habersham Market, a Convenience Store Located at 1220 Habersham Street. The establishment is located between East Henry and East Duffy Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Habersham Market.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Habersham Market.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Habersham Market.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurements - Habersham Market.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Habersham Market.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #6, #7, #8 #9, and #10.

No Speaker(s).

a. Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings closed for Items #6, #7, #8, #9, and #10.

b. Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #6, #7, #8, #9, and #10, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed for Items #7, #9, and #10 unanimously, 9-0-0.

10. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Dharmit Patel for Dockside Seafood, a Restaurant Located at 201 West River Street. The establishment is located between Barnard Street Ramp and West Lower Factor Walk in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Dockside Seafood.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Dockside Seafood.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Dockside Seafood.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurements - Dockside Seafood.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Dockside Seafood.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #6, #7, #8 #9, and #10.

No Speaker(s).

a. Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings closed for Items #6, #7, #8, #9, and #10.

b. Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #6, #7, #8, #9, and #10, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed for Items #7, #9, and #10 unanimously, 9-0-0.

11. Request for a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Derrick Law-Staton for Sloppee Toppee, a Restaurant Located at 1308 Montgomery Street Between West Anderson and West Henry Streets in Aldermanic District 2. (Continued to the August 10th City Council Meeting at petitioner's request.)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Sloppee Toppee.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Report - Sloppee Toppee.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Sloppee Toppee.pdf

Exhibit 4: Security Plan - Sloppee Toppee.pdf

Exhibit 5: Measurement Report - Sloppee Toppee.pdf

During the adoption/approval of Item #1, Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the name of the business (Sloppee Toppee) had been changed. City Attorney Lovett indicated because of previous filed documentation with the City of Savannah and a Chatham County organization, they will proceed legally as Sloppee Toppee. In the future, the trade name will be Henry Street Bistro.

At the request of the petitioner, Item #11 was CONTINUED/POSTPONED to the August 10, 2023, City Council Meeting

PUBLIC HEARINGS

?. Public Hearing to Receive Comments on the 2023 Property Tax Millage Rate. The proposed millage rate of 12.20 mills for 2023 is unchanged from the final rate for 2022.

Exhibit 1: 2023 Notice of Property Tax Increase.pdf

Exhibit 2: 2023 Tax Digest and Five Year History.pdf

HEARD after Item #5.

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing open for Item #12 at 6:58 p.m..

Mayor Johnson read the State Law requirements as it relates to the millage rate. He indicated this public hearing is the final of three public hearings for citizens comments. Each speaker will be alloted two minutes for comment.

City Manager Melder, with staff support, recommended maintaining the current 12.2 millage rate. This would allow for stormwater infrastructure needed by the City's various neighborhoods. It would

generate $7.8 million in excess revenue for the establishment of a stormwater projects fund to be used for the following three drainage projects:

1. Victory Drive near Ogeechee Road ($3 million)
2. Springfield Canal in Liberty City, along Vasser Street ($900,000.00)
3. Hayners Creek, Montgomery Crossroads area ($4 million)

Speaker(s):

- Chase DeCarlo – OPPOSED
- Israel Small – Neutral
- Ben Adams – OPPOSED
- Angelia Rawls – OPPOSED
- Keyshawn Housey – OPPOSED
- Beatrice P. Williams – OPPOSED
- Sheldon Fields - Did Not Speak (medical episode)
- ***Technical difficulties - a five minute break for repairs (7:36pm - 7:42pm)***
- Zinnie William – OPPOSED
- Chuck Feagain – OPPOSED
- William Bryant – OPPOSED
- Bodua Gordon – OPPOSED
- Cynthia Moultrie – Issue regarding housing

Written comment(s):

- Tyrisha Davis – OPPOSED
- Lucille Jackson – OPPOSED
- Georgia W. Benton - OPPOSED
- Brent Stubbs - OPPOSED

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing closed for Item #12 at 8:08 p.m. See related agenda item #17.

Alderman Purtee discussed and supported establishing a fund for stormwater drainage project as recommended by City Manager Melder.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed her concern that Savannah may become like sister-cit Charleston, SC where the African American population decreased due to this same situation. Mo Savannah residents want to keep their homes and heritage. She will not support maintaining the current millage rate, she wants a rollback rate. Then she asked what plans the City is making for drainage issues on the West side.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked the City Manager for the rollback rate (11.119) and what amount it would yield ($81 million in revenue with no growth in the digest). After City Manager Melder answered Alderwoman Gibson-Carter's questions, there was discussion related to prior years digest and any excess revenue; the 12.2 millage rate as it relates to the Stephens Day exemption; and how the City can decrease expenses. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated her interest is to rollback the millage rate.

Alderman Palumbo stated he does not want the City to experience what happened in New Orleans. He displayed a sample of an old stormwater pipe to show the need for replacements throughout the City. Alderman Palumbo supported the City Manager's recommendation to maintain the current millage rate and establish a stormwater projects fund to protect the City's neighborhoods.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz discussed with the City Manager the percentage of tax collected for each district to demonstrate where the majority of property tax revenue is generated (District 1, 11.18%; District 2, 32.2%; District 3, 11.33%; District 4, 21.3%; District 5, 10.61 %; and District 6, 13.31%). It is based on value of property, not on the amount of residents. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz supported City Manager Melder's recommendation to maintain the current millage rate.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan expressed her concern for the drainage problems across the entire Ci and the need for solutions. She supported City Manager Melder's recommendation to maintain the current millage rate and thanked him and his staff for their hard work.

Technical difficulties - there was a break for repairs During the break, the following agenda items were HEARD:

- Airport Commission, Items #33 through #41.
- Alcohol License Hearings, Items #6 through #10.

Returning from the break, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan repeated her remarks.

Alderman Leggett discussed the drainage problems encountered by the City of Savannah over his lifetime. The City will spend more later if the issues of drainage are not addressed now. Alderman

Leggett supported City Manager Melder's recommendation to maintain the current millage rate.

Alderwoman Lanier stated most resident complaints are from drainage problems. SPLOST was introduced to the City in 1985 for infrastructure; however some of those SPLOST funds were used for capital projects. She recommended the City look for alternative revenue streams and ways to decrease expenses. Alderwoman Lanier recommended a rollback rate.

Mayor Johnson apologized to the citizens about the confusing information. The City used State Law language which makes it difficult to understand the total impact of maintaining the current millage rate. The City is recommending a 12.2 millage rate, after a history of higher rates. Mayor Johnson discussed the many issues of drainage throughout the City in prior years and today. He stated that if the City did rollback the millage rate,the taxes could still increase.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely inquired when will the City ask SCAD for some type of revenue in lieu of taxes. Mayor Johnson indicated the City is in discussions with SCAD, but State Law precludes nonprofits from paying property taxes. City Attorney Lovett indicated, since SCAD is a nonprofit organization, the City cannot compel SCAD to pay any revenue to the City.

ZONING HEARINGS

13. Zoning Map Amendment for Robert L. McCorkle, III (agent) on Behalf of Madison Capital Group for Richard Smith, III (owner) to Rezone 27.98 Acres at Ogeechee Road and Chatham Parkway (PIN 10837 01001) from PUD-BC-CO (Planned Urban Development - Community Business-County) to RMF-2-15 (Residential Multifamily-2-15 units per acre) (File No. 23-002721-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet (File No. 23-002721-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps (File No. 23-002721-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Concept Plan (File No. 23-002721-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 4: Access Points (File No. 23-002721-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #13.

Speaker(s):

- Melissa Paul-Leto, MPC representative.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #13, seconded by Alderman Palumbo, The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. (See Agenda Item #15)

l. Zoning Map Amendment for Bryan Wardlaw from Landmark 24 on Behalf of William Fawcett (owner) to Rezone ~105 Acres on Wild Heron Road (PIN 21003 03001) from :1 (Agriculture-1) to RSF-5 (Residential Single Family-5) and RMF-1 (Residential Multifamily-1) with Conditions. Aldermanic District 6 (File No. 22-002692-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for Wild Heron Road (File No. 22-002692-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Context Aerial Map for Wild Heron Road (File No. 22-002692-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Maps for Wild Heron Road (File No. 22-002692-ZA).pdf

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Exhibit 7: Wild Heron Initial Master Plan 05.17.2022 (File No. 22-002692-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 8: Revised Wild Heron Master Plan with Conditions (File No. 22-002692-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing opened for Item #14.

Speaker(s):

- Melissa Paul-Leto, MPC representative
- Bryan Wardlaw, representing the applicant
- Joseph M. Lane – OPPOSED
- Margaret Kramer Ellison – OPPOSED
- Richard Ellison – OPPOSED
- Clark Namias – OPPOSED
- Kevin Morris – OPPOSED
- Mark Morris – OPPOSED
- Martha Morris – OPPOSED
- Susana Lane – OPPOSED
- Debbie Walker – OPPOSED
- Susan Hunt Levin – OPPOSED
- Jack Wardlaw, representing developer (Landmark 24)
- Rob Brannea, Attorney for Clairwood – SUPPORTED - did not speak

Written comment(s):

- Brent Stubbs - OPPOSED

Aldeman Purtee moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #14, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderman Leggett was not present during the vote. (See agenda Item #16)

Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed concern for police coverage in the area. Mr. Wardlaw indicated there is police in the area by the City of Savannah.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed her concern for transparency in government and that several Members of Council have received campaign contributions from Mr. Wardlaw and/or his company. She suggested Members of Council who have received campaign contributions from Mr. Wardlaw and/or his company should recuse themselves from the vote. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter will not be voting for the project as it negatively affects the quality of life for the residents.

Alderman Palumbo asked MPC for the total acres (115), and units per acre (3.7 for single family and 9 for multi-family). Mr. Wardlaw indicated the density is suitable for the site.

Alderwoman Lanier asked MPC the size of the lots in the subdivision across the street (the duplexes are 40', 60'x100' lots) and the future use development (planned development).

Mayor Johnson indicated the question is level of density. There are three entities involved, City of Savannah, Chatham County, and the developer. He then asked who will determine who will be responsible for what.

Alderwoman Lanier stated the residents attending the meeting expressed concern for the residents quality of life. She recommends putting the infrastruture in place before the housing projects.

Alderman Purtee indicated as it relates to the quality of life; the Hyundai plant in Richmond Hill will generate economic benefit. Right now, the area has a shortage of 10,000 homes, when the plant is completed that number will increase. We need housing units on all levels. His understanding is the developer, Chatham County, and the City have agreed to improve the roadway in the area with a public/private partnership. The traffic issues need to be solved.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if this request was denied earlier and if meetings were held before coming before Council. Ms. Paul-Leto indicated she was not part of the earlier meetings, but she understands there were several revisions of the site plan. She stated she is before Council to present MPC's recommendation of a reduction of fifty units. As a member of the MPC Commission, City Manager Melder stated it's not unusual for petitioners to work back and forth with MPC staff. MPC placed seven conditions before any development. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if all the conditions were met. City Manager Melder read the seven conditions and indicated the developer has agreed to all the conditions.

Mayor Johnson discussed the traffic and the development, as it relates to all involved organizations committing to the project. He asked if there can be a zoning amendment contingent on an IGA with all parties involved. City Manager Melder suggested a first reading to allow time for an IGA.

Alderwoman Lanier expressed concern that the discussion has changed from density to an IGA, stating this is just a smoke screen.

Alderman Purtee raised a point of order. Mayor Johnson acknowledged, point taken.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked City Manager Melder if the TSPOST was approved how would it have affected the the Highlands. City Manager Melder indicated additional revenue would benefit all areas of the City.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

15. Zoning Map Amendment for Robert L. McCorkle, III (agent) on Behalf of Madison Capital Group for Richard Smith, III (owner) to Rezone 27.98 Acres at Ogeechee Road and Chatham Parkway (PIN 10837 01001) from PUD-BC-CO (Planned Urban Development - Community Business-County) to RMF-2-15 (Residential Multifamily-2-15 units per acre) (File No. 23-002721-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet (File No. 23-002721-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps (File No. 23-002721-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Concept Plan (File No. 23-002721-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 4: Access Points (File No. 23-002721-ZA).pdf

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #15, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. (See agenda Item #13)

16. Zoning Map Amendment for Bryan Wardlaw from Landmark 24 on Behalf of William Fawcett (owner) to Rezone ~105 Acres on Wild Heron Road (PIN 21003 03001) from A-1 (Agriculture-1) to RSF-5 (Residential Single Family-5) and RMF-1 (Residential Multifamily-1) with Conditions. Aldermanic District 6 (File No. 22-002692-ZA).

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a. After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #14, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. Motion was withdrawn, no vote was taken.

b. Alderwoman Miller Blakely made a substitute motion to send Item #14 back to MPC for meetings with residents and the developer to establish an agreement, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion failed, 4-5-0. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Alderman Palumbo, and Alderman Purtee voted no.

c. Alderman Purtee offered an amended motion for a first reading only, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed, 6-3-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Alderwoman Lanier voted no.

City Manager Melder stated he will update Council on the progression of the meetings/agreement.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

17. Approval to Amend the 2023 Revenue Ordinance, Adopt the 2023 Property Tax Millage Rate, and Adopt the Special Service District Tax Rate for the Water Transportation District. The proposed millage rate of 12.20 mills for 2023 is unchanged from the final millage rate of 2022.

Exhibit 1: 2023 Millage Rate Ordinance.pdf

Exhibit 2: 2023 Revenue Ordinance Memo.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed her concern that several Members of Council have received campaign contributions from non taxpaying entities. Those same Council Members should encourage the non taxpaying entities to contribute revenues in support of the City's operations. Mayor Johnson indicated contribution disclosures, as required by law, are available to all citizens to view.

a. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Item #17 by rolling back the millage rate to 10.2%, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. No vote was taken.

b. Alderman Palumbo made a substitute motion to approve Item #17 as written in the agenda, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 6-3-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Alderwoman Lanier voted no.

:CHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of One (1) Forklift with Low Country JCB in the Amount of $102,400. The forklift will replace damaged forklift units #7741 and #7742 and will be used for handling tires, loading and unloading refuse carts, recycle carts, commercial containers, and deliveries to the facility. (Fleet Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Rough Terrain Forklift.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Rough Terrain Forklift.pdf

HEARD after Item #16.

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to approve Items #18, #19, #20, #21, #23, #24, #25, #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #31, and #32, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for One (1) Front Loading Refuse Truck from Solid Waste Applied Technologies c/o New Way in the Amount of $335,500. The City of Savannah's Commercial Refuse Division will utilize the front-loading refuse truck to replace unit 5730 which has reached the end of its useful life cycle and is no longer economical to maintain. (Fleet Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Front Loading Refuse Truck.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Front Loading Refuse Truck.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to approve Items #18, #19, #20, #21, #23, #24, #25, #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #31, and #32, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

). Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of Five (5) Compact Excavators from National Equipment Dealers, LLC c/o Hyundai Construction quipment Americas, Inc. in the Amount of $382,761. The compact excavators will be utilized by Water Distribution, Sewer Maintenance, and City Cemeteries The compact :cavator for the Water Distribution and Sewer Maintenance Division will be used to complete water and sewer systems repairs. The compact excavator for the City emeteries will be used for digging burial plots. (Fleet Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Compact Excavators.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Compact Excavators.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to approve Items #18, #19, #20, #21, #23, #24, #25, #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #31, and #32, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for an Asset Management System with Woolpert, Inc in the Amount of $214,635. Cityworks will provide departments with the ability to automate scheduled inspections and work orders for routine maintenance. (Innovation & Technology)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - CityWorks.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - CityWorks.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to approve Items #18, #19, #20, #21, #23, #24, #25, #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #31, and #32, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Final Project Close-Out Modification for the Hudson Hill Community Center Project with Akins Construction in the Amount of $149,126. The modification is needed to cover costs associated with various credits, added costs due to unforeseen conditions, and owner requested changes. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Hudson Hill Community Center.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Hudson Hill Community Center.pdf

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the splash pad was corrected. Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd stated the issue has not been resolved, but the engineers are working on the issue.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to approve Item #22, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. Th motion was passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Roadside, Canal, & Aquatic Vegetation Maintenance Services with Opterra Solutions in an Amount Not to Exceed $108,600. These services will provide chemical applications to roadsides (72 miles) and waterways (12 miles) to comply with OSHA, EPA, State Department of Agriculture, and State Department of Transportation regulations. (Park & Tree)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Roadside, Canal, and Aquatic Vegetation Maintenance.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Roadside, Canal, and Aquatic Vegetation Maintenance.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to approve Items #18, #19, #20, #21, #23, #24, #25, #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #31, and #32, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Armored Car Services from Brinks, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed $130,000. The contract will provide daily revenue collection services in the City's parking garages, minimizing the City's liability in cash handling. (Parking & Mobility)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Armored Car Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Armored Car Services.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to approve Items #18, #19, #20, #21, #23, #24, #25, #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #31, and #32, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Short-Term Vacation Rental (STVR) Management Software with Deckard Technologies, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed $290,000. Short-Term Vacation Rental (STVR) Management Software referred to as Rentalscape, will assist three (3) City Departments collaborating on the administration and enforcement of the STVR program. (Planning and Urban Design)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - STVR Software.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - STVR Software.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to approve Items #18, #19, #20, #21, #23, #24, #25, #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #31, and #32, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No.1 for a Hydropneumatic Tank Replacement with Pinholster Construction LLC, DBE PINCO in the Amount of $30,496. The tank maintains pressurized water from the well pump for gradual release into the water distribution system. (Public Works & Water Resources)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Hydropneumatic Tank Replacement.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Hydropneumatic Tank Replacement.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to approve Items #18, #19, #20, #21, #23, #24, #25, #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #31, and #32, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

27. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Repair Services of Industrial & Domestic Water Treatment Plant Well No.12 with Woodrow Sapp Well Drilling in an Amount Not to Exceed $58,028. The I&D Plant utilized the repair services for unforeseen issues that were noted as the well was pulled for preventive maintenance. (Public Works & Water Resources)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Well #12 Repairs.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Well #12 Repairs.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to approve Items #18, #19, #20, #21, #23, #24, #25, #26, #27, #28, #29, #3 #31, and #32, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passe 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

28. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for One-Ton Chlorine Cylinders with JCI Jones Chemicals in an Amount Not to Exceed $98,000. Chlorine will be used for the disinfection of treated wastewater prior to discharge to the receiving water in accordance with the City's NPDES Wastewater Discharge Permit. (Water Reclamation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - One-ton Chlorine Cylinder.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - One-ton Chlorine Cylinder.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to approve Items #18, #19, #20, #21, #23, #24, #25, #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #31, and #32, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

29. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Public Portal and Data Integration Software and an Annual Software Maintenance Agreement with CI Technologies in an Amount Not to Exceed $66,000. The Savannah Police Department will utilize the public portal and data integration software to run on the current IAPro (Office of

Professional Standards) platform. The public portal will allow the public to submit complaints/commendations through an online portal, as well as allow citizens to follow up on previous complaints they have made against officers. (Police)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - CI Technologies IAPro.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - CI Technologies IAPro.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to approve Items #18, #19, #20, #21, #23, #24, #25, #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #31, and #32, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

30. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Training and the Implementation of Stratified Policing with Dr. Roberto Santos and Dr. Rachel Santos c/o Santos & Santos, PH.D., Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed $77,000. The Savannah Police Department (SPD) will partner with Santos & Santos, PH. D., Inc. to accomplish full organizational change that institutionalizes Stratified Policing so that evidence-based crime reduction strategies are systematically carried out and personnel is held accountable within the day-to-day operations of the Police Department. (Police)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Stratified Policing.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Stratified Policing.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to approve Items #18, #19, #20, #21, #23, #24, #25, #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #31, and #32, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

31. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Real-Time Crime Center Public Safety Platform from Fusus Corporation in an Amount Not to Exceed $150,000. Fusus will unify Savannah Police Department's (SPD) data and operations into a single platform to expand the reach of the SPD camera system and promote public-private partnerships. (Police)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - FUSUS Public Safety Platform.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - FUSUS Public Safety Platform.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to approve Items #18, #19, #20, #21, #23, #24, #25, #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #31, and #32, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

32. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of a Weapons System with Clyde Armory in an Amount Not to Exceed $371,334. The Savannah Police Department (SPD) will utilize the Red Dot Optic Sights (RDOS) Weapons System to significantly improve officers' training and proficiency while also providing an expanded field of vision during aiming training activity by replacing the traditional iron sights with a red dot on the target. (Police)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - SPD Weapons System.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - SPD Weapons System.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to approve Items #18, #19, #20, #21, #23, #24, #25, #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #31, and #32, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

33. Approval to Purchase a New Airport Lighting Control System from Allen Enterprises, in the Amount of $37,036.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #33 through #41, seconded by Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

34. Approval to Execute a Logo Licensing Agreement with PARS International Corp., for the Travel & Leisure World's Best Awards Logo License, in the Amount of $50,395.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #33 through #41, seconded by Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

35. Approval to Procure Eighty (80) Baggage Carts and Four (4) Corrals from Wanzl North America, in the Amount of $60,026.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #33 through #41, seconded by Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

36. Approval to Procure One (1) Kubota Tractor from Shea Tractor and Equipment Company, Inc., in the Amount of $63,500.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #33 through #41, seconded by Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

'. Approval to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Steven Baldwin & Associates, in the Amount of $65,580.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #33 through #41, seconded by Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

38. Approval to Procure Three (3) Rugged Terrain Vehicles (RTVs) from Shea Tractor and Equipment Company, Inc., in the Amount of $73,500.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #33 through #41, seconded by Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

39. Approval to Execute a Contract with Erickson Associates, Inc., for All Services Associated with the Lifecycle Replacement of the 750-Ton Chiller Project, in the Amount of $801,000.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #33 through #41, seconded by Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

40. Approval to Execute a Contract with John Bean Technologies Corporation for the Purchase and Installation of Seven (7) Passenger Boarding Bridges, in the Amount of $6,407,622.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #33 through #41, seconded by Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

41. Approval to Ratify the Acceptance of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) – Airport Terminal Program (ATP) Grant Offer No. 3-13-0100-077-2023 from the Federal Aviation Administration, in the Amount of $6,500,000.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #33 through #41, seconded by Alderma Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0

AGREEMENTS

42. Approval to Renew the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Sub-Recipient Award to In The Door for $200,000 to Support the "One-Stop Delivery System" to Ensure Mandated Partners Comply with Agency Policies as it Pertains to Job Training, Preparation, and Placement Services in Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, Long, McIntosh and Screven Counties.

Exhibit 1: PY2023 CWDB OSO Sub-Award Renewal - In The Door, LLC.pdf

HEARD after Item #17.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #42, #43, #44, #45, and #47, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

43. Approval to Renew the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Sub-Recipient Awards with Ross I.E.S. and Eckerd Connects-Paxen in the Amount of $893,223 for Career, Case Management, and Training Services for Adults (Ages 18 and Older) and Dislocated Workers (Unemployed or Laid Off) in Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, Long, McIntosh, and Screven counties.

Exhibit 1: PY2023 CWDB Adult and DW Service Providers Contract Renewal - Ross I.E.S. and Eckerd.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #42, #43, #44, #45, and #47, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

44. Approval to Renew the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Sub-Recipient Award with Ross I.E.S. in the Amount of $1,033,383 for Academic, Career Development, and Training Services for Youth (Ages 16-24) in Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, Long, McIntosh, and Screven Counties.

Exhibit 1: PY2023 CWDB Youth Service Provider Contract Renewal - Ross I.E.S.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #42, #43, #44, #45, and #47, seconded b Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

45. Authorize the City Manager to Accept the FY2023 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Grant Award Transferring Dislocated Worker Funds to the Adult Funding Stream in the Amount $200,000. The award will be used to provide training and supportive services to adults who are unemployed or underemployed from October 1, 2022, through June 30, 2024. The City serves as the fiduciary agent for the 10-county region.

Exhibit 1: FY2023 Dislocated Worker Statement of Award.pdf

Exhibit 2: FY2023 Dislocated Worker Notice of DW Grant Award Modification - Transfer to Adult.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #42, #43, #44, #45, and #47, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

46. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with David Mesaros, Russell Finland & Victor Jarvis II for the Forcemain Relocation for the Charles Street Townhomes. This forcemain relocation will serve the future development of the Charles Street Townhomes in the Wilmington Island service area.

Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Force Main Relocation for the Charles Street Townhomes.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder if the City was annexing the property associated with Item #46 into the City of Savannah. City Manager Melder indicated the City is not annexing the property on Wilmington Island into the City, this is an area serviced by the City's water and sewer utility.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #46, seconded by Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

47. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Savannah Harbor Partners, LLC for Savannah Harbor Phase 1, a Development Consisting of 280 Apartments, Retail Spac and Marina in the President Street Treatment Plant Service Area.

Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Savannah Harbor Phase 1.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #42, #43, #44, #45, and #47, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

48. Authorize the City Manager to Approve Grant of Easement to Georgia Power to Provide Electricity for the Dundee Cottages at Dundee Village.

Exhibit 1: Easement - Dundee Village - 65 Dundee Street.pdf

Exhibit 2: Map.pdf

Exhibit 3: Overhead Distribution Construction Agreement.pdf

Exhibit 4: Underground Distribution Construction Agreement.pdf

HEARD after Item #22.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #48, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

49. Authorize the City Manager to Declare a .04 Acre Portion of Sugarberry Street as Surplus and Available for Sale (Petition #22-023).

Exhibit 1: Highlands Park - Plans and Specs.pdf

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the property has been sold. City Manager Melder indicated the property has not been sold, but the adjacent property owner has right of first refusal.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #49, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

/ ATTORNEY ITEMS

50. Settlement #1

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #50, authorizing the City Attorney's Office to resolve the claim (Worker's Compensation) of Brenda Johnson-Curtis for $186,988.02, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed 7-0-2. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely recused themselves from the vote.

51. Settlement #2

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #51, authorizing the City Attorney's Office to resolve the claim (worker's compensation) of Daniel Corrieri for $33,043.84, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

52. Settlement #3

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #52, authorizing the City Attorney's Office to resolve the claim (trip & fall) of Sandra Lafreniere for $122,140.00, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

:ELLANEOUS

53. Approval of a Major Subdivision Bradley Pointe South Phase 10, a Portion of Parcel 1A of the Vallambrosa Plantation. The property is located at Stetson Drive and Flagler Drive in Alderman District 6.

Exhibit 1: Plat - Major Subdivision Bradley Pointe South Phase 10 a portion of Parcel 1A of the Vallambrosa Plantation.pdf

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #53, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Alderwoman Miller Blakely announced a parade on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. from the Civic Center to 38th Street Park for Flau'jae Johnson, a local rapper. Ms. Johnson is donating $100,000.00 in the form of 500 pairs of sneakers, 500 book bags and 500 uniforms to local students. Alderwoman Miller Blakely thanked Mayor Johnson, City Manager Melder, Assistant City Manager Lloyd, Council, the recreation department, and everyone for their condolences, the Proclamation, and for the Repass for her sister.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan sent condolences to Revenue employee, Megan Edwards, on the passing of her brother, Jaylan James Martin. She announced the Savannah Fire Department is sponsoring a give-a-way.

Mayor Johnson and Council expressed condolences to Alderman Leggett on the loss of his mother.

derwoman Lanier announced International Longshoreman's Local 1414 moved the back to school e-a-way to the Hudson Hill Community Center on Saturday morning, 8:00 am to 11:00 a.m.

Mayor Johnson announced Liberty County is having their National Night Out on August 1st.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 11:17 p.m.

A video recording of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: August 10, 2023

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AUGUST 10, 2023, 12:00 p.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 12:02 p.m. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order and recognized Alderman Purtee to offer a prayer.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

Workshop Agenda Items

1. Hurricane Preparedness

Exhibit 1: Hurricane Preparedness.pptx

PRESENTED by City Manager Melder and Emergency Management Services Director David Donnelly.

Following the presentation, there were questions and comments from members of the City Council:

- Mayor Johnson discussed how important it is to register on the hurricane registry and the evacuation process.

- Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked for the names of the three contractors hired by the sanitation department, if they are local, and if they are DBE's (Mr. Donnelly will send Council the information). She asked for the locations of the City shelters. Mr. Donnelly stated residents are encouraged to evacuate, but if the need arises, a refuge of last resort will be established based on the condition of the storm. Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed concern for Alderpersons evacuating at the same time as residents. City Manager Melder stated during a mandatory evacuation, it is important for Alderpersons to heed the warning as they are not critical workforce.
- Alderman Leggett asked Mr. Donnelly at what portion of the evacuation does the OPCON contra turn for all vehicles to go north (it starts at OPCON 2 and continues in OPCON 3). Alderman Leggett and Mr. Donnelly discussed the City's partners during preparedness, the County, School Board, other cities, power and phone utility companies, transportation services, contractor hospitals, nonprofit agencies, etc.
- Alderwoman Lanier discussed neighborhood sirens and asked Mr. Donnelly when the sirer sound, what would be the procedure to evacuate disabled residents. Mr. Donnelly indicated the sirens would not be used for hurricanes but for tornadoes. Residents should be alert to normal media, print, radio, tv, social media, and neighborhood associations.
- Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan announced the Housing Authority is working on a plan to notify their residents during hurricane preparedness. She admonished the City to have a plan in place to notify residents. During recovery, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan recommended a separate phone number for residents to call for damages. Mr. Donnelly stated residents should call 311 and there will be a recovery website established.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz stated this workshop is necessary and the information is urgent. When the call goes out to evacuate, then residents should leave. Now is the time to prepare for an emergency.
- City Manager Melder thanked Mr. Donnelly and stated the information will be on social media.

The PowerPoint presentation is on file and available for viewing in the Clerk of Council's office.

2. Federal Quiet Zone Designation Update

Exhibit 1: Quiet Zone Update.pdf

PRESENTED by City Manager Melder and Policy and Governmental Affairs Director Josep Shearouse, Jr. Mr. Shearouse thanked all the City partners including the Federal Senators ar Congressmen, and the City Council & City Manager for support and for keeping the momentum goir during the process.

- City Manager Melder stated the West Savannah Woodville tracks are engaging in a feasibility study. City Manager Melder thanked Joe Shearouse for his twelve years of working on the project. He thanked Ms. Virginia Mobley of the Thomas Square Neighborhood, resident Mr. David Blaine, and governmental & commercial supporters; Federal Railroad Administration Grade Crossing Manager Elizabeth Hudd, Kevin Callan and GDOT State Railroad Crossing Engineer Jason Mobley, WATCO Company General Manager Terrence Snell & Assistant Vice President of Government Relations Ailsa Von Dobeneck, and CSX Regional Vice President Craig Camuso.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked Ms. Mobley for her service to the City. She confirmed with Mr. Shearouse that the District 5 railroad crossings at 52nd Street, Barnard Street, and Victory Drive in Phase II will start soon.
- Alderman Leggett expressed his gratitude for the public-private partnership during the process. The major concern was to keep the quality of life and neighborhoods safe for the residents. Alderman Leggett thanked Ms. Mobley and Mr. Blaine for their work during the long process.
- Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan stated the project was awesome and it started during this administration. She asked City Manager Melder if the crossing does not have a crossing gate can the City use signs to warn the public. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan expressed concern for th crossings in the Woodville neighborhoods without active warning devices. She recommende signage at those crossings.
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated the process for the project started in 2012. She asked City Manager Melder why a feasibility study was done for certain areas and not for the entire City. City Manager Melder indicated he would check prior records for why a feasibility study was not conducted for the entire City.
- Alderman Palumbo stated how difficult the application process was for the City to achieve a quiet zone designation. He commended Joe Shearouse and all persons who worked on the project. He asked Mr. Shearouse to give more information on Phase II of the project and give the residents a sample of what the warning sign will be when completed.
- Alderwoman Lanier expressed concern that discussions and projects are in her district (Woodville neighborhood), but she was not invited to the table to negotiate for her constituents during those discussions/decisions. The approach should be holistic, this is a public crisis. The

quality of life on the Westside is causing deaths for residents. Alderwoman Lanier stated she is advocating for the District 1 residents, but after sending emails, letters, making phone calls and trying to arrange meetings she still has not been heard.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked Mr. Shearouse, City Manager Melder, and Council for their participation.

The PowerPoint presentation is on file and available for viewing in the Clerk of Council's office.

3. City Manager's Update

Not Presented.

yor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz adjourned the Workshop at 1:42 p.m.

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

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AUGUST 10, 2023, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:04 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Detric Leggett who introduced Reverend Tammie Latice McFadden, Pastor of Greater Gaines Chapel AME Church to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

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

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

ROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for August 10, 2023.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the August 10, 2023, meeting agenda as amended to continue Item #10 to the November 21, 2023, Council Meeting at the petitioners request, and add-on an agenda item proclaiming the week of August 6 through August 12, 2023, as Health Center Week, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Special Meeting regarding the 2023 Millage Rate Held on July 27, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

Exhibit 1: DRAFT MINUTES_July 27, 2023 City Council Special Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3, and #4, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0 with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter requesting the record to reflect a 6-3-0 vote (Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier voting to rollback the millage rate) with respect to the adoption of the millage rate at the prior Council meeting on July 27, 2023.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on July 27, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

Exhibit 1: DRAFT MINUTES - July 27, 2023 City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3, and #4, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0 with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter requesting the record to reflect a 6-3-0 vote (Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely ar Alderwoman Lanier voting to rollback the millage rate) with respect to the adoption of the millage ra at the prior Council meeting on July 27, 2023.

4. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on July 27, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Exhibit 1: DRAFT MINUTES_July 27, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3, and #4, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0 with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter requesting the record to reflect a 6-3-0 vote (Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier voting to rollback the millage rate) with respect to the adoption of the millage rate at the prior Council meeting on July 27, 2023.

PRESENTATIONS

5. A Presentation by the Employee Engagement Team Recognizing the Second Quarter 2023 Employee of the Quarter

HEARD after Item #7.

PRESENTED by City Manager Melder and Human Resources Director Jeff Grant. Mr. Grant gave a brief description of the engagement team purpose and introduced the members of the Employee Engagement Team. City Manager Melder announced and introduced the following employees recognized as the first Employees of the Quarter who were selected by service centers: Debbie Fields, Municipal Operations; Charles 'Jack' Hobby, Infrastructure and Development; Kirk McGe Government Operations; Jeff Parsons, Community Services; Tanisha Perry, Strategic Services; l Dana Purvis, Savannah Police Department; and Tyler Barrett, Savannah Fire Department.

6. A Proclamation Recognizing the 40th Anniversary of the Coastal Empire Habitat for Humanity.

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and READ by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan.

Chief Executive Officer Zerik Samples accepted the proclamation on behalf of Coastal Empire Habitat for Humanity. He thanked Mayor and Council for the recognition. Mr. Samples announced and invited everyone to the following events: 40th Birthday Celebration on August 26th, 10am - 3pm at MLK Blvd and Gwinnett Street, a Savannopoly art exhibit at Location Gallery on October 13th, and the first annual Home for the Holidays Gala on December 1st at the DeSoto Hilton Hotel. Also in attendance was Board Member Jennifer Roach and Development Director Ava Claire Mattox.

7. An Appearance by Denise Watts, the Newly Appointed 25th Superintendent of Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools

HEARD after Item #4.

Mayor Johnson introduced and welcomed newly appointed 25th Superintendent of Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools System (SCCPSS), Dr. Denise Watts. Dr. Watts thanked Mayor, Council and the residents for the warm welcome she has received.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

8. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Derrick Law-Staton for Sloppee Toppee, a Restaurant Located at 1308 Montgomery Street Between West Anderson and West Henry Streets in Aldermanic District 2. (Continued from the August 10th City Council Meeting at the petitioner's request.)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Sloppee Toppee.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Report - Sloppee Toppee.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Sloppee Toppee.pdf

Exhibit 4: Security Plan - Sloppee Toppee.pdf

Exhibit 5: Measurement Report - Sloppee Toppee.pdf

HEARD after Item #28.

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearing open for Item #8.

Speaker(s):

- David Williams, representing the applicant as manager/business partner
- Nancy Maia (Victorian Neighborhood Association) – OPPOSED

Written comment(s):

- Caroline Berry – OPPOSED
- Kacey Kennickell Ray – OPPOSED
- William Ray – OPPOSED
- Ronald Berry - OPPOSED

Alderman Leggett stated there was no neighborhood agreement, but he recommends approval of the application with conditions.

a. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to close the alcohol hearing for Item #8, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #8 conditioned upon the hours of operation, closing on Sunday through Thursday by 10:00 p.m., and closing on Friday and Saturday by 12:00 a.m. midnight, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

9. Approval to add Class C (Liquor) (By the Drink) with Sunday Sales Alcohol License to the Existing Class C (Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) with Sunday Sales to Meng Wang for Juicy Seafood, a Restaurant, Located at 7805 Abercorn Street Suite 15. The establishment is located between Mall Boulevard and Echols Street in Aldermanic District 4.

Exhibit 1- Juicy Seafood Checklist.pdf

Exhibit 2-Juicy Seafood Density Map.pdf

Exhibit 3- Juicy Seafood Alcohol Reports.pdf

Exhibit 4- Juicy Seafood Measurement Report.pdf

Exhibit 5- Juicy Seafood Security Plan.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearing open for Item #9.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderman Palumbo moved to close the alcohol hearing for Item #9, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #9, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

INANCES - SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

10. Zoning Map Amendment for Bryan Wardlaw from Landmark 24 on Behalf of William Fawcett (owner) to Rezone ~105 Acres on Wild Heron Road (PIN 21003 03001) from A-1 (Agriculture-1) to RSF-5 (Residential Single Family-5) and RMF-1 (Residential Multifamily-1) with Conditions. Aldermanic District 6 (File No. 22-002692-ZA). [Continued to the November 21, 2023 Agenda per the Petitioner's Request]

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for Wild Heron Road (File-no-22-002692-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Context Aerial Map for Wild Heron Road (File No. 22-002692-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Maps for Wild Heron Road (File No. 22-002692-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 4: Traffic Impact Analysis for Wild Heron Road (File No. 22-002692-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 5: Typical Street Sections for Wild Heron Road (File No. 22-002692-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 6: Development Standards for Wild Heron Road (File No. 22-002692-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 7: Wild Heron Initial Master Plan.pdf

Exhibit 8: Wild Heron Master Plan with Conditons.pdf

Alderman Purtee moved to continue/postpone Item #10 to the November 21, 2023, City Council Meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Guardrail Repair and Installation with E & D Contracting Services, Inc. (LOCAL)(DBE) in an Amount Not to Exceed $200,000. The Street Maintenance Department will use this contract to repair damaged guardrails throughout the City. (Mobility Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification- Guardrail Repair.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes- Guardrail Repair.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #11 through #16, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal and Modification No. 1 for Pressure Washing Services with Samjay Services, Inc.(LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed $100,000. This contract is used citywide to provide pressure washing services for City of Savannah facilities and assets.(Facilities Maintenance)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Samjay Pressure Washing Service.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Samjay Pressure Washing Service.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #11 through #16, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Multi-Station Play Structure with Gametime c/o Dominica Recreation Products, Inc., in the Amount of $75,966. The play structure will be used to expand the current playground feature at Daffin Park and restore the unit to its original size for children ages 5-12. (Recreation and Leisure Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Daffin Park Multi-Station Play Structure.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Daffin Park Multi-Station Play Structure.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #11 through #16, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Court Makers, Inc. for the Reconstruction of Two Basketball Courts at Forsyth Park and Two Basketball Courts at West Side Park, and Three Tennis Courts at Daffin Park in an Amount Not to Exceed $588,230. The reconstruction will ensure the safety of the public by excavating and leveling the surface and improving the amenity by installing new asphalt, court lines, fencing, goals, and nets. (Recreation & Leisure Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Athletic Court Resurfacing.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Athletic Court Resurfacing.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #11 through #16, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Dan Foss Variable Frequency Device with Goforth Williamson, Inc., in an Amount Not to Exceed $101,617. The Industrial & Domestic Treatment Plant will utilize this equipment to replace the previously failed Dan Foss Unit. (I & D Water Treatment Plant)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Dan Foss Variable Frequency Device.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Dan Fross Variable Frequency Device.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #11 through #16, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Professional Services to Assist in the Revenue Solution Selection with InfoTech Research Group in an Amount Not to Exceed $146,000. The Innovation and Technology Department (IT) will use the consultant for RFP development, facilitating proposal scoring and vendor demonstrations with the goal of selecting the best fit solution for the City. (IT)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Revenue Solution Selection.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Revenue Solution Selection.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #11 through #16, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

17. Approval of the Distribution of Advertising (Official Vacation Planners) in Hilton Head Island and Bluffton, in the Amount of $49,372.

HEARD after Item #31.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17, #18, #19, and Items #21 through #2 seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 0-0.

18. Approval to Participate in Co-Op International Marketing Events in the UK, Ireland, and Locally, in the Amount of $150,000.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17, #18, #19, and Items #21 through #28, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

19. Approval of Amendment No. 1 with CHA Consulting, Inc., for Additional Design Work on the Construct Auxiliary Parking Lots Project, in the Amount of $43,470.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17, #18, #19, and Items #21 through #28, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

20. Approval of Task Work Order No. 28 with AECOM, for Design Services for the New Ticket Counter Conveyor and Airline Ticket Office Renovations Project, in the Amount of $311,104.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #20, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz recused herself from the vote due to business purposes.

21. Approval to Enter into a Reimbursable Agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to Upgrade the Mark 1F Instrument Landing System (ILS) for Runway in the Amount of $1,165,436.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17, #18, #19, and Items #21 through #28, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

22. Approval to Procure One Passenger Stairway Truck from Technology International, Inc., in the Amount of $209,500.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17, #18, #19, and Items #21 through #28, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

23. Approval to Procure Budgeted Environmental Services Supplies from Home Depot, Haskins-Doyle Chemical & Supply, South-Eastern Paper Group, and Unipak Corporation, in the Amount NTE $500,000.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17, #18, #19, and Items #21 through #28, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

24. Approval for Sterling Seacrest Pritchard, Inc. to Purchase Property Liability Insurance for 2023-2024, in the Amount of $807,187.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17, #18, #19, and Items #21 through #28, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

25. Approval to Procure One Backhoe Frontend Loader from Yancey Brothers – CAT Equipment, in the Amount of $84,783.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17, #18, #19, and Items #21 through #28, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

26. Approval to Procure Two 4x4 Tractors from Tidewater AG, in the Amount of $300,000.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17, #18, #19, and Items #21 through #28, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

27. Approval of an Annual Contract with GoApron for a Gate Management System, in the Amount of $44,500.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17, #18, #19, and Items #21 through #28, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

28. Approval to Ratify the Acceptance of Airport Improvement Program Grant Offer No. 3-13-0100-074-2023 from the Federal Aviation Administration, in the Amount of $1,579,469.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17, #18, #19, and Items #21 through #28, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

REEMENTS

9. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with the Chatham County Board of Commissioners for the Chatham County New Trial Courts Building. This is for a development consisting of a new four story trial court building in the President Street Plant Service area.

Exhibit 1 : Water & Sewer Agreement - Chatham County New Trail Courts Building.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #29, seconded by Mayor Johnson. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

30. Authorize the City Manager to Approve an Easement in Connection with the Renovation Project to the Tomochichi Federal Courthouse at 125 Bull Street

Exhibit 1 - GSA Easement Map.pdf

Exhibit 2 - GSA Non Exclusive Easement Agreement.pdf

Exhibit 3 - GSA Easement Location Exhibit.pdf

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #30, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

31. Approval of Theme, Location and Preliminary Design for a Commemorative Fountain in honor of Mary R. Myrick in Kavanaugh Park Within the Ardsley Park/Chatham Crescent Neighborhood

Exhibit 1: Submittal Packet - 23-002804-MON Kavanaugh Park.pdf

Exhibit 2: Board Recommendation - 23-002804-MON Kavanaugh Park.pdf

HEARD after Item #33.

Recognized by Mayor Johnson and introduced by Alderman Palumbo were members of the Ardsley Park/Chatham Crescent Garden Club. The Club has contributed over a half million dollars to the City of Savannah over the past fifty years.

Garden Club President Trish Lawrence shared a history of founding member Mary R. Myrick and her contributions to the Garden Club, Savannah residents, State of Georgia, and other Southern Garden Clubs. Granddaughter of Mary R. Myrick, Catherine Gussler, and other members of the the Ardsley Park/Chatham Crescent Garden Club were in attendance.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #31, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

32. Approval of a Major Subdivision, Cobblestone Subdivision Phase-1 70 Lots (Lots 10-26, 34-45, & 63-103). The property is in Alderman District 5 at Street Location: Bush Road, adjacent to the Savannah and Ogeechee Canal, southwest of Little Neck Road

Exhibit 1: Plat: Major Subdivision: Cobblestone Subdivision Phase-1 70 Lots (Lots 10-26, 34-45, & 63-103).pdf

Exhibit 2: Cobblestone Overall Site Plan.pdf

Exhibit 3: Cobblestone Phase 1.pdf

Exhibit 4: Private Bridge Easement & Maintenance agreement Cobblestone Phase 1.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter acknowledged the comments from residents in the area opposed to the development. Infrastructure, public health and safety are an issue as well as the number of school buses and eighteen wheeler trucks have not been mitigated.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #32, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 6-3-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Mille Blakely, and Alderwoman Lanier voted no.

Written comment(s):

- Kerrie Bieber - OPPOSED

ADD-ON:

33. Proclamation recognizing August 6 through August 12, 2023, as Health Center Week.

HEARD after Item #6.

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and READ by Alderman Leggett to J.C. Lewis Primary Health Care Center, Inc. Chief Executive Officer Dr. Rena Douse. Dr. Douse thanked Mayor and Council for the recognition and expressed her thanks for the community support. Also in attendance was Chief Clinical Officer Dr. Kearra McKinney, Chief Operating Officer Hilton Fordham, Quality Manager Russell Canady, Board Member Curtis Singleton, and Board Chair and City of Savannah employee Margaret Williams.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan announced Regina Thomas' husband will be funeralized Saturday a Connor's Temple. LB3 will have a back-to-school event at The Park.

Mayor Johnson sent condolences to Regina Thomas and family on the loss of her husband.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz announced the 2nd Fabulous 5th District clean-up. The bins will be in front of the Fairgrounds on Meding Street, Friday through Sunday night (yard waste, tires, bulk items, etc.)

Alderwoman Miller Blakely thanked all who participated in the Flau'jae activities and give-a-way. Flau'jae has a documentary that will be released soon, please take time to view the documentary. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked the media to inform residents to stay hydrated, as well as visitors and tourists.

Alderman Palumbo commended Team Savannah and all who participated in the Vision Zero effort to save lives.

Alderwoman Lanier announced Executive Director at Lowcountry Alliance for Model Communities Ernest Omar Muhammad will conduct a nonprofit grants seminar (logic model) on Saturday, August 12th, 11am in the community room of the Enmarket Arena. Hosted by Alderwoman Lanier, Ivory Bay Community Development Corporation, and E4 Progress Community Services. There will be a Home Boy Reunion August 26th on Hudson Hill Park.

Mayor Johnson announced the Savannah Enmarket Arena ranked #1 venue in the Southeast, ranked #2 in the United States, and ranked #4 Worldwide with under ten thousand seats, according to Pollst Magazine's Venue Reports.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 3:24 p.m.

A video recording of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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AUGUST 24, 2023, 4:30 p.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 4:33 p.m. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order and recognized Alderman Purtee to offer a prayer.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

kshop Agenda Items

.. Homelessness Initiatives Update

Exhibit 1: Chatham Savannah Authority for the Homeless Presentation.pdf

Exhibit 2: Savannah-Chatham County Interagency Council on Homelessness Presentation.pdf

Mayor Johnson welcomed all in attendance and introduced City Manager Melder.

City Manager Melder gave a brief outline of the City's efforts in homelessness. He acknowledged ICH/CoC Board Chair Karen Gwen and Board Member Jennifer Davenport. City Manager Melder introduced Executive Director of Interagency Council on Homelessness Stephanie Kapel and Executive Director of Chatham Savannah Authority for the Homeless Jennifer Dulong for the presentations.

Following the presentations, there were comments and questions from Members of City Council.

- Alderman Purtee acknowledged that Savannah is making strides in homelessness.
- Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan stated it takes work to eliminate homelessness, it is a team effort and community partnerships are necessary. It has worked in the 3rd District and will work throughout the City.
- Alderman Palumbo thanked Ms. Kapel and Ms. Dulong. He asked City Manager Melder the number of service providers. Mr. Melder indicated approximately seventy-eight agencies. Since this is the first time all partners have worked together, Aldermen Palumbo asked how can Savannah extend efforts for more partners. City Manager Melder indicated this is a regional issue. Residents can support efforts with donations.
- Mayor Johnson indicated he was recently appointed to a taskforce by GMA and ACCG to lift up best practices in Georgia. People without a roof over their heads are still people and we need to show passion and compassion.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked City Manager Melder, Chief Taffanye Young and Cit partners for taking up the effort of homelessness. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz discussed th different avenues of funding used by the City to address the homelessness and congratulated the City on it's resourcefulness.
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed concern that the Dive was not mentioned as one of the agencies. City Manager Melder indicated the Dive is part of the system of providers used by the City. Alderwoman Miller Blakely recommended the City give the Dive grant funding. She asked Ms. Dulong the number in the street outreach program (eight for the County).
- Alderwoman Lanier asked Ms. Kapel had any person serving on any boards or committees experienced homelessness. Ms. Kapel indicated currently one person has experienced homelessness and she is working to secure additional individuals. Ms. Kapel is working to secure residents to serve on the board or committees. Currently, all board and committee members reside in the City. Alderwoman Lanier and Ms. Dulong discussed the surveys included in the presentation regarding availability of shelter beds and unsheltered points in time count. Ms. Dulong explained how the street outreach team counted the homeless, including children and persons staying in abandoned buildings. A discussion of prevention and prevention programming resulted in the determining that there is a lack of funding at this time.
- Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concern for the 190 shelter beds and their location. Ms. Dulong indicated the beds are located throughout the City, she will provide Council with the information. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter discussed the homeless individuals previously living under the President Street bridge and how many of them were displaced after the fire. Sh expressed a need for advocacy for those agencies who responded to her request when called f service of homeless individuals. Some grant funded agencies did not respond. Alderwoma Gibson-Carter recommended the City connect with the Board of Education as it relates to buses picking up students living in hotel/motels. City Manager Melder agreed to speak with the Board of Education and will inform the Council of the next round of mini grants to local agencies.

The PowerPoint presentation is on file and available for viewing in the Clerk of Council's office.

2. City Manager's Update

Exhibit 1: City Manager's Update.pdf

1. City Manager Melder updated Council on Agenda Item #22, amendment of language for the Resolution creating Savannah's Waterfront Community Improvement District; and change the membership from seven members to five in align with State Law. City Manager Melder is asking Council to approve Code Compliance Director Cynthia Knight to serve with him on the Board representing the City;
2. City Manager Melder requested Council's approval on Agenda Item #23. An updated agreement to change the numbers with the Savannah-Georgia Convention Center Authority for hotel/motel tax in accordance with Georgia State Law; and
3. The City entered into a proposal to purchase and redevelop the Kiah House with community partner The Galvin Foundation. The Savannah Historic Foundation selected the City Savannah's application. City Manager Melder will bring an authorization for an agreement at th next City Council meeting for Council's consideration.

Mayor Johnson stated the meeting will be in recess until 6:40 p.m.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Workshop at 6:15 p.m.

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AUGUST 24, 2023, 6:40 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:40 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan to introduce Reverend Dr. Edward Fuller, Jr., Pastor and Teacher of the Prayer House Mission Holiness Church to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ABSENT:

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder

Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for August 24, 2023.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda for August 24, 2023, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on August 10, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - August 10, 2023 City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on August 10, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - August 10, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS

4. Recognition of the "Working Savannah" Task Force in Observance of Labor Day 2023.

HEARD after Item #21.

Mayor Johnson recognized the members of the Working Savannah Task Force.

ADD-ON:

4A. Proclamation recognizing Monday, September 4, 2023, (Labor Day) as Meddy Settles Day in Savannah, Georgia.

PRESENTED and READ by Mayor Johnson to Meddy Settles for exemplary service in the labor industry. Mr. Settles expressed his gratitude for the recognition and introduced his family; Ms. Kathy Crow, mother; Glynis Settles, wife; and Madison Settles, daughter and her boyfriend Gabriel Hogan.

5. Presentation of the Savannah Fire Department's Camp Ignite Participants.

Mayor Johnson introduced Fire Chief Elizie Kitchen who thanked the staff, parents and those who participated in the Camp Ignite program. Chief Kitchen introduced Firefighter of the Year, Tyler Barrett who gave a description of the program and presented Mayor and Council with Camp Ignite t-shirts. The camp instructors and graduates introduced themselves.

6. Presentations from the Qualified Square Naming Applications.

Mayor Johnson gave a brief background of Council's vote to remove the name from John C. Calhoun Square. He explained the process of naming/renaming a Square. For the public, there have been two public meetings for informational purposes and to answer questions (4/26/2023 & 6/14/2023) and three public forums for comments (The Park & Tree Commission on 8/18/2023 and Historic Sites & Monuments Commission on 8/3/2023), including today's meeting for submission of potential names. Mayor Johnson described the signage for the Square stating the aim is not to erase but to continue history.

Mayor Johnson stated the nine presenters will each be allowed two minutes for a presentation.

Presentations:

1. Dr. Martha Keber for Abbott Square (Supporter, Alderman Leggett)
2. Andrew Jones for Casey Square (Supporter, Alderman Leggett)
3. Angel Brayboy for Creek Square (Supporter, Alderman Leggett)
4. Leroy Pace, Jr. for Leile Square (Supporters, Mayor Johnson, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan)
5. Robert H. Fennell, Jr. for Hostess City of the South Square (Supporter, Mayor Johnson)
6. Jon Ternstrom for Carpenter Square (Supporter, Mayor Johnson)
7. Pat Gilyard Gunn (Center for Jubilee, Inc.) for Taylor Square (Supporters, Mayor Johnson, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely)
8. Sandy Keck Everette for The Seven Sisters (Supporter, Alderman Leggett)
9. Albert Oetgen for W. W. Law Square (Supporter, Mayor Johnson)

No Presentations:

- Jack White for Mirault Square (Supporter, Mayor Johnson)
- Rita Fuller-Yates for Deveaux Square (Supporter, Mayor Johnson)
- Tony Center for Center Square (Supporter, Alderman Leggett)
- Guinevere Waite for Musgrove Square (Supporter, Mayor Johnson)

Written comment(s):

- Joshua L. Scott – IN SUPPORT of naming Major Clayton Carpenter Square
- Andrew Jones (with 89 signatures) – IN SUPPORT of naming Casey Square
- Pamela Stevenson-Beasley – IN SUPPORT of naming Hostess City of the South Square
- Amanda M. Cannon – IN SUPPORT of naming W.W. Law Square
- Rita Fuller-Yates – IN SUPPORT of naming Jane DeVeaux Square
- Art Peltier - IN SUPPORT of naming Major Clayton Carpernter Square
- Rose Moss – IN SUPPORT of naming Major Clayton Carpenter Square

- Jeff Hyatt - IN SUPPORT of naming Major Clayton Carpenter Square
- Ellen Woodall - IN SUPPORT of naming Major Clayton Carpenter Square
- Zach Northway - IN SUPPORT of naming Major Clayton Carpenter Square
- J. Loyd Fennell – IN SUPPORT of naming Hostess City of the South Square
- Aaron Monegan - IN SUPPORT of naming Major Clayton Carpenter Square
- Robby Bryan - IN SUPPORT of naming Major Clayton Carpenter Square
- Jeanne Glover - IN SUPPORT of naming Susie King Taylor Square

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

7. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Liquor, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol license with Sunday Sales to Brian Garbrandt for A Taco Affair, a Restaurant Located at 401 West Hall Street. The establishment is located between Martin Luther King Boulevard and Montgomery Street in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - A Taco Affair.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - A Taco Affair.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - A Taco Affair.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - A Taco Affair.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - A Taco Affair.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearing open for Items #7 and #8.

No Speakers.

a. Alderman Palumbo moved to close the alcohol hearing for Items #7 and #8, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0.

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #7, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0.

8. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Liquor, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Edilma Martin Lopez for Las Palmeras Seafood and Grill, a Restaurant Located at 11412 Abercorn Street. The establishment is located between Largo and Idlewood Drive in Aldermanic District 6.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Las Palmeras Seafood and Grill.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Las Palmeras Seafood and Grill.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Las Palmeras Seafood and Grill.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Las Palmeras Seafood and Grill.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Las Palmeras Seafood and Grill.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearing open for Items #7 and #8.

No Speakers.

a. Alderman Palumbo moved to close the alcohol hearing for Items #7 and #8, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0.

b. Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #8, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0.

ZONING HEARINGS

9. Petition of Ryan Williamson, Agent for Strangebird Savannah LLC, on Behalf of Martin Smith, Agent for Savannah College of Art and Design, for a Special Use Permit with Conditions, to Allow on Premises Consumption of Alcohol (Beer and Wine) in Association with a Restaurant at 1220 Barnard Street (20044 35006), Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 23-002961-ZA)

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet (File No. 23-002961-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 1220 Barnard Street (23-002961-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Parking Lot Layout for 1220 Barnard Street (File No. 23-002961-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 4: Images of 1220 Barnard Street (23-002961-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #9.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, MPC representative
- Ryan Williamson, applicant

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked what is the connection with SCAD. City Manager Melder answered SCAD owns the property (landlord). City Manager Melder explained two types of SCAD owned property. Some SCAD property is commercial and pay taxes, and some SCAD property is under the nonprofit status and not subject to paying property taxes.

Alderwoman Lanier asked Mr. Williamson if the business is part of SCAD (no, just leasing space from SCAD).

Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed concern with SCAD owned property and asked how many commercial properties are owned by SCAD. City Manager Melder indicated that during the last five years, SCAD has paid taxes on thirty-three commercial properties. Alderwoman Miller Blakely requested a listing of commercial properties owned by SCAD at this time. City Manager Melder will send the information to Council Members.

a. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #9, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0.

b. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #9, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0.

10. Petition of Andre Gadson on Behalf of Eco Friendly Construction and Design, Inc., for a Special Use Permit with Conditions, for an Event Venue for the 1.76 Acre Property Located at 1600 Staley Avenue (PIN 20642 01048), Aldermanic District 5 (File No. 23-003460-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet (File No. 23-003460-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 1600 Staley Avenue (File No. 23-003460-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Site Plan for 1600 Staley Avenue (File No. 23-003460-ZA).pdf

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

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, MPC representative
- Andre Gadson, applicant

Mayor Johnson asked Mr. Morrow if 10:00 p.m. applied to seven days a week (yes).

Alderwoman Lanier asked the definition of BL, Mr. Morrow stated limited business which requires a limited use permit. Since the establishment is surrounded by residential property an event venue is needed, but she is concerned with noise. Alderwoman Lanier asked if MPC had concerns with event venues abutting residential areas going forward (not discussed).

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder if the location was in an alcohol overlay district (no).

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Mr. Gadson if the venue will be used for traditional use (weddings, receptions, baby showers, etc...) [yes]. She recommended Mr. Gadson establish a relationship with the neighborhood associations. Mr, Gadson indicated he will comply.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #10, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0.

b. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #10 with conditions, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0.

11. Petition of Joshua Yellin on Behalf of Michael Condon, Vintage Home Restoration, LLC, for a Zoning Map Amendment of the 0.04-Acre Property Located at 222 West Duffy Street (PIN 20052 16013) from TN-1 (Traditional Neighborhood-1) to TC-1 (Traditional Commercial-1), Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 23-003454-ZA). [Continued to the September 14, 2023 Agenda per the Petitioner's Request]

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet (File No. 23-003454-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 222 West Duffy Street (File No. 23-003454-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Site Visit for 222 West Duffy Street (File No. 23-003454-ZA).pdf

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to CONTINUE/POSTPONE Items #11, #12, and #14 to the September 14, 2023, City Council Meeting, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. (See related Agenda Items #12 and #14).

12. Petition of Joshua Yellin on Behalf of Michael Condon, Vintage Home Restoration, LLC, for a Special Use Permit with Conditions to Allow on Premises Consumption of Alcohol in Association with a Restaurant Located at 222 West Duffy Street (PIN 20052 16013), Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 23-003455-ZA). [Continued to the September 14, 2023 Agenda per the Petitioner's Request]

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Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to CONTINUE/POSTPONE Items #11, #12, and #14 to the September 14, 2023, City Council Meeting, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. (See related Agenda Items #11 and #14).

Written comment(s):

- Cynthia Grayson – OPPOSED
- Viola Jackson & Clara Low – OPPOSED
- John Taylor – IN SUPPORT

PETITIONS

13. Approval of Name for Square Located Between Abercorn and East Wayne Street.

Exhibit 1: Square Support Letters Part 1.pdf

Exhibit 2: Square Support Letters Part 2.pdf

Exhibit 3: Square Support Letters Part 3.pdf

Exhibit 4: Square Support Letters Part 4.pdf

Exhibit 5: Square Support Letters Part 5.pdf

Mayor Johnson gave a brief history of how squares were named. He explained to the public, the City established a process for naming/renaming squares and that process was following for the unnamed square.

a. Mayor Johnson moved to rename the unnamed square "Taylor Square" and directed the City Manager and Archivist to erect the appropriate markers in the square to give the history, to include the name John C. Calhoun, to explain the decision of the Council why his name was removed, and the process that was community-supported and the engagement used to rename the square, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0.

b. Alderwoman Lanier moved to rename the unnamed square "Taylor Square" without any mention of the name John C. Calhoun but maybe with an (*) to be included in the archives, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion failed, 3-5-0. Mayor Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Alderman Palumbo and Alderman Purtee voted no.

Alderman Purtee stated out of 300 names submitted for renaming the square, there are numerous places throughout the city where the history of the city can be memorialized and preserved. Possibly by establishing markers or statues.

Alderman Palumbo thanked everyone who participated in the process and for sharing the history of the City. He recommended the City Manager find ways to expand the City's monumental capacity.

Mayor Johnson thanked City Manager Melder, City Attorney Lovett, Director of Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs Joe Shearouse and Archivist Luciana Spracher.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely thanked the Commission, Pat Gunn and individuals who started the process three years ago and for not stopping. She asked City Manager Melder if there are any other squares bearing two names (no). Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked who suggested the unnamed square have two names (Mayor Johnson stated he believes history should not be erased).

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked all who took part in the process and for those doing the research. She especially thanked Mayor Johnson and Ms. Brayboy and family of the 5th District for taking part in making changes in the City.

Alderwoman Lanier thanked all who made presentations. She thanked Ms. Gunn and her committee that worked on renaming the square to achieve equity in names of the squares. She enjoyed learning the diverse history of the City and looks forward to hearing more historic stories about the Westside residents.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan expressed how community engagement united the City. She thanked everyone involved in the process.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter acknowledged the three year commitment of the Susie King Taylor Committee. She admonished other presenters not to be discouraged, this is not a loss. Now there is a template of how to rename a square. The Park and Tree Commission and Historic Sites and Monuments Commission are to be commended on the hours devoted to the process.

Following the approval of agenda item #13, Mayor Johnson recessed the meeting for a seven-minute intermission while business was pending.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

14. Petition of Joshua Yellin on Behalf of Michael Condon, Vintage Home Restoration, LLC, for a Zoning Map Amendment of the 0.04-Acre Property Located at 222 West Duffy Street (PIN 20052 16013) from TN-1 (Traditional Neighborhood-1) to TC-1 (Traditional Commercial-1), Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 23-003454-ZA). [Continued to the September 14, 2023 Agenda per the Petitioner's Request]

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Exhibit 2: Maps for 222 West Duffy Street (File No. 23-003454-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Site Visit for 222 West Duffy Street (File No. 23-003454-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 4: Draft Ordinance for 222 West Duffy Street (File No. 23-003454-ZA).pdf

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to CONTINUE/POSTPONE Items #11, #12, and #14 to the September 14, 2023, City Council Meeting, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. (See related Agenda Items #11 and #12).

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Maintenance Agreement for the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System (SCADA) with Layer 3 Communications, LLC (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed $98,374. The annual maintenance agreement will be used by the Water Supply and Treatment Department to provide support and maintenance for the SCADA system. (Water Supply and Treatment)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - SCADA Annual Maintenance Agreement.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - SCADA Annual Maintenance Agreement.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 and #18, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0.

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Grayson Stadium Grandstand Renovations with Beers Construction in an Amount Not to Exceed $294,050. The Real Estate Services Department will use the services to repair leaks in the locker rooms and beneath the grandstands, spalling of the steel beams, and repairs of wooden bench seating. (Facilities Maintenance)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Grayson Grandstand Renovations.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Grayson Grandstand Renovations.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concern regarding letters received from residents asking to correct an issue at Grayson Stadium related to the Savannah Bananas and asked City Manager Melder if the issue was corrected. City Manager Melder indicated this was a SPLOST funded project. City Attorney Lovett stated there is a claim that the Savannah Bananas leaving the college league is a breach of contract with the City of Savannah, that it is not a breach. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Attorney Lovett if the City still has a healthy relationship with the Savannah Bananas (yes).

Mayor Johnson indicated, Grayson Stadium is owned by the City, therefore making it the City's responsibility for any repairs. Alderman Palumbo indicated there is water damage every time it rains in the locker room area, so repairs are needed and the wood benches will not last forever, they also need repair.

Alderwoman Lanier asked City Manager Melder about the amount of SPLOST funding used. City Manager Melder indicated, $2.5 million in SPLOST VII and an additional amount of $3 million allocated for Grayson Stadium repairs, if SPLOST VII funding exceed $420 million. City Manager Melder stated he included the SPLOST VII spending amounts in the Tuesday Night Memo sent to Council.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #16, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed 7-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present during the vote.

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Construction Materials Testing with Whitaker Labs (LOCAL)(Primary) and Terracon (Secondary) in an Amount Not to Exceed $500,000. The construction materials testing annual contract will be used by various City of Savannah departments for construction and environmental testing. This contract will cover six areas of testing which include soils testing, pavement testing, structural concrete, industrial hygiene, environmental testing, and special inspections. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Construction Material Testing.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Construction Material Testing.pdf

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #17, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 7-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present during the vote.

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for 250 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus with Ten-8 Fire & Safety, LLC in an Amount Not to Exceed $2,535,861. The SFD will utilize this equipment to comply with NFPA Standard 1981. NFPA 1981, Standard on Open-Circuit Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for Emergency Services establishes the minimum respiratory protection and functional requirements for SCBA used by emergency services personnel. (Savannah Fire Department)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - SCBA.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - SCBA.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 and #18, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

19. Boards, Commissions, and Authorities.

Alderwoman Lanier asked City Manager Melder to explain the reasoning behind changing the number of members of the board from seven to five. City Manager Melder explained after a review of comprehensive state law by outside counsel, the decrease in members brings the number of board members more in line with state law.

Alderman Purtee moved to appoint Cynthia Knight to the Savannah's Waterfront Community Improvement District (CID), seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed, 7-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present during the vote.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

20. Resolution Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Sergeant Benjamin Douglas (Twin) Herron of the Savannah Police Department.

HEARD after Items #2 and #3.

Mayor Johnson presented a Proclamation to the Family of Sergeant Benjamin Douglas Herron on behalf of the Savannah City Council during memorial services on Saturday, August 19, 2023. Mayor Johnson asked for a moment of silence in memory of Sergeant Herron.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #20, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0.

21. Resolution Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Donna Elaine Long, Manager of Residential Refuse Services of the Sanitation Department.

PRESENTED AND READ by Mayor Johnson to the family of Donna Elaine Long. Memorial services were held Monday, August 21, 2023, in Asheville, NC. City Manager Melder, Chief of Government Operations Gene Prevatt and Senior Director Quhannah Andrews offered condolences to the family on behalf of the sanitation department.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #21, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0.

22. Authorize the City Manager to Amend the Resolution Creating the Savannah Waterfront Community Improvement District.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #22, changing the membership of Savannah's Waterfront Community Improvement District (CID) from seven members to five members with the City of Savannah retaining two seats, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed, 7-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present during the vote.

AGREEMENTS

23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with the Savannah-Georgia Convention Center Authority for Hotel Motel Tax in Accordance with State Law O.C.G.A. 48-13-51(b).

Exhibit 1: Savannah Convention Center HMT Agreement.pdf

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #23, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed 6-1-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no, and Alderman Purtee recused himself from the vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Alderwoman Lanier announced the 50th reunion of the Homeboys of West Savannah this Saturday at Hudson Hill Park. The public is invited to attend for live entertainment and lots of fun.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan gave shouts out to Mr. Alexander and Mr. Smitely from Mercy Housing. In collaboration with the Savannah Police Department, they will install additional cameras at Savannah Gardens community. On Wednesday, August 30, 2023, Pennsylvania Resource Center will have an ice cream social for seniors. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan acknowledged St. Mary's AME Church of East Savannah, Rev. Lester Foster will celebrate 100 years on Sunday, August 27, 2023, 2:00 p.m. at 2208 E. Gwinnett Street. Congratulations to Omar in East Savannah who did a family-oriented picnic for the second year.

Alderman Palumbo announced on Saturday there will be the 7th Annual Seer Sucker Ride around midtown at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, August 26, 2023, at the park.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter reminded residents that tomorrow is the last day of qualifying week for any citizens wanting to run for Mayor or Alderman/Alderwoman in the City of Savannah.

Mayor Johnson thanked Clerk of Council Massey for all his hard work this week qualifying candidates.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely announced on Abercorn by Best Buy near Honey Baked Ham there is Flau'jae Johnson Interchange, named today. Thanks to Pastor Robinson of Kingdom Life Fellowship for the wonderful job hosting the event, and thanks to the Savannah Police and Fire departments for all their assistance. Shouts out to Flau'jae Johnson.

Alderman Purtee gave shout outs to Texas Roadhouse for sponsoring the Windsor High Knights. The Tuesday night fundraiser dinner was a huge success, 10% of the proceeds will go to Windsor Forest High and the PTA.

City Manager Melder congratulated Council on a historic vote today.

Mayor Johnson announced this weekend is City Manager Melder's birthday.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 9:41 p.m.

A video recording of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: September 14, 2023

Signature: Mark Massey

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SEPTEMBER 14, 2023, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:03 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Nick Palumbo who introduced Adam Solender, Chief Executive Officer of Jewish Educational Alliance and Savannah Jewish Federation to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

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

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

PPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for September 14, 2023.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda for Thursday, September 14, 2023, as amended to add-on a Resolution to celebrate the life of former sanitation employee Jomell Williams, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on August 24, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - August 24, 2023 City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on August 24, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - August 24, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS

4. A Proclamation Recognizing September 15, 2023 - October 15, 2023 as Hispanic Heritage Month and Appearance by HOLA Savannah in Observance of National Hispanic Heritage Month. The City of Savannah honors and celebrates the contributions of Hispanic Americans in our history across the nation, as well as celebrating the contributions of Hispanic Americans who currently serve our communities here in Savannah.

READ and PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to members of the Savannah Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and HOLA Savannah, with Savannah Special Projects Coordinator Myriam Baker speaking in Spanish on behalf of HOLA Savannah. Also in attendance were staff members, members of the Savannah Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, HOLA, and Hispanic and Latino residents who introduced themselves.

Ms. Baker invited the City to the Hispanic Heritage celebrations: Friday, September 15th El Grito (The Scream), 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at Forsyth Park; and Saturday, September 16th at 9:00 a.m., the Hispanic Heritage Parade followed by the Sabor Latino Festival at the Park at the Eastern Wharf.

ADDED:

4A. Resolution to Celebrate the Life of Jomell Williams, Senior Sanitation Worker and Valued Member of Zone B.

READ and PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson. Sanitation Director Quhannah Andrews offered words of appreciation for Jomell Williams service to the City, and words of condolences to the Williams family. Mayor Johnson requested a moment of silence in honor of Mr. Williams.

Alderman Palumbo moved to accept the Resolution as read, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

5. Appearance By and Recognition of the City of Savannah Human Resources Staff in Recognition of Human Resources Professional Day.

READ and PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and City Manager Melder. Mayor Johnson praised the Human Resources Department on the accomplishments over the years and it's service to staff and the community. Human Resources Senior Director Jeff Grant introduced the members of the human resources team.

6. Recognition of National Tradesmen Day and Appearance by City of Savannah Skilled Tradespeople. The City of Savannah takes great pride in its association with some of the most skilled tradespeople in the region, spanning various fields such as water and conveyance, stormwater management, building maintenance, fleet services, water treatment and supply, water reclamation, and countless others.

READ and PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd. Mr. Lloyd expressed his gratitude and praised the team members on their outstanding 'behind the scenes' on-going work to residents of the City. Assistant City Manager Lloyd asked team members to introduce themselves.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

7. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales and Class A (Beer, Wine) (Caterer) Alcohol License to Ryan Williamson for Strangebird, a Restaurant located at 1220 Barnard Street. The establishment is located between West Henry and West Duffy Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Strangebird.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Strangebird.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Strangebird.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Strangebird.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Strangebird.pdf

HEARD after Items #30 and #31.

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearing open for Item #7.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearing for Item #7, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #7, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

8. Approval of a Class G (Wine) (Complimentary) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Sydney Newsome for Syd Nichole, a Specialty Shop Located at 301 Passage Way Suite A-203. The establishment is located between Port and Pilot Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Syd Nichole.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Syd Nichole.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Syd Nichole.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Syd Nichole.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Syd Nichole.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearing open for Items #8, #9 and #10.

No speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #8, #9 and #10, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #8, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

9. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Liquor, and Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol and a Class K (Beer, Liquor and Wine) (Transitional Permit) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Ruth Threatt for Sey Hey Restaurant and Lounge, a restaurant Located at 2505 Bull Street. The establishment is located between West 41st and West 42nd streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Sey Hey.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Sey Hey.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Sey Hey.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Sey Hey.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Sey Hey.pdf

Exhibit 6: Security Plan - Transitional Permit.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearing open for Items #8, #9 and #10.

No speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #8, #9 and #10, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #9, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

10. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to ShivKumar Patel for 7-11 Minit Store, a Convenience Store Located at 3700 Waters Avenue. The establishment is located between East 53rd and East 54th Streets in Aldermanic District 3.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - 7-11 Minit Store.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map- 7-11 Minit Store.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - 7-11 Minit Store.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - 7-11 Minit Store.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - 7-11 Minit Store.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearing open for Items #8, #9 and #10.

No speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #8, #9 and #10, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #10, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ZONING HEARINGS

11. Recommendations by the Historic Preservation Commission for a Text Amendment to the City of Savannah Zoning Ordinance Section 7.9, Victorian District Contributing Resources Map for 1001 Whitaker Street (20044 25001), 124 West Park Avenue (20044 24003), and 1015 Whitaker Street (20044 25002) which Are All Zoned TN-1 (Traditional Neighborhood-1). Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 23-003955-ZA). Recommend Denial.

Exhibit 1: Historic Preservation Commission Recommendation (File No. 23-003955-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Map of Subject Properties.pdf

Exhibit 3: Photos of Subject Properties.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #11.

Speaker(s):

- Melanie Wilson, MPC representative
- Leah Michalak, MPC representative
- Andrew Jones – IN SUPPORT
- Nancy Maia – OPPOSED
- Ronald Motyka – OPPOSED
- Gary Guthrie – OPPOSED

- Robin Williams – IN SUPPORT
- Kathy Ledvina – IN SUPPORT
- Michael Brown – OPPOSED
- Rebecca Fenwick – ~~OPPOSED~~ IN SUPPORT
- Harold Yellin – representing the applicant

Mayor Johnson asked for the dates of each property. Ms. Michalak answered: 1001 Whitaker Street was built in 1961, 1015 Whitaker Street was built in 1957, and 124 West Park Avenue was originally constructed prior to 1888, but was modified in the 1960's.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked for the specific renovations for 124 West Park Avenue building. Ms. Michalak indicated in the 1960's the two individual buildings were joined and fully skinned (covered) in brick.

Alderman Palumbo expressed concern why the structures were not added in 2018 as contributing structures. City Manager Melder indicated the structures were viewed as not being contributing in 2018, and Ms. Michalak stated it was not until the Council adopted the new zoning ordinance in 2019 that allowed the ability to add structures of exceptional importance. Alderman Palumbo, Ms. Wilson and Ms. Michalak discussed MPC's ability and timing to list structures as historic, contributing or Victorian.

Alderman Leggett asked Attorney Yellin if Campbell & Son's Funeral Home Director was in favor of making the structure non contributing (yes, he favored the decision of the City Manager to not add the three structures to the contributing map). Alderman Leggett asked if there was anything in the deed paperwork to eliminate these buildings from any historic registry (there is nothing to that effect). After Alderman Leggett inquired about the alternatives, if Item #19 is not approved, Attorney Yellin indicated the one-story buildings would be the norm in the community. When those building were constructed there were no zoning requirements/restrictions. Now that NewZo is in effect, the community would have restrictions on size and style of any new buildings.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Attorney Yellin when the building was purchased by the new owners: 1001 Whitaker Street in 2010; 1015 Whitaker Street approximately 2016; and 124 West Park Avenue approximately 2008. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if MPC is recommending the three buildings be added as contributing structures. Ms. Wilson answered the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) is recommending the buildings be added as contributing structures. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked what would be the impact on the infrastructure if the buildings were demolished. Ms. Wilson stated, if the buildings are demolished, new buildings according to NewZo would be constructed. The infrastructure would not be effected.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if there were any other factors contributing to the designation of a contributing structure such as history, use and people associated with the building. Ms. Wilson indicated the criteria is not limited to the physical structure. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Attorney Yellin discussed possible purposes of the buildings (office space and underground parking). Alderwoman Gibson-Carter identified the petitioner as a contributor to candidates campaigns.

Alderman Palumbo and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan raised a point of order. Mayor Johnson acknowledged the point of order.

Mayor Johnson indicated contributions to all City Council Members campaigns can be found at www.savannahga.gov under Clerk of Council for viewing by the public. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated the information is not available to citizens without access to the internet, and the information is hard to locate on the site. Mayor Johnson indicated the information is readily available to the public and thanked Clerk of Council for making the information prominent to citizens.

Mayor Johnson expressed concern for the Campbell & Son's Funeral Home Letter stating the building needs extensive repairs and making the structure a contributing structure would make it more difficult to maintain operations. Ms. Wilson stated Mr. Campbell would need to submit any improvements/repairs for approval to HPC.

After extensive due diligence, Alderwoman Lanier stated her concern for how the community will benefit or how it would impact the community. There is nothing in writing. Alderwoman Lanier has recommended establishing a community benefits ordinance for developers and community groups. In this particular case, the area residents and developers need to meet (and they might have already done so) to establish some type of community benefits for the residents.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan stated there needs to be an economic driver and what Mr. Campbell has requested is an economic driver. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan expressed campaign contribution information is available to citizens. Candidates live in Savannah, contributions come from residents of Georgia, not Florida or South Carolina. Constituents are satisfied with her performance and she is committed to the residents of Savannah.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter raised a point of order. Mayor Johnson acknowledged.

Alderman Palumbo moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #11, seconded by Alderman Leggett

and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. See related Agenda Item #19.

12. Petition of Joshua Yellin on Behalf of Michael Condon, Vintage Home Restoration, LLC, for a Zoning Map Amendment of the 0.04-Acre Property Located at 222 West Duffy Street (PIN 20052 16013) from TN-1 (Traditional Neighborhood-1) to TC-1 (Traditional Commercial-1). Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 23-003454-ZA). [Continued from the August 24, 2023 Council Meeting at the Petitioner's Request]

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet (File No. 23-003454-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 222 West Duffy Street (File No. 23-003454-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Site Visit for 222 West Duffy Street (File No. 23-003454-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearings open for Items #12 and #13.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, MPC representative
- Ms. Pearl Reddick – OPPOSED
- Ms. Doris Fogle – OPPOSED
- Josh Yellin, representing applicant

Mayor Johnson asked Ms. Reddick if she was an authorized speaker/representative of the Church (yes). Alderman Leggett indicated notification of the restaurant serving alcohol was received two days ago and there was no opportunity for meetings.

Attorney Yellin indicated there was a meeting with the neighborhood association and a good neighbor agreement was signed. The petitioner met with the Church last evening and discussed hours of operation.

Mayor Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Attorney Yellin and Ms. Fogle discussed the parking, prior restaurants, restaurants next to churches serving alcohol, and meetings with members of the Church.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan requested a listing of all establishments requesting special use permits since January 2020. City Manager Melder will provide Council with the list.

Alderman Leggett moved to close the zoning hearing for Items #12 and #13, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. See related Agenda Items #13 and #20.

13. Petition of Joshua Yellin on Behalf of Michael Condon, Vintage Home Restoration, LLC, for a Special Use Permit with Conditions to Allow on Premises Consumption of Alcohol in Association with a Restaurant Located at 222 West Duffy Street (PIN 20052 16013). Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 23-003455-ZA). [Continued from the August 24, 2023 Council Meeting at the Petitioner's Request]

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet (File No. 23-003455-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 222 West Duffy Street (File No. 23-003454-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Site Visit for 222 West Duffy Street (File No. 23-003454-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearings open for Items #12 and #13.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, MPC representative
- Ms. Pearl Reddick – OPPOSED
- Ms. Doris Fogle – OPPOSED
- Josh Yellin, representing applicant

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the zoning hearing for Items #12 and #13, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. See related Agenda Items #12 and #20

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #13, Special Use Permit, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion failed, 2-7-0. Mayor Johnson, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, and Alderman Purtee voted no. (FAILED)

14. Petition of Patrick Shay on Behalf of Live Oak Living, LLC, for a Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Amendment Changing the Category from Residential Suburban Single Family to Traditional Commercial for the 0.18-Acre Property Located at 20 West 60th Street (PIN 20093 27003). Aldermanic District 5 (File No. 23-003919-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet (File No. 23-003919-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Concepts for 4307 Bull Street.pdf

Exhibit 3: Site Plan for 20 West 60th Street (File No. 23-003919-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 4: Draft Traffic Engineering Study for 4307 Bull Street.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearings open for Items #14 and #15.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, MPC representative
- Patrick Shay, applicant

Alderwoman Miller Blakely requested the names of the side streets, owners name, and status of neighborhood agreement. Mr. Morrow indicated the side streets are Bull and 59th Streets, the owners are Live Oak, LLC, and the neighborhood association is requesting a traffic impact study.

Alderwoman Lanier expressed concern for the housing market in Savannah and the rising cost of housing. The City has a responsibility to protect the current citizens by keeping housing affordable.

Mayor Johnson stated the City has established Housing Savannah to monitor housing affordability. There are laws governing how a landlord accepts payment for rent.

Alderman Palumbo commended the petitioner on meeting with all the surrounding neighborhood associations to inform them of the project. The project would help alleviate the shortage of housing in the City.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz if there was a meeting with the president of the Feiler Park Neighborhood Association (yes and the neighborhood association is opposed to any apartments). Alderwoman Gibson-Carter discussed the density of housing in the 5th District and how the City needs to partner with developers on the number of housing units in a community.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan raised a point of order.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter continued discussing affordable housing units and the City's ability to enforce gentrification of neighborhoods.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Items #14 and #15, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. See related Agenda Item #21.

15. Petition of Patrick Shay on Behalf of Live Oak Living, LLC, for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 20 West 60th Street from RTF (Residential Two-family) to TC-1 (Traditional Commercial -1) with Conditions. Aldermanic District 5 (File No. 23-003824-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for 20 West 60th Street (File No. 23-003824-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Concepts for 4307 Bull Street.pdf

Exhibit 3: Site Plan for 20 W. 60th Street (File No. 23-003824-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 4: Draft Traffic Engineering Study for 4307 Bull Street.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearings open for Items #14 and #15.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, MPC representative
- Patrick Shay, applicant

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Items #14 and #15, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. See related Agenda Item #21.

16. Petition of Dolly Chisolm, Agent, on Behalf of Christian Sottile, Property Owner, and Ralston College on Behalf of Pelican Funds, LLC, Petitioner, for a Special Use Permit with Conditions to Establish an Educational Building Used by a College, University, or Seminary for the 0.13-acre Property at 115 West Bolton Street (PIN 20044 18001). Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 23-003820-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for 115 West Bolton Street (File No. 23-003820-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 115 West Bolton Street (File No. 23-003820-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Site Visit for 115 West Bolton Street (File No. 23-003820-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 4: Zoning Confirmation Letter for 115 West Bolton Street (23-003820-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #16.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, MPC representative
- Elizabeth T. Hollis – IN SUPPORT
- Dolly Chisolm, representing the applicant
- Stephen Blackwood, college president

Mayor Johnson asked for more information on Ralston College. Ms. Chisolm indicated Ralston is a small college for masters in arts and humanities. Last year eighteen students graduated, this year 24 students are attending classes. Most students are older (ages 26-29) and more serious about their studies.

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #16, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed, 7-0-2. Alderman Palumbo and Alderman Purtee were not present during the vote.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Ms. Chisolm if the College was non-profit (yes, but this building will be the only building owned by the College designated tax exempt, the other four buildings are in the name of an LLC and are listed on the City tax records). Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recommended the City Manager reach out to the College for community benefits in lieu of property tax payments. City Manager Melder indicated there is on-going dialogue with Ralston College.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked how long they have been opened, how long is the program, what is the price base. President Blackwood answered, they opened in 2022, the program is a 1-year program, and the average cost would be $55,000, but no student has ever paid. There have been 22 graduates this year and four have found employment in Savannah. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and President Blackwood discussed varies aspects of the college and any future growth and partnerships with local universities and businesses.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #16, Special Use Permit, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

17. Petition of Russell Goeken on Behalf of Habersham Development, LLC, for a Special Use Permit with Conditions to Establish Accessory Alcohol Sales within a Restaurant for the 0.06-Acre Property Located at 3129 Bull Street (20088 03001), Aldermanic District 5 (File No. 23-003790-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for 3129 Bull Street (File No. 23-003790-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 3129 Bull Street (File No. 23-003790-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #17.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, MPC representative
- Russ Goeken, representing applicant

Mayor Johnson requested specific information on the type of restaurant. Mr. Goeken indicated this is a cafe'/coffee shop opened between 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., with some service in an outside area. Mayor Johnson asked if the outside service has been approved for accessory use. Mr. Goeken was not certain if it was approved. Mayor Johnson requested City Manager Melder to follow-up for approval of accessory use for the business.

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #17, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Alderwoman Lanier asked how long has the petitioner owned the property. Mr. Goeken indicated he is leasing the space. She expressed concern for Council's approval of extending the historic boundary to include this building and asked how it impacted this property. City Manager Melder indicated this was not the property in question for the prior extension of the historic boundary.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Mr. Goeken if the establishment will be similar to Late Air. Mr. Goeken indicated four small round tables are planned for the outside area.

City Manager Melder indicated the petitioner has not applied for accessory use for the business and will need to make application through real estate services before outside seating will be permitted.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder if Late Air was approved for outside seating and service. Mr. Melder will check and let Council know if Late Air applied for accessory use.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Mr. Goeken for hours of operation (7:30am - 7:00pm, M-T and 7:30am - 9:00 or 10:00pm Friday & Saturday). Alderwoman Gibson-Carter indicated specific hours of operation will be necessary before Council approval. For approval, City Manager Melder indicated operating hours are not required. She asked if there will be a kitchen on the premises. Mr. Goeken indicated there will be a small kitchen and all necessary applications and approvals will be followed. City Manager Melder discussed and explained the special use permit versus an alcohol license approval.

Mayor Johnson requested the special use permit conditions. City Manager Melder read the conditions (hours of operation): 1) Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 pm.; and 2) Friday through Saturday from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.

b. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #17, Special Use Permit with conditions, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

ETITIONS

18. Approval of an Honorary Street Designation for "Coach Ronald Booker Way' Located on Hopkins Street between Victory Drive and West 48th Street.

Exhibit 1: Coach Ronald Booker Way Petition

HEARD after Items #11 and #19.

Mayor Johnson explained the process for naming public property. He gave a brief background of Coach Ronald Booker Way's contribution to the youth and residents of the City of Savannah.

Priscilla Swindell, a coach and friend of Coach Booker from Beach High School, invited Mayor and Council to Coach Booker's ceremony and his 78th surprise birthday party.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #18, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan

and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter acknowledged a street naming opportunity for Rev. Matthew Southall Brown was removed from the agenda. She asked if members of the Brown family and his congregation could speak.

Mayor Johnson indicated members of the Brown family were advised the item would not be on the agenda today and they understood there would be no opportunity to speak.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

19. Recommendations by the Historic Preservation Commission for a Text Amendment to the City of Savannah Zoning Ordinance Section 7.9, Victorian District Contributing Resources Map for 1001 Whitaker Street (20044 25001), 124 West Park Avenue (20044 24003) and 1015 Whitaker Street (20044 25002) which Are All zoned TN-1 (Traditional Neighborhood-1). Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 23-003955-ZA). Recommend Denial.

Exhibit 1: Historic Preservation Commission Recommendation (File No. 23-003955-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Map of Subject Properties.pdf

Exhibit 3: Photos of Subject Properties.pdf

Alderman Palumbo stressed the importance of this item as it relates to all districts and future decisions on historic structures. Alderman Palumbo expressed his deep concern for the outcome and he indicated that there will be some disappointments. He has wrestled with this item and lost sleep trying to make a decision.

Mayor Johnson stated the decision of Council will not be easy. This is an opportunity for another level of review, time for discussion, placed another set of eyes on the project to receive facts and opinions.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter discussed a prior decision by City Council on the Weeping Time land and she doesn't remember any statements of losing sleep or a struggle to make a decision. She stated there was no other decision as egregious as that vote. The Bethel AME Church was built in the 1800's at the corner of Gwinnett and East Broad Street that was demolished. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated you didn't hear much from the Council and no one lost sleep over the decision.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan raised a point of order.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter discussed the rich environment of Savannah and how the residents and retirees enjoy the cultural and many benefits the City has to offer. She stated history is what the residents love about Savannah.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan raised a point of order.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated the fabric of society in Savannah is inclusive of the history, the stories, and memories are what the residents hold as valuable. She stated, when it comes to this Council, time and time again rules can be changed.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan raised a point of order.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated this decision could be used as a teachable moment for Council not to create division, drama, and challenges in the communities.

Mayor Johnson stated Alderwoman Gibson-Carter conveniently forgot that this Council did struggle with the Weeping Time land decision. The Council instructed the City Manager to secure/hire an independent preservationist to determine if the land in question was indeed the Weeping Time land. Right now the Council has a decision to make, it will not be an easy decision.

a. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to continue Items #11 and #19 to October 26, 2023 City Council meeting to allow Council and the community an opportunity to continue deliberation. The motion failed for a lack of a second.

b. Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to approve Item #19 as recommended by the MPC as it relates to the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) to include the three buildings as exceptions, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter. No vote taken.

c. After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderman Leggett moved to deny Item #19 as recommended by the City Manager to make the three buildings non contributing structures, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter raised a point of information. While this Council does not vote on demolition, the action taken will mean that the three buildings could be demolished. Mayor Johnson answered yes.

20. Petition of Joshua Yellin on Behalf of Michael Condon, Vintage Home Restoration, LLC, for a Zoning Map Amendment of the 0.04-Acre Property Located at 222 West Duffy Street (PIN 20052 16013) from TN-1 (Traditional Neighborhood-1) to TC-1 (Traditional Commercial-1). Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 23-003454-ZA). [Continued from the August 24, 2023 Council Meeting at the Petitioner's Request]

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet (File No. 23-003454-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 222 West Duffy Street (File No. 23-003454-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Site Visit for 222 West Duffy Street (File No. 23-003454-ZA).pdf

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #20, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 6-3-0. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

21. Petition of Patrick Shay on Behalf of Live Oak Living, LLC, for a Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Amendment Changing the Category from Residential Suburban Single Family to Traditional Commercial for the 0.18-acre Property Located at 20 W. 60th Street (PIN 20093 27003). Aldermanic District 5 (File No. 23-003919-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 20 W. 60th Street (File No. 23-003919-ZA).pdf

Exhibit Concepts for 4307 Bull Street.pdf

Exhibit 3 Site Plan for 20 W. 60th Street (File No. 23-003919-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 4: Draft Traffic Engineering Study for 4307 Bull Street.pdf

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to deny the City Manager's recommendation for Items #21 and #22, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion failed, 4-5-0. Mayor Johnson, Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Alderman Palumbo, and Alderman Purtee voted no. (FAILED)

During the vote, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Mayor Johnson if there was an opportunity for consideration of appeal. Mayor Johnson indicated tht is the motion on the floor.

Alderman Purtee raised a point of order.

b. After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #21 and #22, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 5-4-0. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Alderwoman Lanier voted no. (PASSED)

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Mr. Shay if the apartments would be market rate. Mr. Shay answered the units will be market rate. The developer was interested in participating in the inclusionary zoning, but this area was not designed in the ordinance to be included in the inclusionary zoning area.

22. Petition of Patrick Shay on Behalf of Live Oak Living, LLC, for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 20 West 60th Street from RTF (Residential Two-family) to TC-1 (Traditional Commercial -1) with Conditions. Aldermanic District 5 (File No. 23-003824-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for 20 West 60th Street (File No. 23-003824-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Concepts for 4307 Bull Street.pdf

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PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for Scrap Tire Disposal with Quality Tire Recycling, Inc. in the Amount of $55,000. This annual contract provides scrap tire disposal services for the following City locations: Dean Forest Road Landfill, Bacon Park Convenience Center, and Fleet Services.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Scrap Tire Disposal.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Scrap Tire Disposal.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23 and #24, seconded by Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Water and Sewer Manhole Adjustment with SamJay Services (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed $125,000. This service will be used to lower and raise water valve manholes, boxes, and sanitary sewer manholes on Victory Drive between Ogeechee Road and Downing Avenue. (Water & Sewer)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Manhole Adjustment.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Manhole Adjustment.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23 and #24, seconded by Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification of Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Line Repair from Southern Champion Construction in an Amount Up to $2,000,000. The purpose of this increase is for labor and material service to support the successful operation of the City's Water Resources Department's infrastructure in compliance with regulatory guidelines.(Water & Sewer)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Line Repair.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Line Repair.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder if the agenda item is consistent with the plan to not roll back the millage rate to support drainage projects. City Manager Melder indicated it is consistent with meeting the City's water and sewer goals. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder if this was a modification before work is complete (yes).

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #25, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion was approved unanimously, 9-0-0.

26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Circulatory Transit Services with Chatham Area Transit (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed $7,227,524. The transit services will provide public transportation within the City of Savannah's downtown area, Carver Village and Cloverdale to encourage public transportation to ease congestion of vehicle traffic. (Parking & Mobility)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification- Circulator Service

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note- Circulator Service

Mayor Johnson indicated the City is trying to create equity opportunities for citizens and help to keep them self-sufficient in employment and childcare. Transportation is a huge part of that process, especially the DOT shuttle. The circulatory transit services (fare free) will allow increased services to residents. City Manager Melder agreed with Mayor Johnson and thanked CAT Board Member Alderman Leggett for his support in the increased services to residents.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder who participated in the decision for increased fare free services. City Manager Melder indicated CAT Board and City purchasing department. She asked for data from Westside residents for the service. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter indicated her conversations with residents indicate this is a service not requested. She expressed concern for big-ticket items on the agenda that residents were not included in the decision to acquire. The residents on the Southside also need transportation. City Manager Melder indicated the DOT service is provided by CAT through the City. The plan is to expand the service (routes) in the future as CAT continues increased services. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked for the contribution of CAT.

Chatham Area Transit (CAT) Executive Director/CEO Faye DiMassimo indicated CAT leverages the federal dollars to increase services to residents. CAT will be bringing Micro Service in East Savannah next year. CAT brings the funding for capital, brings funding for the overall system, and an ability to leverage local dollars. Ms. DiMassimo discussed the rider survey from DOT's on-board riders, between January and March 2023: 56% are work, appointments and shopping related and 44% is for visiting and recreation.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recommended expanding the service to the Southside residents. City Manager and Mayor Johnson agreed.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if other communities are added to the route will the amount increase. City Manager Melder indicated the $7,227,524 is for three years for indicated communities. The DOT is not the only service provided by CAT, the City will continually explore additional transportation service opportunities (fare free) for residents.

Alderman Purtee indicated some residents of the Windsor Forest community expressed no interest in the CAT buses in their area. At some point in the future, the DOT service may expand to the Southside. The Southside residents are pleased with the expanded CAT service they do receive. Alderman Purtee thanked Ms. DiMassimo, CAT Board Member Leggett and City Manager Melder for their continued efforts to provide transportation services to residents.

Alderman Leggett discussed current and future CAT area services. He discussed the on-going CAT conversations with the board of education for students, services into Pooler, and to the warehouses.

Alderwoman Lanier expressed concern for the intent to provide free transportation in the high-wealth downtown area. Her policy position is completely opposite this model. Why should high-wealth individuals and tourists ride free when some senior residents are waiting up to 3-4 hours for a CAT connection. The leadership of Cloverdale indicated the ridership is down; downtown hotel and restaurant workers from the Westside are walking over the bridge (viaduct) daily to get to work. Alderwoman Lanier disagreed with the free ride policy; leadership from the Westside communities

have indicated by survey the free ridership is not a top priority. She would like to see the data from CAT showing that residents of Carver Village and Cloverdale connected with opportunities by using the DOT. Alderwoman Lanier stated, it's not good public policy.

As a prior representative of the Westside, Mayor Johnson indicated transportation has always been an issue, especially for seniors, individuals without cars and without a driver's license. The DOT and CAT system is a way for self-sufficiency. As a resident of Cloverdale, Mayor Johnson indicated he sees the residents waiting and riding the buses daily.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz expressed her gratitude for the DOT and the many services, prior, new and future services of CAT.

Mayor Johnson thanked Ms. DiMassimo and the CAT team for all the wonderful services provided to the residents of the City.

CAT Chief Operting Office Dr. Emmanuel Twumasi spoke briefly about the proposed CAT senior services (Chatham Connect program).

Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #26, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 6-1-2. Alderwoman Lanier voted no, and Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely were not present during the vote.

Alderman Leggett thanked CAT for assisting residents in Veranda and Live Oak with multiple buses when there was a power failure in the communities.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

27. Approval of Amendment No. 3 to Task Order No. 3 with Pond & Company, for Redesign Fees Associated with the Air Cargo Facility Project, in the Amount of $1,541,319.

HEARD after Item #6.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #27, #28, and #29, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

28. Approval to Purchase New Airfield Sign Panels from Allen Enterprises, in the Amount of $94,343.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #27, #28, and #29, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

29. Approval of Conde Nast Promotional Campaign Partnership with the Hilton Head Island – Bluffton Chamber of Commerce, in the Amount of $300,000.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #27, #28, and #29, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

30. Resolution Ratifying the Mayor's August 29, 2023 Emergency Declaration.

Exhibit 1: Resolution Ratifying Mayor's Idalia Emergency Order.pdf

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Items #30 and #31, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

31. Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Submit the FY 2023 Continuum of Care (CoC) Application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding and Grant Agreement with the Subrecipient, Chatham Savannah Authority for the Homeless, Inc., for Federal Assistance as the Project Sponsor.

Exhibit 1: Resolution Authorizing FY23 CoC Application.docx

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Items #30 and #31, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

AGREEMENTS

32. Approval of the Emergency Shelter Facilities License Agreement with St. Joseph's and Candler Hospitals.

Exhibit 1: Emergency Shelter Facilities License Agreement - Final.pdf

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #32, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed, 7-0-2. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely were not present during the vote.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

33. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Quitclaim Deeds to the Georgia Department of Transportation to Resolve Title Issues on Properties Along State Route 17-A.

Exhibit 1: Map - Parcels 8, 24, & 34.pdf

Exhibit 2: GDOT QCD Parcel 8 220385.09 Chatham OT Bridge Property - Final.pdf

Exhibit 3: GDOT QCD Parcel 24 2200385.09 Chatham OT Bridge Property - Final.pdf

Exhibit 4: GDOT QCD Parcel 34 2200385.09 Chatham OT Bridge Property - Final.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier requested City Manager Melder to have staff communicate with the residents in Ogeecheeton and Treemont Park with any and all updates to the area/community with the signs

returning to the communities.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Items #33 and #34, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed, 7-0-2. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely were not present during the vote.

34. Authorize the City Manager to Approve Quit Claim Deeds for Sewer Easement to Victory Drive Investors, LLC, and Victory Apartments Owner, LLC

Exhibit 1: Map - VDI Sewer Easement QCD.pdf

Exhibit 2: Survey - VCI Sewer-Easement QCD.pdf

Exhibit 3: QCD to VDI Sewer Easement.pdf

Exhibit 4: QCD to VOA - VDI Sewer Easement.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Items #33 and #34, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed, 7-0-2. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely were not present during the vote.

35. Authorize the City Manager to Enter into a Partnership Agreement with the Galvan Foundation and Appropriate Up to $500,000 for the Acquisition and Renovation of the Kiah House Located at 505 W. 36th Street

Exhibit 1: Map & Street Scene - Kiah House.pdf

City Manager Melder discussed the importance of the City partnering with the Kiah House. He thanked Alderwoman Lanier and staff for their support. He thanked Eric Galloway of the Galvin Foundation, and CHSA Director Anita Smith-Dixon for their support, they were unable to attend the meeting.

Historic Savannah Foundation Chief Executive Officer Sue Adler thanked City Manager Melder, Dr. Debra Simon-Johnson of Savannah State, and Historic Savannah Foundation Board Chair Austin Hill for their support on the project, and introduced Director of Historic Properties Ryan Jarles to discuss the revolving fund. Board Chair Mr. Hill explained the total process of acquiring the building and expressed appreciation of the City and Galvin Foundation for the support.

Alderwoman Lanier, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan expressed gratitude to the Historic Savannah Foundation and others who played a part in contributing to the project.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #35, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 7-0-2. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely were not present during the vote.

MISCELLANEOUS

36. (Added Item) Petition of John D. Northup III, Agent for Capital Development Partners, for a Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map (FLUM) Amendment from Residential - Suburban Single Family to Industry Light for ~52.86 Acres Located at 343 and 339 Buckhalter Road (10942 01003 & -01002A), 335 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002B), 331 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002C), 325 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002D), 323 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002F), 315 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002E), 309 Buckhalter Road (10942 01007 & -01008), and 311 Buckhalter Road (10942 01009). (File No. 23-002328-ZA). (Continued to the October 12, 2023, Council Meeting at the request of the petitioner.)

City Manager Melder requested Items #36 and #37 held/continued at the request of the petitioner.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to continue/postpone Items #36 and #37 to the November 21, 2023, City Council Meeting, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 7-0-2. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely were not present during the vote.

37. (Added Item) Petition of John D. Northrup III, Agent for Capital Development Partners, for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone ~52.86 Acres Located at 343 and 339 Buckhalter Road (10942 01003 & -01002A), 335 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002B), 331 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002C), 325 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002D), 323 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002F), 315 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002E), 309 Buckhalter Road (10942 01007 & -01008), and 311 Buckhalter Road (10942 01009) from R-A-CO (Residential Agricultural) to IL (Light Industrial) with Conditions. (File No. 23-000304-ZA). (Continued to the October 12, 2023, Council Meeting at the request of the petitioner.)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to continue/postpone Items #36 and #37 to the November 21, 2023, City Council Meeting, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 7-0-2. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely were not present during the vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Johnson announced this is the second year anniversary for City Manager Melder with the City of Savannah. Mayor and Council congratulated Mr. Melder.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan announced she attended William Tell in Pooler and a meeting with one of the last Red Tail Tuskegee Airmen. On Monday, she attended a celebration of Dundee Village where veterans were honored with food, haircuts, and pedicures in observance of 911. On Wednesday, she attended an ice cream sundae at The Parc.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz announced on September 30th, there will be Seniors Night hosted by the men of Liberty City at Liberty City Community Center beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:36 p.m.

The video recordings of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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SEPTEMBER 28, 2023, 6:30 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

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

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for September 28, 2023.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda for Thursday, September 28, 2023, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present for the vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on September 14, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: DRAFT MINUTES_September 14, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #2, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present for the vote.

PRESENTATIONS

3. An Appearance by America's Second Harvest Staff and Proclamation Recognizing September as Hunger Action Month.

Mayor Johnson offered his apologies and indicated the Proclamation recognizing September as Hunger Action Month was originally scheduled for two (2) weeks ago, but was omitted from the agenda.

READ by Mayor Johnson and PRESENTED to America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia Executive Director Mary Jane Crouch.

Ms. Crouch thanked Mayor and Council for the recognition and for realizing that hunger is an issue in Savannah. She indicated the goal of America's Second Harvest is to make sure all children do not experience hunger or worry about their next meal.

4. A Proclamation Declaring September 22, 2023, as International Day of Peace in Savannah. To commemorate the International Day of Peace in Savannah, "Peace in the Park" will be held on Sunday, October 1, from 12-4 p.m. at Daffin Park.

READ by Mayor Johnson and Alderman Palumbo and PRESENTED to Mediation Center Executive Director Jill Cheeks.

Ms. Cheeks announced the second annual 'Peace in the Park', Sunday, October 1, 2023, in Daffin Park from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. She thanked Mayor and City Council for the recognition and proclamation. Ms. Cheeks announced/acknowledged the seven (7) 2022 Peace Builders Ambassadors: Mayor Van Johnson; Ms. Lizann Roberts; Reverend Da'Henri Thurmond; Ms. Beatrice Severson; Ms. Eshanti Walker; Ms. Brittney Curry; and Reverend John Ruhl. Each Peace Builder Ambassador received the Peace Builders Ambassador Pin. The 2023 Peace Builders Ambassadors for 2023 will receive their Pins on Sunday at the presentation in Daffin Park, on stage, at 2:00 p.m. Ms. Cheeks announced the elected official receiving the 2023 Peace Builder of the year is Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan.

5. Presentation by the Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) - Building a Network for Regional Resilience.

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PRESENTATION by Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) Planner Anna B. McQuarrie on the findings of the Coastal Georgia Network for Regional Resilience.

Mayor Johnson thanked MPC for the outstanding work on the Findings and indicated resiliency will be equated with mankind's survival. We need to be prepared to recognize and be prepared for the change and we need to know how to mitigate or prevent the change.

City Manager Melder thanked the MPC for their work on the Findings.

The PowerPoint presentation is on file for viewing in the Office of the Clerk of Council.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

6. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for One (1) Leaf Vacuum Trailer from Environmental Products Group in the Amount of $59,800. The leaf vacuum will be utilized by the Park and Tree Department to collect piles of leaves that need to be removed during City Park maintenance. The new leaf vacuum trailer is a planned FY23 fleet addition to support the departments' back-to-basics initiative. (Fleet Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Leaf Vacuum Trailer.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Leaf Vacuum Trailer.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #6 through #12, and #15, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

7. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Six (6) Utility Tractors from Shea Tractor and Equipment in the Amount of $265,729. The six (6) utility tractors will be utilized by Greenscapes Maintenance for mowing athletic fields and parks, and by the Industrial and Domestic Water and Water Reclamation Departments for department facilities maintenance. The utility tractors are planned FY23 replacements. (Fleet Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Utility Tractors.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Utility Tractors.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #6 through #12, and #15, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

8. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of One (1) Hydraulic Excavator from National Equipment Dealers, LLC. in the Amount of $299,950. The hydraulic excavator will be used by the Stormwater Management Division to maintain the drainage canals in the City. The annual maintenance of the canals ensures positive drainage and reduces the incidence of flooding during rain events. The new hydraulic excavator will be replacing unit #1203, which is a planned replacement for FY23. (Fleet Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Hydraulic Excavator.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Hydraulic Excavator.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #6 through #12, and #15, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed

unanimously, 9-0-0.

9. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Three (3) Bucket Trucks from Fouts Bros Inc., dba Smyrna Truck in the Amount of $423,345. The bucket trucks will be utilized by the Innovation and Technology Services (ITS), Signals and Street Lights, and Facility Maintenance Departments for various maintenance related tasks. (Fleet Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Three Bucket Trucks.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Three Bucket Trucks.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #6 through #12, and #15, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

10. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 with Alan Jay Fleet in the Amount of $1,446,327. This modification will be used to equip 106 police vehicles with warning lights, seat partitions, center consoles, face plates and MDT stands, decals, and other necessary equipment, which are used for routine law enforcement services. (Fleet Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - SPD Pursuit Vehicles Warning Devices.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - SPD Pursuit Vehicles Warning Devices.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #6 through #12, and #15, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Annual Contracts for Janitorial Services with Jani-King of Savannah (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed $1,027,464. This contract will be used to provide janitorial services for 55 city facilities approximating 680,000 SF. This contract has a 38% DBE goal. (Facilities Maintenance)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Janitorial Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Janitorial Services.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #6 through #12, and #15, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Turning Target System and Ballistic Protective Knee Wall (Protective Ground Barrier for Target System) with Action Target Inc., in the Amount of $166,213. The Savannah Police Department (SPD) will utilize this system to safely train officers in dynamic settings, preparing them for real-world encounters. (Police)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Action Target System.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Action Target System.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #6 through #12, and #15, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Rehabilitation of Three (3) City Swimming Pools with Smith Aquatics, Inc. in the Amount of $614,829. Repairs will be made to the Daffin Park, W.W. Law, and Tompkins Center pools. The repairs include re-plastering, installing lane line tiles, and other upgrades. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Pool Repairs.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Pool Repairs.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concern for several pools being closed this Summer and asked City Manager Melder if the pools will be repaired. City Manager Melder stated the City owns four (4) pools: Daffin Park Pool; W.W. Law Pool; Tompkins Pool; and Bowles Ford Pool. The School Board owns an additional four pools. The City is negotiating with the School Board for an agreement to program and have life guards at the additional four pools. The School Board recently completed a pool maintenance program for their four pools.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concern for the pool located near or in Tatemville (near Staley Avenue) that was closed for the summer. City Manager Melder indicated that pool is owned by the Board of Education and the City is negotiating now with the School Board for an agreement. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recommended the City recruit and train staff for the pools/parks/centers before the summer months. City Manager Melder indicated, most of the life guards transitioned from the City's swimming program to serving as a life guard at one of the City's pools.

Alderman Leggett asked City Manager Melder if the $614,829. was an estimate. City Manager Melder answered, that figure is the precise number. The work/repairs have been noted. Alderman Leggett thanked Chief Young for the detailed information on keeping Council updated on the progress of the pools.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder where the four (4) School Board pools are located. City Manager Melder answered: Jenkins High School Pool; Shuman Elementary School Pool; Brock Elementary School Pool; and Staley Avenue Pool (Haven Elementary School).

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #13, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderman Leggett, and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for the Ogeechee Road Water & Sewer Relocations with Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) in the Amount of $684,432. The City of Savannah entered into an agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation to construct water and sewer utility relocations along Ogeechee Road. The additional funding requested is for the difference between the Engineer's Opinion of Probable cost and the project Bid for Construction, recently accepted by GDOT. (Public Works & Water Resources)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Ogeechee Relocations.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Ogeechee Relocations.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder if the signs and meeting for the residents of Ogeecheeton and Tremont Park with Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) have taken place as requested at a prior City Council meeting. City Manger Melder indicated staff is working on scheduling a meeting and the signs will be replaced once the project is completed. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter indicated the residents of Ogeecheeton and Tremont Park are requesting temporary signs during the construction process.

Mayor Johnson indicated the project is owned by the State and permanent signs will be erected at the finish of the project. The rights of way along the project are State-owned, temporary signs would be in the construction zone and would most likely not be allowed.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concern that the residents of the two communities should have signage for any visitors coming to the neighborhoods, since the location is adjacent to a highly traveled roadway. Mayor Johnson indicated the residents were aware of the projects and the removal of signs prior to the beginning of construction. The rights of way is owned by the State and GDOT will provide the necessary signage for residents and visitors that will be safe for traffic flow.

Alderwoman Lanier acknowledged receipt from residents for temporary signage during construction. The City should have its rights of way to place temporary signs, similar to the GDOT rights of way. Alderwoman Lanier requested a report from traffic engineering on the amount of accidents in that area during the construction process.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Item #14, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for a Pilot Odor Control System from PureAir Filtration, LLC in an Amount Not to Exceed $80,000. This system will address the recurring issues associated with the President Street Water Reclamation Plant, reducing the moisture content of the bio-solids disposed at landfills in addition to air regulations imposed by EPA. (Water Reclamation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - PureAir Filtration, LLC Modification.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - PureAir Filtration, LLC Modification.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #6 through #12, and #15, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

AGREEMENTS

16. Agreement Between the City of Savannah and Georgia Power for Light Up Savannah Initiative – Georgia Power Audit and Inventory Assessment.

Mayor Johnson discussed the issue of public safety as it relates to lighting in the City. He explained the agreement/partnership with Georgia Power to provide an audit for lighting in the City of Savannah.

City Manager Melder indicated the agreement is necessary for the City to make continued progress for safety and quality of life goals for the residents of the City. The audit will provide data for the City to have information where lighting is needed for safety, traffic, and crime issues. The expense is included in the budget for now and the future. Mr. Melder introduced Georgia Power Regional Vice President Audrey King.

Ms. King introduced two Georgia Power colleagues, Accountant Nealy Scott and Solutions Sales Manager J. Cameron Hardin. She discussed the benefits of the lighting audit for Savannah residents and thanked Mayor and Council for the opportunity to discuss the agreement.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter requested the budgeted amount for the audit. City Manager Melder indicated the amount is $700,000, over two years.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked how long will the audit take and what area of the City will the audit cover. Ms. King answered, the audit will take approximately three months to complete and will cover the entire City of Savannah.

Alderman Leggett thanked Ms. King, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Hardin for the partnership and assistance during Hurricane Idalia. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan thanked Ms. King and her team for providing consistent service to the residents of Savannah.

Alderwoman Lanier asked if there will be real time reporting during the audit process. Ms. King indicated Georgia Power is willing to provide update during the audit.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #16, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Alderwoman Miller Blakely announced the Circus will be in Savannah tomorrow, hosted by Casual Cal.

The first African-American touring circus with Ring Master. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter will be the guest Ring Master. Alderwoman Miller Blakely states she had tickets to share. Anyone interested in the tickets can contact her or meet her at the front door at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow. The Circus will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz invited all seniors to Seniors Night Out at Liberty City Community Center on Saturday, at 7:00 p.m., hosted by the men of Liberty City. The cost is $10.00 per person.

Alderwoman Lanier announced Coach Ronald Booker's dedication at 12:00 noon on Saturday at the corner of Hopkins Street & Victory Drive. All are welcome to attend, including Beach High School Alumni and the many girls he coached at Beach High School.

Mayor Johnson thanked Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd for working on the Lighting Up Savannah oject.

ter being contacted by family members, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked for the status of street naming for Pastor Matthew Southall Brown. Mayor Johnson indicated, right now it does not meet the requirements to be presented before Council. The family has been notified by staff members.

Mayor Johnson wished Alderman Leggett a Happy Birthday.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter wished Alderwoman Miller Blakely a Happy Birthday, which was celebrated on Tuesday, September 26th.

Alderman Purtee announced this Saturday is the Great Savannah Day Cleanup. Each community will have their own programs, but he invited all citizens to come out to keep Savannah beautiful.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan thanked Chief Taffanye Young, Housing Director Martin Fretty, Mayor Johnson, CHSA Director Anita Smith-Dixon, and Sherry Butler from Wells Fargo for the $100,000 check for down payment assistance and housing repairs. There is a joint program to move children off the floor and into beds, with the Savannah Housing Authority, Earlene Davis, Executive Director; Pastor Hubbard; Livinggood's Furniture Store; and the YMCA. There were twenty-one beds donated for the program, and the Lion's Club in Pooler donated crocheted blankets. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan announced Mayor Johnson will celebrate a birthday on October 3rd.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:31 p.m.

ne video recordings of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: October 12, 2023

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OCTOBER 12, 2023, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:03 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized **Alderman Kurtis Purtee** who introduced **Reverend Billy Hester, Pastor of Asbury Memorial Church** to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

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

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for October 12, 2023.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve Item #1, the agenda for October 12, 2023, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on September 28, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - September 28, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #2, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS

3. Appearance by Pratt Industries in Presentation of an Environmental Impact Award to the City of Savannah Honoring 15-years of Partnership and Dedication to Recycling and Sustainability Within the City of Savannah.

Mr. Matt Coppedges, Southern Region Sales Manager and Recycling Director from Pratt Industries READ and PRESENTED the Environmental Impact Award to Mayor, Council, and Savannah Sanitation & Recycling Departments. In attendance were Chief, Government Operations Gene Prevatt, Director, Commercial & Recycling Services and Liter Abatement Kevin Exley, and Senior Director Sanitation Quhannah Andrews.

3A. Appearance by (adults and children) from the City of Atlanta representing Pearl Academy and Accent Higher Learning Experiences, Inc.

Mayor Johnson recognized and introduced amazing young people from the 1st, 4th, 7th and 12th grades, representing Pearl Academy and Accent Higher Learning Experiences, Inc., Atlanta, GA. The 1st through 4th graders are from Pearl Academy and the 7th through 12th graders are from Accent Higher Learning Experiences, Inc. visiting Savannah. Ms. Chrystal Thomas, Founder & Director of Accent Higher Learning Experiences, spoke on behalf of the agency which was founded to provide field trips to students outside of their communities with a grant from Community Corps. Ms. Thomas sent greetings from Atlanta and thanked Mayor and Council for the opportunity to bring the young adults to the City.

A few of the students said hello by introducing themselves: Angel, Sharon, Caden, and Arene.

4. Proclamation and Recognition of the Month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

READ by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to Safe Shelter Executive Director Shannon Bates. Ms. Bates thanked Mayor and Council for the recognition and Proclamation.

4 The Jewel N U CEO/Founder Karen Alston discussed domestic violence and how all citizens can help victims. Police Chief Gunther acknowledged Domestic Violence Awareness Month and encouraged friends and family members to call for help when domestic violence occurs.

5. Appearance by Savannah State University to Announce the 2023 Homecoming Parade and Activities.

Savannah State University Interim President Cynthia Robinson Alexander announced the Homecoming festivities for Savannah State University: the Coronation on Thursday, the football game against Tuskegee University and the Parade.

Mayor Johnson presented the parade permit to Interim President Alexander. He encouraged residents to support Savannah State University.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

6. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Prawesh Khadka for Giant Food Mart, a Convenience Store Located at 1606 West Gwinnett Street. The establishment is located between Nelson Street and Magazine Avenue in Aldermanic District 1.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Giant Food Mart.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Giant Food Mart.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Report - Giant Food Mart.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Giant Food Mart.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Giant Food Mart.pdf

HEARD after Items #15 through #25.

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #6, #7, #8, and #9.

No Speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearing for Items #6, #7, #8, and #9, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Miller Blakely was not present for the vote.

b. Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #6, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Miller Blakely was not present for the vote.

7. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Liquor and Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Jon Kline for The Bootlegger, a Restaurant Located at 115 East River Street. The establishment is located between Drayton Ramp and Abercorn Ramp in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - The Bootlegger.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - The Bootlegger.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - The Bootlegger.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - The Bootlegger.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - The Bootlegger.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #6, #7, #8, and #9.

No Speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearing for Items #6, #7, #8, and #9, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Miller Blakely was not present for the vote.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Items #7 and #8, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Miller Blakely was not present for the vote.

8. Approval of a Class G (Beer, Wine) (Complimentary) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Keith Walston for Savannah Harbor Cruises, a Passenger Vessel Docked at 502 East River Street. The docking address is located between East Broad Ramp and East Lincoln Street in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Savannah Harbor Cruises.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Savannah Harbor Cruises.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Savannah Harbor Cruises.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Savannah Harbor Cruises.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Savannah Harbor Cruises.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #6, #7, #8, and #9.

No Speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearing for Items #6, #7, #8, and #9, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Miller Blakely was not present for the vote.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Items #7 and #8, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Miller Blakely was not present for the vote.

9. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Quantasha Brown for Chuck E Cheese # 605, a Restaurant Located at 6700 Abercorn Street. The establishment is located between Hood Street and Jackson Boulevard in Aldermanic District 4.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Chuck E Cheese.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Chuck E Cheese.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Chuck E Cheese.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Chuck E Cheese.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Chuck E Cheese.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #6, #7, #8, and #9.

No Speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearing for Items #6, #7, #8, and #9, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Miller Blakely was not present for the vote.

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #9, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Miller Blakely was not present for the vote.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

10. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Maintenance and Repair Services with Motorola Solutions in the Amount of $118,924. Public Safety, Public Works and Water Resources use the ASTRO radio equipment for communication support. (ITS)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Motorola SUA.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Motorola SUA.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #10, #11, and #14, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for Vactor Sewer Truck Rentals with EP Rents in the Amount of $75,000. The Sewer Maintenance Department's sewer truck fleet was in the shop for repairs waiting for parts that were on national backorder. Therefore, the two sewer excavation trucks were rented to ensure continuity of operations. (Fleet Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Vactor Sewer Truck Rental.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Vactor Sewer Truck Rental.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #10, #11, and #14, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of One (1) Mobile Walking Excavator from Great Southern Equipment in the Amount of $542,217. The mobile walking excavator will be used by the Stormwater Management Division to maintain the drainage canals in the City. (Fleet Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Mobile Walking Excavator.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Mobile Walking Excavator.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter requested the original budget amount from City Manager Melder. He will get Alderwoman Gibson-Carter the information before the end of the meeting.

When community ditches are cleaned, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked how are the decisions made to prioritize which ditches are cleaned. City Manager Melder indicated all City ditches are maintained, priority is based on need. The staff maintains a regular routine maintenance schedule for ditches and canals.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Lanier stated residents have received letters from the City informing residents some area ditches would no longer be cleaned. Mayor Johnson indicated staff is trying to track down the false information. If the ditch or canal is owned by the City, the City is responsible for the maintenance. City Manager Melder indicated he along with Alderwoman Lanier will meet with community residents to clarify and correct the information. The ditches and/or canals, whether owned by the City or GDOT, will receive regular maintenance.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter requested the record to reflect the City's assuming the work of cleaning the ditches/canals in the Woodville community.

Alderman Palumbo commended the City on the purchase of the mobile walking excavator to cleaning ditches/canals. The City has hundreds of miles of ditches and canals that need routine maintenance and the mobile walking excavator will make the City's responsibility more efficient. He made a challenge to name the excavator. Alderman Purtee indicated his agreement with Alderman Palumbo.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder if the new equipment would reduce the crew currently maintaining the ditched/canals. City Manager Melder indicated there would be no decrease in the crews. Alderwoman Miller Blakely recommended the City purchase another mobile walking excavator. City Manager Melder indicated the City will keep options open after a return on the investment is completed.

Alderwoman Lanier stated she has received calls from residents of Woodville, Cloverdale, and Hudson Hill area who have received notices that the City will no longer service the ditches. After walking the area, it was found some ditches were not on the maps and this will need to be corrected for maintenance records. She discussed the various methods of weed removal around the ditches including the use of herbicides. City Manager Melder indicated the City uses the safest herbicides possible.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Item #12, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Drainage Repair with F.H. Paschen (LOCAL) in the Amount of $74,929. The playground at Lady Bamford Center does not drain properly causing it to hold water for long periods of time. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Drainage Repairs.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Drainage Repairs.pdf

Before attending the meeting today, Alderwoman Lanier stated she visited the Lady Bamford Center and the Hudson Hill Center. After raining last evening and this morning, she saw no evidence of standing water at the Lady Bamford Center, but there was substantial standing water at the Hudson Hill Center. Alderwoman Lanier asked if Item #13 is only for the Lady Bamford Center, and if so, will there be any drainage repairs for the Hudson Hill Center.

Mayor Johnson answered Item #13 is for the Lady Bamford Center issues that need to be addressed immediately. City Manager Melder indicated the drainage repairs for the Hudson Hill Center and behind the Moses Jackson Center will start this week.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked for clarification of Item #13, from City Manager Melder. He indicated Item #13 is for drainage repairs for the Lady Bamford Center and behind the Moses Jackson Center only. The Hudson Hill Center drainage repairs are being addressed now. Assistant City Manager Lloyd indicated there is on-going design work to eliminate/repair drainage issues.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #13, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification No. 1 for the Reconstruction of Athletic Courts with Court Makers, Inc., in an Amount Not to Exceed $347,148. This modification will expand the original scope of work to include the reconstruction of two (2) Tennis courts at Kennedy Park and two (2) Tennis courts at Cloverdale Park (Bo Levett Field) which are more than 25 years old and have deteriorated beyond repair. The reconstruction will ensure the safety of the public by excavating and leveling the surface and improving the amenity by installing new asphalt, court lines, fencing, goals, and nets. (Recreation and Leisure Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Reconstruction of Athletic Courts.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Reconstruction of Athletic Courts.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #10, #11, and #14, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

15. Approval to Procure Taxiway Light Fixtures and Connection Kits from Allen Enterprises, Inc., in the Amount of $59,648.

HEARD after Item #5.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #25, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Miller Blakely was not present for the vote.

16. Approval to Execute a Four-Year Sponsorship Agreement with the RBC Heritage Golf Tournament, in the Amount of $166,460.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #25, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Miller Blakely was not present for the vote.

17. Approval to Ratify the Acceptance of Airport Improvement Program Grant Offer No. 3-13-0100-075-2023 from the Federal Aviation Administration, in the Amount of $2,203,287.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #25, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Miller Blakely was not present for the vote.

18. Approval to Ratify the Acceptance of Airport Infrastructure Grant Offer No. 3-13-0100-076-2023 from the Federal Aviation Administration, in the Amount of $3,546,714.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #25, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Miller Blakely was not present for the vote.

19. Approval to Execute a Contract with Erickson Associates, Inc., for All Services Associated with the Lifecycle Replacement of Air Handler Units 2A-1 and 2B-1 Project, in the Amount of $1,355,000.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #25, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Miller Blakely was not present for the vote.

20. Approval to Renew the Diio Software Subscription from Lexis Nexis Risk Solutions, in the Amount of $63,950.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #25, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Miller Blakely was not present for the vote.

. Approval to Renew the Parking Access Revenue Control System Maintenance Service Agreement with Carolina Time & Parking Group, in the Amount of $26,741.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #25, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Miller Blakely was not present for the vote.

22. Approval to Procure Network Switches from Zones, LLC., in the Amount of $227,430.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #25, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Miller Blakely was not present for the vote.

23. Approval to Procure Three (3) 4x4 Front Deck Diesel Mowers from Hendrix Machinery Inc., in the Amount of $72,522.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #25, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Miller Blakely was not present for the vote.

24. Approval to Procure One Mower from Blanchard Equipment Co. LLC., in the Amount of $56,296

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #25, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Miller Blakely was not present for the vote.

. Approval to Procure Two (2) Flex-Wing Mowers from Hendrix Machinery Inc., in the Amount of $49,686.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #25, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Miller Blakely was not present for the vote.

AGREEMENTS

26. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with CCA Savannah, LLC for Capital Collective - Bryson Reed Building. This is for a development consisting of 154 apartment units located at 415 East Oglethorpe Avenue in the President Street Treatment Plant service area in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Capital Collective - Bryson Reed Building.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if there were any agreements with the developer for affordable or workforce housing. City Manager Melder indicated this is not a zoning issue. Alderwoman Gibson-

Carter discussed the City's missed opportunities to make developers set aside units for affordable or workforce housing. City Manager Melder stated those agreements should be made during planning and zoning, not during the approval of a water and sewer agreement.

Alderman Purter raised a point of order. He questioned the legality of asking a developer for affordable housing agreements during approval of water and sewer agreements.

Mayor Johnson acknowledged the point of order.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter discussed the culture of Savannah and the rising cost of housing with new housing units. She wants to use every opportunity for the City to enter into agreements with developers to set aside units for workforce and affordable housing.

Mayor Johnson indicated the Savannah Housing Plan discussed the availability of housing on a" levels of income and density of housing in the City. This project provides density and available units

Alderman Palumbo expressed his gratitude at discussing the ten thousand housing unit shortage in the City; however, this item is a request for a water and sewer agreement. If City Council does not approve, the units will not have water and sewer utilities. He stated that he fully supports the approval of Item #26.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder for confirmation of the project site. He confirmed the site is the old police parking lot at Oglethorpe and Habersham. Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated the prior administration should have incorporated agreements for income based, workforce, and affordable housing.

Alderwoman Lanier discussed the prior missed opportunities for the City to enter into agreements with developers for affordable, income based, and workforce housing units. She asked if any impact fees will be collected for the six water and sewer agreement items on the agenda. City Manager Melder indicated impact fees are paid/negotiated at the time of the building permits.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #26, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Johnson encouraged Council Members to read the Savannah Housing Plan that speaks to the level of affordability of units as it relates to density and affordable housing opportunities that income will allow.

27. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Wilmington Islands Partners LLC for Wilmington Island Marina Phase 1. This is for a development consisting of 310 apartment units, a restaurant and a marina located at 612 Wilmington Island Road in the Wilmington Island service area in unincorporated Chatham County.

Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Wilmington Island Marina Phase 1.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #27, #28, and #31, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

28. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Coldwater Development, LLC for 11303 Abercorn Car Wash Facility. This is for a development consisting of a carwash located at 10300 Abercorn Street in the Wilshire Treatment Plant service area in Aldermanic District 6.

Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - 11303 Abercorn Car Wash Facility.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #27, #28, and #31, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

29. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Victory Apartments Owner, LLC for Aventon Victory Drive. This is for a development consisting of 280 apartment units located at 1795 Wicklow Street in the President Street Treatment Plant service area Aldermanic District 3.

Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Aventon Victory Drive.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder if any of the units are income based, affordable or workforce housing in the project. City Manager Melder answered he had no information on the units for income based, affordable or workforce housing; however, the development donated $400,000.00 to the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund.

Mayor Johnson noted this will allow 280 apartment units toward the Savannah housing opportunitie

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #29, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

30. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Savannah MOB, LLC for Memorial Medical Office Building. This is for a development consisting of a 75,000 sq. ft., 4-story medical office building located at 4700 Waters Avenue in the President Street Treatment Plant service area in Aldermanic District 3.

Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Memorial Medical Office Building.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Item #30, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

31. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with SHDC, LLC for Savannah Highlands Phase 8. This is for a development consisting of 60 single family homes located at 610 Highlands Boulevard in the Crossroads Treatment Plant service area in Aldermanic District 1.

Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Savannah Highlands Phase 8.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #27, #28, and #31, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

32. Authorize the City Manager to Declare Surplus and Available E 34th Street (PIN #20055 27006), a 1,000SF Remnant Parcel. Attorney Mathew McCoy, on behalf of his client, has requested a City-owned remnant parcel located at 34th St between Waters Avenue and Live Oak Street (PINs 20055 27006) be declared surplus and available for sale to the adjacent property owner.

Exhibit 1: Map - East 34th Street.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchase & Sale Agreement - East 34th Street.pdf

City Manager Melder confirmed to Mayor Johnson that this is a very small parcel and the City has no need for the land. The purchaser is paying $12,000.00 (fair market value) for the parcel.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked the name of the petitioner/purchaser and the use of the property . City Attorney Lovett indicated Suzanne Marie Braddy is the purchaser. The name of the business is Braddy Electric.

Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #32, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Alderman Purtee announced the last town hall meeting of this year, Monday, October 16, 2023, at Windsor Forest Golden Age Center, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan congratulated all parties involved in the completed Dundee Village Project.

Mayor Johnson thanked City Manager Melder, CHSA, and the Chatham-Savannah Authority for the Homeless on a successful celebration on the opening of Dundee Cottages. He thanked City Manager Melder on being featured in a video at the State of the Ports event today with a cameo by Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams. The City of Savannah and the Georgia Ports Authority project $6,750,000.00/year helps Westside communities with home ownership and helps residents stay in their homes.

Alderman Leggett acknowledged with Alderman Purtee, the death of fifteen year old Keshaun Allen while playing football, on October 2, 2023 at Windsor Forest. Services are pending, but letters of condolences will be sent on behalf of City Council.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan announced a pending House Bill entitled "The Heart, the heat and the head" Bill. This informs the public of the deaths involving school sports.

Mayor Johnson acknowledged and sent condolences to the family of Rev. Dr. Teddy Williams who passed on Saturday.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked Mayor Johnson for attending services and presenting proclamations on behalf of City Council to the families who have loss loved ones. She also acknowledged Rev. Dr. Teddy Williams and his remarkable gospel music enjoyed around the Country.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely announced on Tuesday 157 homes were sold on the courthouse steps for small amounts of money. She cautioned residents who are being forced out or displaced to reach out for assistance and don't be so quick to sell property.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely acknowledged that Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recently lost her mother-in-law and sent out condolences to her family.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 3:47 p.m.

The video recordings of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: October 26, 2023

Signature: Mark Massey









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OCTOBER 26, 2023, 6:30 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:31 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized **Rabbi Robert Haas, spiritual leader of Congregation Mickve Israel**, to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Mayor Johnson requested a moment of silence to honor victims of the tragedy in Maine. Numerous families were effected by the senseless shooting and authorities are still looking for the gunman.

PRESENT:

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

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for October 26, 2023.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda for October 26, 2023, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on October 12, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: DRAFT MINUTES_October 12, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #2, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS

3. An Appearance by Survivors, Supporters and Advocates, in Observance of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

READ and PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to WSAV Anchor Tina Tyus-Shaw in recognition of her efforts with Buddy Check 3 during Breast Cancer Awareness Month. In attendance were Olivia Hamilton, Gwendolyn Green, Vera Lawrence, Sharon Wanda Aikens, LaTeia Lott Parker, a former Clerk of Council's office city employee, and baby Jynesis Parker. Each attendee relayed a brief account of their experience with breast cancer. Ms. Tyus-Shaw encouraged everyone to donate t the Telfair Mammography Fund in support of assisted or free mammograms for those who do nc have insurance.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

4. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for Knuckle Boom Truck Rentals with Environmental Products Group, in an Amount not to Exceed $85,000. This modification will ensure continuity of operations for the City of Savannah's Residential Refuse Division at the existing equipment level until the newly ordered equipment, which is scheduled for delivery in December 2023, arrives. (Flee Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Knuckle Boom Rental.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Knuckle Boom Rental.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #4, #5, #6 and #7, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

5. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for the Final Project Closeout for the Entrepreneurial Center Renovations with RL Construction, in the Amount of $36,528. The modification is needed to cover the additional costs incurred for wood blocking and repair of the wood cornice. Both items exceeded the estimated quantity in the contract due to the discovery of additional deterioration after the wood decking was exposed under the roof and the historic internal gutter was opened. This project came in under the allocated budget. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Entrepreneurial Ctr Reno.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Entrepreneurial Ctr Reno.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #4, #5, #6 and #7, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

6. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification No. 1 for Bilbo Canal Widening with SJ Hamill Construction in the Amount of $81,086. In an effort to acquir additional geotechnical data, City staff required the contractor to perform pile data analysis (PDA) which requires a diesel hammer and was not originally part of the original scope. This modification will be reimbursed per the cost share development agreement executed March 23, 2022. (Stormwater)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Bilbo Canal.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Bilbo Canal.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #4, #5, #6 and #7, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

7. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a contract for structural engineering services with GEL Engineering in an amount not to exceed $400,000. The City of Savannah has an ongoing need for structural engineering services, with a particular focus on the Condition and Capacity Assessment of its existing facilities. This contract will also provide structural safety evaluations after disaster events. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Structural Eng.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Structural Eng.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #4, #5, #6 and #7, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

AGREEMENTS

8. Authorize the City Manager to Accept a Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Youth Grant Award in the Amount of $1,056,019. The award will be used to provide youth programs from April 1, 2023 to June 30, 2025 to low-income youth between the ages of 16 and 24. The City serves as the fiduciary agent for the 10-county region.

LWDA PY23 Allocation Announcement .pdf

Alderwoman Lanier asked City Manager Melder for a listing of the supported programs. City Manager Melder will resend the list to Council Members.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #8 and #9, seconded by Alderwoman Mille Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

9. Authorize the City Manager to Accept the Initial PY23 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Grant Awards for Adult ($155,788) and Dislocated Worker ($303,973) Programs. The awards will be used to provide programs from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025 to adults who are unemployed or underemployed, and adults who have lost their jobs. The City serves as the fiduciary agent for the 10-county region.

LWDA PY23 Allocation Announcement .pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #8 and #9, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

10. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with Cobblestone AC LLC for Cobblestone Subdivision. This is for a development consisting of 142 single family homes and clubhouse in Aldermanic District 5.

Exhibit 1 : Water & Sewer Agreement - Cobblestone Subdivision.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #10, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

11. Settlement #1.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #11, to authorize the City Attorney's office to resolve the claim of Gregory Robertson (worker's compensation matter) in the amount of $60,030.00, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

12. Settlement #2.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #12, to authorize the City Attorney's office to resolve the claim of Berry Rice (car accident claim) in the amount of $40,000.00, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Alderman Purtee announced there will be numerous trunk-or-treats out this weekend and on Tuesday, October 31, 2023. He asked citizens to be careful.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely dispelled the rumor that she does not support the Savannah Police Department. She explained her reasoning for voting against the budget agenda item. She supports the police wholeheartedly, but was against the property value and water bill increases.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan thanked the Homeless Authority for securing funds for evenings, Tuesday through Saturday, 3:00pm-11:00pm. The phone number will be announced at a later date. She announced on Sunday there will be 'soul to the polls' by some of the local churches. Transportation to the polls will be provided by participating churches.

Mayor Johnson announced early voting is currently taking place in Savannah. He encouraged citizens to take advantage of the early voting opportunity.

Alderman Leggett announced that Chatham Area Transit (CAT) will provide free bus service from local bus stops on election day, November 7, 2023, from 5:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. to voting precincts for all citizens.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz announced Tatemville will hold a trick-or-treat party on Monday, October 30, 2023, at 6:30pm at the community center.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated this is the third Council Meeting without a workshop. She asked City Manager Melder why workshops were canceled given the fact all Council stated issues have not been addressed during this administration. City Manager Melder indicated the workshop items list is completed; he will send Council the items list. Moving into budget season and the budget workshop, Mr. Melder indicated there will be workshops. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter stated the workshop items list has not been completed and there are several community items Council needs to address and having no workshop and abbreviated meetings is a disservice to the citizens. She named a few items in particular.

Mayor Johnson indicated the items Alderwoman Gibson-Carter has mentioned are being addressed administratively through the City Attorney's office or the City Manager Office. City Manager Melder indicated a memo was sent to Council regarding the horse drawn carriage issue. The issue will be brought before the Tourism Advisory Committee to get feed back to bring before Council.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concern for items discussed at the beginning of this administration that have not come before Council and recommended addressing some of those issues before the end of this administration. She presented an item to the City Manager and the City Attorney for a workshop discussion in relation to an ethics ordinance. The ordinance would prohibit Council members from accepting campaign contributions from petitioners who have items on the agenda.

Mayor Johnson indicated Alderwoman Gibson-Carter's request for an ethics ordinance is not for staff, but a Council item. He stated Georgia Law as it relates to campaign contributions. Campaign filings are available for viewing on the City's web site on the Clerk of Council's page and the Mayor and Aldermen's page

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked for the decision of the pool on Perry Street. City Manager Melder answered, he informed Council last week, the City issued a stop work order on the Perry Street pool. There is an on-going investigation about the legality of the work being done as it relates to the City's ordinance, the stop work order is still in effect. City Attorney Lovett stated the stop work order is currently in effect with no definite timeline for continuing the work.

Mayor Johnson announced the recent passing of, Dr. James Alphonso Dandy, the City's first African American eye doctor. Mayor and Council sent condolences to his wife, Dr. Evelyn Dandy, and the Dandy family.

City Manager Melder recommended residents adhere to the suggestions by the Savannah Police, Fire & Recreation & Leisure Departments for a safe and happy Halloween trick-or-treat season. The official Halloween trick-or-treat hours is early Tuesday, October 31, 2023.

Mayor Johnson announced the state of the city address will be held Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the Savannah Cultural Arts Center. The public is invited to attend.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 7:06 p.m.

The video recordings of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: 11/9/2023

Signature: Mark Massey

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NOVEMBER 9, 2023, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT
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SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:03 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized **Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter** who introduced **Bishop Raphael Watson, member of The New/Historic New Ogeechee Church Inc., under the leadership of Apostle Zinna Williams, Pastor** to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

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

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for November 9, 2023.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda for November 9, 2023, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Miller Blakely was not present for the vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on October 26, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes_October 26, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #2, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Miller Blakely was not present for the vote.

PRESENTATIONS

3. Appearance by the Veterans Council of Chatham County to Introduce the New Veteran of the Year and the 2023 Veteran's Day Parade Grand Marshal.

Veterans Council of Chatham County Chairman Joe Higgins introduced the 2023 Veteran's Day Parade Grand Marshal, James W. Putney, Jr., and the 2023 Veteran of the Year, Tim Ansley. Grand Marshal Putney presented Mayor Johnson with the Challenge Coin. Also in attendance were Parade Adjuntant Mike Brady, and past Veterans of the Year Jerry Walker and Rich Noel. The Veteran's Parade is on Saturday beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Mayor Johnson recognized those who have served in the military by asking audience members t stand if they served in the military.

4. Appearance by the Chatham Retired Educators Association (CREA) and Proclamation Recognizing November 5, 2023, as Georgia Retired Educators Day.

READ by Mayor Johnson and PRESENTED to Chatham Retired Educators Association President Carrie Howard. Also in attendance, President-Elect Princetta Simmons, Omie Floyd, Annette Smith, Dottie Platts, and Dr. Brenda Roberts.

5. A Proclamation and Recognition of the Stand Down for Homelessness Event in Support of National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week, from November 13 Through November 21.

READ by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Mayor Johnson, and PRESENTED to Executive Director of Chatham-Savannah Authority of the Homeless Jennifer DeLong. Ms. DeLong thanked Mayor and Council and invited the public to the grand opening tomorrow of the completion of twelve Tiny Homes for Veterans.

6. A Proclamation Recognizing November as National Runaway Prevention Month.

READ by Alderman Palumbo and Mayor Johnson and PRESENTED to Greenbriar Children's Center Executive Director Gena Taylor and Director of Family & Community Services Dr. Eric Mason.

Park Place Outreach Executive Director Adriana Tatum-Howard thanked Mayor and Council for their support in helping the youth and their families in the community. Also in attendance were membe of the Park Place Outreach Board of Directors.

7. A Proclamation Declaring November 12 Through November 18 as Literacy Week in the City of Savannah, Georgia.

READ by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Mayor Johnson and PRESENTED to Founder and Chairman of Chatham Educational Alliance George Woods with Steering Committee Members, Rick Rooney and Terry O'Neil. Mr. Wood thanked Mayor and Council and invited all to attend the Monday night at The Lucas Theater of the Arts, Kareem Weaver's Right to Read.

Executive Director of Future Minds Literacy in Adult Education and Chair of Read Savannah Dr. Zelonia Williams encouraged everyone to be mindful of adult literacy. She introduced Future Minds Taskforce Board Members: Leadership Mindset Coach, Organizational Development Consultant and Professional Speaker Victoria Baylor, Revenue Coordinator Megan Edwards, Executive Director of Royce Learning Center Ron Wilson, and Senior Officer of Teaching and Learning from Savannah-Chatham County Public School System Crystal Bell

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

8. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Alkesh Patel for Waters Market, a convenience store located at 4402 Waters Avenue. The establishment is located between East 59th and East 60th Streets in Aldermanic District 3.

EXHIBIT 1- CHECKLIST - WATERS MARKET.pdf

EXHIBIT 2- DENSITY MAP- WATERS MARKET.pdf

EXHIBIT 3- ALCOHOL REPORTS - WATERS MARKET.pdf

EXHIBIT 4- MEASUREMENTS REPORT - WATERS MARKET.pdf

EXHIBIT 5- SECURITY PLAN- WATERS MARKET.pdf

HEARD after Item #24.

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol license hearings open for Items #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, and #13.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol license hearings for Items #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, and #13, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #8, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

9. Approval to add Class A (Caterer) (Liquor, Beer, and Wine) to their existing Class C (Liquor, Beer, and Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Ryan Williamson for Common Thread, a restaurant located at 122 East 37th Street. The establishment is located between Drayton and Abercorn Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

EXHIBIT 1- CHECKLIST - COMMON THREAD.pdf

EXHIBIT 2- DENSITY MAP - COMMON THREAD.pdf

EXHIBIT 3- ALCOHOL REPORT - COMMON THREAD.pdf

EXHIBIT 4- MEASUREMENT REPORT - COMMON THREAD.pdf

EXHIBIT 5- SECURITY PLAN- COMMON THREAD.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol license hearings open for Items #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, and #13.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol license hearings for Items #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, and #13, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #9, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

10. Approval to add Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) to their existing Class C (Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Ryan Williamson for Wildflower Café on Telfair Square, a restaurant located at 207 West Oglethorpe Avenue. The establishment is located between Jefferson and Barnard Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

EXHIBIT 1- CHECKLIST - WILDFLOWER CAFE.pdf

EXHIBIT 2- DENSITY MAP- WILDFLOWER CAFE.pdf

EXHIBIT 3- ALCOHOL REPORTS - WILDFLOWER CAFE.pdf

EXHIBIT 4- MEASUREMENT REPORT - WILDFLOWER CAFE.pdf

EXHIBIT 5- SECURITY PLAN- WILDFLOWER CAFE.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol license hearings open for Items #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, and #13.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol license hearings for Items #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, and #13, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #10, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

. Approval of a Class D (Liquor, Beer, and Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Radseh Patel for Jack's Package Shop, a package shop located at 3320 Ogeechee oad. The establishment is located between Mills B. Lane and Liberty Parkway in Aldermanic District 5.

EXHIBIT 1- CHECKLIST- JACKS PACKAGE SHOP.pdf

EXHIBIT 2- DENSITY MAP- JACKS PACKAGE SHOP.pdf

EXHIBIT 3- ALCOHOL REPORTS - JACKS PACKAGE SHOP.pdf

EXHIBIT 4- MEASUREMENT REPORT - JACKS PACKAGE SHOP.pdf

EXHIBIT 5- SECURITY PLAN - JACKS PACKAGE SHOP.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol license hearings open for Items #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, and #13.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol license hearings for Items #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, and #13, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #11, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

12. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, and Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Taia Harris for King Oliver's Creole Jazz Bar, a restaurant located at 514 Martin Luther King Junior Boulevard. The establishment is located between West Gaston and West Huntingdon Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

EXHIBIT 1- CHECKLIST- KING OLIVERS CREOLE JAZZ BAR.pdf

EXHIBIT 2- DENSITY MAP- KING OLIVERS CREOLE JAZZ BAR.pdf

EXHIBIT 3- ALCOHOL REPORTS - KING OLIVERS CREOLE JAZZ BAR.pdf

EXHIBIT 4- MEASUREMENT REPORT - KING OLIVERS CREOLE JAZZ BAR.pdf

EXHIBIT 5- SECURITY PLAN - KING OLIVERS CREOLE JAZZ BAR.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol license hearings open for Items #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, and #13.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol license hearings for Items #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, and #13, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #12, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

13. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, and Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Osama Mustafa for Toast All Day, a restaurant located at 1 West Broughton Street. The establishment is located between Whitaker and Bull Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

EXHIBIT 1- CHECKLIST -TOAST ALL DAY.pdf

EXHIBIT 2- DENSITY MAP -TOAST ALL DAY.pdf

EXHIBIT 3- ALCOHOL REPORTS -TOAST ALL DAY.pdf

EXHIBIT 4- MEASUREMENT REPORT - TOAST ALL DAY-.pdf

EXHIBIT 5- SECURITY PLAN - TOAST ALL DAY.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol license hearings open for Items #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, and #13.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol license hearings for Items #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, and #13, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #13, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan an Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

14. Second Public Hearing to Receive Comments Concerning the City's 2024 One Year Action Plan

Exhibit 1: 2024 One Year Action Plan Proposed Budget.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the second public hearing for Item #14 open. He indicated the first public hearing was held on July 26, 2023.

No speaker(s).

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the public hearing for Item #14, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ZONING HEARINGS

15. Petition of Joshua Yellin (agent) on Behalf of The Habersham School, Inc. (owner) for Bludworth Holdings, LLC to Change the Future Land Use Map Amendment from Residential – Suburban Single-family to Residential – General at 505 E. 54th Street (PIN 20086 27004) Aldermanic District 4. (File No. 23-004628-ZA). (Item continued by the Petitioner until November 21, 2023).

Exhibit 1: MPC Report for 505 E. 54th Street (23-004628-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 505 East 54th Street (23-004628-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: 505 East 54th Street Site Proposal 09.09.2023.pdf

HEARD after Item #25.

Alderman Palumbo moved to continue Items #15 and #16 to the November 21, 2023, City Council Meeting as requested by the petitioner, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

16. Petition of Joshua Yellin (agent) on Behalf of The Habersham School, Inc. (owner) for Bludworth Holdings, LLC to Rezone 1.37 Acres at 505 E. 54th Street (PIN 20086 27004) from RSF-6 (Residential Single Family-6) to RMF-2-19 (Residential Multi-family 2- 19 units per acre) Aldermanic District 4. (File No. 23-004627-ZA). (Item continued by the Petitioner until November 21, 2023).

Exhibit 1: MPC Report for 505 East 54th Street (23-004627-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 505 East 54th Street (23-004627-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Use and Development Standards.pdf

Exhibit 4: 505 East 54th Street Site Proposal 09.09.2023.pdf

Alderman Palumbo moved to continue Items #15 and #16 to the November 21, 2023, City Council Meeting as requested by the petitioner, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Financial Audit Services with Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC (LOCAL) in the amount of $139,000. The Financial Services Department will use this contract for the financial statements dated December 31, 2023. The City is required by state and federal regulations to undergo an annual external audit to determine whether the published financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards. (Finance)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Financial Audit Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Financial Audit Services.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17, #18, #20, #22, and #23 per the City Manager's recommendations, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for Rental Services with Big Truck Rental, LLC in an Amount Not to Exceed $150,000.The modification of this rental contract is aimed at maintaining the current equipment levels and ensuring the continuity of operations for the City of Savannah's Residential Refuse Division. (Fleet Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Knuckle Boom Rental.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Knuckle Boom Rental.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17, #18, #20, #22, and #23 per the City Manager's recommendations, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed

unanimously, 9-0-0.

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Sports Equipment with Ridell All American Sports, Inc., in an Amount Not to Exceed $81,900. The Recreational and Leisure Services Division will utilize the sports equipment for the athletic sports programs and youth football teams. The items include helmets and pads and are being purchased as part of the City's Recreation Reimagined initiative to improve recreational programming and services to the public. (Recreation & Leisure Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Sports Equipment.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Sports Equipment.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder if the funds included the Teams athletic programs (yes). Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked the year to date allocation for the TAPS program. City Manager Melder answered, the total amount for the TAPS program was $250,000 and the City is on track with spending including cheerleading and track. The City expects to expand the program in the next fiscal year budget.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz expressed thanks to City Manager Melder and staff for the support of the programs to assist parents with the expenses associated with sports programs.

Mayor Johnson thanked City Council, City Manager Melder, and staff for the support of the sports programs.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Item #19, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for One (1) Compact Track Loader and One (1) Skid Steer Loader with Bobcat of Savannah in the Amount of $161,760. The Compact Loader will be utilized by Park & Tree and the Skid Steer Loader will be utilized by Street Maintenance. The new loaders will be replacing units 7621 and 0202, which are planned replacements. (Fleet Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Compact Loader & Skid Steer Loader.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Compact Loader & Skid Steer Loader.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17, #18, #20, #22, and #23 per the City Manager's recommendations, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for One (1) 36 Passenger Bus with The Bus Center Atlanta, LLC., in the Amount of $188,717. The 36 Passenger Bus will be utilized for Senior Programming by the Recreation & Leisure Services Department. The new bus will be replacing unit #3614, which is a planned replacement for FY23. (Fleet Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - 36 Passenger Bus.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - 36 Passenger Bus.pdf

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked what area will be covered by this bus service. City Manager Melder indicated the service supports senior programming.

As a Board Member of the Chatham Area Transit (CAT) Board, Alderman Leggett indicated, CAT had bus shuttle service for senior grocery shopping, but it was discontinued during COVID. That service will be reinstated by March 2024 for seniors wishing to use the bus shuttle service for grocery shopping.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan thanked City Manager Melder for taking care of the City's elder babies.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to approve Item #21, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Three (3) Dump Trucks with Freightliner of Savannah in the Amount of $794,145. The dump trucks will be utilized by the Water Reclamation Division and Street Cleaning Division. The new trucks will be replacing vehicles # 2831, #8892, and #5722, which are planned FY23 replacements. (Fleet Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Dump Trucks.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Dump Trucks.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17, #18, #20, #22, and #23 per the City Manager's recommendations, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for One (1) Toro Turf Sprayer with Jerry Pate Turf and Irrigation in the Amount of $111,781. The new turf sprayer will be lized by the City's Park and Tree Department. The new turf sprayer will be replacing unit 2242, which is a planned FY23 replacement. (Fleet Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Turf Sprayer.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Turf Sprayer.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17, #18, #20, #22, and #23 per the City Manager's recommendations, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

24. Approval to Renew Out-of-Home Advertising on Hwy 278 and Hwy 170 with Adams Outdoor Advertising, in the Amount of $280,904.

HEARD after Item #7.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #24, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

25. Approval of a Resolution Adopting the City of Savannah's 2024 One Year Action Plan, Authorize the City Manager to submit the plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and to enter into grant agreements with subrecipients.

Exhibit 1: Resolution - 2024 One Year Action Plan.pdf

Heard after Item #14.

Mayor Johnson thanked and recognized staff that worked diligently on the Federal Grant application. Community Services Chief Taffanye Young, Human Services Director Kerri Reid, and Grants Manager Tanya Wilcoxon thanked Mayor and Council for the opportunity to represent the City by submitting the Federal Grant application.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #25, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

26. Approval of a Resolution to Authorize the City Manager to Adopt and Execute the City of Savannah's Updated Economic Development Administration Revolving Loan Fund (EDA RLF) Administrative Plan, to execute a Request to Defederalize the City's RLF Award #04-39-04101, and to Execute an "Agreement to Release" the EDA Federal Interest in the Revolving Loan Fund

Exhibit 1 Resolution - Savannah (Legacy) EDA RLF Administrative Plan Update.pdf

Exhibit 2 EDA RLF Administrative Plan Update.pdf

Exhibit 3 Savannah Request for Defederalization of Legacy EDA RLF Award.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz requested City Manager Melder to explain and outline the revolving loan fund and how the City uses the funds. Local and small business owners can contact The Small Business Association at www.sbacsav.com or call 912-232-4700 to get information on loans to support your business.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #26, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

AGREEMENTS

27. Authorize the City Manager to Accept a WorkSource Quality Jobs, Equity, Strategy and Training (QUEST) Disaster Recovery Dislocated Worker Grant Award in the Amount of $731,000. The award will be used to fund training activities for dislocated workers in key regional high demand industries. The City serves as the fiduciary agent for the ten-county region.

QUEST Grant. Statement of Award.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #27, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

28. Authorize the City Manager to Approve a Pedestrian Access Easement Agreement and Acceptance of a Deed of Open Space/Park Sites at Eastern Wharf.

Exhibit 1 - Eastern Wharf - Limited Warranty Deed to City of Savannah.doc

Exhibit 2 - Pedestrian Access Easement Agreement - 4860-6909-1636 v.5.docx

Exhibit 3 - Map Attachment Eastern Wharf.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #28, #29, and #30, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

29. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Sewer and Drainage Pipeline Easements with the Secretary of the Army on Hunter Army Airfield

Exhibit 1 - Map Attachment HAAF Easements.pdf

Exhibit 2 - Easement 20-0058 - HAAF Easements.pdf

Exhibit 3 - Easement 23-0044 - HAAF Easements.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #28, #29, and #30, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

30. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Acquisition of Real Property for $13,000 located at 5215 Augusta Road, Garden City, GA facilitate the installation of a Water & Sewer Infrastructure Project.

Exhibit 1 - Map Attachment - Westside Truck Sales.pdf

Exhibit 3 - PSA - Westside Truck Sales.pdf

Exhibit 2 - Plat - Westside Truck Sales.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #28, #29, and #30, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

31. Approval of a Major Subdivision, Sister's Corner Subdivision. The property is in Aldermanic District 2 located at Abercorn Street and 37th Street.

Exhibit 1: Plat: Major Subdivision: Sister's Corner Subdivision. pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #31, #32, and #33, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

32. Approval of a Major Subdivision for Eastern Wharf. The subject property is in the established lands known as Eastern Wharf, Aldermanic District 2. The proposed totals 7.711 acres and will consist of 12 varying lot sizes.

Exhibit 1: Plat: Major Subdivision of the Lands Known as Fill Area West, Parcel C-5, Parcel U-3, and Parcel C-6B being a portion of Eastern Wharf. pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #31, #32, and #33, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

33. Approval of a Major Subdivision, Edgewater Phase 1A New Hampstead Subdivision. The property is located in Aldermanic District 5, East of Little Neck Rd Savannah, GA and north of the intersection of Little Neck Road and New Hampstead Parkway.

Exhibit 1: Plat: Major Subdivision: Edgewater Phase 1A New Hampstead Subdivision.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #31, #32, and #33, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan announced a diabetes workshop at Stillwell Towers. Time to be announced.

Mayor Johnson announced the City will hold the FY2024 Council Budget Retreat on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 8:30am - 5:00pm in the Civic Center Ballroom. The public is invited to attend or can view the meeting on the City's web site.

Alderman Palumbo announced today is the birthday of Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz.

Alderman Leggett announced there will be a Turkey drive on Monday at Walmart.

Alderman Purtee announced the birthday of Alderman Palumbo on Saturday, November 11.

Mayor Johnson announced the Honorable Glynda Jones, Board of Elections, was in the audience for today's Council Meeting.

Mayor Johnson announced the passing of former Georgia State Senator Diana Harvey Johnson's husband, Herman Lee Riley. Mayor and Council sends condolences to the family.

Mayor Jonnson announced the closing of City offices tomorrow, Friday, November 10, in observance of Veteran's Day.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 3:06 p.m.

The video recordings of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

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NOVEMBER 14, 2023, BUDGET RETREAT
CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

Mayor Johnson called the Budget Retreat of the City Council to order at 9:00 a.m. Alderman Purtee offered the invocation.

MEMBERS: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, Post 1, At-Large
Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, Post 2, At-Large
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2
Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3
Alderman Nick Palumbo, Vice-Chairman of Council, District 4
Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, Mayor Pro-Tem, District 5
Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ABSENT: Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

ALSO PRESENT:
City Manager Jay Melder
Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd
Senior Director, Management and Budget Melissa Carter
Senior Director, Financial Services David Maxwell
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Assistant City Attorney Denise Cooper
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

AGENDA ITEMS

- **See attached Agenda, and PowerPoint presentations.**
- **The City Manager and staff made their presentations in accordance with the attached agenda, followed by the Mayor and Aldermen who either weighed-in, asked questions, offered comments, and/or made requests.**
- **The Management and Budget Team compiled a "Parking Lot" of items based upon the matters raised by the Mayor and Aldermen. See attached.**

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FY2024

Council Budget Retreat

Savannah Civic Center Ballroom

November 14, 2023

"Strengthening our Foundation through People-Power and Civic Infrastructure"

AGENDA

8:30 AM **Budget Workshop Opening** *(Breakfast will be served)*

9:00 AM **Call to Order .....Honorable Van R. Johnson, II**
Mayor

9:05 AM **FY24 Proposed Budget Overview ..... Joseph A. Melder**
City Manager

Investing in Team Savannah
*Recruitment and Retention Strategies .....***Anthony Gaston**
Sr. Director, Human Resources

9:55 AM **Community Services Overview .....Taffanye Young, CCSO**
*Recreation ReImagined .....***Nick Roberts**
Sr. Director, Recreation & Leisure Svcs

10:20 AM **Management Services Overview .....Heath Lloyd, ACM**
*Space Planning and Capital Management.. .....***...David Keating**
Sr. Director, Real Estate Svcs
Cristy Lawrence
Sr. Director, Ofc of Capital Projects Mgmt

10:40 AM **Morning Break**

10:55 AM **Information & Public Affairs Overview ..... Bret Bell, CIPA**
*Innovation & Technology Services.....***.....Tim Moody**
Sr. Director, ITS

11:15 AM **Government Operations Overview .....Gene Prevatt, CGO**

11:30 AM ***Water Resources Overview .....'*****.....Ronald Feldner, CWR**

12:00 PM **Lunch**

1:00 PM **Public Safety**
Savannah Fire Dept. Overview …… **Chief Elzie Kitchen**
Fire Chief

Savannah Police Dept. Overview.....Chief Lenny Gunther

Chief of Police

1:40 PM **Planning & Economic Development. ..... Heath Lloyd, ACM**
Development Services..... **Julie McLean**
Sr. Director, Development Svcs

2:00 PM **Afternoon Break**

2:15 PM **FY24 Proposed Budget Framework .....Melissa D. Carter**
Sr. Director, Management and Budget

2:30 PM **FY24 Proposed Enterprise Funds and Debt Service..... David Maxwell**
Sr. Director, Financial Svcs

2:45 PM **Proposed Five-Year Capital Plan Overview.....Melissa D. Carter**
Sr. Director, Management and Budget

3:00 PM **Council Direction ..... Honorable Van R. Johnson** II, ***Mayor***

3:30 PM **Adjourn**

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 2:59 p.m. [NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.]

Video recordings of the budget workshop can be found on the City's Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/cityofsavannah/videos) and will be uploaded on the City's website and made available using the following link: https://savannahgovtv.viebit.com/index.php?folder=ALL

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NOVEMBER 21, 2023, 12:00 noon - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
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SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 12:02 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Purtee to offer a prayer.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

Workshop Agenda Items

1. City of Savannah's 2024 State Legislative Agenda

2024 State Legislative Agenda pp.pdf

City Manager Melder indicated the City had the most successful legislative session last year due to the hard work of Council, the City Lobbists, and Director of Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs Joe Shearouse.

The 2024 State Legislative Agenda was formulated by City Council. Joe Shearouse gave the presentation followed by questions and comments from Council Members:

- Mayor Johnson served on the study committee for GMA and ACCG on housing. He will send Council Members the report when concluded.
- Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked when the new contract for housing discrimination goes into effect. City Manager Melder indicated, it currently is in effect. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked for the status of any programs for guns in unlocked cars. Mayor Johnson indicated he is working on an ordinance with the City Attorney for Council's review. She expressed interest in SB151, hygiene taxation, and would like open discussion on the subject. She offered her assistance. City Manager Melder indicated if Council would like to add the item on the legislative agenda, staff could look at options.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz expressed her appreciation for how the City's priorities are sent to Atlanta (the Capital), it is centered around a national issue, shortage of housing inventory. She is in total support of Judge Colbert's Homeless Court.
- Mayor Johnson emphasized the importance of having good Lobbyists to move the City's legislative agenda through the Capital.
- Alderman Palumbo noted this is a solid legislative agenda and he looks forward to getting the job done.
- Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder for the City's poverty rate (19%), she recommended the City also focus on income-based housing. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Mr. Shearouse to read the definition of blighted houses. Mr. Shearouse did not have the full definition available, but indicated the staff is recommending removing the word structure, so the property is blighted not just the structure. Mr. Shearouse will read the definition of blighted houses and the City's recommended amendment at the regular City Council Meeting at 2:00 p.m.
- Alderman Purtee stated the legislative agenda has quite a lot of major priority issues related to housing. The West and South sides of Savannah are prime for development and the City should look at leveraging that development for low-income, income-based, and affordable housing. Alderman Purtee expressed how the Homeless Court is a good idea, but where is the County and other agencies in the conversation and in their commitment?
- Alderwoman Lanier asked City Manager Melder if workforce housing was included (yes). She indicated the enterprise zones have gentrified the fastest, so in expanding programs the City should be mindful of the residents currently living in those areas. She asked City Manager Melder and Mr. Shearouse will inclusionary zoning be considered (yes, presenting to Council in January); and in regards to tort reform, is there a limit ($500,000.00 is the limit for State and County and the City would like to match that amount). Alderwoman Lanier asked if the Homeless Court would require a homeless person to enter into one of the programs. City Manager Melder and Assistant Police Chief Gavin explained the quality of life crimes (panhandling, trespassing, loitering, indecent exposure, begging on the streets, etc.).

The PowerPoint presentation is on file and available for viewing in the Clerk of Council's office.

2. FY2024 Budget Retreat Follow Up Discussion

City Manager Melder thanked City Council for participating in the budget retreat on Tuesday, November 14, 2023. The Parking Lot items were appreciated and will be addressed. Feedback is open for City Council Members as well as the public.

The City Manager' Office, the Office of Management & Budget, and the Finance Department are available for any questions, comments or concerns from Council Members.

There will be two (2) public hearings on the Budget with the first hearing today at 2:00 p.m. for citizen comments.

3. City Manager's Update

City Manager Melder reviewed the Regular City Council Meeting Agenda with updates/changes:

- Item #8 continued to December 7, 2023, meeting at Petitioner's request.
- Items #12, #13, #16, and #18 continued to the January 11, 2024, meeting at Petitioner's request
- Item #21 continued to the December 7, 2023, meeting at Petitioner's request.
- Item #34 continued to the December 7, 2023, meeting.
- Item #27 - two (2) actions requested by Council. 1) to allow Land Bank Authority to use up to $220,000.00 to purchase 1826 Florance Street; and 2) for CHSA to use up to $480,000 to renovate 4 apartments. The renovated apartments will be use for homeless individuals recovering from surgery or major illness to have a place to stay while recuperating. City Manager Melder is requesting Council approval.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder, in Item #31 what will be the use of the building. City Manager Melder answered for ITS team for hardware storage and workspace.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan expressed concern for the City having a cap on suit amounts. City Manager Melder indicated this will be accomplished through tort reform legislation.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked for the Savannah-Chatham Day in Atlanta. Mayor Johnson indicated the information will be sent to Council Members. (possibly, Wednesday/Thursday, January 31 and February 1, 2024).

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked, under the budget funded priority capital request what is the status of the Broughton Street project. City Manager Melder indicated Broughton Street has maintenance items that will be on-going. Landscaping/plantings will be completed when permitted. Alderman Leggett stated additional landscaping/planting will take place after the ground has settled to alleviate any future problems.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan expressed interest in a program for storing household items for evicted tenants. She would like to continue dialogue with the City Attorney, Joe Shearouse and the Sheriff's department to see if a program can be established.

Mayor Johnson stated Savannah-Chatham Day in Atlanta will be Wednesday/Thursday, January 31, and February 1, 2024, in Atlanta (the week after GMA). An event on Wednesday evening and the roundtable on Thursday with maybe a breakfast. Council Members will be informed as arrangements are finalized.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Workshop at 1:06 p.m.

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NOVEMBER 21, 2023, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
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SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:03 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized **Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely who introduced Minister Tammy Stone** to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

Mayor Johnson acknowledged and sent condolences to the family on the passing of Former First Lady Roslyn Carter and asked everyone to keep the family in prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for November 21, 2023.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda as amended thereby postponing several agenda items as listed, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, and Alderman Purtee.

1. Item #8 - postponed/continue to the December 7, 2023, City Council Meeting at Petitioner's request.
2. Items #12, #13, #16, and #18 - postponed/continued to the January 11, 2024, City Council Meeting at Petitioner's request.
3. Item #21 - postponed/continued to the December 19, 2023, City Council Meeting at the County Commissioner's request.
4. Item #34 - postponed/continued to the December 7, 2023, City Council Meeting

The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on November 9, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - November 9, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Mille Blakely, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being absent.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Budget Retreat Held on November 14, 2023.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - November 14, 2023 Budget Retreat.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being absent.

Mayor Johnson acknowledged School Board President Roger Moss for being present.

PRESENTATIONS

4. A Proclamation Recognizing the Alee Shriners for their Service to the Community and Longevity in Our Community.

READ by Mayor Johnson, Vice Chairman Palumbo, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, and Alderman Purtee, and PRESENTED to Potentate Robbie Moore.

Potentate Moore thanked Mayor and Council for their support and recognition. He introduced other attendees: Chief Rabban Carey Hodges; High Priest and Prophet David W. Armstrong, II; Orient Guide Ray Christian; Temple Treasurer John Farley; Temple Recorder and Past Potentate David W Armstrong, Sr.; and Public Relations Chairman Greg Lard.

5. Presentation of the Employee Engagement Team and Recognition of the Third Quarter 2023 Employee of the Quarter Winners.

Mayor Johnson introduced City Manager Melder who introduced the Employee Engagement Team who selected the Third Quarter Winners: Rhonda Ruesch; April Ludwig; De'Anna Dudley; Jason Mahl; Daniel Colello; Manuel Dominguez; Brian Coyne; Tasheca Hutchinson; Brenda Mitchum; Shawnte Coles; Aalana Lacewell; Sean Sueaquan; Latoyia Duncan; Anthony Gaston; and Jeff Grant.

City Manager Melder introduced the Third Quarter 2023 Employee Winners:

- Christopher Berry - Savannah Fire Department (Engineer)
- LeQuinton Kates - Community Services Center (Manager, Moses Jackson Center)
- Jennifer Becknell - Government Operations Department (Training Officer)
- Antonio Clarke - Infrastructure and Development Department (Maintenance Crew Chief)
- Mohammed Yusufi - Municipal Operations (Auto Mechanic II)
- Corporal Jon Lindsey and Bolt (dog) - Savannah Police Department
- Tanya Jones - Strategy Services (Human Resource Manager)

Mayor Johnson and City Manager Melder congratulated and thanked Winners.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

6. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Amish Patel for Hari's Corner, a Convenience Store Located at 2200 Habersham Street. The establishment is located between East 38th and East 39th Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Hari's Corner.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Hari's Corner .pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Hari's Corner.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Hari's Corner.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Hari's Corner.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol license hearings open for Items #6, #7, #9, and #10.

No Speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol license hearing closed for Items #6, #7, #9, and #10, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being absent.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #6, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being absent.

7. Approval of a Class G (Complimentary) (Beer and Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Claire Blaisdell for Wonderland Photography Studios, a Photography Studio Located at 340 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Suite B. The establishment is located between West Jones and West Charlton Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Wonderland Photography.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Wonderland Photography.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Wonderland Photography.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Wonderland Photography.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Wonderland Photography.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol license hearings open for Items #6, #7, #9, and #10.

No Speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol license hearing closed for Items #6, #7, #9, and #10, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being absent.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #7, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being absent.

8. (Continued to the December 7, 2023, Council Meeting at Petitioner's Request) Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, and Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Christopher Clarke for Orale Tacos, a Restaurant Located at 36 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The establishment is located between West Congress and West Broughton Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Orale Tacos.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Orale Tacos.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Orale Tacos.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Orale Tacos.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Orale Tacos.pdf

CONTINUED/POSTPONED Item #8 during the adoption of the agenda to the December 7, 2023, City Council Meeting at the request of the Petitioner.

9. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, and Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Yan Li for Sakura 88, a Restaurant Located at 8465 Waters Avenue. The establishment is located between East Montgomery Crossroads and Cranman Drive in Aldermanic District 4.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Sakura 88.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Sakura 88.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Sakura 88.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Sakura 88.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Sakura 88.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol license hearings open for Items #6, #7, #9, and #10.

No Speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol license hearing closed for Items #6, #7, #9, and #10, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being absent.

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #9, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being absent.

. Approval of a Class C (Beer, and Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Russell Goeken for Café Taureau, a Restaurant Located at 3129 Bull Street. The establishment located between West 48th and Nephew Streets in Aldermanic District 5.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Cafe Taureau.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Cafe Taureau.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports -Cafe Taureau.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Cafe Taureau.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Cafe Taureau.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol license hearings open for Items #6, #7, #9, and #10.

No Speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol license hearing closed for Items #6, #7, #9, and #10, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1, with

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being absent.

b. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #10, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being absent.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

11. First Public Hearing to Receive Comments on the 2024 Proposed Service Program and Budget.

City Manager Melder thanked City Council for attending the Budget Retreat on November 14, 2023, concerning the budget for FY2024. He gave a brief outline of the budget priorities and indicated staff is looking forward to finalizing the FY2024 budget.

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing open for Item #11.

Speaker(s):

- Patrick Kelsey, IN SUPPORT of Arts & Culture Alliance of Chatham County/funding
- Katrina Bostick, IN SUPPORT of funding for the housing insecure/Family Promise of the Coastal Empire
- Patrick Zimmerman (The Black Rabbit), IN SUPPORT of changes to the Alcohol licensing and review process (extension of the to-go cup zone), with the submission of several petitions.
- Terry Tolbert, IN SUPPORT of funding for the Economic Opportunity Authority (EOA)/employment

ZONING HEARINGS

12. (Continued to the January 11, 2024, Council Meeting at Petitioner's Request) Petition of John D. Northup III, Agent for Capital Development Partners, for a Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map (FLUM) Amendment from Residential - Suburban Single Family to Industry Light for ~52.86 Acres Located at 343 and 339 Buckhalter Road (10942 01003 & -01002A), 335 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002B), 331 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002C), 325 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002D), 323 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002F), 315 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002E), 309 Buckhalter Road (10942 01007 & -01008), and 311 Buckhalter Road (10942 01009). (File No. 23-002328-ZA). (Item was continued from the September 14, 2023, Council Meeting).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for Buckhalter Road Future Land Use Map (23-002328-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for Buckhalter Road.pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for Buckhalter Road Future Land Use Map (23-002328-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 4: Annexation Notification to County and Annexation Petition.pdf

CONTINUED/POSTPONED Item #12 during the adoption of the agenda to the January 11, 2024, City Council Meeting at the request of the Petitioner.

Written comment(s):

- Judy Helton – IN SUPPORT
- Diane B. Brannen – OPPOSED
- Helen Hester, representing Laura Mackey and Dorie Clark – OPPOSED
- Kerrie Bieber – OPPOSED
- Patricia McKenzie – IN SUPPORT
- Dawn and Jack Lewis – IN SUPPORT
- Dorie Clark, et al - OPPOSED

13. (Continued to the January 11, 2024, Council Meeting at Petitioner's Request) Petition of John D. Northup III, Agent for Capital Development Partners, for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone ~52.86 Acres Located at 343 and 339 Buckhalter Road (10942 01003 & -01002A), 335 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002B), 331 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002C), 325 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002D), 323 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002F), 315 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002E), 309 Buckhalter Road (10942 01007 & -01008), and 311 Buckhalter Road (10942 01009) from R-A-CO (Residential Agricultural) to IL (Light Industrial) with Conditions (File No. 23-000304-ZA). (Item was continued from the September 14, 2023, Council Meeting).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for Buckhalter Road (23-000304-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for Buckhalter Road.pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for Buckhalter Road Rezoning (23-000304-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 4: Annexation Notification to County and Annexation Petition.pdf

CONTINUED/POSTPONED Item #13 during the adoption of the agenda to the January 11, 2024, City Council Meeting at the request of the Petitioner.

Written comment(s):

- Judy Helton – IN SUPPORT
- Diane B. Brannen – OPPOSED
- Helen Hester, representing Laura Mackey and Dorie Clark – OPPOSED
- Kerrie Bieber – OPPOSED
- Patricia McKenzie – IN SUPPORT
- Dawn and Jack Lewis – IN SUPPORT
- Dorie Clark, et al - OPPOSED

14. Petition of Joshua Yellin (Agent) on Behalf of The Habersham School, Inc. (Owner) for Bludworth Holdings, LLC to Change the Future Land Use Map Amendment from Residential – Suburban Single-family to Residential – General at 505 E. 54th Street (PIN 20086 27004) in Aldermanic District 4 (File No. 23-004628-ZA). (Item was continued from the November 9, 2023, Council meeting).

Exhibit 1: MPC Report for 505 E. 54th Street (23-004628-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 505 E. 54th Street (23-004628-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Site Proposal for 505 E. 54th Street - 09.09.2023.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearings open for Items #14 and #15.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, MPC representative
- Ardis Wood – OPPOSED
- Harold Yellin, representing petitioner

Written comment(s):

- Clinton Edminster – IN SUPPORT

There was discussion of Ms. Woods not receiving the information packet and a community meeting notice from the developer; however, Attorney Harold Yellin indicated documents were sent to Ms. Wood prior to the MPC meeting and there was an open house attended by 50 residents. Ms. Wood indicated she did receive the documents.

Alderman Palumbo expressed gratitude to the developer for the project and indicated this petition has two (2) additional public hearings prior to approval; a site variance through the Board of Appeals and the MPC site plan review.

Alderman Palumbo moved to close the zoning hearings for Items #14 and #15, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being absent.

15. Petition of Joshua Yellin (Agent) on Behalf of The Habersham School, Inc. (Owner) for Bludworth Holdings, LLC to Rezone 1.37 Acres at 505 E. 54th Street (PIN 20086 27004) from RSF-6 (Residential Single Family-6) to RMF-2-19 (Residential Multi-family 2- 19 units per acre) in Aldermanic District 4 (File No. 23-004627-ZA). (Item was continued from the November 9, 2023, Council meeting).

Exhibit 1: MPC Report for 505 E. 54th Street (23-004627-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 505 E. 54th Street (23-004627-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Use and Development Standards.pdf

Exhibit 4: 505 E. 54th Street Site Proposal 09.09.2023.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearings open for Items #14 and #15.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, MPC representative
- Ardis Wood – OPPOSED
- Harold Yellin, representing petitioner

Written comment(s):

- Clinton Edminster – IN SUPPORT

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Alderman Palumbo expressed gratitude to the developer for the project and indicated this petition has two (2) additional public hearings prior to approval; a site variance through the Board of Appeals and the MPC site plan review.

Alderman Palumbo moved to close the zoning hearings for Items #14 and #15, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being absent.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

16. (Continued to the January 11, 2024, Council Meeting at Petitioner's Request) Petition of John D. Northup III, Agent for Capital Development Partners, for a mprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map (FLUM) Amendment from Residential - Suburban Single Family to Industry Light for ~52.86 Acres Located at 343 and 339 ckhalter Road (10942 01003 & -01002A), 335 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002B), 331 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002C), 325 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002D), 323 ckhalter Road (10942 01002F), 315 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002E), 309 Buckhalter Road (10942 01007 & -01008), and 311 Buckhalter Road (10942 01009). (File No. -002328-ZA). (Item was continued from the September 14, 2023, Council Meeting).

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Exhibit 2: Maps for Buckhalter Road.pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for Buckhalter Road Future Land Use Map (23-002328-ZA).pdf

CONTINUED/POSTPONED Item #16 during the adoption of the agenda to the January 11, 2024, City Council Meeting at the request of the Petitioner.

17. Petition of Joshua Yellin (Agent) on Behalf of The Habersham School, Inc. (Owner) for Bludworth Holdings, LLC to Rezone 1.37 Acres at 505 E. 54th Street (PIN 20086 27004) from RSF-6 (Residential Single Family-6) to RMF-2-19 (Residential Multi-family 2- 19 units per acre) in Aldermanic District 4 (File No. 23-004627-ZA).

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Exhibit 2: Maps for 505 E. 54th Street (23-004627-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Use and Development Standards.pdf

Exhibit 4: 505 E. 54th Street Site Proposal 09.09.2023.pdf

Exhibit 5: Draft Ordinance for 505 E. 54th Street (23-004627-ZA).pdf

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #17 and #19, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 7-1-1, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no, and with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being absent.

18. (Continued to the January 11, 2024, Council Meeting at Petitioner's Request) Petition of John D. Northrup III, Agent for Capital Development Partners, for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone ~52.86 Acres Located at 343 and 339 Buckhalter Road (10942 01003 & -01002A), 335 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002B), 331 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002C), 325 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002D), 323 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002F), 315 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002E), 309 Buckhalter Road (10942 01007 & -01008), and 311 Buckhalter Road (10942 01009) from R-A-CO (Residential Agricultural) to IL (Light Industrial) with Conditions (File No. 23-000304-ZA). (Item was continued from the September 14, 2023, Council Meeting).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for Buckhalter Road (23-000304-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for Buckhalter Road.pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for Buckhalter Road Rezoning (23-000304-ZA).pdf

CONTINUED/POSTPONED Item #18 during the adoption of the agenda to the January 11, 2024, City Council Meeting at the request of the Petitioner.

19. Petition of Joshua Yellin (Agent) on Behalf of The Habersham School, Inc. (Owner) for Bludworth Holdings, LLC to Change the Future Land Use Map Amendment from Residential – Suburban Single-family to Residential – General at 505 E. 54th Street (PIN 20086 27004) in Aldermanic District 4 (File No. 23-004628-ZA). (Item was continued from the November 9, 2023, Council meeting).

Exhibit 1: MPC Report for 505 E. 54th Street (23-004628-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 505 E. 54th Street (23-004628-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for 505 E. 54th Street (23-004628-ZA).pdf

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #17 and #19, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 7-1-1, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no, and with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being absent.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

20. Approval of the 2024 Revenue Ordinance. Each year, City Council adopts a Revenue Ordinance to authorize the collection of taxes and fees.

Exhibit 1 - 2024 Revenue Ordinance Update memo.pdf

Exhibit 2 - 2024 Sanitation Fund Rate Memo.pdf

Exhibit 3 - 2024 Water and Sewer Fund Rate Memo.pdf

FIRST READING ONLY. READ by Mayor Johnson.

Speaker(s):

- Ryan Tamez – IN SUPPORT of Savannah Adult Recreation Club (SARC) programs

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

21. (Continued to the December 7, 2023, Council Meeting at Petitioner's Request) Zoning Map Amendment for Bryan Wardlaw from Landmark 24 on Behalf of William Fawcett (Owner) to Rezone ~105 Acres on Wild Heron Road (PIN 21003 03001) from A-1 (Agriculture-1) to RSF-5 (Residential Single Family-5) and RMF-1 (Residential Multifamily-1) with Conditions in Aldermanic District 6 (File No. 22-002692-ZA). (Item was continued from the July 26, 2023, Council meeting).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for Wild Heron Road (File-no-22-002692-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Context Aerial Map for Wild Heron Road (File No. 22-002692-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Maps for Wild Heron Road (File No. 22-002692-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 4: Traffic Impact Analysis for Wild Heron Road (File No. 22-002692-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 5: Typical Street Sections for Wild Heron Road (File No. 22-002692-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 6: Development Standards for Wild Heron Road (File No. 22-002692-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 7: Wild Heron Initial Master Plan.pdf

Exhibit 8: Wild Heron Master Plan with Conditons.pdf

CONTINUED/POSTPONED Item #21 during the adoption of the agenda to the December 19, 2023, City Council Meeting at the request of the County Commissioner.

Written comment(s):

- Tom Zecchin – OPPOSED
- Debbie Walker – Commented regarding traffic control evaluation made by Chatham County and comments made by Alderman Purtee

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Two (2) 56ft. Aerial Bucket Trucks from Custom Truck One Source in the Amount of $331,054. The trucks will be used to perform routine tree maintenance. The two bucket trucks will be replacing vehicles #1228 and #1229, which are planned FY23 replacements. (Fleet Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - 56ft Aerial Bucket Trucks.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - 56ft Aerial Bucket Trucks.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #22, #23, #25, and #26, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being absent.

23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Six (6) Backhoe Loaders with Low Country Machinery JCB in the Amount of $575,160. The backhoe loaders will be utilized by the Water Resources Department, Sanitation, and City Cemeteries. The new backhoe loaders will be replacing units 2850, 4249, 4632, 4729, 4856, and 8842, which are planned replacements for FY23. (Fleet Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Backhoe Loaders.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Backhoe Loaders.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #22, #23, #25, and #26, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being absent.

. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Energov Software with Tyler Technologies in the Amount of $171,143. The Department of Innovation + Technology Services Department will use EnerGov to track permitting and inspection activities of various City departments. Participating departments include Development Services, Traffic Engineering, Film and Permitting Services, Savannah Police, and Savannah Fire. (ITS)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - EnerGov.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - EnerGov.pdf

Alderwoman Lanier asked City Manager Melder if the City will track any construction permitting to get improvement in that area. City Manager indicated this is a system currently in place, but he will follow-up with Alderwoman Lanier on the process of tracking permits and inspections.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #24, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being absent.

25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of a Rotary Mower with Jet-Vac Equipment Company, Inc. in the Amount of $75,500. The mower is used to maintain the on/off ramp slopes of the Truman Parkway once the vegetation has been cleared. This will also give the department the ability to maintain detention pond basins city-wide. (Park & Tree)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - RC Mower.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - RC Mower.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #22, #23, #25, and #26, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being absent.

. Notification of an Emergency Procurement of One (1) Habsite Meter from Safeware, Inc., in the Amount of $148,500. The purchased meter will replace a current meter rchased 18 years ago, used on many occasions to keep the hazmat team and community safe from hazardous gases and vapors. The Savannah Fire Department's nazardous team services the City of Savannah including Chatham County and serves as the regional type one (1) team for the State of Georgia. (Fire)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Habsite Meters.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Habsite Meters.pd

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #22, #23, #25, and #26, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being absent.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

27. Resolution Authorizing the Chatham County/City of Savannah Land Bank Authority to Use Up to $220,000 to Acquire 1826 Florance Street and CHSA Development, Inc. to Use Up to $480,000 to Facilitate the Renovation of Four Apartments for Medically Fragile Persons Experiencing Homelessness.

Exhibit 1: Resolution Authorizing Funding for Purchase of 1826 Florance Street.pdf

Mayor Johnson and City Manager Melder expressed gratitude for this great program for homeless citizens. The four apartments will facilitate housing for homeless individuals recovering from medical services who need a place to recover.

Mayor Johnson acknowledged and thanked the Land Bank Authority and CHSA (Director Anita Smith-Dixon) on the outstanding job to facilitate affordable housing; however, other local municipalities and agencies need to lend a helping hand with projects and services.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely advised the public they can purchase lots from the Land Bank Authority.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #27, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being absent.

28. Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages for On-Premises Consumption on Sunday, March 17, 2024.

Exhibit 1: Resolution for Sales of Alcoholic Beverages on Sunday March 17 2024.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #28, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being absent.

AGREEMENTS

29. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with GA-HYG Imports, Inc for AutoNation Hyundai. This is a development consisting of a 600 sq.ft. office space expansion located at 7011 Abercorn Street in the President Street Treatment Plant service area in Aldermanic District 4.

Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - AutoNation Hyundai.pdf

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #29 and #30, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Lanier, and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being absent.

30. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation. This is a development consisting of a 16,917 sq.ft. aircraft hangar located at 1000 Davidson Drive in the Crossroads Treatment Plant service area in Aldermanic District 1.

Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Gulfstream Service Center East Phase II.pdf

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #29 and #30, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Lanier, and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being absent.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

31. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Lease for 5,040 square feet of Office Space at 1000 Business Center Drive, Suites 120-130.

Exhibit 1: Map Attachment - 1000 Business Center Drive.pdf

Exhibit 2: Landlord Signed Lease - 1000 Business Center Drive.pdf

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #31, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being absent.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

32. Settlement #1.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #32, to authorize the City Attorney's office to resolve the car wreck claim of George Cummings for $50,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being absent.

MISCELLANEOUS

33. Approval of a Major Subdivision: Meadow Lakes Phase 1, a Portion of the Spencer Connerat Tract. The subject property is the first phase of the Meadow Lakes Subdivision. This proposed phase totals 28.759 acres and will consist of 99 single family lots with varying lot sizes with a dedicated entrance located off Little Neck Road south of Interstate 16 in Aldermanic District 5.

Exhibit 1: Plat: Major Subdivision: Meadow Lakes Phase 1 a Portion of the Spencer Connerat Tract..pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #33, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. Th motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being absent.

34. (This item is postponed) Approval of Major Subdivision: Flannery Ward Lots 65, 66 & 67. The subject property is the first phase and only anticipated phase of the Flannery Ward Subdivision. This proposed subdivision is located on West 38th Street between Montgomery Street and Jefferson Street, totals 0.403 acres, and will consist of seven (7) single family lots to be occupied by single family attached buildings in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Plat Major Subdivision Lots 65, 66, & 67, Flannery Ward.pdf

CONTINUED/POSTPONED Item #34 during the adoption of the agenda to the December 7, 2023, City Council Meeting.

35. Approval of the City of Savannah's 2024 State Legislative Agenda.

Exhibit 1. State Legislative Agenda 2024

Mayor Johnson explained to the public the process and reasoning for the State Legislative Agenda.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Director of Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs Joe Shearouse to give the full definition of blighted property for the public. Mr. Shearouse read the full definition of blighted property and indicated amendments recommended by the City.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #35, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being absent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Alderman Leggett wished a Happy Thanksgiving to staff. He stated he will be working to feed the hunger later this evening. He sent condolences to the family of Andrea Patterson on the passing of her husband Jack Patterson.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan announced First Bryan Baptist Church is having an event tonight at 6:00 p.m. She expressed thanks to all the City partnerships.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed concern for dead animals lying on the road for days and encouraged citizens and staff to call 311 when they see a dead animal on the side of the road. She wished all a Happy Thanksgiving. Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked for the additional duties for

Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd (City Manager Melder provided Assistant City Manager Lloyd's duties).

Mayor Johnson thanked staff and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. He sent condolences to the family of former County Commissioner Dr. Priscilla Thomas whose husband Nathaniel Thomas passed.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely announced Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent from today's meeting due to a death in her family and sent condolences to her family.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 3:35 p.m.

The video recordings of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: December 7, 2023

Signature: Mark Massey

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DECEMBER 7, 2023, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:03 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized **Alderwoman Bernetta Lanier who introduced Pastor Samuel Pointer of Bethel Apostolic Church,** to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

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

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Deputy City Attorney Jen Herman
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

Mayor Johnson announced today marked the beginning of Hannukah (at sundown), and he acknowledged and requested a moment of silence in remembrance of the recent passing of two city employees: Ronnie Hopkins, Jr.; and Debbie Miles Fields.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for December 7, 2023.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda for December 7, 2023, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on November 21, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - November 21, 2023 City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on November 21, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - November 21, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

4. Adoption of the 2024 Meeting Calendar for the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah.

Exhibit 1: 2024 Council Meeting Schedule - Final Draft.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt Item #4, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

5. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, and Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Christopher Clarke for Orale Tacos, a Restaurant Located at 36 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The establishment is located between West Congress and West Broughton Streets in Aldermanic District 2. (Item was continued from the November 21, 2023 City Council Meeting at the Petitioner's Request).

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Orale Tacos.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Orale Tacos.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Orale Tacos.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Orale Tacos.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Orale Tacos.pdf

Alderman Leggett moved to continue/postpone Item #5 to the January 11, 2024, City Council Meeting, as requested by the petitioner, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

6. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, and Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Alexander Bender for The Hawthorn Minibar and Lounge, a Bar Located at 524 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The establishment is located between West Huntingdon and West Gaston Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Hawthorn Minibar.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Hawthorn Minibar.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Hawthorn Minibar.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Hawthorn Minibar.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Hawthorn Minibar.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol hearings for Items #6, #7, #8, #9, and #10.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderwoman Lanier moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #6, #7, #8, #9, and #10, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #6, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

7. Approval of a Class C (Beer, and Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Alessandro Marra for Frali Gourmet, a Restaurant Located at 217 West Liberty Street. The establishment is located between Tattnall and Barnard Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Frali Gourmet.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Frali Gourmet.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Frali Gourmet.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Frali Gourmet.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Frali Gourmet.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol hearings for Items #6, #7, #8, #9, and #10.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderwoman Lanier moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #6, #7, #8, #9, and #10, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #7, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

8. Approval to Add a Class E (Wine) (By the Package) to Existing Class C (Liquor, Beer, and Wine) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Michael Vaudrin for Ordinary Pub, a Restaurant Located at 217 ½ West Broughton Street. The establishment is located between Jefferson and Barnard Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Ordinary Pub.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Ordinary Pub.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Ordinary Pub.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Ordinary Pub.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Ordinary Pub.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol hearings for Items #6, #7, #8, #9, and #10.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderwoman Lanier moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #6, #7, #8, #9, and #10, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #8, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

9. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, and Wine) (By the Drink) and a Class K (Transitional) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Fred Stringer for Rack 'Em Up Bar & Lounge, a Restaurant Located at 2411 Skidaway Road. The establishment is located between East 40th and East 41st Streets in Aldermanic District 3.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Rack 'Em Up Bar & Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Rack 'Em Up Bar & Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Rack 'Em Up Bar & Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Rack 'Em Up Bar & Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plans- Rack 'Em Up Bar & Lounge.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol hearings for Items #6, #7, #8, #9, and #10.

No speaker(s).

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan commended the new owner, Mr. Stringer, for cleaning up the property and establishing positive relations with the community with an agreement. Even through the establishment is in the overlay district, it was grandfathered to continue operating. Alderwoman Lanier asked what type of agreement was established. City Manager Melder indicated a good neighbor agreement was adopted into the security plan.

a. Alderwoman Lanier moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #6, #7, #8, #9, and #10, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #9, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

10. Approval of a Class G (Wine) (Complimentary) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Shanay Frazier for Studio 18 Salon, a Nail Salon Located at 4410 Ogeechee Road. The establishment is located between Chatham Parkway and Salt Creek Road in Aldermanic District 5.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Studio 18 Salon.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Studio 18 Salon.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Studio 18 Salon.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Studio 18 Salon.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Studio 18 Salon.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol hearings for Items #6, #7, #8, #9, and #10.

No speaker(s).

a. Alderwoman Lanier moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #6, #7, #8, #9, and #10, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #10, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

11. Final Public Hearing to Receive Comments on the 2024 Service Program and Budget.

Mayor Johnson indicated this is the final public hearing for the FY2024 Budget. City Manager Melder gave comments explaining the FY2024 Budget addresses additional benefits for retirees and increased compensation for employees. The Budget also includes updates for recreational facilities and civic infrastructure. Mayor Johnson added the FY2024 Budget was achieved with no increases in taxes and no draw on the City's reserve account.

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing for Item #11.

Speaker(s):

- Bob Eason – retirees
- Stanley Mosley – retirees
- Mike Nichols – retirees
- Warren Andrews – retirees
- William Black - retirees

Alderman Palumbo moved to close the public hearing for Item #11, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. See related agenda Items #22 and #33.

Written comment(s):

- Virginia Mobley – splash pad/pool concerns

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder to explain the up to 15% increase fo employees. City Manager Melder gave a detailed explanation of the increases for employees. Alderwoman Miller Blakely thanked all staff for the employee increases.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked all the retirees for staying the course until the City was able to provide additional benefits. She thanked City Manager Melder and the entire City staff, especially Finance, Budget Management Office, and Human Resources for a job well done.

Alderman Purtee expressed concern for the starting pay for police officers and asked how the City will compete with other local municipalities. City Manager Melder explained the police officers salaries included bonuses, benefits, and additional incentives. Alderman Purtee recommended a market study analysis for police officers compensation for the next budget cycle. Mayor Johnson indicated when looking at the pay for police officers, the complete compensation packet should be considered.

Alderman Palumbo thanked staff for an efficient budget process and the positive overall growth of the City's services.

ZONING HEARINGS

12. First Petition of Bridget Lidy on Behalf of Mayor and Aldermen for the City of Savannah for the Historic Savannah Foundation to Change the Future Land Use Map Category of the 0.11-Acre Property Located at 505 West 36th Street (20066 48011) from Traditional Neighborhood to Traditional Commercial in Aldermanic District 1 (File No. 23-005400-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for 505 West 36th Street FLUM (File No. 23-005400-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 505 West 36th Street FLUM (File No. 23-005400-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearing for Item #12.

Speaker(s):

- **Edward Morrow, representing MPC**

Alderwoman Lanier moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #12, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. See related agenda Item #17.

Written comment(s):

- Gloria William, Cuyler Brownville Neighborhood Association President – IN SUPPORT

13. Second Petition of Bridget Lidy on Behalf of Mayor and Aldermen for the City of Savannah for the Historic Savannah Foundation (Owner) to Change the Zoning for the 0.11-Acre Property Located at 505 West 36th Street (20066 48011) from Traditional Residential-1 (TR-1) to Traditional Commercial-1 (TC-1) in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 23-005399-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for 505 West 36th Street Rezoning (File No. 23-005399-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 505 West 36th Street Rezoning (File No. 23-005399-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearing for Item #13.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, representing MPC

Alderman Palumbo moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #13, correcting the record to read District 1, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. See related agenda Item #18.

Written comment(s):

- Gloria William, Cuyler Brownville Neighborhood Association Present – IN SUPPORT

14. First Petition of Fiddler Investments, LLC on Behalf of Andrew Johnson and Richard Rodenberg to Change the Future Land Use Map Category for the 0.241-Acre Property Located at 2025 Texas Avenue (20060 20010) from Residential-Suburban Single-family to Residential-Single family in Aldermanic District 3. (File No. 23-005385-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for 2025 Texas Avenue FLUM (File No. 23-005385-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 2025 Texas Avenue FLUM (File No. 23-005385-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearings for Items #14 and #15.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, representing MPC

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to close the zoning hearing for Items #14 and #15, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. See related agenda Items #19 and #20.

15. Second Petition of Fiddler Investments, LLC on Behalf of Andrew Johnson and Richard Rodenberg to Rezone the 0.241-Acre Property Located at 2025 Texas Avenue (20060 20010) from Residential Single Family-6 (RSF-6) to Residential Single Family-5 (RSF-5) in Aldermanic District 3 (File No. 23-005383-ZA).

Exhibit 1 MPC Recommendation for 2025 Texas Avenue Rezoning (File No. 23-005353-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 2025 Texas Avenue Rezoning (File No. 23-005383-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearings for Items #14 and #15.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, representing MPC

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to close the zoning hearing for Items #14 and #15, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. See related agenda Items #19 and #20.

16. Petition of Bridget Lidy on Behalf of Mayor and Aldermen for the City of Savannah to Amend Article G, Design Standards of the Subdivision Regulations, Article 3.0, Application and Review Procedures, and Article 7.0, Overlay Districts of the Zoning Ordinance to Require a Certificate of Appropriateness for Subdivisions within the Savannah Downtown Historic Overlay District in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 23-005697-ZA).

Exhibit 1: Correspondence from Historic District Board of Review.pdf

Exhibit 2: Summary of Text Amendments (File No. 23-005697-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance Revisions (File No. 23-005697-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearing for Item #16.

Speaker(s):

- Bridget Lidy, Planning & Urban Design Senior Director – petitioner
- Andrew Jones – IN SUPPORT
- Ellie Isaacs – IN SUPPORT
- Ryan Jarles – IN SUPPORT
- David McDonald – IN SUPPORT
- Karen Jarrett – OPPOSED by requesting it to be continued for MPC review
- Richard "Dicky" Mopper - OPPOSED

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #16, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously 9-0-0. See related agenda Item #21.

Written comment(s):

- Paul & Caren Cobet – IN SUPPORT
- Mariah Ringhoff – IN SUPPORT
- Regina Roney – IN SUPPORT
- Don Steinberg – IN SUPPORT
- Rick Roney – IN SUPPORT
- A. Cory Highland – IN SUPPORT
- Andrew Jones – IN SUPPORT
- Justin A. Godchaux – IN SUPPORT
- Martha A. Barnes – IN SUPPORT
- Eleanor Rhangos – IN SUPPORT
- Birgit and Kurt Reiff – IN SUPPORT
- Teresa Jo Styles – Concerned re: how this may affect her property
- Katie Glusica – IN SUPPORT
- Arthur Scinta & Catherine Campbell – IN SUPPORT

City Manager Melder indicated notices were mailed to residents that would be impacted. As a representative of the land owner, City of Savannah. City Manager Melder has no objections to the changes.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Mr. Mopper what will be the effects on the Civic Center that he mentioned. Mr. Mopper answered, there would need to be subdivisions and recombinations in order for any redeveloped. She asked has the changes gone before MPC. City Manager Melder indicated this matter does not require MPC review, it is a City ordinance. Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed concern that she feels the matter is being fast-tracked. City Manager Melder indicated the due

diligence process was met. Alderwoman Miller Blakely recommends bringing the matter before MPC for further review and for citizen input.

Alderman Leggett asked how many neighborhoods would be effected by the overlay. Ms. Lidy answered, 2; the Downtown Neighborhood Association and the Forsyth Neighborhood Alliance. Alderman Leggett asked how long has the City worked on the Ordinance. Ms. Lidy answered, actively since August 2022. Alderman Leggett indicated neighborhood associations have been involved in the process and have given input. Ms. Lidy indicated, The Historic Board of Review was included in the process with positive input.

Alderwoman Lanier expressed concern that the City did not include MPC in the review process when the City's prior process has always been to include MPC. City Manager Melder stated The Historic Board of Review is part of MPC and has approved the changes. He also stated, the City has not changed the process of vetting property with MPC.

Mayor Johnson clarified the role of MPC as it relates to the City. MPC does not change or establish ordinances for the City, that is the roll of City Council. MPC is an advisory body. Mayor Johnson recommends the ordinance (Item #21) for a First Read only. This will afford time for any additional questions to be answered and any further information requested by residents to be supplied.

MPC Executive Director Melanie Wilson indicated MPC worked with City staff on the document, but the item did not go before the MPC as a Commission for another public hearing. City Manager Melder indicated The Historic Board of Review made recommendations to City Council and those recommendations are before Council.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concern for sacred land throughout the City being desecrated. Going through MPC would alleviate some of those issues. She discussed other subdivisions in the City and how the City should have major subdivisions go before MPC for review.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

17. First Petition of Bridget Lidy on Behalf of Mayor and Aldermen for the City of Savannah for the Historic Savannah Foundation to Change the Future Land Use Map Category of the 0.11-Acre Property Located at 505 West 36th Street (20066 48011) from Traditional Neighborhood to Traditional Commercial in Aldermanic District 1 (File No. 23-005400-ZA).

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Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for 505 West 36th Street FLUM (File No. 23-005400-ZA).pdf

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #17, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

18. Second Petition of Bridget Lidy on Behalf of Mayor and Aldermen for the City of Savannah for the Historic Savannah Foundation (Owner) to Change the Zoning for the 0.11-Acre Property Located at 505 West 36th Street (20066 48011) from Traditional Residential-1 (TR-1) to Traditional Commercial-1 (TC-1) in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 23-005399-ZA).

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After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, correcting the record to read District 1, Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #18, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

19. First Petition of Fiddler Investments, LLC on Behalf of Andrew Johnson and Richard Rodenberg to Change the Future Land Use Map Category for the 0.241-Acre Property Located at 2025 Texas Avenue (20060 20010) from Residential-Suburban Single-family to Residential-Single family in Aldermanic District 3. (File No. 23-005385-ZA).

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After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #19, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

20. Second Petition of Fiddler Investments, LLC on Behalf of Andrew Johnson and Richard Rodenberg to Rezone the 0.241-Acre Property Located at 2025 Texas Avenue (20060 20010) from Residential Single Family-6 (RSF-6) to Residential Single Family-5 (RSF-5) in Aldermanic District 3 (File No. 23-005383-ZA).

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Exhibit 2: Maps for 2025 Texas Avenue Rezoning (File No. 23-005383-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for 2025 Texas Avenue Rezoning (File No. 23-005383-ZA).pdf

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #20, seconded by

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

21. Petition of Bridget Lidy on Behalf of Mayor and Aldermen for the City of Savannah to Amend Article G, Design Standards of the Subdivision Regulations, Article 3.0, Application and Review Procedures, and Article 7.0, Overlay Districts of the Zoning Ordinance to Require a Certificate of Appropriateness for Subdivisions within the Savannah Downtown Historic Overlay District in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 23-005697-ZA).

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HEARD for First Reading Only, as ordered by Mayor Johnson.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

. Approval of the 2024 Revenue Ordinance. Each year, City Council adopts a Revenue Ordinance to authorize the collection of taxes and fees.

Exhibit 1: 2024 Revenue Ordinance Update Memo.pdf

Exhibit 2: 2024 Sanitation Fund Rate Memo.pdf

Exhibit 3: 2024 Water and Sewer Fund Rate Memo.pdf

Exhibit 4: 2024 Revenue Ordinance.pdf

HEARD after Item #33.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #22, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed 8-1-0, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no.

Mayor Johnson thanked staff for a successful budget process. He recognized those staff members responsible for completion of the FY2024 Budget by asking the Office of Management and Budget, Finance, and Human Resources Departments to stand.

23. Zoning Map Amendment for Bryan Wardlaw from Landmark 24 on Behalf of William Fawcett (Owner) to Rezone ~105 Acres on Wild Heron Road (PIN 21003 03001) from A-1 (Agriculture-1) to RSF-5 (Residential Single Family-5) and RMF-1 (Residential Multifamily-1) with Conditions in Aldermanic District 6 (File No. 22-002692-ZA). (Item continue to the December 19, 2023 City Council meeting at the Petitioner's Request).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for Wild Heron Road (File-no-22-002692-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Context Aerial Map for Wild Heron Road (File No. 22-002692-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Maps for Wild Heron Road (File No. 22-002692-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 4: Traffic Impact Analysis for Wild Heron Road (File No. 22-002692-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 5: Typical Street Sections for Wild Heron Road (File No. 22-002692-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 6: Development Standards for Wild Heron Road (File No. 22-002692-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 7: Initial Master Plan for Wild Heron.pdf

Exhibit 8: Master Plan with Conditions for Wild Heron.pdf

CONTINUED/POSTPONED Item #23, as announced by Mayor Johnson.

Written comment(s):

- Petra Echauri – OPPOSED

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Truman Parkway Vegetation Maintenance with Sabe, Inc. (LOCAL)(DBE) in an Amount Not to Exceed $161,850. These services are used for on and off- ramp debris removal, tree pruning, and all vegetation undergrowth within the City limits. (Park & Tree)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Truman Parkway Vegetation Maintenance.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - Truman Parkway Vegetation Maintenance.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24, #25, #26, #27, #29, and #30, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

25. Notification of an Emergency Purchase to Replace the Failing Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS) for the Kerry Street Radio Tower from Eaton in the Amount of $82,950. The Innovation + Technology Services Department used Eaton's services to replace the malfunctioning UPS at the Kerry Street Tower, which facilitates Savannah's radio network. (ITS)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Kerry Street Tower UPS.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Kerry Street Tower UPS.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24, #25, #26, #27, #29, and #30, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for AssetWorks Enterprise Asset Management (EAM) Upgrade and Renewal from AssetWorks in the Amount of $208,089. AssetWorks EAM would be an expansion of the FleetFocusFA system currently being used by Fleet Services. It will allow Fleet Services to upgrade the outdated FleetFocusFA software and, migrate and store the existing data on a cloud platform supported by AssetWorks. (ITS)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - AssetWorks.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - AssetWorks.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24, #25, #26, #27, #29, and #30, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

27. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification No. 1 and Renewal for Medical and Pharmacy Stop Loss with International Assurance of Tennessee, Inc. in the Amount of $884,082. This is a contract to provide for catastrophic claims reinsurance coverage for the City's self-funded medical and pharmacy plans. (Human

Resources)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Medical and Pharmacy Stop Loss Insurance Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Medical and Pharmacy Stop Loss Insurance Services.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24, #25, #26, #27, #29, and #30, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

28. Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Final Close-out Modification for Dundee Cottages Infrastructure with Johnson-Laux (LOCAL) in the Amount of $127,473. This modification is needed for the removal of additional unsuitable debris found at the site over the contract allowance, revisions to the site plans to accommodate an updated building footprint including additional grading and the installation of a knee wall, and additional utility underground work for electrical, water, and sewer. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Dundee Village.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Dundee Village.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #28, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Brya and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed 8-1-0, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no.

29. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for President Street Plant Structural Repairs with Midwest Maintenance in the Amount of $229,635. The President Street Reclamation Plant requires numerous repairs which include cracks and spalls in the ceiling, floor, and walls. The work also includes removing lead-based paint in the affected areas and repainting the repaired areas. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - President Street Plant Repairs.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - President Street Plant Repairs.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24, #25, #26, #27, #29, and #30, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

30. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Fire Station 6 and 8 Restoration with Lynn Construction in an Amount Not to Exceed $336,392. This project will address deferred maintenance throughout Fire Station 6 located at 3000 Liberty Parkway in Aldermanic District 5, and Fire Station 8 located at 2824 Bee Road in Aldermanic District 3, to include the common areas, living quarters, restrooms, and offices. The work will include interior improvements such as new flooring, paint, and lighting throughout the facility and improvements to the restrooms. (Facilities Maintenance)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Fire Station 6 & 8.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Fire Station 6 & 8.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24, #25, #26, #27, #29, and #30, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

31. Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Final Close-out Modification for the Travis Field Force Main with Ruby-Collins, Inc. in the Amount of $263,835. This modification includes re-mobilization of driller, deeper excavation due to unexpected deep existing utilities, and revised fitting connections. (Public Works & Water Resources)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Travis Field Force Main.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Travis Field Force Main.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #31, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed 8-1-0, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no.

32. Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Final Close-out Modification for Travis Field Water Reclamation Facility Project with Ruby-Collins, Inc in the Amount of $1,314,538. This modification is needed due to changes, additional buildings/enclosures to protect equipment, electrical control changes for added monitoring capabilities, and site safety improvements (Public Works & Water Resources)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Travis Field WRF.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Travis Field WRF.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #32, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed 8-1-0, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

33. Resolution to Approve the FY 2024 Proposed Service Program and Budget.

HEARD after Item #11.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #33, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no.

34. Approval of a Resolution Making Available an Amount Not to Exceed $12.5 Million from the Water and Sewer Fund for the Purpose of Funding the Acquisition and Construction of Public Improvements on Hutchinson Island Pursuant to a Development Agreement Between The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah and Savanna Harbor Partners, LLC.

Exhibit 1: Resolution Authorizing Interfund Transfer.pdf

Exhibit 2: Development Agreement.pdf

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder to explain the transaction in detail for the residents. City Manager Melder explained the transaction. City staff determined it was more cost effective to borrow the money from the City than issue bonds, and also pay the interest to the City. This was a cost-savings issue.

Alderwoman Lanier expressed the City made a smart move with this transaction.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #34, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter abstaining.

AGREEMENTS

35. Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Between the Georgia Department of Transportation and the City of Savannah to Proceed with Preliminary Engineering Commitments Related to the I-16 at Montgomery Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard Ramp and Overpass Removal (PI No. 0011744).

Exhibit 1: Letter from Georgia Department of Transportation (PI 0011744).pdf

Exhibit 2: Memorandum of Agreement between Georgia Department of Transportation and City of Savannah (PI 0011744).pdf

Alderwoman Lanier asked City Manager Melder if any prior City Councils voted to remove the overpass. City Manager Melder indicated the City cannot vote to remove the overpass, it is owned by GDOT; Item #35 is for approval of a preliminary engineering report. Alderwoman Lanier stated, in the FY2023 budget projection lists, there is $180,000 for a study to remove the I-16 flyover, is that amount part of this grant. City Manager Melder answered, yes, the $180,000 is the City's portion (20%) of the grant amount.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if this is part of Reclaim the Old West Broad Street Plan from years ago. City Manager Melder answered, the City of Savannah never adopted that Plan; this is not connected with that Plan.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #35, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed 7-2-0, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no.

MISCELLANEOUS

36. Approval of a Major Subdivision: Flannery Ward Lots 65, 66 & 67. The subject property is the first phase and only anticipated phase of the Flannery Ward Subdivision. This proposed subdivision is located on West 38th Street between Montgomery Street and Jefferson Street, totals 0.403 acres, and will consist of seven (7) single family lots to be occupied by single family attached buildings in Aldermanic District 2. (This item was postponed from the November 21, 2023, Council Meeting)

Exhibit 1: Plat Major Subdivision Lots 65, 66, & 67, Flannery Ward.pdf

Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #36, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed 8-1-0, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no.

37. Approval of a Major Subdivision: Oakwood at New Hampstead Phase 1A. The subject property is the first phase of a subdivision named Oakwood at New Hampstead located on Highgate Boulevard off Little Neck Road. This proposed phase totals 12.953 acres and will consist of 42 single family lots with varying lot sizes. Oakwood Phase 1A has its own dedicated entrance located off Highgate Boulevard.

Exhibit 1: Plat - Major Subdivision Oakwood at New Hampstead Phase 1 A.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #37, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed 7-2-0, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no.

. Approval of a Major Subdivision: Portion of Lot 1, Savannah Economic Development Authority. This proposed property totals 576.21 acres and will consist of 10 lots with rying lot sizes located in the New Hampstead Area at cross streets Old River Road and Four Lakes Parkway. Savannah Chatham Manufacturing Center is a major bdivision plat for the Savannah Economic Development Authority, platted as future manufacturing development sites for prospective clients looking to invest in the avannah Area.

Exhibit 1: Plat - Major Subdivision Savannah Chatham Manufacturing Center Subdivision.pdf

Mayor Johnson recommended a traffic study be conducted by the City of Savannah, Chatham County, and SEDA.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #38, conditionally, with City of Savannah, Chatham County, and SEDA to conduct a a traffic study, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz . The motion passed 8-1-0, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed deep concern that a young man who was incarcerated for two years due to a police false report is now hired in the Savannah Code Enforcement Department. She recommended adding two (2) additional people to the Civil Service Board for a non-biased representation and decision making. Mayor Johnson indicated this was not the proper forum for that discussion.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz invited everyone to the Evergreen Cemetery Dedication, Saturday at 9:30 a.m. on ACL Blvd. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderman Purtee, and Pastor Charles Roberson of gdom Life Christian Fellowship is presenting 'Blessings on the South Side", Saturday, December h from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.; 1,000 gifts and 1,000 bags of groceries will be given away. The public is invited.

Mayor Johnson announced funeral services for Debbie Fields will be Saturday at 11:00 a.m. at St. Paul A.M.E. Church. The arrangements for Mr. Ronnie Hopkins, Jr. have not been finalized.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan invited all to Pegasus Riding Academy Executive Director Peggy Noon's 10th Annual Parade; contact her on the web https://prasav.org/.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 3:54 p.m.

The video recordings of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

https://savannahgovtv.viebit.com/player.php?hash=nowJ96BXn4x4aQtK

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: Tues., December 19, 2023

Signature: Mark Massey

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DECEMBER 19 2023, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at **2:03 p.m.** Mayor Johnson recognized **Alderman Detric Leggett to introduce First Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church Executive Minister Derek Mallow also Georgia State Senator,** to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

RESENT:

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

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

Mayor Johnson recognized Chatham County Commissioner Aaron "Adot" Whitely and Chatham County Board of Elections Member Glynda Jones for being present in the audience. He also acknowledged the recent passing of Patricia Gastin, a Recreation Services team member. Mayor Johnson asked for a moment of silence to honor Patricia Gastin.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for December 19, 2023.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda for Tuesday, December 19, 2023, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Lanier being not present for the vote.

Mayor Johnson informed attendees there will be no public hearings during the meeting. All public hearings were previously heard and closed. Comments received will become the permanent record of the Mayor and Aldermen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on December 7, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - December 7, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #2, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Lanier being not present for the vote.

PRESENTATIONS

3. Appearance and Presentation by Lieutenant Colonel Bob Cuthbertson, Hunter Army Airfield Garrison Commander, in Support of National Wreaths Across America Day on December 16, 2023.

Colonel Bob Cuthbertson PRESENTED a Wreath to Mayor and Council in support of National Wreaths Across America Day, celebrated on December 16, 2023. The Wreath will remain in the main lobby of the building during the holidays.

4. Appearance by Audrey King, New Senior Vice President of External Affairs for Georgia Power.

Mayor Johnson announced and congratulated Ms. Audrey King on her new appointment as Senior Vice President of External Affairs for Georgia Power. He thanked her for the support given to the residents and City Council. Ms. King expressed her appreciation to the Mayor and City Council for the partnership, and extended her services to city staff as she moves to Atlanta to begin her new role as Senior Vice President of External Affairs.

5. An Appearance by the Westside Whippers, 10 and Under, and 12 and Under Boys Football Teams, 2023 GRPA State Champions.

Mayor Johnson congratulated the Westside Whippers, 12 years of age and under, and age 10 and under, on their successful 2023 GRPA State Championship. In attendance were Coach Charles Jackson, Coach Michael Duncan, Coach Antwon Diggs, Coach Jason Johnson, Coach Christopher Hamilton, Coach Branden Baxter, and Coach Alfonso Hamilton.

Mayor Johnson thanked the Coaches, parents, and family members who assisted the team during the championship games. He asked team members to introduced themselves and recognized their respective schools. Mr. Kevin Smith was acknowledged for his support of the teams by providing the hotels and food in Tifton.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

6. Petition of Bridget Lidy on Behalf of Mayor and Aldermen for the City of Savannah to Amend Article G, Design Standards of the Subdivision Regulations, Article 3.0, Application and Review Procedures, and Article 7.0, Overlay Districts of the Zoning Ordinance to Require a Certificate of Appropriateness for Subdivisions within the Savannah Downtown Historic Overlay District in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 23-005697-ZA).

Exhibit 1: Correspondence from Historic District Board of Review.pdf

Exhibit 2: Article G - Draft Subdivision Revisions File-no-23-005697-za.pdf

Exhibit 3: Article G Recommendations (File No. 23-005697-ZA).pdf

HEARD after Item #27.

Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #6, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 9-0-0.

7. Zoning Map Amendment for Bryan Wardlaw from Landmark 24 on Behalf of William Fawcett (Owner) to Rezone ~105 Acres on Wild Heron Road (PIN 21003 03001) from A-1 (Agriculture-1) to RSF-5 (Residential Single Family-5) and RMF-1 (Residential Multifamily-1) with Conditions in Aldermanic District 6 (File No. 22-002692-ZA). (Item was continued from the November 21, 2023, Council meeting).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for Wild Heron Road (File-no-22-002692-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Context Aerial Map for Wild Heron Road (File No. 22-002692-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Maps for Wild Heron Road (File No. 22-002692-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 4: Traffic Impact Analysis for Wild Heron Road (File No. 22-002692-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 5: Typical Street Sections for Wild Heron Road (File No. 22-002692-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 6: Development Standards for Wild Heron Road (File No. 22-002692-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 7: Wild Heron Initial Master Plan.pdf

Exhibit 8: Wild Heron Master Plan with Conditons.pdf

Mayor Johnson indicated the hearing was held and closed at a prior Council Meeting. A letter was received from Chatham County Commissioner Aaron Whitely expressing concerns of County

citizens. The letter, along with comments from residents will become part of the permanent record of the Mayor and Aldermen.

Alderman Purtee gave a brief outline of the development and the prior meetings and hearings with residents and the Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC). He expressed the need for housing in Savannah and the timeline expected for completion.

Alderwoman Lanier expressed concerns about the infrastructure needed in the development area. City Manager Melder indicated the development could take up to 10-15 years for completion and the traffic mitigation has been addressed.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concerns of residents who would like to send Item #7 back to MPC for further discussions and meetings with the developer.

City Manager Melder indicated MPC staff and the Board recommended approval of Item #7. Since most of the residents are county residents, Alderman Purtee indicated meetings were held with the residents County Commissioner (Commissioner Whitely). He indicated the developer has agreed to pay for a portion of the round-a-bout to address traffic issues.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #7 with the understanding that traffic calming measures to include the roundabout begin no later than the completion of 150 homes in the subdivision, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 6-3-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Alderwoman Lanier voted no.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

8. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for NEOGOV Software Maintenance from GovernmentJobs.com, Inc. in the Amount of $56,693. The Innovation + Technology Services Department will utilize the NEOGOV tracking system for automation during the hiring process. (DoIT)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - NeoGov Maintenance & Renewal.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - NeoGov Maintenance & Renewal.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #8, #10, #12, #13, #16, and #17, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderman Palumbo, and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 9-0-0.

9. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for The Emerge Job Training Program with Savannah Technical College (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed $196,000. The Emerge Job Training Program provides scholarships for high-demand and high-wage entry-level employment opportunities for residents of the City of Savannah. Scholarships are available to applicants who meet the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development income guidelines which help to defray the cost of tuition, equipment, and supplies associated with the job certification programs. (Human Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - The Emerge Job Training Program.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - The Emerge Job Training Program.pdf

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked City Manager Melder if there is an opportunity to partner or create an agreement with the carpenters, electricians, and plumbers unions for participation in the program. City Manager Melder said it was a good idea and he would reach out to the trade unions.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz encouraged residents to take advantage of the opportunity to apply for the scholarships for culinary and manufacturing careers. Applications are available at the PARC, 425 Pennsylvania Avenue, Monday - Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the same job training programs could be established at the Moses Jackson Center. City Manager Melder indicated there are similar programs at the Moses Jackson Center. He will provide Council Members with a listing of the programs at each Center.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #9, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

10. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for One (1) Boom Truck with Crane with Altec Industries, Inc. in the Amount of $331,235. The new boom truck will be utilized by the Industrial and Domestic Water Plant Division and will be replacing unit 0809, which is a planned replacement for FY23. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Boom Truck and Crane.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Boom Truck and Crane.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #8, #10, #12, #13, #16, and #17, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderman Palumbo, and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 9-0-0.

11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Amendment to the Final Project Closeout Modification for the Delaware Center Project with Johnson-Laux Construction (LOCAL) in the Amount of $81,439. This amendment covers changes due to additional roof replacement, upgrading newly installed HVAC units to the City's HVAC automation system, installation of gutters to correct unforeseen drainage issues, and permanent lettering on the exterior of building. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - John S. Delaware Center.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - John S. Delaware Center.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter expressed concerns with the quality of the completed work and modifications. On her visit to the Delaware Center gym, she noticed the ceiling leaking. City Manager Melder indicated some items were added after close-out and the Delaware Center gym was not part of the original project.

Alderman Leggett asked if there were still issues with the pool and if renovations/repairs are on-going during use of the facility. City Manager Melder answered, yes.

Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #11, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no.

12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Recoat the Lincoln Street Bike Lane Markings with Angco Inc. (DBE) in an Amount Not to Exceed $249,460. The Mobility & Parking Services Department will utilize these services to recoat pavement markings for the bicycle lane on Lincoln Street. (Mobility & Parking)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Lincoln Street Bike Lane.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Lincoln Street Bike Lane.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #8, #10, #12, #13, #16, and #17, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderman Palumbo, and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 9-0-0.

13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of a Mechanical By-Pass Pump with Mersino in the Amount of $109,997. The pump serves as an emergency backup pump in case of electrical and generator failure for Lift Station 194. The lift station will have increased flow due to the new Hyundai Plant requiring a much higher pumping capacity than currently available through existing bypass pumps. (Public Works and Water Resources)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Bypass Pump.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Bypass Pump.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #8, #10, #12, #13, #16, and #17, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderman Palumbo, and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 9-0-0.

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for Lift Station No. 23 Repairs with Astra Grading and Pipe, LLC in the Amount of $501,270. The increased cost was due to needing an additional 354 linear feet of pipe for the project, the addition of a retaining wall to support the generator pad on the side slope, and upgrading electrical strips from copper to silver plating for increased life. (Public Works & Water Resources)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Lift Station 23.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Lift Station 23.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter had concerns with the modifications and asked who omitted the 354 linear feet of pipe. City Manager Melder answered, the City omitted the pipe.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked the City Manager and staff for keeping vigilant during the City's population and infrastructure growth. City Manager Melder thanked Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz for her attention and acknowledgment, but he believes she was referring to Item #13. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz agreed with City Manager Melder that it was Item #13.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #14, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Engineering Consulting Services for the Industrial & Domestic (I&D) Surface Water Treatment Plant Optimization Project with Hussey Gay Bell (LOCAL) in the Amount of $1,499,570. The I&D Surface Water Treatment Plant Upgrade project will include enhancements/upgrades to the drinking water treatment and finished water production process. It also increases the water system distribution capacity to sustain and enhance high-quality water supply and fire protection to Savannah and the region, supports our local economy, and provides regional leadership in water resource management. (Public Works & Water Resources)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - I&D Plant Optimization.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - I&D Plant Optimization.pdf

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Item #15, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed, 9-0-0.

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Placentia Drainage Improvements with Platinum Paving in the Amount of $2,570,958. The Stormwater Department will use these services to construct a stormwater detention pond and upgrade stormwater conveyance on 24 City Owned FEMA lots along Bonnie Drive, Vicksburg Drive and Laroche Court between Vicksburg Drive and Derenne Avenue. (Stormwater)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Vicksburg Drive Pond.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Vicksburg Drive Pond.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #8, #10, #12, #13, #16, and #17, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderman Palumbo, and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 9-0-0.

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Materials for Lift Station 193 Force Main from Ferguson Waterworks in the Amount of $7,888,287. The materials being purchased are pipe, fittings and valves for the "Lift Station 193 Force Main Upgrades" construction contract. The purchase of the materials will expedite the installation of the new 24-inch force main from the New Hampstead area's existing lift station 193 to the existing force main near Interstate I-95 and Chatham County Megasite. (Public Works & Water Resources)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Lift Station 193 Materials.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Lift Station 193 Materials.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #8, #10, #12, #13, #16, and #17, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderman Palumbo, and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed, 9-0-0.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

18. Approval to Procure a Sourcing Software for Electronic Bidding from Bonfire Interactive Ltd., in the Amount of $27,500.

HEARD after Item #5.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #18, #19, #20, #21, #22, #24, #25, and #27, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

19. Approval to Rewrite the History Book of the Airport with Janice McDonald, in an Amount Not to Exceed $30,000.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked for more information on rewriting the History Book of the Airport. Savannah-Hilton Head Airport Director of Program Management Dawoud Stevenson, indicated the history will not be changed, but recent changes and improvements at the airport, and future progression will be added to the Book.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #18, #19, #20, #21, #22, #24, #25, and #27, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

20. Approval of the 2024 Airports Council International-North America (ACI-NA) Airport Membership Dues, in the Amount of $33,443.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #18, #19, #20, #21, #22, #24, #25, and #27, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

1. Approval to Execute a Contract with Terracon Consultants, Inc. for Special Inspections and Quality Assurance Testing in the Amount of $33,520.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #18, #19, #20, #21, #22, #24, #25, and #27, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

22. Approval to Purchase a New Friction Grip Tester from Runway Safe, Inc., in the Amount of $79,850.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #18, #19, #20, #21, #22, #24, #25, and #27, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

23. Approval of Task Order No. 31 with AECOM for Design Services for Temporary Ground Boarding Walkways, in the Amount of $93,320.

Mayor Johnson moved to approve Items #23 and #26, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1, with Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz recusing herself for business purposes.

24. Approval to Procure One (1) Transient Shuttle Bus from The Bus Center Atlanta, LLC, in the Amount of $116,340.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #18, #19, #20, #21, #22, #24, #25, and #27, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

25. Approval to Execute a Contract with Reeves Construction Company for the Mill and Pave Project, in the Amount of $331,285.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #18, #19, #20, #21, #22, #24, #25, and #27, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

26. Approval of Task Order No. 30 with AECOM for Design and Construction Phase Services for the Terminal Concourse Expansion Project, in the Amount of $870,200.

Mayor Johnson moved to approve Items #23 and #26, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1, with Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz recusing herself for business purposes.

27. Approval to Execute a Contract with Collins Construction Services, Inc., for All Services Associated with the Fuel Storage Facility Expansion Project, in the Amount of $7,719,531.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Items #18, #19, #20, #21, #22, #24, #25, and #27, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

28. Approval of a Resolution to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification with Union Mission, Inc. in the Amount of $350,000. This modification will be to provide Homelessness Day Center Services for one additional year with two options to renew for an additional 12 months.

Exhibit 1: Resolution - UMI Day Center.docx

Mayor Johnson announced the one year celebration of the day center and advised the staff is currently looking for locations to establish additional centers.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked City Manager Melder for the hours of operation for the public. City Manager Melder answered, Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., serving up to eighty individuals a day.

Alderwoman Lanier asked City Manager Melder if the City's respite (medical recovery) program was a part of the day center services. He indicated that is a separate program located off East Broad Street.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan had concerns regarding the hours of operation for the Center. She recommended and requested evening hours at one of the Centers. City Manager Melder agreed that the shelter should have evening hours.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #28, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed, 9-0-0.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

29. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Reciprocal Easement Agreement with CGI Realty, LLC at 275 Police Memorial Drive.

Exhibit 1: Map - Police Memorial Drive.pdf

Exhibit 2: Reciprocal Easement Agreement - Police Memorial Drive.pdf

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #29, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 9-0-0.

30. Authorize the City Manager to Approve the Purchase of an 0.038 Acre of Land to Facilitate Parking Expansion at the Liberty City Community Center Located at 1413 Mills B. Lane Boulevard (PIN: 20594 06004).

Exhibit 1 - Map Liberty City Community Center.pdf

Exhibit 2 - Berean Bible Chapel Option Agreement.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz expressed concerns for the number of parking spaces at the Liberty City Community Center. The Center is land locked, but the nearby church has agreed to sell the City land that will increase parking for the Center.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #30, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 9-0-0.

31. Authorize the City Manager to Approve the Transfer of Title of 1710 Augusta Avenue (PIN 20027 03013) to the Savannah Chatham County Land Bank Authority.

Exhibit 1: Map - 1710 Augusta Avenue (PIN 20027 03013).pdf

Alderwoman Lanier expressed concern that the property abuts Fell Street School. Moving forward, Alderwoman Lanier would like the City to meet with the community residents and see if there are other options for the property besides residential.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #31, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed, 9-0-0.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

32. Settlement #1

No action taken.

33. Settlement #2

No action taken.

MISCELLANEOUS

34. Approve a Major Subdivision: Sweetwater Station Phase 10. The subject property is the 10th phase of an established subdivision named Sweetwater Station located at 500 Grove Point Road in Aldermanic District 6. The subdivision has its own dedicated entrance off Grove Point Road west of GA Highway 204 and the proposed phase totals 13.704 acres, consisting of 47 single family lots with varying lot sizes.

Exhibit 1: Plat - Major Subdivision: Sweetwater Station Phase 10.pdf

Exhibit 2: Zoning Map Amendment for 500 Grove Point.pdf

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #34, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-1-0, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no.

Mayor Johnson took a point of personal privilege for the following recognitions on behalf of the 139th Administration (Mayor and Aldermen):

- Sharonte Turner and Marty Johnston for their outstanding service in the Mayor's Office;
- Jay Melder (City Manager), Bates Lovett (City Attorney), and Mark Massey (Clerk of Council), appointees of the Mayor and Aldermen for their loyal service; and,
- Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter for her public service, along with a presentation of a Key to the City.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Johnson announced that City offices will be closed Friday, December 22 and Monday, Decembe 25, 2023 in observance of the Christmas Holiday. He wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely announced Jubilee Freedom Day will be celebrated at Georgia Southern University (GSU) Campus at the Armstrong Center, on December 21st at 6:00 p.m. She also announced, the 140th Savannah Administration's Inauguration will be held on January 2, 2024, at the Civic Center, 7:00 p.m., the public is invited.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan sent condolences to the family of the late Nikke and Gloria Stevens who lost their daughter, and to Diane and Keith Michael who lost their mother. She also announced, Ghost Pirates Day for the 3rd District will be this Friday, December 22, 2023.

Alderman Leggett announced the U.S. Secretary of Transportation met with Alderman Leggett and City Manager Melder. U.S. Secretary of Transportation sends his regards to the City of Savannah. Alderman Leggett announced, from that meeting the young people and partners can expect good things for the coming year. Mayor Johnson thanked Alderman Leggett for standing in for him at the meeting, he was unable to attend due to prior commitments.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely announced on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, 4:30 p.m., State Representative Carl Gilyard and Savannah Feed the Hungry will serve Christmas meals at Enmarket Arena for the homeless and less fortunate.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz sent condolences for retired employee Deborah Anthony's family.

ayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 3:37 p.m.

The video recordings of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: January 11, 2024

Signature: Mark Massey

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January 2, 2024, Inauguration

JANUARY 2, 2024
SAVANNAH CITY GOVERNMENT
SUMMARY/FINAL MINUTES
INAUGURATION
January 2, 2024 - 7:00 p.m.

The Inauguration of the newly elected City Council was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Savannah Civic Center - Johnny Mercer Theatre.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, Post 1, At-Large
Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, Post 2, At-Large
Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2
Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4
Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5
Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

Date: January 02 2024 (7:00 p.m.)
Special Meeting Agenda Items

1. Program

2024 Inauguration

JANUARY 2, 2020, 7:00 PM

MISTRESSESOFCEREMONIES.....Mrs. Juanita Adams
Dr. Bertice Berry

MUSICAL PRELUDE .....Teddy Adams and the Savannah Jazz Hall of Fame All Stars
Eric Brack

WELCOME.....Savannah Youth Ambassadors
Savannah Youth Council

INVOCATION .....Bishop Jacquelyn Gilbert- Grant
Sanctuary of Praise Christian Assembly

INTRODUCTIONS /CALL TO ORDER.....Mr. Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS .....Savannah Police and Fire Honor Guard

NATIONAL ANTHEM.....SCAD Bee Sharps

MUSICAL SELECTION.....Ms. Kerry Fergus

OATH OF OFFICE – CITY COUNCIL
Administered by selected Judges and joined with immediate family

Carolyn H. Bell ..... Retired Chatham County State Court Judge Ronald Ginsberg

Alicia Miller Blakely.....Chatham County Recorder's Court Judge Harris Odell, Jr

Bernetta. B. Lanier .....Chatham County Superior Court Judge Tammy Stokes

Detric Leggett .....Chatham County Superior Court Judge Tammy Stokes

Linda Wilder-Bryan.....Municipal Court of Thunderbolt Chief Judge Willie T. Yancey

Nick Palumbo .....Chatham County Recorder's Court Judge Pro Tem William Broker

Estella Edwards Shabazz .....Chatham County Superior Court Judge Lisa Goldwire Colbert

Kurtis Purtee .....Chatham County Superior Court Judge Tammy Stokes

SPECIAL MUSICAL SELECTION..... Ms. Huxsie Scott

INTRODUCTION OF THE MAYOR..... Ms. Bashiah McNutt
Chairperson, Chatham County Youth Commission

OATH OF OFFICE:
Van R. Johnson II .....Chatham County Superior Court Judge John E. Morse, Jr.

THE INAUGURAL ADDRESS .....The Honorable Van R. Johnson, II,
Mayor, City of Savannah

PRAYER FOR THE CITY OF SAVANNAH .....Bishop Matthew M. Odum
Temple of Glory Community Church

ECUMENICAL BENEDICTION:

Pastor Ricky Temple, Overcoming By Faith Ministries
The Reverend Cam Huxford, Compassion Christian Church
Bishop Stephen D. Parkes, Diocese of Savannah
Executive Pastor Yolanda Roberson, Kingdom Life Christian Fellowship
The Reverend John G. Ruehl, White Bluff Presbyterian
Rabbi Robert Haas, Temple Mickve Israel
Pastor Candace Hardnett, Agape Empowerment Ministries
Pastor Joseph Wong, Chinese Baptist Church

Reverend Nelle Bordeaux, Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church
Pastor Samuel Rodriguez, Primera Iglesia Bautista Hispana de Savannah
The Reverend Dr. Bernard Clarke, St. Philip Monumental AME Church
Ms. Constance (Khani) Morgan, Balla'i Unity Center
Imam Ibrahim Abdul-Malik, Masjid Jihad

ADJOURNMENT .....Mayor Van R. Johnson, II

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Johnson's Florist
DJ Trazz (Alton Peterson)
Clerk of Council's Office
Mayor's Office
Savannah Civic Center
Stage Front
Office of Communications

There being no further business, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 10:07 p.m.

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: January 11, 2024

Signed: Mark Massey

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JANUARY 11, 2024, 11:00 a.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 11:02 a.m., in the Council Chambers. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order and recognized Alderman Purtee to offer a prayer.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder

Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

Workshop Agenda Items

1. A Presentation by the City Attorney - City Charter Review.

PRESENTED by City Attorney Lovett.

Following the presentation, there was discussion by Council Members:

- Ald. Miller Blakely would like to see more equity in the Civil Service Board and recommended five members instead of three including an African American. Mayor Johnson indicated there is an African American on the Civil Service Board (Dr. Nicole Cannonier). Ald. Miller Blakely would also like to see more equity on the Ethics Board.
- Ald. Wilder-Bryan recommended forbidding the use of cell phones during meetings. Mayor Johnson indicated this subject can be discussed during organizational items.

2. Discussion of Organizational Items.

PRESENTED by City Manager Melder and Mayor Johnson.

Nominations of Officers by Mayor and Council:

1. Ald. Leggett nominated Ald. Dr. Shabazz to be elected as Mayor Pro-Tem, Ald. Wilder-Bryan seconded.
2. Ald. Purtee nominated Ald. Palumbo to be elected as Chair of Council, Ald. Dr. Shabazz, Ald. Leggett and Ald. Wilder-Bryan seconded.
3. Ald. Palumbo nominated Ald. Wilder-Bryan to be elected as Vice-Chairman of Council, Ald. Dr. Shabazz seconded.

Adoption of Council Meeting Procedure and Rules:

- City Attorney Lovett and City Manager Melder explained the reason for the Council Meeting Procedures and Rules. Overall there are no major changes.
  - Minor changes were made by City Manager; language changes in the development of the draft agenda.
  - Changes were made by City Attorney; minor technical changes to give Council more flexibility. No new policy changes.
- Ald. Miller Blakely expressed concern for having five Members' approval to have an item placed on the agenda. She would like to have the number changed to three. City Manager Melder indicated the stipulation is in Section 11.4, and Mayor Johnson explained the reasoning for five Members; this constitutes the majority of Council wanting an item on the agenda. Ald. Miller Blakely can request the change at the regular meeting.
- Ald. Lanier expressed concern on the issue of having five Members of Council agreeing to have an item on the agenda. After research, she did not find another municipality requiring five Members for an item to be placed on the agenda. During the past four years, she was never able to get an item on the agenda. She asked for the intent of having five. Mayor Johnson answered the intent was to create opportunities for Council Members to be involved in getting an item on the agenda. (In prior years, an item on the agenda was at the discretion of the Mayor).
- Ald. Dr. Shabazz, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo expressed support of how Council Members can request an item to be on the meeting agenda.
- Ald. Miller Blakely has requested a spreadsheet of other District's issues of concern and she has not received the spreadsheets (requested of City Manager's office). City Manager Melder indicated the monthly spreadsheets are public information for anyone to access.

Mayor Johnson requested the approval of City Council to affirm Savannah as a City of Ethics and a City of Civility: Mayor Johnson asked Clerk of Council Massey to prepare the Resolutions for all Council Members' signature.

Mayor Johnson requested Council approval to reaffirm the appointments of City Manager Joseph 'Jay' Melder, City Attorney R. Bates Lovett, and Clerk of Council Mark Massey.

Meeting Times of Council:

- There was discussion among the Mayor and Aldermen on the times for meetings. Currently the first meeting of the month was 2:00 p.m. and the second meeting of the month was 6:30 p.m.
- After a consensus, the majority of Council recommended both monthly meetings to be at 2:00 p.m., except for the required evening meetings for the millage rate, the budget hearings, etc.

Day Meetings	Day/Evening Meetings
Ald. Bell	Ald. Miller Blakley
Ald. Leggett	Ald. Lanier
Ald. Wilder-Bryan	Ald. Purtee
Ald. Dr. Shabazz	
Ald. Palumbo	

- An official vote will be taken at the regular meeting.

- Workshops (1-1/2 hours) will take place at 11:00 a.m. with a public notice posted for each meeting.
- Some type of evening meeting will be scheduled for citizens to interact with Council/staff.
- Ald. Bell recommended a separate meeting for ceremonial issues. This is open for further discussion by Council at a later date.

Mayor Johnson announced Council salaries have increased by $10,000.00 ($5,000.00 for salary and $5,000.00 for supplies). The Mayor's office will no longer provide Council Members with supplies. The per diem check to cover incidentals is higher for Council than other staff. Moving forward, any changes/upgrades to flights are the responsibility of the individual. Any charges for cancelation on attending classes will require you to reimburse the City.

Ald. Lanier requested a second sheet for Council stationery; updated business cards for Council Members; and replacement of the council chambers executive chairs. Mayor Johnson indicated Ald. Lanier's concerns will be addressed.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Miller Blakely expressed concern for not receiving the list of tasks generated by 311. City Manager Melder will check with staff on distribution of the list.

Mayor Johnson will send Council Members an email on workshop items and information concerning the Council Retreat. The Retreat is postponed due to the loss of Mayor Johnson's father.

3. City Manager's Update.

PRESENTED by City Manager Melder, following the agenda review.

4. Added Item: Closed Executive Session Regarding Personnel, Real Estate, and Litigation.

At 12:45 p.m., Ald. Dr. Shabazz moved to recess the workshop and hold a closed executive session (3rd Floor conference Room) regarding personnel, real estate, and litigation, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

At 1:27 p.m., Ald. Dr. Shabazz moved to adjourn the closed executive session, seconded by Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

5. Added Item: Agenda Review.

At 1:44 p.m., the City Council held an agenda review in the 2nd Floor media room.

City Manager Melder reviewed items on the agenda.

Item #33:

City Manager Melder recommended the following wording on a ground marker for Taylor Square:

- Taylor Square laid out in 1851.
- 1851 named for John C. Calhoun, Seventh U.S. Vice President.
- 2022 City Council removed the name Calhoun, a staunch defender of slavery.
- 2023 named in honor of Susie King Taylor, a formerly enslaved woman, nurse, educator, and the first African American to openly teach in the State of Georgia.
- Ald. Palumbo requested Mayor Johnson read the recommendations and make the motion at the regular meeting.

Item #12

Postponed for two weeks due to issues within the community and with the District Alderman.

There was no action taken during the workshop and agenda review, which were followed by the City Manager's Update. Mayor Johnson adjourned the pre-meetings at 2:00 p.m.

The video recording of the Workshop can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

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JANUARY 11, 2024, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:03 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Bishop Dr. Willie Ferrell, Pastor of the Royal Church of Christ, Inc. on Hudson Hill to offer the invocation. Mayor Johnson also recognized Lady Margaret Ferrell. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1
Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2
Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2
Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4
Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5
Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for January 11, 2024.

Ald. Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the regular meeting agenda for January 11, 2024, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft - Minutes December 19, 2023 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Ald. Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Special Called Meeting - Inauguration on January 2, 2024.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - January 2, 2024 Special Called Meeting - Inauguration.pdf

Ald. Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

4. Election of City Council Officers.

Mayor Johnson announced a new slate of officers was discussed during the Workshop a follows:

a. Ald. Leggett nominated Ald. Dr. Shabazz to be elected as Mayor Pro-Tem, Ald. Wilder-Bryan seconded.

b. Ald. Purtee nominated Ald. Palumbo to be elected as Chair of Council, Ald. Dr. Shabazz, Ald. Leggett and Ald. Wilder-Bryan seconded.

c. Ald. Palumbo nominated Ald. Wilder-Bryan to be elected as Vice-Chairman of Council, Ald. Dr. Shabazz seconded.

Ald. Purtee moved to appoint the following officers, upon nomination during the workshop, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

- Ald. Dr. Shabazz was appointed to Mayor Pro-Tem;
- Ald. Palumbo was appointed to Chairman; and
- Ald. Wilder-Bryan was appointed to Vice Chairman.

5. Adoption of Council Meeting Procedures and Rules.

Exhibit 1: Procedures and Rules of Council - Term Beginning 2024.pdf

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve Item #5, seconded by Ald. Wilde Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Lanie voted no.

b. Ald. Lanier moved to adopt Item #5 with a change in Sec. 11.4, changing from 4 to 2 other Council members being required to place an item on the agenda, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion failed, 2-7-0. Mayor Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Ald. Bell, Ald. Leggett, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Purtee voted no.

At the request of Ald. Miller Blakely, Mayor Johnson explained Ald. Lanier's substiture motion was to change Section 11.4(c) from the current language of: 'a Council member can submit an item for the agenda with the concurrence of four other Council members (plus the presenting Council member)' to 'a Council member can submit an item for the agenda with the concurrence of two Council members (plus the presenting Council member)'

6. Approval of the Meeting Times for the 2024 Council Meeting Schedule.

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve Item #6, for all 2024 regular meetings to begin at 2:00 p.m., seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Ald. Lanier, and Ald. Leggett. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Ald. Purtee voted no.

7. Resolution Pledging to Practice and Promote Civility in the City of Savannah.

Exhibit 1: Resolution - Civility.docx

Ald. Lanier expressed concerns regarding civility as it relates to the City's Meeting Procedures and Rules, namely Section 11.4; five votes being required to place an item on the agenda.

There followed discussions with Mayor Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Lanier regarding Council Members individuality, viewpoints, and the right to disagree during discussions. The discussion ended with Mayor Johnson reading into the record portions of the Civility Resolution.

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve Item #7, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Purtee. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Lanier voted no.

8. Resolution Reaffirming the City of Savannah's Ethics Ordinance.

Exhibit 1: Resolution - Ethics.doc

Ald. Lanier expressed concern regarding a more equitable Ethics Board. During the Inauguration on January 2, 2024, Council Members took an oath to hold up the ethics of Council.

Ald. Palumbo read into the record the Ethics Resolution.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #8, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Purtee. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Lanier voted no.

9. Resolution Affirming the Appointments of the City Manager, City Attorney, and Clerk of Council.

Exhibit 1: Resolution Affirming the Appointment of the City Manager, City Attorney, and Clerk of Council.pdf

Mayor Johnson recognized City Manager Joseph A. Melder, City Attorney R. Bates Lovett, and Clerk of Council Mark Massey for the outstanding service to the City of Savannah and requested Council to reaffirm their appointments. He stated there was a discrepancy in the salary for Clerk of Council Mark Massey and during discussions in Executive Session it was confirmed to adjust the salary to $130,000.00, retroactive to January 1, 2024.

Ald. Lanier moved to approve Item #9, reaffirming City Manager Joseph 'Jay' Melder, City Attorney R. Bates Lovett, and Clerk of Council Mark Massey, seconded Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

10. Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Contracts and Agreements as Approved by the Prior City Council.

Exhibit 1: Resolution Ratifying Contracts and Agreements 01112024.docx

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve Item #10, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS

11. Appearance by Representatives of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Observance Day Association to Announce the 2024 Savannah MLK Jr. Activities.

HEARD after Item #27.

Mayor Johnson recognized Board of Elections Member Glenda Jones.

The appearance was INTRODUCED by Mayor Johnson and PRESENTED by former City of Savannah first lady Deborah Adams, Board of Elections Member Glenda Jones, and Revenue Director Judee Jones. Ms. Adams gave a brief overview of the festivities of the parade and presented Council Members with a "MLK" cap, and Mayor Johnson with a cake and fruit basket.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #11, approval of the parade permit, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely, Ald. Lanier, and Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

12. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, and Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Christopher Clarke for Orale Tacos, a Restaurant Located at 36 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The establishment is located between West Congress and West Broughton Streets in Aldermanic District 2. (Item was continued from the November 21, 2023 City Council Meeting at the Petitioner's Request).

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Orale Tacos.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Orale Tacos.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Orale Tacos.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Orale Tacos.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Orale Tacos.pdf

Ald. Leggett moved to continue/postpone Item #12 as requested by the petitioner to the January 25, 2024, City Council Meeting, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ZONING HEARINGS

13. Petition of John D. Northup III, Agent for Capital Development Partners, for a Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map (FLUM) Amendment from Residential - Suburban Single Family to Industry Light for ~52.86 Acres Located at 343 and 339 Buckhalter Road (10942 01003 & -01002A), 335 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002B), 331 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002C), 325 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002D), 323 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002F), 315 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002E), 309 Buckhalter Road (10942 01007 & -01008), and 311 Buckhalter Road (10942 01009). (File No. 23-002328-ZA). (Item was continued from the September 14, 2023 and November 21, 2023, Council Meetings).

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Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for Buckhalter Road Future Land Use Map (23-002328-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 4: Annexation Notice to County and Petition.pdf

Exhibit 5: Sound Wall Agreement.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for Items #13 and #14.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, MPC representative
- John Northrup, III, representing petitioner
- Eva Pappert - IN SUPPORT
- Jared Pappert – IN SUPPORT
- Chat Howard – IN SUPPORT
- Carol Howard – IN SUPPORT
- Christy Ellis – IN SUPPORT
- Jennifer Wells – IN SUPPORT
- Wayne Wells – IN SUPPORT
- Beth Brannen Brock – IN SUPPORT
- Zane Brock – IN SUPPORT
- Judy Helton – IN SUPPORT
- Helen Hester – OPPOSED
- Patricia McKenzie – IN SUPPORT
- Laura Smith Mackey – OPPOSED
- Irene Gadson Hines – OPPOSED
- Gerrie Jaubert – OPPOSED
- Caren Bramhall – OPPOSED
- Dorie Clark – OPPOSED
- John D. Smith – OPPOSED
- Jenifer Hilburn – OPPOSED

Written comment(s):

- Diane B. Brannen – OPPOSED
- Kerrie Bieber – OPPOSED

Mayor Johnson ordered the hearing closed for Items #13 and #14 at 4:08 p.m.

Ald. Lanier asked Mr. Morrow to identify the location of Red Gate on the map. She expressed her concern for the air and noise pollution in industrial areas. She asked if any grant funding was pursued to alleviate some of the challenges produced by industrial areas.

Ald. Miller Blakely requested the distance to Oakland Missionary Baptist Church from the subject property (1/2 mile).

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked residents for coming out to speak. She added, Oakland Missionary Baptist Church is in a conservation use evaluation assessment area and is located 2,558.4 feet from the subject property. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked City Manager Melder to explain the importance of the conservation use evaluation assessment area.

City Manager Melder explained the conservation easement protection has another ten year option.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked if the conservation easement is the same as a historic designation and if the church has a protection. City Manager Melder answered the historic designation is different than conservation easement. The Oakland Missionary Baptist Church property is not part of the future land use map amendment property.

Ald. Leggett, on behalf of the entire City Council, extended support to Mr./Mrs. Brock on th terminal illness of Mrs. Becky Brock and condolences to the Howard family on the loss c their father/husband.

14. Petition of John D. Northrup III, Agent for Capital Development Partners, for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone ~52.86 Acres Located at 343 and 339 Buckhalter Road (10942 01003 & -01002A), 335 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002B), 331 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002C), 325 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002D), 323 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002F), 315 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002E), 309 Buckhalter Road (10942 01007 & -01008), and 311 Buckhalter Road (10942 01009) from R-A-CO (Residential Agricultural) to IL (Light Industrial) with Conditions (File No. 23-000304-ZA). (Item was continued from the September 14, 2023, and November 21, 2023, Council Meetings).

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Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for Items #13 and #14.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, MPC representative
- John Northrup, III, representing petitioner
- Eva Pappert - IN SUPPORT
- Jared Pappert – IN SUPPORT
- Chat Howard – IN SUPPORT
- Carol Howard – IN SUPPORT
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- Jennifer Wells – IN SUPPORT
- Wayne Wells – IN SUPPORT
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- Caren Bramhall – OPPOSED
- Dorie Clark – OPPOSED
- John D. Smith – OPPOSED
- Jenifer Hilburn – OPPOSED

Written comment(s):

- Diane B. Brannen – OPPOSED
- Kerrie Bieber – OPPOSED

Mayor Johnson ordered the hearing closed for Items #13 and #14 at 4:08 p.m.

i. Petition of Joshua Yellin on Behalf of Lincoln Park Ventures, LLC, for a Special Use Permit with Conditions to Allow Accessory Alcohol Sales in Association with a estaurant Located at 222 East 41st Street (PIN 20075 08010) within the TC-1 (Traditional Commercial-1) Zoning District in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 23-005394-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for 222 E. 41st Street (File No. 23-005394-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 222 E. 41st Street (File No. 23-005394-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for Item #15.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, MPC representative

Written comment(s):

- Jason Combs – IN SUPPORT
- Yvonne McQueen – Expressed concern and requested a delay.

a. Ald. Palumbo moved to close the hearing for Item #15, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Miller Blakely being away from the dais.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve Item #15 with conditions, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Miller Blakely being away from the dais.

INANCES - FIRST READING

16. Petition of John D. Northup III, Agent for Capital Development Partners, for a Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map (FLUM) Amendment from Residential - Suburban Single Family to Industry Light for ~52.86 Acres Located at 343 and 339 Buckhalter Road (10942 01003 & -01002A), 335 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002B), 331 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002C), 325 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002D), 323 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002F), 315 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002E), 309 Buckhalter Road (10942 01007 & -01008), and 311 Buckhalter Road (10942 01009). (File No. 23-002328-ZA). (Item was continued from the September 14, 2023, and November 21, 2023, Council Meetings).

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HEARD FOR FIRST READING ONLY.

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HEARD FOR FIRST READING ONLY.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Three (3) Mid-Size Utility Tractors from Shea Tractor and Equipment in the Amount of $128,860. The mid-size utility tractors will be utilized by the Park & Tree Department and are planned FY23 fleet additions to support the department's back-to-basics initiative. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Utility Tractors.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Utility Tractors.pdf

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Items #18, #20, and #21, seconded by Ald. Palumbo The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Miller Blakely being away from the dais.

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Grant Administration & Management Contract to RostanSolutions, LLC in an Amount Not to Exceed $519,250. This item is related to the City of Savanah's recently awarded Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) Grant. The services to be provided will include grant administration & management services for implementation of the FEMA BRIC Grant the City received that has a total Federal contribution of $30,147,160 over an approximate five-year timeline. The BRIC Grant Agreement stipulates that 100% of the cost for the services provided by RostanSolutions, LLC will be reimbursable in accordance with the terms of the Agreement. (Stormwater)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - BRIC Grant.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - BRIC Grant.pdf

Mayor Johnson expressed his appreciation for the $30,147,160.00 Federal BRIC grant and the positive equity for the West Side (Carver Village and Cloverdale communities).

Ald. Lanier expressed to the public that the grant is for resiliency in communities and the West Side communities desperately needs improvements/repairs around the Springfield Canal. Ald. Lanier requested to be at the table during the negotiation of these type of transactions. Ald. Miller Blakely agreed with Ald. Lanier that the District representative should be advised of grants and any funds received in their respective Districts at the time of submission.

Mayor Johnson, City Manager Melder, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Ald. Miller Blakely, an Ald. Lanier discussed the BRIC grant and how important the funds will be to alleviat flooding in West Side communities, and the improvements to the basin. Acknowledgments were sent to staff for the hard work in pursuing the Federal funds.

Ald. Lanier moved to approve Item #19, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Ald. Miller Blakely, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Pay-by-Mobile Services with Passport. This is an agreement for a parking payment application that will provide patrons the convenience to pay for on street parking from their mobile device at no cost to the City. The convenience fee was previously $0.05 per transaction and was approved by the then City Manager in July 2016. The new proposed convenience fee is $0.10 per transaction. (Mobility & Parking)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Passport.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - Passport.pdf

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Items #18, #20, and #21, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Miller Blakely being away from the dais.

21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Engineering Design and Construction Overview Services for a New Lift Station and Two Sections of Sewer Force Main with Thomas and Hutton (LOCAL) in the Amount of $920,030. A new sanitary sewer lift station and new force mains are required to convey additional sewage to the Travis Field treatment plant. To serve new residential and industrial development in the New Hampstead area, more capacity is needed. (Public Works & Water Resources)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Southwest Quad Sewer.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Southwest Quad Sewer.pdf

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Items #18, #20, and #21, seconded by Ald. Palumbo The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Miller Blakely being away from the dais.

22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Casey Canal Drainage Improvements with The Industrial Company (TIC) in an Amount of $40,276,019 using Budgeted SPLOST Funds Designated for this Project and Water & Sewer Enterprise Funds. The proposed construction work associated with this project are identified as Phase 2-1 (drainage system improvements along 54th Street between Atlantic Avenue and Harmon Street) and Phase 2-2 (drainage system improvements along 56th Street and 57th Street between Abercorn Street and Harmon Street). (Stormwater)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Casey Canal Drainage Improvements.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Casey Canal Drainage Improvements.pdf

Exhibit 3: Map - Casey Canal 2A Capital Improvement Project Phase 2-1 and 2-2.pdf

Ald. Palumbo invited prior Aldermen/Alderwomen of District 4 (Alderwoman Flexon, Alderman Sadler, Alderwoman Sprague, and Alderman Miller), to celebrate the

$40,276,019.00 budgeted SPLOST funds for the Casey Canal Drainage Improvement project. Alderman Julian Miller was the only former Alderman able to attend the meeting and join Ald. Palumbo at the podium for the announcement. 1998 SPLOST III was the beginning for the Casey Canal Drainage Improvement project expenditure. The SPLOST dollars will improve homes in the midtown area south of Hall Park that are in the one hundred year flood plain. Ald. Palumbo thanked Team Savannah, especially Assistant City Manager Health Lloyd, the Stormwater team, the neighborhood associations, and City Council for all their support.

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve Item #22, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

. Approval to Renew Services with INFAX for the Embross Common Use Passenger Processing System and Common Use Self-Service System for a One-year Period, in the Amount of $36,404.

HEARD after Item #28.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, #25, and #26, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

24. Approval to Execute a Contract with Marketing and PR Consultant Jo Piani of Luna PR, in the Amount of $50,000.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, #25, and #26, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

25. Approval to Renew Contract for Professional Services with Ailevon Pacific Air Service Consulting, in the Amount of $165,000.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, #25, and #26, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

26. Approval of Amendment No. 4 with CHA Companies, Inc. for Additional Services for the Auxiliary Parking Lots Project, in the Amount of $36,960.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, #25, and #26, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

. Approval of Task Order No. 32 with AECOM to Conduct an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Emergency Operations Center, in the Amount of $110,903.

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve Item #27, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz recused herself from the vote due to business purposes.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

28. Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Authorities.

HEARD after Item #10.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #28, appointing City Manager Melder to the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization Board (CORE MPO) replacing Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

AGREEMENTS

29. Approval of the Fourth Amendment to the 2001 Water Service Agreement with the City of Port Wentworth to Provide Adequate Water Supply.

Exhibit 1: Fourth Amendment to Water Agreement - City of Port Wentworth.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #29, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

L ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

30. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding at Eastern Wharf.

Exhibit 1: Map - Eastern Wharf.pdf

Exhibit 2: Memorandum of Understanding - Eastern Wharf.pdf

Exhibit 3: Quit Claim Deed - City to SRL Land Venture LLC (2017 Right of Way).pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #30 and #31, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

31. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Extension of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Chatham County for The Front Porch Located at 2203 Abercorn Street (for a Multi-Agency Resource Center).

Exhibit 1: Map - 2203 Abercorn.pdf

Exhibit 2: Existing IGA - 2203 Abercorn - .pdf

Exhibit 3: Third Amendment IGA - 2203 Abercorn.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #30 and #31, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

32. Settlement #1

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #32, to authorize the City Attorney's Office to purchase property owned by the Morgan family in lieu of condemnation for $1,400,000.00, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

33. Approval of the Installation of a Ground Marker in Taylor Square to Document the History of the Square's Name.

Exhibit 1: Signed Staff Decision - HM Taylor Square (23-004795).pdf

Exhibit 2: Signed HSMC Recommendation to City Council - Abercorn Wayne Streets (23-003803-HM).pdf

Exhibit 3: HSMC Application - Square Marker (07/03/2023).pdf

Mayor Johnson moved to approve Item #33 with the following language/wording on a ground marker, seconded by all Council Members:

- Taylor Square laid out in 1851.
- 1851 named for John C. Calhoun, Seventh U.S. Vice President.
- 2022 City Council removed the name Calhoun, a staunch defender of slavery.
- 2023 named in honor of Susie King Taylor, a formerly enslaved woman, nurse, educator, and the first African American to openly teach in the State of Georgia.

The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

34. Approval of a Major Subdivision: Camden Crossing and Cottage Row Phase 2. The subject property is the second phase in an established subdivision named Camden Crossing and Cottage Row. This proposed phase totals 21.17 acres and will consist of 71 single family lots with varying lot sizes. The property is in Aldermanic District 5 at Little Neck Road and Chalk Farm Way.

Exhibit 1: Plat - Major Subdivision Camden Crossing and Cottage Row.pdf

Exhibit 2: Major Subdivision - Camden Crossing Information.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #34, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council Members offered condolences to Mayor Johnson and his family on the loss of his father. The public can make donations to the Alzheimer Foundation on behalf of the Johnson family. Information will be posted on the City's web page.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 4:58 p.m.

The video recordings of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

https://savannahgovtv.viebit.com/player.php?hash=tjzNKN68yj4ySXJt

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: January 25, 2024

Signature: Mark Massey

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JANUARY 25, 2024, 11:00 a.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 11:07 a.m., in the 2nd Floor Media Room. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order and recognized Alderman Purtee to offer a prayer.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2
Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2
Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 - Vice Chair
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 - Chairman
Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5 - Mayor Pro-Tem
Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Deputy City Attorney Jennifer Herman
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

Workshop Agenda Items

1. Closed Executive Session Regarding Personnel, Real Estate, and Litigation.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to recess the workshop and hold a closed executive session (4th Floor conference room) regarding personnel, real estate, and litigation, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier being not present for the vote.

The executive session began at 11:14 a.m. and ended at 12:38 p.m.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to end the executive session and recess until 1:30 p.m. for the City Manager's review of the agenda (2nd Floor Media Room), seconded by Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

2. City Manager's Update

No update was provided.

3. Agenda Review

At 1:32 p.m., Mayor Johnson reconvened the workshop for the agenda review.

City Manager Melder discussed Items #10 and #11 of the agenda and provided updated recommendations as follows:

1. Provide a 100-foot buffer along the northern border of phase 1 to include a vegetated earthen berm at least eight (8) feet in height, and/or a combination vegetated earthen berm/sound wall at least eight feet in height;
2. Provide a 100-foot buffer along the eastern border of phase 1 to include temporary sound, light, and visibility mitigation devices, which can include a vegetate earthen berm at least eight (8) feet in height. AND, if phase 2 properties are not purchased by the petitioner within 24 months of the completion of the CPPI's capital construction of building, the petitioner must install permanent treatments identical to those required along the northern border;
3. A Mitigation Agreement will be finalized within 30 days; and,
4. A recombination plat would be required.

City Manager Melder along with Director of Policy & Intergovernmental Affairs Joseph Shearouse stated, Savannah Chatham Day at the Capitol is scheduled for Wednesday, January 31, 2024, with the Savannah Legislative Luncheon at 1:00 p.m Thursday, February 1, 2024, a delegation round table is scheduled.

Mayor Johnson indicated in addition to going to the Georgia Capitol, Council Members will also be attending GMA's Cities United Summit, beginning January 27, 2024.

There was no action taken during the workshop and agenda review, which were followed by the City Manager's Update. Mayor Johnson adjourned the pre-meetings at 1:52 p.m.

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: February 8, 2024

Signature: Mark Massey

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JANUARY 25, 2024, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:02 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Reverend Dr. Carolyn H. Bell, Alderwoman, to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1
Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2
Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2
Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 - Vice Chair
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 - Chairman
Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5 - Mayor Pro-Tem
Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
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ROVAL OF AGENDA

Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for January 25, 2024.

Mayor Johnson moved to approve signing of the Resolution and Affidavit of Executive Session for the January 11, 2024, and January 25, 2024, meetings for the purpose of discussing Real Estate, Personnel, and Litigation with no votes taken, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve Item #1, the agenda for January 25, 2024, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on January 11, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

Exhibit 1: WS DRAFT MINUTES_January 11, 2024 City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on January 11, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

Exhibit1: RM DRAFT MINUTES_January 11, 2024 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Johnson exercised a point of personal privilege to recognize Amazon Head of Communi Affairs (Atlanta Region) Terreta Rodgers and Regional Public Relations Manager Shemeeka Johnsc for working with him to deliver school supplies at local elementary schools, including Haven, Brock, Gadsden, and A.B. Williams.

PRESENTATIONS

4. An appearance by the Savannah Interagency Diversity Council (SIDC) to receive a proclamation declaring January 2024 as Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Savannah and to announce the 9th Annual Traffick Jam which will be held on January 26-27, 2024.

READ and PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to SIDC Chairman William Gettis and USDOJ representative Barry Paschal. The Proclamation was accepted by Mr. Gettis who thanked the Mayor and Council for the recognition. Mr. Paschal thanked Police Chief Gunther for his participation and support of the Savannah Police Department.

5. Appearance by and Recognition of the Second City Manager's Emerging Leaders Academy Participants.

PRESENTED by City Manager Melder who expressed his appreciation to all the graduating participants. City Manager Melder introduced the class members: Sam Alai, Economic Development; Nicholas Alfini, Water Resources; Freidland Bazelais, Park & Tree; Jennifer Becknedd, Code Compliance; Charles Bogle, Cultural Arts; Andrea Bossart, Purchasing; Midoria Carpenter, City Manger's Office; Khristi Chisholm, Recorder's Court; Dr. Kimberly Cunningham, Savannah Police Department; Zarina Davis, Planning & Urban Design; Stephanie Davis-Nelson, Parking Services; George Dickens, III, Savannah Fire Department; Alexandria Earley, Savannah Fire Departmer DeAnni Gibbs, Economic Development; Azsha Hankerson, Assistant City Manager's Office; Ap Ludwig, Recorder's Court; Earline Matthews, Cemeteries; Dr. Salimary Mojica Ravelo, Economic Development; Rhonda Ruesch, Savannah Fire Department; Tori Thomas, Utility Services; Tuan Dinh Vu, Traffic Operations; Amber Williams, Capital Projects; and Melissa Williams, Recreation Services.

City Manager Melder thanked Dr. Jennifer Blalock, Director, Organizational Development, and Human Resources Director Jeff Grant and the Human Resources team for their support.

Mayor Johnson recognized Khristi Chisholm, the daughter of former Mayor Floyd Adams.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

6. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, and Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Christopher Clarke for Orale Tacos, a Restaurant Located at 36 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The establishment is located between West Congress and West Broughton Streets in Aldermanic District 2. (Item was continued from the November 21, 2023 City Council Meeting at the Petitioner's Request). (APPLICATION WITHDRAWN BY PETITIONER)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Orale Tacos.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Orale Tacos.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Orale Tacos.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Orale Tacos.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Orale Tacos.pdf

Mayor Johnson announced there was no action required for Item #6. The petitioner withdrew his application.

7. Approval to Add a Class C (Liquor) (By the Drink) to an Existing Class C (Beer and Wine) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Pijit Healy for PJ's Thai Corner, a Restaurant Located at 147 Abercorn Street. The establishment is located on the Northwestern Corner of East Oglethorpe Avenue and Abercorn Street in Aldermanic District

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Pj's Thai Corner.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Pj's Thai Corner.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Pj's Thai Corner.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Pj's Thai Corner.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Pj's Thai Corner.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol hearings for Items #7 and #9.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Palumbo moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #7 and #9, seconded by Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve Item #7, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

8. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Liquor, and Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Brittany O'Neal for B. Nicole's Bistro, a Restaurant Located at 1639 East Victory Drive. The establishment is located between Wicklow and Grenoble Streets in Aldermanic District 3.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - B. Nicoles Bistro.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - B. Nicoles Bistro.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Report - B.Nicoles Bistro.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - B.Nicoles Bistro.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - B. Nicole's Bistro.pdf

Exhibit 6: Signed Good Neighbor Agreement.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol hearing for Item #8.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to close the alcohol hearing for Item #8, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to deny/disapprove Item #8, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed, 6-3-0. Mayor Johnson, Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Lanier voted no.

c. Ald. Miller Blakely moved to approve Item #8, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion failed, 3-6-0. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Ald. Bell, Ald. Leggett, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Purtee voted no.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan indicated, an alcohol license is a privilege not a right. Her goal is to protect the citizens and there were concerns by residents about parking. Residents were opposed to the restaurant being granted an alcohol license.

Ald. Miller Blakely stated this business was highly scrutinized unlike other alcohol applicants. She requested the names of the residents who did not approve of the business in the community, because her due diligence showed the residents in the community had no objection to the restaurant having an alcohol license.

Ald. Lanier recommended revisiting the standards to eliminate subjectivity. If a petitioner meets the standards, then the alcohol license should be granted. It should not be based on personal opinions.

Written comment(s):

- B.J. Lowenthal/Danielle Murray – Expressed concerns with parking and the potential for loitering.

9. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, and Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Pijit Healy for Klom Klom, a Restaurant Located at 7201 Hodgson Memorial Drive. The establishment is located between Mall Boulevard and Eisenhower Drive in Aldermanic District 4.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Klom Klom.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Klom Klom.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Klom Klom.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Klom Klom.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Klom Klom.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol hearings for Items #7 and #9.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Palumbo moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #7 and #9, seconded by Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Palumbo moved to approve Item #9, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

INANCES - SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

10. Petition of John D. Northup III, Agent for Capital Development Partners, for a Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map (FLUM) Amendment from Residential - Suburban Single Family to Industry Light for ~52.86 Acres Located at 343 and 339 Buckhalter Road (10942 01003 & -01002A), 335 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002B), 331 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002C), 325 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002D), 323 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002F), 315 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002E), 309 Buckhalter Road (10942 01007 & -01008), and 311 Buckhalter Road (10942 01009). (File No. 23-002328-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for Buckhalter Road FLUM (File No. 23-002328-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for Buckhalter Road.pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for Buckhalter Road FLUM (File No. 23-002328-ZA) - Revised.pdf

Mayor Johnson indicated a public hearing was held at a previous meeting and no public comment will be heard during today's session.

City Manager Melder cited the recent updated recommendations for Item #10, the Future Land Use Map Amendment, and Item #11, the Zoning Map Amendment, in an effort to protect the surrounding

communities from any negative impact associated with light industrial use and to ensure property owners in Phase One will be able to sell their properties to the petitioner and not serve as a buffer.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #10, to include updated recommendations made by the City Manager, seconded by Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

11. Petition of John D. Northrup III, Agent for Capital Development Partners, for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone ~52.86 Acres Located at 343 and 339 Buckhalter Road (10942 01003 & -01002A), 335 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002B), 331 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002C), 325 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002D), 323 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002F), 315 Buckhalter Road (10942 01002E), 309 Buckhalter Road (10942 01007 & -01008), and 311 Buckhalter Road (10942 01009) from R-A-CO (Residential Agricultural) to IL (Light Industrial) with Conditions (File No. 23-000304-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for Buckhalter Road (File No. 23-000304-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for Buckhalter Road (File No. 23-000304-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for Buckhalter Road Rezoning (File No. 23-000304-ZA) - Revised.pdf

Mayor Johnson thanked residents for showing up for the Buckhalter Road petition. He asked Ci Manager Melder about the buffer associated with the properties.

City Manager Melder indicated the Ordinance calls for a 40' buffer, but Council has approved a 100' buffer and an 8' vegetated earthen berm. A 100' buffer is the most the City has ever required.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #11, seconded by Ald. Purtee to include updated recommendations made by the City Manager, as follows:

1. Provide a 100-foot buffer along the northern border of phase 1 to include a vegetated earthen berm at least eight (8) feet in height, and/or a combination vegetated earthen berm/sound wall at least eight feet in height;
2. Provide a 100-foot buffer along the eastern border of phase 1 to include temporary sound, light, and visibility mitigation devices, which can include a vegetate earthen berm at least eight (8) feet in height. AND, if phase 2 properties are not purchased by the petitioner within 24 months of the completion of the CPPI's capital construction of building, the petitioner must install permanent treatments identical to those required along the northern border;
3. A Mitigation Agreement will be finalized within 30 days; and,
4. A recombination plat would be required.

The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Certified Nursing Assistant Program with King Training Center, LLC in an Amount Not to Exceed $55,548. The Certified Nursing Assistant job training program is hosted by the Human Services Department at the Moses Jackson Center and will provide 40 scholarships for high-deman and high-wage entry-level employment opportunities for income eligible residents.(Human Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Certified Nursing Assistant.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Certified Nursing Assistant.pdf

Mayor Johnson expressed his appreciation for the program.

Mayor Johnson moved to approve Item #12, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Maintenance Agreement for the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System (SCADA) with Emerson Process Management (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed $123,719. The annual maintenance agreement will be used by the Public Works and Water Resources Department to provide hardware repair, software updates, technical support, and other repair services associated with the SCADA network. (Water Supply & Treatment Department)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - SCADA Annual Maintenance.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - SCADA Annual Maintenance.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13, #14, #15, and #16, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Two-Year Contract for State and Federal Legislative Services from Holland & Knight in an Amount Not to Exceed $222,000 per year. The two-year contract will provide both state and federal legislative assistance with the Georgia General Assembly, State Agencies, United States Congress, and Federal Agencies on behalf of the City of Savannah. (Office of the City Manager)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Legislative Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Legislative Services.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13, #14, #15, and #16, seconded by Al Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for Splash Pads with Great Southern Recreation in the Amount of $48,086. This contract modification is for site grading and additional plumbing connections that are needed for the Victory Heights and Avondale Neighborhoods splash pads. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Splash Pad Modification.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Splash Pads Modification.pdf

Ald. Wilder-Bryan asked if the project will be completed before the heat of the summer. City Manager Melder answered staff will be working hard to complete the project before the heat of summer.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13, #14, #15, and #16, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

16. Notification of an Emergency Purchase For Bar Screens with Cornerstone H2O in the Amount of $146,500. These bar screens consist of stationary inclined bars, which are cleaned by motor-driven rakes that are used to remove debris from incoming stormwater flows. The debris includes floatable plastics and organic materials, which may damage the pumps. (Stormwater)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Emergency Purchase Bar Screen

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - Emergency Purchase Bar Screen

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #13, #14, #15, and #16, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Design of the New Hampstead Public Safety Facility with Greenline Architecture (LOCAL)(DBE) in an Amount Not to Exceed $582,500. The consultant's services will be used for developing and implementing design and construction documents for a 25,000+ square foot joint police and fire facility that also includes shared space for department and community use, as well as training and storage. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - New Hampstead Public Safety Design Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - New Hampstead Public Safety Design Services.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz indicated the number one priority for the City is the protection of it's citizens. The new facility will provide joint police and fire departments, as well as space for department and community use, and training and storage space.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #17 as written, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

18. A Resolution In Support of the Okefenokee Swamp.

Exhibit 1: Resolution - Support of the Okefenokee Swamp.docx

Mayor Johnson gave a brief background of the Okefenokee Swamp and the reasons for preserving the swamp and the wildlife therein. DeKalb County, Wayne County, City of Brunswick, and City of St. Mary's passed Resolutions in support of the Okefenokee Swamp.

Ald. Lanier expressed concern for residents of District 1 who are currently facing environmental injustices (air, noise, toxins, and truck intrusions). The City should address it's citizens issues. For these reasons, Ald. Lanier stated she will not support the Resolution.

Mayor Johnson indicated the issues in District 1 are not State issues, they are regulatory issues. The City has requested continued monitoring of those issues for compliance.

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve Item #18, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Ald. Leggett, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Lanier voted no.

Written comment(s):

- Jen Hilburn, 100 Miles – IN SUPPORT (Thank you)
- Ben Prater, Defenders of Wildlife – IN SUPPORT
- Rena Ann Peck, Georgia River Network – IN SUPPORT
- Monica Thornton/Bailey Izard, The Nature Conservancy – IN SUPPORT

19. Approval of a Resolution to Authorize the City Manager to Request Defederalization the City's Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Award #04-39-04101 and execute an "Agreement to Release" the Economic Development Administration (EDA) Federal Interest in the Revolving Loan Fund.

Exhibit 1: Resolution - Savannah (Legacy) EDA Request Defederalization

Mayor Johnson recognized Commissioner Kendra L. Rolle, City of Brunswick. She is one of the youngest Commissioners in the City of Brunswick. Mayor Johnson thanked Commissioner Rolle for attending the Council meeting.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #19, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

I. Approval of a Resolution to Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract modification with Chatham-Savannah Authority for the Homeless in the amount of $155,000 provide Street Outreach and Transportation Services for an additional year.

Reso - Street Outreach - 1-25-24 Mtg.docx

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #20, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely, Ald. Lanier, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

AGREEMENTS

21. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Parkway & 17 Hotel Partners, LLC for Woodsprings Suites, a development consisting of a 4-story, 99 room hotel at 115 Woodsprings Drive off Chatham Parkway in the President Street Treatment Plant service area located in Aldermanic District 5.

Exhibit 1 : Water & Sewer Agreement - Woodsprings Suites.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem moved to approve Item #21, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Third Amendment to Extend the Lease Agreement for the Property at 602 East Lathrop Avenue (Savannah Police Department Northwest Precinct) in the Amount of $410,524.51.

Exhibit 1 - 602 E Lathrop - Map.pdf

Exhibit 2 - 602 E Lathrop - Original Lease.pdf

Exhibit 3 - 602 E Lathrop - Third Amendment to Lease jnh01092024[28].pdf

Ald. Lanier moved to approve Item #22, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was away from the dais.

23. Authorize the City Manager to Approve Second Amendment to the Lease for Eastside Police Precinct at 2250 East Victory Drive in the Amount of $176,436 Escalating at 4% per year.

Exhibit 1 - Map 2250 E Victory Dr - MAP.pdf

Exhibit 2 - Original Lease 2250 E Victory - Lease.pdf

Exhibit 3 - 2nd Amendment - Signed by McIntosh.pdf

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #23, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

24. Authorize the City Manager to Approve the Purchase of Easements Across Seven Parcels to Facilitate a Sewer Project in the Southwest Quadrant at an Amount of $33,761.

Exhibit 1- Map Lift Station 193.pdf

Exhibit 2 - Construction Plans - LS 193.pdf

Exhibit 3- Option Statements.pdf

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #24, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

25. Settlement #1

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #25, to authorize the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (worker's compensation matter) of Amanda Brooner for $80,000.00, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

26. Approval of a Major Subdivision: Bradley Pointe South Phase 11, a portion of Parcel 1A of the Vallambrosa Plantation. This proposed property totals 6.145 acres and wil consist of 32 lots with varying lot sizes. The property is in Alderman District 6 at Street Location: Flager Drive and Stetson Drive

Exhibit 1: Plat Major Subdivision Bradley Pointe South Phase 11 a portion of Parcel 1A of the Vallambrosa Plantation.pdf

Ald. Purtee moved to approve Item #26, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Johnson announced Council Members will be in Atlanta over the weekend attending GMA's Legislative Update and Briefing Conference (Cities United Summit). Following the weekend, Council Members will visit the Capitol for interaction with other cities and for Savannah Chatham Day to highlight and advocate Savannah's important issues to the Georgia General Assembly.

Ald. Leggett offered condolences to the following families: Pastor Mary Jones, District 3; Mr. Irvin Scott, District 4; Mr. Frank Williams, District 4 who taught brick laying to young men in the community; Ms. Monica Dye Cleveland, District 4; and Angela Wiggins, District 2.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan thanked the School Board for the Spelling Bee held at Savannah State University on January 23, 2024, and congratulated 8th grade student D. Goodson who won. She also thanked SCAD for providing gifts to participates of the Spelling Bee.

Mayor Johnson offered condolences to the family of Robert L. Gray, a longtime registrar of Savanna State University and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz announced a community partner, Life Skills for Empowerment Center, Inc., will hold it's annual recognition ceremony on Sunday, January 28, 2024, 11:00 a.m. at Tatemville Community Center, 333 Coleman Street.

Ald. Leggett thanked Mayor Johnson and Chatham Area Transit (CAT) Executive Director/CEO Faye DiMassimo for Senior Circular starting on February 5, 2024. The CAT program takes seniors from senior housing for grocery shopping and for appointments (doctor, dentist, etc.).

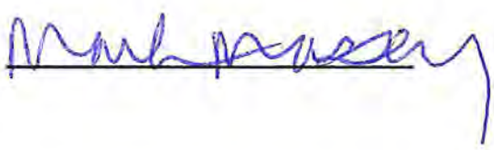
Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 3:02 p.m.

The video recordings of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

te Minutes Approved: **February 8, 2024**

Signature: 

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FEBRUARY 8, 2024, 12:00 p.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at **12:01 p.m.**, in the 2nd Floor Media Room of City Hall. **Mayor Johnson** called the meeting to order and recognized **Alderman Purtee** to offer a prayer.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2
Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2
Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 - Vice Chair
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 - Chairman
Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5 - Mayor Pro Tem
Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

Workshop Agenda Items

1. Annual Public Safety Update - Postponed

POSTPONED.

2. Healthy Savannah Update - Postponed

POSTPONED.

3. Closed Executive Session: Personnel, Real Estate, and Litigation.

At 12:02 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to hold a closed executive session regarding personnel, real estate, and litigation, seconded by Mayor Johnson, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

At 1:04 p.m., Ald. Palumbo moved to adjourn the closed executive session and hold the agenda review, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

4. City Manager's Agenda Review

City Manager Melder reviewed the regular meeting agenda discussing in detail Items #15, contract modification No. 1 for the Enmarket Arena parking lot, and #27, third amendment t the land lease with Tenenaum, Inc.

Mayor Johnson thanked City Manager Melder and Joseph Shearouse for the outstanding work done for and at the Savannah-Chatham Day at the Capitol in Atlanta last week.

There was no action taken during the workshop and agenda review.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the pre-meetings at 1:37 p.m.

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: February 22, 2024

Signature: Mark Massey

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FEBRUARY 8, 2024, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at **2:04 p.m.** Mayor Johnson recognized **Alderwoman Miller Blakely** who introduced **Minister Corey Brooks, Come As You Are Deliverance International Ministries Youth Pastor** to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1
Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2
Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2
Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 - Vice Chair
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 - Chairman
Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5 - Mayor Pro Tem
Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

ROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for February 8, 2024.

Mayor Johnson acknowledged the loss of three Army Reserve soldiers identified as Georgia residents, killed during a drone strike at a U.S. military base in Jordan last month (January 28th). Staff Sgt. William Jerome Rivers, 46, of Carrollton; Sgt. Kennedy Ladon Sanders, 23, of Waycross; and Sgt. Breonna Alexsondria Moffett, 23, of Savannah and a graduate of Windsor Forest High School.

Mayor Johnson asked for a moment of silence in honor of the fallen soldiers.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize/approve Resolutions in honor of the fallen Army Reserve soldiers, Staff Sgt. William Jerome Rivers, Sgt. Kennedy Ladon Sanders, and Sgt. Breonna

Alexsondria Moffett to be added to the agenda, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Wilder Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Johnson instructed Clerk of Council to prepare the Resolutions of the three Army Reserve soldiers for transmittal to the families.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda as amended to add the three Resolutions, and an appearance by Amanda Hollowell on behalf of the Savannah Black Heritage Festival, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on January 25, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - January 25, 2024 City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on January 25, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - January 25, 2024 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Johnson announced that the Mayor and Aldermen conducted a closed executive session earlier on the topic of Personnel, Real Estate, and Litigation for which no votes were taken.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Mayor Johnson signing a Resolution and Affidavit of Executive Session for the February 8, 2024, meeting for the purpose of discussing Personnel, Real Estate, and Litigation for which no votes were taken, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS

4. A Proclamation Declaring February 15, 2024, as the Annual Arbor and Tree Planting Day in the City of Savannah.

Exhibit 1: 2024 Arbor Day Proclamation.docx

READ and PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to Park and Tree Director Gordon Denney an Government Operations Chief Gene Prevatt. Mr. Denney accepted the Proclamation and invited everyone to the tree planting ceremony and event on Thursday, February 15, 2024, at A. B. Williams Elementary School. Mr. Prevatt asked everyone to remember those who are good stewards of the forest, who support the City, and improve the quality of life for everyone.

ADD-ON:

4B. An appearance by Savannah Black Heritage Festival Co-Coordinator Amanda Hollowell.

Mayor Johnson introduced Savannah Black Heritage Festival Co-Coordinator Amanda Hollowell who shared information on this year's events, which the City is playing a more prominent role this year.

On behalf of the Black Heritage Festival Committee and Executive Director Teresa-Michelle Walker Jackson, Ms. Hollowell thanked Mayor and Council for the opportunity to share information concerning the Black Heritage Festival program and activities. She highlighted a few events and distributed programs and posters to Council Members for the upcoming events during the month of February.

Mayor Johnson thanked Council Members and City Manager Melder for the continuing opportunities through the City's budget to support cultural programming regionally. Mayor Johnson announced the celebration of the 291st Birthday of Georgia. He announced, for the first time in history, Savanna will name one of the squares after a formerly enslaves woman of color, Susie King Taylor. Th ceremony will be held Saturday, February 10, 2024, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at the new Taylor Square.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

5. Approval to Add a Class E (Wine) (By the Package) to an Existing Class C (Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Tonya Rintye for Locally Made Savannah, an Ice Cream Shop Located at 223 West Broughton Street. The establishment is located between Jefferson and Barnard Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Locally Made.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Locally Made.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Locally Made.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Locally Made.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Locally Made.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol hearing for Item #5.

Ald. Leggett asked the applicant why an ice cream shop wants to sell wine by the package. Ms. Rintye explained Locally Made is a gift shop and has partnered with a Georgia winery and would like to sell bottles of their wine. Ms. Rintye also described how Locally Made uses wine with the ice cream (slushies, sherbet topped with sake, floats, or chocolate ice cream topped with red sangria).

Ald. Leggett asked Revenue Department Director Jones if there was a plan for carding anyone purchasing wine from Locally Made. Ms. Jones indicated all establishments serving liquor within the city limits are required to have a server training card.

Applicant Rintye expressed concern for not being able to serve wine on Sunday since the establishment is a restaurant. Ms. Jones indicated the establishment must sell at least 51% of prepared food as required by State Law. City Manager Melder will follow-up with the applicant to make sure she understands the local ordinances and State Laws.

Speaker(s).

- Tonya Rintye - applicant
- Judee Jones - representing Revenue Department

a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearing for Item #5, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve Item #5, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

6. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, and Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Joaquin Montesino for Casa Guava, a Restaurant Located at 314 Drayton Street. The establishment is located between East Harris and East Liberty Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Casa Guava.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Casa Guava.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Casa Guava.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Casa Guava.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Casa Guava.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol hearings for Items #6 and #7.

No speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #6 and #7, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve Item #6, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

7. Approval of a Class C (Beer and Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Elda Rodriguez for Katrina's Mexican Grill, a Restaurant Located at 2 Park of Commerce Boulevard, Suite C. The establishment is located between Park of Commerce Way and Chatham Parkway in Aldermanic District 5.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Katrina's Burrito Express.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Katrina's Burrito Express.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Katrina's Burrito Express.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Katrina's Burrito Express.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Katrina's Burrito Express.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol hearings for Items #6 and #7.

No speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #6 and #7, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #7, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ZONING HEARINGS

8. Petition of Harold Yellin on Behalf of Community Bible Church of Savannah Inc. for a Special Use Permit for ~0.21 Acres at 1202 East 69th Street (PIN 20114 13012) in the RSF-6 (Residential Single Family-6) Zoning District to Permit a Place of Worship (File No. 23-005388-ZA) in Aldermanic District 3.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 1202 East 68th Street (File No. 23-005388-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 1202 East 69th Street (File No. 23-005388-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearings for Items #8 and #9.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, MPC representative
- Craig Landolt – OPPOSED - requested a parking/traffic study & a comprehensive master plan

- Harold Yellin, representing the applicant
- Mark Pickering, representing the church

Ald. Wilder-Bryan indicated a parking agreement has been signed with Memorial Hospital. She recommended the applicant secure additional security on meeting days. Memorial Hospital will provide two hundred additional parking spaces for the Church.

Mayor Johnson, Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Bell discussed and recommended the applicant create a parking plan, security plan, and add an additional officer for traffic/parking control. Attorney Yellin assured Council the applicant would meet with the neighbors to resolve the parking issues, and work towards a parking/security plan to establish a good neighbor relationship.

a. Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to close the zoning hearings for Items #8 and #9, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Items #8 and #9, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

9. Petition of Harold Yellin on Behalf of Community Bible Church of Savannah Inc. for a Special Use Permit for ~0.60 and 0.14 Acres at 1206 East 68th Street (PIN 20114 11011) and 5302 Sanders Street (PIN 20114 11001) in the RSF-6 (Residential Single Family-6) Zoning District to Permit a Place of Worship (File No. 23-005389-ZA) in Aldermanic District 3.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 1206 East 68th Street & 5302 Sanders Street (File No. 23-00589-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Map for 1206 East 68th Street and 5302 Sanders Street (File No. 23-005389-ZA).pdf

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Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, MPC representative
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b. Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Items #8 and #9, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

10. Petition of James Massey on Behalf of Starland Partners, LLC for a Special Use Permit to Allow a Craft Distillery Use at 12 W. 41st Street (PINs 20065 47020 and 20065 47021), 2427 DeSoto (20065 47019), 2425 DeSoto (20065 47018), 2423 DeSoto (20065 47017), 2421 DeSoto (20065 47016), and Bull St (20065 47007) in the TC-1 (Traditional Commercial-1) Zoning District (File No. 23-006445-ZA) in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 12 West 41st Street (File No. 23-006445-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 12 W. 41st Street (File No. 23-006445-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearing for Item #10.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, MPC representative

Ald. Miller Blakely asked for clarity on the addresses and the distillery placement. Mr. Morrow explained in detail the layout and structure of the distillery.

a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #10, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve Item #10, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Two (2) Savannah Police Department (SPD) Pursuit Vehicles with Santee Automotive, LLC in the Amount of $120,557. The pursuit vehicles will be utilized by the SPD Highway Enforcement of Aggressive Traffic (H.E.A.T) unit and outfitted with law enforcement-grade materials including sirens, lights, and exterior body wraps. (Police)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - SPD Pursuit Vehicles.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - SPD Pursuit Vehicles.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #11, #12, #13, #14, and #17, seconded by Mayor Johnson. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Smartsheet Enterprise Software Licenses from Carahsoft Technology in the Amount of $196,820. The Innovation and Technology Services Department will use the software throughout the City as a project management center that allows city staff to assign tasks, track the progress of projects and tasks, manage calendars, and share and edit documents. (ITS)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Smartsheet Contract Renewal.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Smartsheet Contract Renewal.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #11, #12, #13, #14, and #17, seconded by Mayor Johnson. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Three (3) Year Contract for Information Technology (IT) Governance and Technology Advisory Services with Info-Tech in an amount Not to Exceed $207,480 Annually. InfoTech Research Group is a technology advisory research firm that provides IT governance and core process analysis in building a strategic data-driven plan and is a pivotal partner for the ITS department. This contract encompasses staff development, best practices guidance, and networking opportunities for municipal government IT professionals, and serves as a cornerstone for Innovation and Technology Services. (ITS)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Information Technology Advisory Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Information Technology Advisory Services.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #11, #12, #13, #14, and #17, seconded by Mayor Johnson. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Three (3) year Contract for Rubicon Smart City Software from Rubicon Global LLC in an Amount Not to Exceed $256,019 in Year One. To be paid over the length of the agreement as follows; year one in the amount of $256,019, year two and three in the amount of $249,867. The software is utilized by the Sanitation Department to optimize and manage daily routes. (ITS)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Rubicon SmartCity Software.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Rubicon SmartCity Software.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #11, #12, #13, #14, and #17, seconded by Mayor Johnson. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No.1 for the Arena Surface Parking Lot with APAC-Atlantic, Inc in the Amount of $4,500,000. This contract will cover the removal of additional contaminated soil quantities that are anticipated for the remediation of the site. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Arena Parking Lot.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Arena Parking Lot.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #15, seconded by Mayor Johnson. The motion passed unanimously, 8-1-0. Ald. Miller Blakely voted no.

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Truman Linear Park Trail Phase 2B Construction with JHC Corporation in the Amount of $8,193,540. The Truman Trail Phase 2B project is part of the Tide to Town system and begins at 52nd Street at Bee Road and ends at DeRenne Avenue near Jenkins High School. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Truman Linear Park Trail Phase 2B.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Truman Linear Park Trail Phase 2B.pdf

Ald. Palumbo expressed his gratitude for the partnerships with Chatham County, local agencies and individuals who supported establishing the Truman Linear Park Trail. It was a long time coming and the Trail will be a welcome addition to the City of Savannah. Ald. Wilder-Bryan thanked all parties involved in the completion of the Trail.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #16, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Written comment(s):

- Caila Brown – IN SUPPORT
- Richard Morgan – IN SUPPORT
- Armand Turner – IN SUPPORT

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 2 for Bilbo Canal Phase 2 with SJ Hamill Construction in the Amount of $125,642. To match the previous construction (phase 1) and continue expanding the Bilbo Canal Widening east wall, the concrete wall cap was retrofitted to tie the existing wall and box culvert to the proposed east wall expansion of the Bilbo Canal Phase 2 project. This was done because the existing wall and box culvert are at different elevations and required the construction of a transitioning wall cap to connect them. (Stormwater)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Bilbo Canal.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Bilbo Canal.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #11, #12, #13, #14, and #17, seconded by Mayor Johnson. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

18. Resolution Accepting the Donation of a Tugboat Play Structure Known as "Tinkerbell" from Margot Meyerhoff.

Exhibit 1: 2024 Tugboat Donation Resolution.docx

Park and Tree Director Gordon Denney introduced Margot Meyerhoff and thanked the Meyerhoff family for the tugboat. Members of Council expressed their gratitude to the Meyerhoff family.

Ald. Leggett moved to approve Item #18, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was away from the dais during the vote.

19. Second Amended and Restated Resolution Amending and Superseding the Amended and Restated City of Savannah Resolution Dated August 24, 2023 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Creation of Savannah's Waterfront Community Improvement District in Accordance with Section VII, Article IX of the Georgia Constitution.

Exhibit 1: Draft - Second Amended and Restated City Resolution SWCID.pdf

Mayor Johnson thanked the Legislators for their help in amending the terms and conditions of SB 640.

Mayor Johnson moved to approve Item #19, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakey was away from the dais during the vote.

AGREEMENTS

20. Authorize the City Manager to Accept a Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act FY2024 Rapid Response Grant Award in the Amount of $70,000. The award will be used to implement general Dislocated Worker workforce training activities. The City serves as the fiduciary agent for the 10-county region.

Exhibit 1: FY2024 Rapid Response Dislocated Worker WIOA Statement of Grant Award.pdf

Ald. Lanier asked City Manager Melder for updated information on the funding for the programs. City Manager Melder indicated WorkSource Coastal is currently working on the updated data. He will send the information to Council Members when the reports are completed.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #20, #21, and #22, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

21. Authorize the City Manager to Accept the Second Allocation of FY2024 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Grant Awards for Adult ($636,322) and Dislocated Worker ($1,105,555) Programs. These awards will be used to provide programs from October 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025 to adults who are unemployed or underemployed, and adults who have been laid off from their jobs. The City serves as the fiduciary agent for the 10-county region.

Exhibit 1: FY2024 Dislocated Worker WIOA Statement of Grant Award.pdf

Exhibit 2: FY2024 Adult WIOA Statement of Grant Award.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #20, #21, and #22, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

22. Authorize the City Manager to Accept the Modification of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act FY2023 Rapid Response Dislocated Worker Grant Award in the Amount of $95,000. The award will be used to support Dislocated Worker workforce/training activities such as On-the-Job Training, Incumbent Worker Training, Tuition Assistance and Supportive Services from January 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024. The City serves as the fiduciary agent for the 10-county region.

Exhibit 1: FY2023 Rapid Response Dislocated Worker Notice of Grant Award Modification.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #20, #21, and #22, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

23. Approval of a Development and Limited Use Agreement Between the City of Savannah and the Telfair Museum of Art, Inc. for Telfair Square.

Exhibit 1: Development and Use Agreement - Telfair Square 2.5.24.docx

Mayor Johnson invited Telfair Museum Executive Director Benjamin T. Simons, and Board Chairman Josh Keller to the podium. Legal Counsel John 'Jay' Neely and Trustee Roger Moss, Jr. were unable to attend the meeting.

City Manager Melder expressed the City's appreciation for the public-private partnership in the guidance for the development and implementation of a master plan for the Telfair Museum of Art, totally funded by Telfair. The limited use agreement will provide art services for Savannah residents for a third of the year.

Mayor Johnson, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Leggett thanked Executive Director Simons for opening the doors of Telfair Museum by showing equity and opportunity for all to enjoy art.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked what type of art will be displayed in the Square and will any type of artist be able to submit works. Mr. Simons indicated the program is open to all. The type of art has not been decided.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and City Manager Melder reinforced the program will be open and free to all.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #23, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed, 6-0-3. Ald. Leggett, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Purtee being away from the dais during the vote

24. Approval to Renew the Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement with the State of Georgia. Pre-existing agreements for mutual aid assistance in emergencies help to ensure the timely provision of mutual aid assistance and the reimbursement of costs incurred by those parties who render such assistance.

Exhibit 1: 2024 State Mutual Aid and Assistance with City of Savannah.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #24, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed, 6-0-3. Ald. Leggett, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Purtee being away from the dais during the vote.

25. Approval of a Cooperation Agreement Between the City of Savannah and Savannah's Waterfront Community Improvement District (SWCID). This Agreement stipulates that the relationship between the SWCID and the City is and shall be one of cooperative partnership, with both parties working together with the common goal of improving and benefitting the District.

Exhibit 1: SWCID Cooperation Agreement.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #25, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakley, Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed, 6-0-3. Ald. Leggett, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Purtee being away from the dais during the vote.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Underground Easement to Benefit Georgia Power Company for a Utility Project at 16 E. 35th Street (PIN 20065 05001).

Exhibit 1: Map - 16 E. 35th.pdf

Exhibit 2: Easement - 16 E. 35th.pdf

Exhibit 3: Easement Exhibit A - 16 E. 35th.pdf

Exhibit 4: Underground Distribution Construction Agreement.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #26 and #28, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Ald. Purtee was away from the dais during the vote.

27. Authorize the City Manager to Enter Into a Third Amendment of the Land Lease with Tenenbaum, Inc. for Use of Land as a Surface Parking Lot Located Along W. Gwinnett Street Next to the Arena.

Exhibit 1: Maps - W Gwinnett Street.pdf

Exhibit 2: Revised Amended and Restated Land Lease.pdf

Ald. Lanier moved to approve Item #27, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed, 7-1-1. Ald. Miller Blakely voted no, and Ald. Purtee was away from the dais during the vote.

28. Authorize the City Manager to Declare Surplus and Available for Sale to the Adjoining Property Owner a 0.039-acre parcel of vacant land located 0 East Broad Street at a price of $24,000.

Exhibit 1: Map - Intersection of East Broad Street & 31st Street.pdf

Exhibit 2: Survey - 1410 E Broad Street.pdf

Exhibit 3: Signed Purchase & Sale Agreement by Purchaser.pdf

Exhibit 4: Easement to Georgia Power Company - Easement Daniel Murphy.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #26 and #28, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Ald. Purtee was away from the dais during the vote.

:ELLANEOUS

29. Approval for the Installation of a Historical Marker on Public Property Adjacent to 23 Barnard Street to Recognize the Montmollin Building and Bryan School.

Exhibit 1: Montmollin-Bryan School Marker Research.pdf

Exhibit 2: Signed HSMC Recommendation.pdf

Exhibit 3: HSMC Submital Packet - Montmollin Building.pdf

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #29, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Ald. Purtee was away from the dais during the vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ald. Miller Blakely announced on March 2, 2024, Mt. Herman Baptist Church in Coffee Bluff will unveil a Marker of designated historical preference of two hundred years. She stated African American history is not only downtown, but also on the South Side of Savannah.

Ald. Leggett honored the life of Willie Bale Breck, and Theresa Macon Jackson of District 2.

Ald. Miller Blakely sent a shout out to her granddaughter, Tariji Blakely , named 'Student of the Month' at Myers Middle School.

ıyor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 3:53 p.m.

The video recordings of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: February 22, 2024

Signature: [signature]

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FEBRUARY 22, 2024, 11:00 a.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at **11:08 a.m.,** in the 2nd Floor Media Room. **Mayor Johnson** called the meeting to order and recognized **Alderman Purtee** to offer a prayer.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2
Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2
Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 - Vice Chair
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 - Chairman
Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5 - Mayor Pro Tem
Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

:shop Agenda Items

Annual Public Safety Update

PRESENTED after Item #1.

Presented by Police Chief Lenny B. Gunther, Fire Chief Elzie L. Kitchen, Jr., and Community Services/ONSE Chief Taffanye Young.

Following the presentations, the Council Members asked questions and discussed the following:

- Mayor Johnson asked how many officers is the City down. Chief Gunther answered, 114, the attrition rate is 1.18%, down from 14% in 2023. Guns left in an unlocked car was discussed and how the City can decrease the numbers. The City Attorney is working with the Mayor on an ordinance to address unlocked cars with weapons (guns) inside. Mayor Johnson recommended

the PAL's program expand to include boxing and karate. The field behind Cloverdale Library is a mud pit and needs to be worked on so the youth in the community will be able to use the field.

- Ald. Leggett expressed concern for domestic violence and if the City is partnering with other agencies to address the problem. Chief Gavin indicated they are working with the courts, offenders and victims to decrease the incidents. Ald. Leggett also would like PAL's to include tumbling and cheerleading.
- Ald. Wilder-Bryan expressed concern and discussed several issues: numbers in the academy; mental health issues and getting families involved; shot spotter technology increased with more cameras further out into the City; HB 161, Pediatric Health, she encouraged residents to contact House Speaker Burns to support; and SIP's program and any differences or changes. Her concerns were answered by Chief Gavin and Assistant Chief Devon Adams.
- Ald. Palumbo is pleased with the attrition rate (1%) and recommended keeping officers longer so they can take advantage of the City's pension/retirement plan.
- Ald. Bell stressed the importance of working with other public safety agencies in the area. Chief Gunther agreed and discussed other local agencies the SPD has partnerships.
- Ald. Miller Blakely asked if the old program 'scared straight' was still being used or a similar program. She recommended working with formerly incarcerated individuals to help deter young people from criminal activity.
- Ald. Lanier discussed statistics of guns on the street and how the youth obtain weapons. Chief Gunther indicated the ATF is working on tracking guns. She recommended the City focus on incorporating entrepreneurial opportunities and programs that want to help youth stay away from criminal activity.
- Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz commended the City Manager and police and fire departments on the outstanding job thus far, but recommended putting more dollars into the behavioral health program.
- City Manager Melder thanked the Chiefs for decreasing part one crimes last year throughout the City.
- Following the ONSE presentation, Ald. Bell recommended connecting with the Pan Hellenic Council, relating to the Greek-letter sororities and fraternities in colleges and universities. These organizations are mandated to do community service and submit reports. They work with and interact with youth in the communities. The City can create partnerships with those agencies.
- Mayor Johnson stated he is getting a lot of calls from residents regarding 911. Since this is a county-wide service, he asked City Manager Melder to contact the County and share the receiving data. The City has contributed assistance when possible, even using personal vehicles to transport patients.
- Ald. Miller Blakely expressed concern for grants given to agencies and asked the name of the T.I.P. organization, how grants are disbursed, how do agencies qualify, and the grant amounts. T.I.P. is Talented Individuals with Power. Alderwoman Miller Blakely indicated there are agencies in areas of the City doing outstanding work and not receiving grant funds. She would like to see the grant allotments disbursed to those agencies doing a lot of the work in the communities. Ald. Miller Blakely asked if the program, Kid's Cafe, still exists. If not, she recommended the City consider establishing a program to feed youth, and a medical program such as Candy Strippers. Ald. Miller Blakely asked if the mentor program provides a stipend for the mentors. Chief Young indicated discussions are ongoing about paying mentors. Ald. Miller Blakely will meet with Chief Young to discussed the numerous program options.
- Ald. Wilder-Bryan asked Chief Young how the determination is made that the target rate for youth served is reached. Chief Young indicated the programs are broad so as to reach a variety of youth on all levels. Ald. Wilder-Bryan requested feed back from the agencies receiving funds by submission of data to show numbers of residents served.
- Mayor Johnson discussed the difference in the police programs, and the ONSE program. Youth and/or residents feel more comfortable talking with the ONSE program personnel versus police officers.
- Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Chief Young discussed violence intervention and ways to further aid victims and their families. Moving forward, Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz recommended the City consider increasing funds for youth programs and violence reduction. She also requested additional information on fire prevention investigation. City Manager Melder and Fire Chief Kitchen will meet with Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz to further discuss her concerns.
- Ald. Leggett expressed his appreciation for the program Path Forward and the techniques used to engage at risk youth in violence reduction activities. He asked what training is available to staff to prepare them for community advocacy. Chief Young stated, various agency partners who teach cultural, de-escalating, and meditation training. Demographic information is used to familiarize staff with the community they will serve. He recommended the ONSE program staff participate in more community initiatives.
- Ald. Miller Blakely asked Chief Kitchen about the recruitment at Savannah State University and informed the public the services provided by the fire department can be found on the City's web

page.

Mayor Johnson stated he would still like to pursue a hospital intervention program.

2. Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Authorities

UPDATED_Available Appointments to Boards-2024_as of 02-20-2024.pdf

Facilitated by Mayor Johnson, Council Members nominated the following individuals for appointments to Boards, Commissions and Authorities.

- Miriam Munn - Chatham-Savannah Authority for the Homeless
- Steven C. Morgan - Cultural Affairs Commission
- Renee S. Rubens - Cultural Affairs Commission
- Brian L. Judson - Cultural Affairs Commission
- Sarah B. Smith - Cultural Affairs Commission
- Kinte K. Taylor-Steverson - Cultural Affairs Commission
- Gwendolyn Frazier-Smith - Cultural Affairs Commission
- Guy M. Minick - Downtown Savannah Authority
- Kevin Finley - Downtown Savannah Authority, 2nd Term
- Zachary H. Thomas - Downtown Savannah Authority
- Francis X. Hayes - Greater Savannah International Alliance, 2nd Term
- Montana L. Tohm - Greater Savannah International Alliance
- Colleen C. Cunningham - Greater Savannah International Alliance
- Dr. Jose de Arimateia da Cruz - Greater Savannah International Alliance
- Tanvi Chauhan - Greater Savannah International Alliance
- Katrina Hornung - Historic Preservation Commission
- Patricia Richardson - Historic Preservation Commission
- Dr. Jose de Arimateia da Cruz - Hospital Authority of Savannah, 2nd Term
- Austin M. Rojas - Hospital Authority of Savannah
- Taqwaa F. Saleem - Hospital Authority of Savannah, 2nd Term
- Dwayne Stephens - Metropolitan Planning Commission, 2nd Term
- Laureen Boles - Metropolitan Planning Commission, 2nd Term
- Stephen M. Plunk - Metropolitan Planning Commission
- Charles E. Vilushis - Park and Tree Commission, 2nd Term
- Paul C. Daniels - Park and Tree Commission, 2nd Term
- G Randy Tate - Park and Tree Commission, 3rd Term
- Jeffrey M. Notrica - Park and Tree Commission
- Boyer Bazelais - Park and Tree Commission
- Robert D. Sutter - Park and Tree Commission
- Frederick Bailey – Pension Board
- Lowell Kronowitz – Savannah Airport Commission
- Stephanie D. Zeigler - Savannah-Chatham Council on Disability Issues
- Gia Boulos - Savannah-Chatham Council on Disability Issues
- Vondell Norman - Savannah-Chatham Council on Disability Issues
- Michael C. Willis - Savannah-Chatham Council on Disability Issues
- Joseph P. Serpa - Savannah Recreation Commission
- Raven George - Savannah Recreation Commission
- Louise D. Phelps - Savannah Recreation Commission
- Armand J. Turner - Savannah Recreation Commission
- Scott C. Anderson - Traffic Calming Committee
- Kristen Ravenel - Traffic Calming Committee

The following Boards, Commissions and Authorities will require nominations and a vote by Council during the regular meeting.

- Historic District Board of Review
- Savannah-Chatham Historic Sites and Monuments Commission
- Savannah Economic Development Authority (SEDA)

Civil Service Board and Savannah Zoning Board of Appeals will be readvertized for applications.

Mayor Johnson encouraged residents who want to engage in the City's work to apply by visiting the City's web page and clicking on Boards for the application.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked for the Ethics Board to be placed on the agenda for consideration of adding an additional two people. Mayor Johnson indicated this will need to be discussed with the City Attorney before any action is taken.

3. City Manager's Agenda Review

FORGONE/FORWENT.

There was no action taken during the workshop and agenda review.
Mayor Johnson adjourned the pre-meetings at 1:32 p.m.

The video recordings of the Workshop can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: March 14, 2024

Signature: Mark Massey

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FEBRUARY 22, 2024, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
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SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at **2:07 p.m.** **Mayor Johnson** recognized **Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier** to introduce **Chief Alagba Akinsegun from the Oyotunji African Village located in the Low Country in Beaufort County, SC,** to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1
Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2
Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2
Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 - Vice Chair
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 - Chairman
Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5 - Mayor Pro Tem
Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

ROVAL OF AGENDA

Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for February 22, 2024.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda for the February 22, 2024, meeting, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely, Ald. Lanier, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on February 8, 2024, at 12:00 a.m.

Exhibit 1: WS DRAFT MINUTES_February 8, 2024, City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on February 8, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: RM DRAFT MINUTES_February 8, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS

4. Appearance by the Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia.

Makayla, Grace, and Anastasia distributed girl scout cookies to City Council Members.

CEO Sue Else introduced Girl Scout Ella Shaffer, a senior at Savannah Arts Academy and Georgia Southern, who spoke on the importance of the annual sale of girl scout cookies. Ella Shaffer introduced Senior Director of Program Lorena Kirschner who discussed the recent survey result of 'Georgia Day Expo Survey' from the Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia.

Council Members commended and thanked the Girl Scouts for the gifts and for the outstanding work they do in the community.

5. Proclamation Recognizing WTOC TV 70th Anniversary serving the Coastal Empire and Lowcountry.

Mayor Johnson invited the WTOC Team, past and present, to the podium and READ and PRESENTED the Proclamation to General Manager Marsha Fogarty.

Ms. Fogarty thanked City Council for the tribute and recognition. Members of the WTOC Team introduced themselves: Dontae Lee, Chief Photographer; Mike Cihla, Lead Anchor; Dave Turley, Chief Meteorologist; Paige Phillips, Daybreak Executive Producer; Billy Tyson, Assignment Manager; Pria Padgett, Acting News Director; Bill Cathcart, Past General Manager-24 years; Jamie Ertle, Meteorologist; Dawn Baker, Evening Anchor; and Doug Weathers, former Anchor.

Mayor and Council Members thanked the WTOC Team for their service to the residents of Savannah for not only delivering updated news and weather, but also for their outstanding community service.

6. Proclamation Recognizing Parent University 25th Anniversary.

FORGONE/FORWENT.

7. Presentation of the Employee Engagement Team and Recognition of 4th Quarter 2023 Employee of the Quarter Winners.

City Manager Melder introduced the 2023 4th Quarter Employee of the Quarter winners selected by the Employee Engagement Team. The following winners received a certificate and a check for one thousand dollars:

- Lamonteo Dilmar, Community Services
- Will Robinson, Savannah Fire Department
- Teresa Graham, Government Operations
- April Ludwig, Municipal Operations
- Mariana Hilderbrand, Savannah Police Department
- Sam Alai, Infrastructure Development
- Angelica Alfonso, Strategic Services

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

8. Approval for a Class E (Beer and Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Blake Greco for Parker's #123, a Convenience Store Located at 2500 Fort Argyle Road. The establishment is located between Highgate Boulevard and Turpentine Trail in Aldermanic District 5.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Parker's #123.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Parker's #123.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Parker's #123.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Parker's #123.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan- Parker's #123.pdf

HEARD after Item #26.

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol hearing for Item #8.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Lanier moved to close the alcohol hearing for Item #8, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #8, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ZONING HEARINGS

9. Recommendation from the Historic District Board of Review for a Text Amendment to Section 7.8 Savannah Downtown Historic District of the Zoning Ordinance by Adding 412 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard (PIN 20031 36010) to the Contributing Resources Map (File No. 24-000566-ZA) in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Memo to City Manager for Text Amendment to Histroric District Contributing Resources Map.pdf

Exhibit 2: Signed HDBR Decision (23-005414-COA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Downtown Contributing Resource Map.pdf

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearing for Item #9.

Speaker(s):

- Melanie Wilson, MPC Executive Director
- Caitlin Chamberlain, MPC Historic Preservation Commission representative
- Harold Yellin – OPPOSED
- Shedrick Coleman – OPPOSED
- James Hundsrucker – SUPPORTED HDBR recommendation
- Susan Adler, Historic Savannah Foundation – did not object to demolition

Mayor and Council Members asked questions as to the specific changes to the building (height and mass, the windows, any outer building changes). Melanie Wilson and Ms. Chamberlain responded and answered the questions concerning the changes to the building. There was discussion of the significance of African American historical value and if there will be a replacement building if the structure is demolished.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan discussed the importance of the buildings on MLK Jr. Blvd. (prior West Broad Street) to the African American residents in prior years and how the local businesses sustained the livelihood of the community for work, shopping, etc.

Council Members inquired about the historical significance of the building. Architect Shedrick Coleman explained how a building is determined to be of historical significance according to the national standards process and this particular building did not meet the requirements. As a member of the Georgia National Review Board, Mr. Coleman indicated the building does not meet the necessary criteria. An Engineer, Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz discussed the importance of a building being structurally sound, and this particular building's stability is in question and will pose a risk to the safety of citizens.

Ald. Leggett moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #9, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. See related agenda Item #10.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

10. Recommendation from the Historic District Board of Review for a Text Amendment to Section 7.8 Savannah Downtown Historic District of the Zoning Ordinance by Adding 412 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard (PIN 20031 36010) to the Contributing Resources Map (File No. 24-000566-ZA) in Aldermanic District 2.

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After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Ald. Leggett moved to deny Item #10, as recommended by the City Manager with the following conditions also recommended by the MPC:

- The property owner shall comply with the MPC's demolition documentation process; and
- Should the property be deconstructed, the historic materials shall be salvaged for reuse; and
- A demolition permit shall not be approved until the HDBR secures COAs for Phase I and II for both 412 and 414 MLK.

The motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Ald. Miller Blakely voted no.

11. Enactment of Article B. Major Special Events of Chapter 6, Special Events, of Public Safety, of Division II of the Code of the City of Savannah

ORD Major Special Events jnh01242024.SWB.docx

City Manager Melder explained only the name of the Ordinance will change. He read the language for the expanded to go cup area for the St. Patrick Day Festival.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked if there were any other major special events planned in the City? City Manager Melder answered, currently there are none.

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #11, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Ald. Lanier voted no.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for Barracuda's Cloud-Based Email Archive System from SHI International in the Amount of $76,800. The Department of Innovation and Technology Services uses the Barracuda message archive system to provide critical service for email filtering with advanced threat protection. This service scans and protects incoming and outgoing emails to ensure that accidental or intentional malicious data is not introduced into our environment. This cloud-based service protects the integrity of the network and systems that the Innovation and Technology Services supports. (ITS)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Barracuda Renewal.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Barracuda Renewal.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #12, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, and #18, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract For Microwave Equipment and Network Upgrades with Williams Communications in the amount of $80,101. The current microwave system that supports the Southeast Georgia Regional Radio Network (SEGARRN) co-managed by the City of Savannah and Chatham County has reached an end-of-life status for support. (ITS)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Microwave Network.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Microwave Network.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #12, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, and #18, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

14. Authorize the City Manager to Renew an Annual Contract for Software Services with Harris Govern in the Amount of $124,318. This agreement will provide maintenance and support for the Revenue Department's Govern Software used for processing and managing propery taxes, central cashiering, business licenses, and utility billing. (ITS)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - MS Govern.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - MS Govern.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #12, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, and #18, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Computer Replacements and New Purchases with Dell Marketing LP in an Amount Not to Exceed $1,000,000. This contract will be used by the Innovation and Technology Services Department to provide end user devices such as laptops, desktops, monitors, and rugged tablets. (ITS)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Dell Device Replacement.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Dell Device Replacement.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #12, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, and #18, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a 12' Mechanical Bypass Pump with Mersino in an Amount Not to Exceed $109,997. The pump serves as an emergency backup pump for Lift Station 193. The lift station will have increased flow due to the new Hyundai Plant requiring a much higher pumping capacity than currently available through existing bypass pumps. (Public Works and Water Resources)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Bypass Pump.pdf.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Bypass Pump.pdf.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #12, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, and #18, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Manhole Monitoring Alarm Devices with Mission Communications, LLC in an Amount Not to Exceed $200,000. The monitoring devices will provide real-time communication in the City's sanitary sewer system when problematic issues arise. (Sewer Maintenance and Lift Station)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Cellular Monitoring Agreement.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Cellular Monitoring Agreement.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #12, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, and #18, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Manhole Monitoring Equipment with Kazimer & Associates in an Amount Not to Exceed $200,000. The monitoring equipment provides communication and monitors over 250 manhole monitoring alarm devices and 200 lift station monitoring alarms devices throughout the City sewer system. (Water Distribution and Conveyance)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Sewer & Lift Station Monitoring Equip.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Sewer & Lift Station Monitoring Equip.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #12, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, and #18, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Construction Contract for Lift Station #193 Force Main Upgrade with Ruby-Collins Inc. in the Amount of $12,845,666. This will provide the installation approximately 26,000 linear feet of 24" sewer forcemain to convey flow from lift station #193 the west side of I-95/Chatham County Megasite. (Public Works & Water Resources)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - LS 193.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - LS 193.pdf

Ald. Bell asked City Manager Melder for more information concerning Item #19 due to the large contract amount. City Manager Melder explained this is for a construction contract for Lift Station #193 force main upgrade. This will provide the installation of approximately 26,000 linear feet of 24-inch sewer force main. The installation of the proposed force main will address short-term sewage

conveyance capacity shortfalls in the City and is part of a multi-phased water and sewer improvement project to sustain rapid development. The expense will be paid from the Water & Sewer Fund dollars and not General Fund dollars.

Ald. Bell moved to approve Item #19, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

20. Approval to Procure One Riding Mower from Jerry Pate Turf & Irrigation, in the Amount of $53,845.

HEARD after Item #7.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #20, #22, #23, #24, and #25, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely, Ald. Lanier, Ald. Leggett, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

... Approval of Task Order No. 12 Amendment No. 3 with AECOM for Additional Design Services for the Security Checkpoint Expansion Project, in an Amount Not to Exceed $85,000.

Ald. Lanier moved to approve Items #21 and #26, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely, Ald. Leggett, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz recused herself for business purposes.

22. Approval to Enter Into an Engagement with Ricondo & Associates, Inc., in an Amount Not to Exceed $95,000.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #20, #22, #23, #24, and #25, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely, Ald. Lanier, Ald. Leggett, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

23. Approval to Amend the Airport's Contract with Oakview Group (OVG) Facilities/Enmarket Arena to Include a Three-Year Sponsorship of the Newly Installed Wifi, in the Amount of $180,000.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #20, #22, #23, #24, and #25, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely, Ald. Lanier, Ald. Leggett, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

24. Approval of Task Order No. 3 Amendment No. 4 with Pond and Company for Additional Design Services for the Air Cargo Facility Project, in the Amount of $223,141.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #20, #22, #23, #24, and #25, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely, Ald. Lanier, Ald. Leggett, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

. Approval of a Two-Year Official Airport Partnership with the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce for the Kingdom Cup, in the Amount of $600,000.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #20, #22, #23, #24, and #25, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely, Ald. Lanier, Ald. Leggett, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

26. Approval of Task Order No. 34 with AECOM for Design Services for the Terminal Improvements Landside Project, in the Amount of $880,897.

Ald. Lanier moved to approve Items #21 and #26, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely, Ald. Leggett, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz recused herself for business purposes.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

27. Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Authorities

UPDATED_Available Appointments to Boards-2024_as of 02-20-2024.pdf

Mayor Johnson indicated Council reviewed appointments to Boards, Commissions and Authorities during the Workshop.

a. Ald. Palumbo moved to approve the following list of appointments to their respective Boards, Commissions or Authorities, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

- Miriam Munn - Chatham-Savannah Authority for the Homeless
- Steven C. Morgan - Cultural Affairs Commission
- Renee S. Rubens - Cultural Affairs Commission
- Brian L. Judson - Cultural Affairs Commission
- Sarah B. Smith - Cultural Affairs Commission
- Kinte K. Taylor-Steverson - Cultural Affairs Commission
- Gwendolyn Frazier-Smith - Cultural Affairs Commission
- Guy M. Minick - Downtown Savannah Authority
- Kevin Finley - Downtown Savannah Authority, 2nd Term
- Zachary H. Thomas - Downtown Savannah Authority
- Francis X. Hayes - Greater Savannah International Alliance, 2nd Term
- Montana L. Tohm - Greater Savannah International Alliance
- Colleen C. Cunningham - Greater Savannah International Alliance
- Dr. Jose de Arimateia da Cruz - Greater Savannah International Alliance

- Tanvi Chauhan - Greater Savannah International Alliance
- Katrina Hornung - Historic Preservation Commission
- Patricia Richardson - Historic Preservation Commission
- Dr. Jose de Arimateia da Cruz - Hospital Authority of Savannah, 2nd Term
- Austin M. Rojas - Hospital Authority of Savannah
- Taqwaa F. Saleem - Hospital Authority of Savannah, 2nd Term
- Dwayne Stephens - Metropolitan Planning Commission, 2nd Term
- Laureen Boles - Metropolitan Planning Commission, 2nd Term
- Stephen M. Plunk - Metropolitan Planning Commission
- Charles E. Vilushis - Park and Tree Commission, 2nd Term
- Paul C. Daniels - Park and Tree Commission, 2nd Term
- G Randy Tate - Park and Tree Commission, 3rd Term
- Jeffrey M. Notrica - Park and Tree Commission
- Boyer Bazelais - Park and Tree Commission
- Robert D. Sutter - Park and Tree Commission
- Frederick Bailey – Pension Board
- Lowell Kronowitz – Savannah Airport Commission
- Stephanie D. Zeigler - Savannah-Chatham Council on Disability Issues
- Gia Boulos - Savannah-Chatham Council on Disability Issues
- Vondell Norman - Savannah-Chatham Council on Disability Issues
- Michael C. Willis - Savannah-Chatham Council on Disability Issues
- Joseph P. Serpa - Savannah Recreation Commission
- Raven George - Savannah Recreation Commission
- Louise D. Phelps - Savannah Recreation Commission
- Armand J. Turner - Savannah Recreation Commission
- Scott C. Anderson - Traffic Calming Committee
- Kristen Ravenel - Traffic Calming Committee

b. By majority vote the following appointments were made:

- Sabrina Nagel - Historic District Board of Review
- Austin M. Rojas - Savannah-Chatham Historic Sites and Monuments Commission
- ~~M. (Marie) Ann Levett - Savannah Economic Development Authority~~ **- not eligible**
- Paul W. Mosley, Sr. - Savannah Economic Development Authority

AGREEMENTS

28. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Bradley Lot Development, LLC for Bradley Point Phase 10. This is for a development consisting of 32 single family homes located off Bradley Boulevard and Ogeechee Road in Aldermanic District 6.

Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Bradley Point Phase 10.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #28, #29, and #30, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

29. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Bradley Lot Development, LLC for Bradley Point Phase 11. This is for a development consisting of 33 single family homes located off Bradley Boulevard and Ogeechee Road in Aldermanic District 6.

Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Bradley Point Phase 11.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #28, #29, and #30, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

30. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Central Port Partners 11B-2, LLC for CPLC Building 11B. This is for a development consisting of a 942,800 square-foot warehouse space and a 40,000 square-foot office space. The property is located at 1000 Landmark Boulevard in Rockingham Farms off Veterans Parkway in Aldermanic District 5.

Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - CPLC Building 11B.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #28, #29, and #30, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

31. Approval of the Emergency Shelter Facilities License Agreement with St. Joseph's and Candler Hospitals. The City of Savannah has negotiated an agreement with St. Joseph-Candler to house city critical workforce personnel during a hurricane. The agreement would allow the City to station up to 50 personnel at Candler Hospital and 30 personnel at St. Joseph's Hospital during hurricanes.

Exhibit 1: 2024 SJC Disaster Agreement.pdf

Ald. Lanier asked City Manager Melder if having essential work force at different locations was necessary because previously the City had the majority of workers at one location. City Manager Melder indicated if there is a hurricane there would be critical workforce in several locations to assist in all areas of the City for all disaster situations.

Ald. Lanier moved to approve Item #31, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

32. Authorize the City Manager to Approve the Lease of Space to the General Services Administration on City Telecommunication Tower at 1801 Kerry Street.

Exhibit 1: Map - 1801 Kerry Street.pdf

Exhibit 2: GSA Lease.pdf

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Items #32 and #33, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Ald. Miller Blakely voted no.

33. Authorize the City Manager to Approve the Sale of a Permanent Easement to 63 MLK, LLC for Installation of Seven Substantial Foundation Encroachments on City Right-of-Way at 63 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard (PIN 20016 17006).

Exhibit 1: Maps - 63 MLK Jr Blvd.pdf

Exhibit 2: Plans and Specs - 63 MLK Jr Blvd.pdf

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Items #32 and #33, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Ald. Miller Blakely voted no.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

. Settlement #1.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #34, to authorize the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (vehicle injury) of the Estate of Dave Ronco for $125,000.00, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

35. Settlement #2.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #35, to authorize the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (worker's compensation) of Robert Anderson for $62,208.00, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

36. Approval of the Installation of a Commemorative Fountain in Honor of Mary R. Myrick in Kavanaugh Park in Aldermanic District 4.

Exhibit 1: SIGNED HSMC Recommendation - 23-002804-MON Kavanaugh Park Fountain Part 2.pdf

Exhibit 2: Submittal Packet - Kavanaugh Park Fountain Part 2.pdf

Ald. Palumbo congratulated The Ardsley Park Crescent Garden Club on the donation to the City of the commemorative fountain and thanked members of the Club for attending the meeting.

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve Item #36, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz, Ald. Bell, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

. Approval of an Honorary Street Designation for "Bishop C. M. Bailey Way," on the Portion of Ogeechee Road Between West 35th Street and West 34th Street in ermanic District 1.

Exhibit 1: SIGNED HSMC Recommendation - 23-005921 Bishop CM Bailey Way.pdf

Exhibit 2: Submittal Packet - Bishop CM Bailey Way.pdf

Mayor Johnson expressed his gratitude to Bishop C. M. Bailey who served as spiritual leader at the United House of Prayer For All People for fifty-six years, fifteen years of leading over one hundred and thirty-seven congregations across the nation. He was a friend of Mayor Johnson and of the City of Savannah.

Ald. Lanier moved to approve Item #37, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

38. Approval of Petition To Place Historic Marker To Commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the Savannah St. Patrick's Day Parade at 132 Montgomery Street.

Exhibit 1: Submittal Package - St. Patrick's Day Parade Marker.pdf

Exhibit 2: MPC Staff Report - St. Patrick's Day Parade Marker.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #38, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

yor Johnson thanked the City and Members of Council for the love and support shown to the family Sgt. Breonna Moffitt. Sgt. Moffit will return to Mississippi where she will rest in peace.

Ald. Miller Blakely announced on March 2, 2024, 12:00 noon, Mt. Herman Baptist Church in Coffee Bluff will unveil a Marker of designated historical preference of two hundred years in the African American community.

Ald. Palumbo invited citizen to attend draining of the DeRenne Swamp on February 28, 2024, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.at Jewish Educational Alliance, 5111 Abercorn Street.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz announced on February 22, 2024, the mother of Bishop Brown will celebrate her 85th birthday. Bishop Brown is the Pastor of Greater Friendship Baptist Church.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan wished happy birthday to Sara Bell Robinson turning 104. Ald. Wilder-Bryan announced the Girl Scouts will hold a breakfast at the Hyatt Hotel on May 8, 2024.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan encouraged citizens to contact the Speaker of House concerning HB 161, Firearms, at 404-656-5020 and request to recommit to HB 161 - The Pediatric Health Safe Storage Act to the Public Health Committee.

Ald. Lanier announced the following events:

- February 24, 2024 - Hudson Hill Park, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Stop the Violence Rally.
- March 2, 2024 - 6th Annual Weeping Time African Festival at the Waterworks Plaza.
- March 8, 2024 - Happy Birthday to Estella Bowers turning 105 years old.

Ald. Miller Blakely announced vendors for the Annual Weeping Time African Festival can come out and serve and sell free of charge.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 4:30 p.m.

The video recordings of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

https://savannahgovtv.viebit.com/player.php?hash=TSaPmmeg3hUUjjMg#

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: March 14, 2024

Signature: Mark Massey

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MARCH 14, 2024 12:00 noon - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at **12:04 p.m.**, in the 2nd Floor Media Room of City Hall. **Mayor Johnson** called the meeting to order and recognized **Alderman Purtee** to offer a prayer.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2
Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2
Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
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Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5 - Mayor Pro Tem
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ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

Workshop Agenda Items

1. Saint Patrick's Day Celebration/Festival Ordinance

Exhibit 1: St. Patrick's Festival.pdf

PRESENTED by City Manager Melder, Special Events, Film & Tourism Senior Director Susan Broker, Police Chief Lenny Gunther, and Deputy Fire Chief Jack McCutchen.

City Manager Melder indicated the information is related to St. Patrick's Day Festival and Parade activities, and City operations during the event. The City is expecting large crowds for the weekend with local hotels currently at or near capacity.

A variety of questions, concerns and comments followed about the St. Patrick's Day Festival and Parade. Below are some but not all of the topics discussed by City Council Members:

- City Manager Melder thanked all outside law enforcement and public safety agencies who are in the City to support SPD, SFD and other enforcement officers. All police and fire locations will be fully staffed during the festival. Thanks go out to the sanitation department and the City Marshalls for their hard work during the weekend to keep Savannah safe and clean.
- Ald. Leggett asked Police Chief Gunther if the SPD is partnering with revenue and code enforcement departments. Chief Gunther answered, yes, also partnering with state revenue teams. There will be a team monitoring cameras for any illegal activity including sex trafficking. Security measures are already in place and have started.
- Ald. Miller Blakely asked if sanitation workers will be compensated for their time. City Manager Melder indicated they will be paid time and a half. River Street hours and commercial delivery times were identified. Out of town camper rules and regulations during the celebration were explained.
- Ald. Wilder-Bryan expressed concern about the $50 fine: who issues the fine, have the received proper training, how to identify whose trash. City Manager Melder explained cod enforcement officers and City Marshalls are trained and will be located at various stations with radios to communicate any and all violations before citations are issued. Law enforcement officers will be in close proximity.
- Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz emphasized the ride share hub locations. She asked if there will be a shuttle at Savannah Mall, and if there will be parking for officials during the celebration. Ms. Broker indicated residents can check online for shuttle schedules, and there will be some city parking at the Visitor's Center.
- Mayor Johnson reiterated the importance of safety during the celebration. Exotic animals are not allowed and SPD will enforce the Ordinance of no exotic animals. Mayor Johnson inquired for the final count of last year's festival. City Manager Melder indicated the City is expecting tens of thousands, the hotels are at 90+%. Lessons learned over the years are to omit street vending, drinking, music, and eating. Having visitors inside the businesses makes for a more manageable situation. Ordinance changes have been very helpful in controlling the celebration.
- Regular Chatham Area Transit (CAT) routes are fare free, but CAT shuttles are $5.00 per person. Vacation rentals will be enforced by SPD.
- Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz asked for the permit process for vendors. City Manager Melder encouraged residents to contact the Revenue Department, 912-651-6450, to inquire about obtaining a business license. She encouraged visitors to be mindful of State Patrol and Officers on the highway leading into Savannah.

City Manager Melder shared upcoming workshop topics:

1. March - Healthy Savannah & Step-Up Savannah (tentative)
2. April - Tourism Ordinance/Tourism Service VehiclesHomelessness Update
   Homelessness
3. May - Safe Streets for All/Traffic Calming
   2023 Street Resurfacing & Sidewalks Recap/FY24 Plan

Ald. Wilder-Bryan requested a workshop to discuss housing and loans for home repair programs. Mayor Johnson indicated information will be sent to Council Members requesting topics for future workshops.

Ald. Lanier recommended polling Council Members for availability prior to scheduling special called meeting dates.

2. Added: Closed Executive Session: Litigation, Personnel, and Real Estate

At 1:24 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to hold a closed Executive Session regarding real estate, personnel, and litigation, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

At 2:01 p.m., Ald. Leggett moved to adjourn the closed Executive Session, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

No action was taken during the Executive Session.

3. City Manager's Agenda Review

~~City Manager's Agenda Review.~~

There was no action taken during the Workshop and Executive Session.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the pre-meetings at 2:01 p.m.

The video recordings of the Workshop can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

https://savannahgovtv.viebit.com/player.php?hash=gDvH4i3eZCqRcEaW

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: March 28, 2024

Signature: Mark Massey

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MARCH 14, 2024, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at **2:11 p.m.** Mayor Johnson recognized **Alderwoman Leggett** who introduced **Most Reverend Bishop Stephen D. Parkes, Bishop of the Diocese of Savannah** to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 - Vice Chair

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 - Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5 - Mayor Pro Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder

Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

ROVAL OF AGENDA

Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for March 14, 2024.

Mayor Johnson announced that the Mayor and Aldermen conducted a closed executive session earlier on the topics of Personnel, Real Estate, and Litigation for which no votes were taken. Mayor Johnson entertained a motion to that effect, thereby granting him authority to sign the required resolution and affidavit.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Mayor Johnson signing a Resolution and Affidavit of Executive Session for the March 14, 2024, meeting for the purpose of discussing Personnel, Real Estate, and Litigation for which no votes were taken, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve/adopt the agenda of the Regular Meeting for March 14, 2024, as amended, continuing agenda Item #8 to the March 28, 2024, City Council Meeting; removing agenda Item #21; and adding Item #40 a Resolution on Closing of Georgia's Health Insurance Coverage Gap, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on February 22, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - February 22, 2024, City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on February 22, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - February 22, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS

4. Appearance by the Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee Grand Marshal and Aides, and Presentation by Mayor Van R. Johnson II of the 2024 Saint Patrick's Day Parade Permit Commemorating the Parade's 200th Anniversary. The parade will be held on March 16, 2024.

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to the parade committee members, including the Parade Committee General Chairman Timothy 'Tim' P. Mahoney and Parade Grand Marshall John P. Forbes.

General Chairman Tim Mahoney expressed his gratitude for being able to have the 200th Anniversary St. Patrick's Day celebration and parade and especially thanked Special Events, Film & Tourism Director Susan Broker and Eddie Grant for their assistance. General Chairman Mahoney introduced members of his Executive Committee and the 2024 Grand Marshall John P. Forbes. He asked the Mayor and Aldermen/Alderwomen for the 2024 St. Patrick's Day Parade Permit. Mayor Johnson presented the parade permit to Grand Marshall Forbes.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #4, the parade permit, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

5. Proclamation Recognizing March 10-16, 2024, as Navy League Week.

PRESENTED and READ by Mayor Johnson. He introduced Rear Admiral David Buzzetti, previous Savannah resident Commander Cheryl Collins, and Savannah native and High School Graduate Ensign Lamar Badger. Also in attendance were the sailors of the USS Georgia and the USS Savannah.

On behalf of the Navy, Admiral Buzzetti thanked the Mayor and Aldermen for the recognition and the opportunity to participate in the annual St. Patrick's Day festivities. Sailors introduced themselves and thanked everyone for the recognition.

6. Proclamation Recognizing Parent University's 25th Anniversary.

Mayor Johnson PRESENTED and READ the Proclamation for Parent University's 25th Anniversary. Michael O'Neal, Jonnelle O'Neal thanked the Mayor and Council for the recognition and the support given to the agency over the years. Also in attendance were Parent University's employee Mr. Latrae.

Ald. Bell thanked Michael and Jonnelle O'Neal for the work done within the community, and Ald. Leggett shared his positive experiences with Parent University and Mr. O'Neal particularly.

7. Appearance by the City of Savannah Purchasing Department Staff to Recognize March as National Procurement Month.

Exhibit 1: Proclamation for Procurement Month.docx

READ and PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and City Manager Melder to Procurement Director Johnnie Coker and staff members Assistant Director Cory Miller, Tiffany Daniels, LaVern Allen, Vernell Mitchell, Andrea Bossart, and Collin Monagle.

City Manager Melder stated, March is procurement month, and the City's purchasing department does an outstanding job of dedicated public service.

Following the introduction of team members, Director Coker thanked Mayor, Council and staff for the recognition of the purchasing department.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

8. Approval to Add a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) and a Class A (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (Caterer) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Christian Santiago for Orale Tacos & Tequila, a Restaurant Located at 36 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The establishment is located between Congress and Broughton Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Orale Tacos.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Orale Tacos.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Orale Tacos.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Orale Tacos.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Orale Tacos.pdf

Ald. Leggett moved to continue/postpone Item #8 to the March 28, 2024, meeting, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

9. Approval to Add a Class C (Beer) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Christopher Emerick for Squealing Hog BBQ, a Restaurant Located at 206 East Bay Street. The establishment is located between Abercorn and Lincoln Street Ramps in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Squealing Hog.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Squealing Hog.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Squealing Hog.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Squealing Hog.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Squealing Hog.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearing open for Item #9.

No Speaker(s):

a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearing for Item #9, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve Item #9, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely, Ald. Lanier, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

10. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Ruth Threatt for T&T Jazz Bar, a Bar/Lounge Located at 2501 Bull Street. The establishment is located between West 41st and West 42nd Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - T&T Jazz Bar.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - T&T Jazz Bar.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - T&T Jazz Bar.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - T&T Jazz Bar.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - T&T Jazz.pdf

HEARD after Item #11.

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearing open for Item #10.

No Speaker(s):

a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearing for Item #10, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve Item #10, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ZONING HEARINGS

11. Petition of Ruth Threatt on Behalf of Robinson Theresa Trustee for a Special Use Permit to Allow a Bar/Lounge with Conditions at 2501 Bull Street (PIN 20074 07003) within TC-1 (Traditional Commercial-1) Zoning District in Aldermanic District 2. (File No. 24-000227-ZA)

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 2501 Bull Street (File No. 24-000227-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Map for 2501 Bull Street (File No. 24-000227-ZA).pdf

HEARD after Item #9.

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #11.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, MPC

Ald. Lanier asked Mr. Morrow the reason for the special use permit. Mr. Morrow indicated the TC-1 zoning designation requires a special use permit. Mr. Morrow explained the requirements for patio seating and off-street parking as requested by Ald. Lanier.

a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #11, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely, Ald. Lanier, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve Item #11, a special use permit with conditions, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Environmental Compliance Services with Atlantic Coast Consulting, Inc. (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed $69,000. The Sanitation Department will use this service to provide general environmental compliance management, monitoring, and reporting to ensure that the Dean Forest

Road Landfill is in compliance with applicable state/federal regulations and existing permits. (Sanitation Department)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Environmental Compliance Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Environmental Compliance Services.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #12 through #20, #22, #23, and #24, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for SPD Ballistic Vests and Tactical Gear with TYR Tactical, LLC in an Amount Not to Exceed $81,639. The ballistic vests and tactical gear will be utilized by the Savannah Police Department SWAT Team. (Police).

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - SPD Ballistic Vests.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - SPD Ballistic Vest.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #12 through #20, #22, #23, and #24, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Temporary Staffing Services with Robert Half International (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed $125,000. The Information Technology Department will use the temporary staffing services to provide technical knowledge and skills in specialized computer applications for all City users. These will include software and PC upgrades, helpdesk, and network services support as well as program/project support. (ITS)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - ITS Temporary Staff.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - ITS Temporary Staff.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #12 through #20, #22, #23, and #24, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for CityWorks Implementation Services with Woolpert Inc. in the Amount of $189,758. The goal of this project is to upgrade and migrate the current CityWorks locally hosted software version to the CityWorks On-Line version. (ITS)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Cityworks Upgrade.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Cityworks Upgrade.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #12 through #20, #22, #23, and #24, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Three (3) Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Fill Stations with Sub Aquatics, Inc. (Breathing Air Systems) in the Amount of $283,334. SCBAs are the foundational tool that provides the greatest amount of airway protection from toxic gas and harmful particulates resulting from a fire. Savannah Fire currently uses a 16-year-old unit that is corroding to refill the SCBA. (Savannah Fire Department)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - SCBA Fill Stations.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - SCBA Fill Stations.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #12 through #20, #22, #23, and #24, seconde by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for Sludge Pump Repairs with GoForth Williamson in an Amount Not to Exceed $500,000. Pump equipment is a critical component used in various applications to convey wastewater to the next process. If pumps are not maintained or repaired in a timely manner, raw sewage could spill into receiving streams which will compromise the health and safety of City residents. (Water Reclamation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Contract Modification No. 2 - Pump Repair.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Contract Modification No. 2 - Pump Repair.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #12 through #20, #22, #23, and #24, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Two (2) Log Loader Grapple Trucks with National Auto Fleet Group in the Amount of $603,800. The two (2) log loader grapple trucks are essential to the Park and Tree Forestry Division's tree removal program. The Forestry Division removes dead and hazardous trees from city-owned property for public safety and also necessary to clear city streets for emergency response following storm events and to haul large logs and wood debris to the landfill. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Log Grapple Trucks.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Log Grapple Trucks.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #12 through #20, #22, #23, and #24, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Upgrade with Control Instruments, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed $684,385. The upgrade will include an overhaul for the 29-year-old system and is needed because the components of the Programmable Logic Controls (PLC) are obsolete and replacement parts are difficult to find. (Water Reclamation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Water Reclamation SCADA Upgrade.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - Water Reclamation SCADA Upgrade.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #12 through #20, #22, #23, and #24, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for Aluminum Sulfate with Chemtrade Chemicals USA, LLC, in an Amount Not to Exceed $325,400. This modification will ensure an adequate supply of aluminum sulfate is maintained as it is an integral part for the sludge treatment process. (Public Works)

Exhibit:1 Funding Verification - Aluminum Sulfate.pdf

Exhibit: 2 Purchasing Notes - Aluminum Sulfate.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #12 through #20, #22, #23, and #24, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for Grounds Maintenance for Public Rights of Ways with J Corbett Enterprises, Inc., DBA Mow Masters (LOCAL, DBE) in an Amount Not to Exceed $1,525,000. The contract will be used by the Park & Tree Greenscapes Division to maintain grounds on approximately 170 miles of rights of ways adjacent to streets and highways. The work will include mowing, edging, line trimming, leaf/debris removal, litter/trash removal before mowing, and the application of pesticides and herbicides to control weed and wild growth. (Park & Tree) (This item has been postponed.)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Grounds Maintenance for Public ROW.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Grounds Maintenance for Public ROW.pdf

Item #21 REMOVED/WITHDREW, during the adoption of the agenda.

22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for Gas and Diesel Fuel with Sunoco LP and James River Solutions (DBE) in an Amount Not to Exceed $6,432,939. The contract will allow Fleet Services to procure transport truckloads of fuel for the three fueling locations (Adams Complex, Sallie Mood and Police Headquarters) that will be utilized by various City departments to fuel vehicles and equipment for daily operations. In addition, the contract allows various City departments to procure fuel by the tank wagons for smaller capacity tanks, generators, etc. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Gas & Diesel Fuel.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Gas & Diesel Fuel.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #12 through #20, #22, #23, and #24, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

23. Authorize The City Manager to Execute a Contract for Towing of Abandoned and Derelict Vehicles with Staley Auto Parts DBA Cash-N-Carry (LOCAL)(Primary) and Jackson Brothers Towing (LOCAL)(Secondary). The Code Compliance Department will use this contract to ensure prompt and efficient towing of vehicles in violation of city ordinances, helping to maintain safety and compliance within our community while providing cost-effective solutions for handling abandoned vehicles. (Code Compliance)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Towing of Abandoned Vehicles Department.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Towing of Abandoned Vehicles Department.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #12 through #20, #22, #23, and #24, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Critical Workforce Transportation with GETZ Transport Solutions, LLC in an Amount that Varies Based on the Severity of the Natural Disaster. The Critical Workforce personnel are required to respond to and work immediately before, during, and after disasters, particularly at a time when residents and businesses are evacuating. (Savannah Fire Department)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Critical Workforce Transportation.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Critical Workforce Transportation.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #12 through #20, #22, #23, and #24, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

. Approval to Award Services to Heat Transfer Sales, LLC to Refurbish Two Secondary Chill Water Pumps and Motors, in the Amount of $31,894.

HEARD after Item #7.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #25 through #37, seconded by Ald. Leggett, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

26. Approval to Purchase One Sports Utility Vehicle from OC Welch Ford, in the Amount of $41,730.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #25 through #37, seconded by Ald. Leggett, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

27. Approval to Purchase a Utility Van from J.C. Lewis Ford, in the Amount of $59,982.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #25 through #37, seconded by Ald. Leggett, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

28. Approval to Procure Two Towable Passenger Stairs from AERO Specialties, in the Amount of $74,434.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #25 through #37, seconded by Ald. Leggett, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

29. Approval to Participate in the 2024 Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance and Motoring Festival as the Award Stage Sponsor, in the Amount of $90,000.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #25 through #37, seconded by Ald. Leggett, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

30. Approval to Purchase New Airfield Sign Panels from Allen Enterprises, in the Amount of $99,668.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #25 through #37, seconded by Ald. Leggett, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

31. Approval to Procure Two 4x4 Pickup Trucks from J.C. Lewis Ford, in the Amount of $99,684.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #25 through #37, seconded by Ald. Leggett, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

32. Approval to Procure Four (4) Police Interceptor Explorers from OC Welch Ford, in the Amount of $171,860.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #25 through #37, seconded by Ald. Leggett, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

33. Approval to Purchase Hold Room Seating from National Office Systems, in the Amount of $204,787.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #25 through #37, seconded by Ald. Leggett, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

34. Approval to Participate in the 2024 Visit Savannah Co-Op Digital Advertising Campaign, in the Amount of $300,000

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #25 through #37, seconded by Ald. Leggett, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

35. Approval to Procure One Airfield Sweeper Truck from Wastebuilt Environmental Solutions, in the Amount of $348,994.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #25 through #37, seconded by Ald. Leggett, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

36. Approval to Purchase Six (6) Passenger Ground Boarding Ramps from Keith Consolidated Industries, Inc., in the Amount of $672,116.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #25 through #37, seconded by Ald. Leggett, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

37. Approval of the 2024-2025 Airport Liability Insurance Program with Sterling Seacrest Pritchard, Inc., in the Amount of $886,479

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #25 through #37, seconded by Ald. Leggett, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

AGREEMENTS

38. An Intergovernmental Agreement Between Chatham County, City of Savannah, and City of Pooler for the De-annexation of Property within the City Limits of Pooler and Savannah and Swap Each Jurisdiction's De-annexed Property with the Properties being Annexed into the Other Jurisdiction. After the swap of properties, both municipalities would re-annex said swapped property back into each of their respective jurisdictions.

Exhibit 1: Intergovernmental Agreement.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #38, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wiler-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

39. Approval of a Major Subdivision: Oakwood at New Hampstead Phase 1B. This proposed property totals 13.872 acres and will consist of 47 lots with varying lot sizes. The property is located at the intersection of Highgate Boulevard and Mage Street in Alderman District 5.

Exhibit 1: Plat - Major Subdivision: Oakwood at New Hampstead Phase 1B PDF.pdf.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #39, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

40. Added: Resolution on Closing of Georgia's Health Insurance Coverage Gap.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #40, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ald. Lanier announced additional parking at the Vintage Special Events Center on Latham Avenue, with a shuttle to Plant Riverside. Citizens can go to Vintage Special Events Facebook page for more information.

Ald. Leggett recognized Jenkins High School 10th Grader, Ms. Mackenize Smith, who is shadowing him today. He sent condolences to the Robert Hayward family, services will be held on Saturday.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan announced the 21st Town Hall Meeting at PARC, on March 21, 2024, from 6-7pm She attended the NLC Conference in Washington, DC where she acquired additional information fo municipalities.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz wished everyone a happy St. Patrick's weekend and encouraged everyone to abide by the rules and regulations.

Ald. Miller Blakely sent her deepest sympathy to the family of Rose Marie Mali. She encouraged residents to early vote. Ald. Miller Blakely attended the NLC Conference in Washington, DC and advised residents the housing crisis is not just Savannah it is nationwide. She wished everyone a safe and happy St. Patrick's Day celebration.

Ald. Bell thanked City Manager Melder, Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Team Savannah for their support in attending the banquet for "Women Who Rule", where she received the United Way 'Woman

of the Year' award. She sent condolences to the family of Georgia Southern's Dr. Nick Henry. He also taught at UGA which is where Ald. Bell had him as a teacher, but he was the President of GSU.

Ald. Lanier announced this evening at 6:00 p.m. at the Adams Complex on Gwinnett Street, Springfield Terrace Pearl Smith Community Engagement Opportunity for any interested residents or citizens.

Mayor Johnson congratulated Ald. Purtee on his appointment to the NLC 2024 Public Safety and Crime Prevention Federal Advocacy Committee. Mayor Johnson was appointed to lead the Committee on A.I. He sent condolences to the family of Edwin Gilliard.

City Manager Melder wished Assistant Police Chief Robert Gavin a Happy Birthday.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 3:42 p.m.

The video recordings of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

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CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
VISIONING SESSION (RETREAT)
Civic Center – 2nd Floor – O'Connor Room
301 Oglethorpe Avenue, Savannah, GA 31401
March 25, 2024 – 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II
Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1
Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2
Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2
Aldermen Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 – Vice-Chair
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 - Chairman
Alderwoman Dr. Estella E. Shabazz, District 5 – Mayor Pro-Tem
Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

OTHERS PRESENT:
City Manager Jay Melder
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox
Rashad Young, Consultant, Elevated Development Concepts

The Special Called Meeting was held at 9:15 a.m. at the Savannah Civic Center, O'Connor Room. The invocation was offered by Alderman Purtee.

Opening Remarks and Introduction of Facilitator:

Mayor Johnson thanked and welcomed everyone to the visioning session.

Mayor Johnson gave a brief overview of the first three months of operation for the new administration. He discussed the development of a vision for the City of Savannah:

- This will be used as a guiding principle for the City, and the Council should formally adopt as the City's Vision Statement.
- The City Council chooses the priorities and the direction for the City.

Mayor Johnson first thanked Mr. Young for attending and participating in the visioning session, and then he introduced Ms. Ruth Demeter, Ruth Demeter Consulting, and thanked her for returning to the City to help facilitate the visioning session.

Welcome:

Ms. Demeter thanked the Mayor and Council for giving her the opportunity to return and facilitate the visioning session. She informed the Mayor and Council what the intent would be for the Visioning Sessions and detailed the rules during the session.

Discussions:

Utilizing round-robin style, Ms. Demeter asked each Council Member to express "how you feel".

Vision Session #1:

Ms. Demeter then asked the Council Members for priority issues for the current administration. The priorities from each Member of the Council were gathered and added to the wall as priorities. Under each priority, Council Members added various categories. The items gathered will be compiled by Rashad Young to translate the submitted priorities into a working plan.

Lunch:

Vision Session #2 and #3:

Following the lunch break, with direction and parameters from Ruth Demeter, the Council Members continued the visioning sessions with group and individual reflections, observations, and input.

Closing:

Mayor Johnson thanked the Council for their participation and indicated the visioning session will continue tomorrow at 9:30 a.m.

There was no action taken during the visioning session.

The session adjourned at 4:19 p.m.

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CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
VISIONING SESSION (RETREAT)
Civic Center – 2nd Floor, O'Connor Room
301 Oglethorpe Avenue, Savannah, GA 31401
March 26, 2024 – 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1
Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2
Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2
Aldermen Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 – Vice-Chair
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 - Chairman
Alderwoman Dr. Estella E. Shabazz, District 5 – Mayor Pro-Tem
Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

OTHERS PRESENT:
City Manager Jay Melder
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox
Rashad Young, Consultant, Elevated Development Concepts

The Special Called Meeting began at 9:39 a.m. at the Savannah Civic Center, O'Connor Room. The invocation was offered by Alderman Purtee.

Welcome and opening remarks by Mayor Johnson:

Mayor Johnson thanked everyone for returning to the visioning session and asked all in attendance to remember families of victims impacted by the collapsed bridge in Baltimore, MD, and he extended his support to their leaders. Ald. Bell extended her thoughts and prayers for the recovery of Kevin 'Catfish' Jackson who remains in ICU, a well-known member of the Savannah community, and a generous philanthropist.

Vision Session #4:

Utilizing a round robin concept, Ms. Demeter asked Council Members to discuss their individual issues/concerns, and how to resolve the issue. She then reviewed the priority topics from the previous day.

Strategic Planning Kickoff:

Facilitator Ruth Demeter articulated the major priorities presented and discussed by the Council during the previous sessions and asked Council Members to prioritize those goals over a four-year term.

Ms. Demeter congratulated the Mayor and Council on a successful visioning session for the past day and a half. She indicated after the lunch break Mr. Rashad Young will discuss with the Council the strategic priorities and how to accomplish a plan of action to address those priorities in a timely manner.

Lunch:

Review of Strategic Priorities:

Rashad Young discussed the priorities submitted and discussed by the Council Members and asked Members to identify ways the staff and administration can prioritize those goals over the next four-year term. Council Members submitted suggestions on paper and discussed options. Mr. Young will compile the information and submit a working plan for Council.

City Manager Melder summarized the session. He expressed his gratitude to Council Members for taking the time to identify their priorities and values. He asked Council Members for their consensus on accepting the six major strategic priorities. City Manager Melder will report back to Council Members on the progress and/or completion of the plan by Mr. Young.

Mayor's Closing Remarks:

Mayor Johnson asked Council Members and City Manager Melder if the agenda for the workshop for Thursday needed any revision. City Attorney Lovett indicated there was no need for an Executive Session. Consensus from the Mayor and Council Members was to have a working lunch workshop at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 28, 2024, prior to the 2:00 p.m. Regular City Council Meeting.

Mayor Johnson thanked Ms. Demeter, the Council Members, and all in attendance for their support.

With no further business coming before the assembly, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

There was no action taken during the visioning session.

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MARCH 28, 2024 1:00 p.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT
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The Workshop and City Manager's briefing was held at **1:00 p.m.**, in the 2nd Floor Media Room. **Mayor Johnson** called the meeting to order and recognized **Alderman Purtee** to offer a prayer.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2
Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2
Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 - Vice Chair
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 - Chairman
Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5 - Mayor Pro Tem
Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
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kshop Agenda Items

1. Closed Executive Session: Litigation, Personnel, and Real Estate

No Executive Session was held.

2. City Manager's Agenda Review

City Manager Melder reviewed the Agenda for the regular council meeting. The following items were highlighted and consensus of Council Members were the following recommendation. Votes will be taken at the regular meeting of Council:

- Items #6 and #8 - remanded back to Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) for reconsideration and continued to the April 25, 2024, City Council Meeting.

- Items #7 and #9 - remanded back to MPC for reconsideration and continued to the April 25, 2024 City Council Meeting.
- Item #16 - City Manager Melder explained this will be a City owned garage. The City would issue bonds through the Savannah Economic Development Authority (SEDA) to fund a two level underground garage with 450 spaces. To assist with the expected debt service of the project, SEDA would assume ownership of the properties and use their statutory powers to collect a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) from the project developers. City Manager Melder indicated no tax payer dollars or money from the City's General Fund would be used. He is asking for Council's approval.

Ald. Lanier indicated she has a recommendation for a Board appointment to the Traffic Calming Committee to represent District 1. Mayor Johnson acknowledged her recommendation and will add the Board appointment on adoption of the agenda for Council's vote.

There was no action taken during the Workshop.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Workshop at 1:54 p.m.

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MARCH 28, 2024, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at **2:05 p.m.** Mayor Johnson recognized **Vice Chair and District 3 Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan** to introduce **The Right Reverend Frank Logue, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Georgia,** to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1
Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2
Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2
Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 - Vice Chair
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Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5 - Mayor Pro Tem
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ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
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City Attorney Bates Lovett
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ROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for March 28, 2024.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda for March 28, 2024, as amended to continue Item #6; continue Item #7; and add Item #21, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on March 14, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - March 14, 2024, City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on March 14, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - March 14, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Johnson took a moment of personal privilege and recognized special guests in the audience, including the City Manager's wife Kimberly Melder, and their guest Belva Fonquay from Washington D.C. He also recognized Connor, Carson, and Julian, students participating in St. Andrew School Civic Leadership program.

PRESENTATIONS

4. An Appearance by the Savannah Music Festival to Provide a Preview of the 2024 Savannah Music Festival.

INTRODUCED by Mayor Johnson, Savannah Music Festival (SMF) Executive Director Gene Dobbs Bradford appeared, along with the SMF Jazz Academy who performed "Lift Every Voice and Sing". Mr. Bradford gave a brief background of the SMF and the programs offered. Each member of the Academy provided their name, grade, and attending school.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

5. Approval to Add a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) and a Class A (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (Caterer) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Christian Santiago for Orale Tacos & Tequila, a Restaurant Located at 36 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The establishment is located between Congress and Broughton Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Orale Tacos.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Orale Tacos.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Orale Tacos.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Orale Tacos.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Orale Tacos.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearing open for Item #5.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearing for Item #5, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve Item #5, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ZONING HEARINGS

6. Petition of Robert L. McCorkle, Agent for Travis Stringer of Foram Development, LLC on Behalf of 621 Gwinnett, LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 810 E. Broad Street, 613-623 E. Gwinnett Street, and 610-614 E. Bolton Street (PIN 20043 07001, -04, -05, -06, -13, -15, -18, -19, and -20) from TC-2 to DX. The item was recommended as a PD (Small Planned Development) in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 23-001408-ZA). (Recommendation pending.)

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet (File No. 23-001408-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Combined Maps (File No. 23-001408-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Small Planned Development (S-PD) as of 10.2023.pdf

Exhibit 4: Revised - Small Planned Development (S-PD) as of 03.2024.pdf

Exhibit 5: General Development Plan as of 10.2023.pdf

Exhibit 6: Revised - General Development Plan as of 3.2024.pdf

Exhibit 7: Arch Site Plan and First Floor as of 10.2023.pdf

Exhibit 8: Revised - Arch Site Plan and Elevations 03.2024.pdf

Exhibit 9: Current TC-2 (Traditional Commerical-2) Development Standards.pdf

Exhibit 10: E. Broad and E. Gwinnett Renderings.pdf

Ald. Leggett moved to REMAND/RETURN Items #6 and #8 to the Metropolitan Planning Commissio (MPC) for reconsideration, and CONTINUE to the April 25, 2024, City Council Meeting, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. See related Agenda Item #8.

Speaker card(s) completed:

- Ed Pyrch – OPPOSED
- Andrew Jones – OPPOSED
- Jim Hundsrucker – OPPOSED
- Ellie Isaacs – may have comments

Written comment(s):

- Ed Pyrch – OPPOSED

- Lane Shorkey – OPPOSED
- Nancy Maia – IN SUPPORT
- Karen Jarrett – OPPOSED
- Jim Hundsrucker – OPPOSED
- Andree Patterson – OPPOSED
- Denise Flojo – OPPOSED

7. Petition of Robert L. McCorkle, Agent for Ramsey Khalidi, LLC for a Text Amendment to Section 5.4 to Add the Indoor Amusement Use as a Limited Use in the I-L (Light Industrial) Zoning Districts (File No. 24-000624-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation (File No. 24-000624-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Proposed Ordinance Revision (File No. 24-000624-ZA).pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to REMAND/RETURN Items #7 and #9 to the Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) for reconsideration, and CONTINUE to the April 25, 2024, City Council Meeting, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. See related Agenda Item #9.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

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PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

10. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of an Automated Solid Phase Extractor with Biotage in the Amount of $55,070. This equipment will be used to analyze over 250 compounds by the Cross Roads Treatment Facility to maintain compliance with the Environmental Protection Division. (Water Reclamation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Biotage Extractor.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - Biotage Extractor.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #10, #11, #12, and #15, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC) Training with Rescue Training, Inc.(LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed $99,750. The Savannah Fire Department will utilize this contract to teach and train personnel in TECC to improve active shooter and mass casualty responses. (Fire)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Tactical Emergency Casualty Care Training.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Tactical Emergency Casualty Care Training.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #10, #11, #12, and #15, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Design and Construction Administration for the Savannah Police Department Headquarters with Raymond Engineering, Inc. (LOCAL) in the Amount of $120,000. The services will cover additional scope to upgrade all areas of the building to current codes and improve accessibility. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - SPD Design Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - SPD Design Services.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #10, #11, #12, and #15, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Employee Classification and Compensation Study with Baker Tilly US, LLP in an Amount Not to Exceed $235,000. The purpose of the study is to review and revise the existing compensation and classification structures for all positions to align with organizational resources. (Human Resources)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Employee Classification and Compensation Study.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Employee Classification and Compensation Study.pdf

Ald. Miller Blakely noted that the Study is done every five (5) years. City Manager Melder confirmed the last Employee Classification and Compensation Study was completed in 2019.

Ald. Miller Blakely moved to approve Item #13, seconded by Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 2 For Sidewalk, Curb, and Cobblestone Repair with Savannah River Utilities (Primary)(LOCAL) and Savannah Paving (Secondary) in an Amount Not to Exceed $350,000. The proposed increase will help account for the accelerated rate of permanent traffic table installations as part of the residential traffic calming efforts and allow the contractors to stay on schedule with ongoing sidewalk repairs. (Transportation Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Sidewalk, Curb, and Cobblestone Repair.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Sidewalk, Curb, and Cobblestone Repair.pdf

Ald. Wilder-Bryan thanked City Manager Melder, Assistant City Manager Lloyd, and staff for making sure this project happened.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #14, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Gounds Maintenance for Public Right of Ways with J. Corbett Enterprises, Inc.(LOCAL)(DBE) in an Amount not to Exceed $1,525,000. This contract will be used to maintain public right of ways of 170 miles. (Park & Tree)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Ground Maintenance for Public ROW.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Ground Maintenance for Public ROW.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #10, #11, #12, and #15, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

AGREEMENTS

16. Development Agreement with Forsyth Commons, LLC for an Underground Public Parking Structure.

Exhibit 1: Request for PILOT Arrangement for the Development of a New City Parking Garage at Forsyth Park.pdf

Exhibit 2: Development Agreement - Forsyth Park Parking Garage.pdf

Mayor Johnson indicated there is a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) from the project developers for new City parking garage.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #16, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Ald. Miller Blakely voted no.

Speaker card(s) completed:

- Ellie Isaacs – will have comments
- Tana Fileccia-Flagg – OPPOSED
- Clara Greig – OPPOSED

Written comment(s):

- Nancy Maia - CONCERNS
- Clara Greig - OPPOSED
- Big Balkcom - OPPOSED

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement and Closing Documents for the Sale of a 0.84-acre Portion of City Property on Louisville Road to the Georgia Ports Authority in the Amount of $1,341,000.

Exhibit 1: Purchase and Sales Agreement with Georgia Ports Authority for .34 Acre Portion of Louisville Road.pdf

Ald. Lanier moved to approve Item #17, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

18. Settlement #1.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #18, authorizing the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (worker's compensation) of Jerry Sanders in the amount of $59,267.00, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Purtee, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

19. Approval of the Installation of a Historical Marker Adjacent to the World War II Memorial "A World Apart" on River Street to Provide Interpretive Context to the Memorial.

Exhibit 1: Signed HSMC Recommendation (23-006346-H) WWII Memorial Marker.pdf

Exhibit 2: Submittal Packet - WWII Memorial Marker.pdf

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #19, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Speaker card(s) completed:

- Harriet Meyerhoff, petitioner – IN SUPPORT

20. Approval of a Major Subdivision: Edgewater Phase 1B New Hampstead. The proposed property totals 27.176 acres and will consist of 52 lots with varying lot sizes. The property is located at the intersection of Little Neck Road and Bottlebrush Drive in Alderman District 5.

Exhibit 1: Plat - Major Subdivision: Edgewater Phase 1B New Hampstead - Signed.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #20, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ADDED:

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

21. Traffic Calming Committee appointment of Brian Heyward, representing District 1.

HEARD after Item #15.

Ald. Lanier moved to approve Item #21, appointment of Brian Heyward to the Traffic Calming Committee representing District 1, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan announced there is a vacancy for District 3, Traffic Calming Committee representative.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ald. Purtee announced a meeting on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at Triplett Park to walk through the site information for the Windsor Forest Community Center. Residents are invited to attend and ask questions and/or voice their opinions.

Mayor Johnson announced the Egg-Extravaganza date has been changed and will be rescheduled.

ł. Miller Blakely explained the reason why she voted no on Item #16. The $28 million in Revenue nds she feels is too much for the City to pay, and she hates the current structure will be demolished.

City Manager Melder indicated the City will be using money from the Parking Fund and not the General Fund or use any tax payer dollars for the debt service on the parking garage revenue bonds.

Ald. Palumbo gave kudos to the Parks & Recreation Department on the three new tennis and pickle ball courts at Daffin Park.

Ald. Bell asked the community to continue to pray/remember Kevin "Catfish" Jackson, he is experiencing extreme health challenges.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz sent Holiday Blessings to all residents, wishing them a happy Good Friday and Easter Resurrection weekend.

Mayor Johnson thanked Council Members, City Manager Melder, City Attorney Lovett, Clerk of Council Massey, and Team Savannah for a successful visioning session held Monday and Tuesday at the Civic Center. The session was intense and energetic, but engaging.

Ald. Leggett asked everyone to raise in prayer 7 year old Antonio Moody's family on the loss of their son, and 20 year old Stacey Donovan.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan announced and invited residents to the Greek & Civic Clean Up Day in Avondale rk. She also requested assistance for Elder Babies including Riverview Veranda, Stillwell Towers, d Savannah Gardens combined senior prom in June.

Mayor Johnson sent condolences to the family of employee Earl Bryant pertaining to the loss of their son, Rasheed Rock Bryant.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 2:45 p.m.

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APRIL 11, 2024 11:00 a.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT
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SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at **11:03 a.m.**, in the 2nd Floor Media Room of City Hall. **Mayor Johnson** called the meeting to order and recognized **Alderman Purtee** to offer a prayer.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2
Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2
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workshop Agenda Items

1. Tourism Ordinance/Tourism Service Vehicles

Exhibit 1: Tourism Update Presentation.pdf

PRESENTED by City Manager Melder and Special Events, Film & Tourism Senior Director Susan Broker.

Following the presentation, there were discussions and/or questions from City Council Members concerning the listed items below:

- Vehicles that amplify noise or have glass pipes.
- How to improve the quality of life for downtown residents as it relates to the trolley cars.
- Trolley car routes, how does it effect tour guides sharing history of the City.

- Parking of tourism vehicles in the downtown area.
- Possibility of updating the noise ordinance.
- Timeline of making any changes as directed in the ordinance.
- State law as it relates to the protection of industries that create noise.
- City Manager Melder will provide a report to Council Members on the trolley tour sound ordinance within the next two-four weeks.

- Horse drawn carriages
  - Horse drawn carriages as it relates to traffic safety.
  - Placing restrictions on the carriage operations.
  - Banning/transitioning from the horse drawn carriages.
    - impact on tourism
    - business owners/employees impact
    - providing a sunset for transition
  - When other cities banned, what was the outcome.
  - City Manager Melder will prepare a report for Council Members showing case studies from other cities. Timeline for the report is sixty days.

City Manager Melder thanked Susan Broker and Eddie Grant of Special Events, Film & Tourism; the Downtown Neighborhood Association; Team Savannah; and all the partners in the industry (TLC, Savannah Chamber of Commerce, Visit Savannah; and the business operators).

Mayor Johnson thanked everyone, stating it takes a team effort.

2. Closed Executive Session: Litigation, Personnel, and Real Estate

At 12:23 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to hold a closed executive session regarding real estate, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Miller Blakely, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

At 1:30 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adjourn the closed executive session, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. NO ACTION WAS TAKEN DURING THE EXECUTIVE SESSION.

3. City Manager's Agenda Review

No City Manager Agenda Review.

There was no action taken during the Workshop and Executive Session.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the pre-meetings at 1:30 p.m.

The video recording of the Workshop can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: April 25, 2024

Signature: Mark Massey

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APRIL 11, 2024, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at **2:02 p.m.** Mayor Johnson recognized **Alderman Palumbo** who introduced **Deacon and Alderman Detric Leggett** to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 - Vice Chair

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 - Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5 - Mayor Pro Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder

Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

ROVAL OF AGENDA

Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for April 11, 2024.

Mayor Johnson announced that the Mayor and Aldermen conducted a closed Executive Session earlier about Real Estate for which no votes were taken. Mayor Johnson entertained a motion to that effect, thereby granting him authority to sign the required resolution and affidavit.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Mayor Johnson signing a Resolution and Affidavit of Executive Session for the April 11, 2024, meeting for the purpose of discussing Real Estate, for which no votes were taken, seconded by Ald. Leggett, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve/adopt the agenda of the Regular Meeting for April 11, 2024, as amended, removing agenda Item #16 from the Agenda as requested by the City Manager, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on March 28, 2024, at 12:30 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - March 28, 2024, City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3, #4, and #5, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on March 28, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - March 28, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3, #4, and #5, seconded by Ald. Mille Blakely, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

4. Approval of the Minutes for the Special Called Meeting Visioning Session Retreat on March 25, 2024.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - Special Called Meeting March 25 2024.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3, #4, and #5, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

5. Approval of the Minutes for the Special Called Meeting Visioning Session Retreat on March 26, 2024.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - Special Called Meeting March 26 2024.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3, #4, and #5, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS

6. An Appearance by Representatives of Advocates for Restorative Communities of Savannah (ARCS) to Receive a Proclamation Declaring the Month of April 2024 as "2nd Chance Month" in Savannah, GA.

READ by Mayor Johnson and presented to Katina Wheeler, Chair of ARCS.

Ms. Wheeler thanked Mayor Johnson and City Council Members for the Proclamation and recognition. She announced the ARCS conference, Second Welcome Home Event, at the Civ Center on April 24, 2024. Also in attendance were Pastor Thurmond Tillman of First African Bapti Church; Dismas Charities of Savannah Resident Reentry Center Director Renee Williams; First African Baptist Chuch Associate Minister Derrek Curry; James Butler, Georgia Department of Community Supervision & Reentry Services; and Gloria Johnson-Sanders, Career Advancement Trainer of Goodwill Southeast Georgia.

7. An Appearance by Representatives of the Live Oak Public Libraries to Receive a Proclamation Declaring April 7-15, 2024 as "National Library Week" in Savannah, GA.

READ by Mayor Johnson and presented to Live Oak Public Libraries Executive Director Lola Shelton-Council. Ms. Shelton-Council thanked Mayor Johnson and City Council Members for the Proclamation and the recognition. She announced a book donation drive starting this week throughout Savannah. Also in attendance were Deputy Library Director Jennifer Baxter and Communications and Strategic Partnerships Betsy McCullar.

8. An Appearance by Representatives of Gamma Sigma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority to Receive a Proclamation Declaring April 11, 2024 as "AKA Black Maternal Health Day" in Savannah, GA.

READ by Mayor Johnson and presented to Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. Gamma Sigma Omega Savannah Chapter President Nicole Fields and Chairman of Connection & Social Action at Gamma Sigma Omega Kim Dubois.

Ms. Fields thanked Mayor Johnson and City Council Members for the Proclamation and fo recognizing AKA's Black Maternal Health Day in Savannah.

Also in attendance were members of the Sorority including Chatham County Tax Commissioner Sonya Jackson; Assistant City Attorney Denise Cooper; sister of Ald. Detric Leggett; and Ms. Dorothy Wilson.

9. Presentation of the Employee Engagement Team and Recognition of the 2023 City of Savannah Employee of the Year.

City Manager Melder and Chairman Rhonda Rouse of the Fire Department along with the Employee Engagement Team announced the the first Employee of the Year, Resource Center Manager LeQuinton Kates of the Moses Jackson Advancement Center. Mr. Kates received an award, forty hours of paid leave, a personalized parking space, and $2,500.00.

Mr. Kates thanked everyone involved in the selection process, and introduced and thanked his staff for their support.

10. Presentation of the 2020-2023 City of Savannah Accomplishments Report.

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and Cit Manager Melder.

The Savannah Accomplishments Report 2020-2023 of the 139th administration of the City of Savannah was distributed to Council Members. City Manager Melder indicated a digital copy of the Report will be available soon.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

11. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales and a Class A (Liquor, Beer, Wine) Caterer License to Ryan Williamson for Flora & Fauna vannah, LLC t/a Flora Fauna, a Restaurant Located at 2401-2403 Bull Street. The establishment is located between West 40th and West 41st Streets in Aldermanic District

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Flora & Fauna.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Flora & Fauna.pdf

Exhibit 3: Measurement Report - Flora Fauna.pdf

Exhibit 4: Alcohol Reports - Flora & Fauna.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Flora & Fauna.pdf

HEARD after Item #12.

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol and zoning hearings for Items #11 and #12 (related items).

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, MPC representative

a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearing for Item #11, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve Item #11, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ZONING HEARINGS

12. Petition from FARM-Starland Properties, LLC on Behalf of Ryan Williamson for a Special Use Permit to Establish a Restaurant with Alcohol Sales with Conditions at 2401-03 Bull Street (PIN 20065 47009) within TC-1 Zoning District in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-001093-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet (File No. 24-001093-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Combined Maps (File No. 24-001093-ZA).pdf

HEARD after Item #35.

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol and zoning hearings for Items #11 and #12 (related items).

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, MPC representative

Ald. Miller Blakely expressed concern that Sey Hey was held to a higher standard when applying for a special use permit. Mr. Morrow indicated he was not part of that process but Sey Hey is a bar/lounge and there are differences.

Mayor Johnson asked City Manager Melder if the standard are the same for each business. City Manager Melder indicated there are a set of standards as part of the administrative process and there is a difference between bar/lounge and restaurants.

a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #12, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve Item #12, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

INANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

13. Ordinance to Amend of Chapter 1, Personal Conduct, of Part 9, Offenses, of the Code of the City of Savannah, Georgia.

Exhibit 1: Ordinance - Lost or Stolen Firearm.docx

Mayor Johnson indicated Item #13 is especially important to him, he is committed to saving lives. Public safety involves the entire city and every citizen is held accountable. Mayor Johnson shared the statistics of stolen firearms from unlocked cars. There were 203 of 244 guns stolen from unlocked cars last year. The ordinance was created to make sure citizens report stolen guns; and if you leave your car, take the firearm with you or lock it in the car. If approved today, Mayor Johnson is asking for an intense public safety campaign throughout the City for the next thirty days.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan shared that 'Moms Demand Action' submitted a petition to state elected officials for more strenuous gun laws. The ordinance is a good start to deter crime.

Ald. Purtee read portions of the ordinance into the record:

- Section 1, Sec. 9-1027 Report of Theft or Loss of a Firearm, Rifle, or Shotgun:
  - (a) Any owner or other person lawfully in possession of a firearm, rifle, or shotgun who suffers the loss or theft of said weapon shall within 24 hours of the discovery of the loss or theft report the facts and circumstances of the loss or theft to the Savannah Police Department.
- Section 2, Sec. 9-1028 Secured Storage of Firearms, Fifles, and Shotguns in Parked Vehicles:
  - (a) Every person with a firearm, rifle, or shotgun in a vehicle shall ensure that each such firearm, rifle, or shotgun is securely stored in a glove compartment, console, a locked trunk, or the area behind the last upright seat of a motor vehicle that is not equipped with a trunk at all times while such vehicle is unoccupied.
  - (b) Every person with a firearm, rifle, or shotgun in a vehicle shall ensure that r firearm, rifle, or shotgun is visible at any time while such vehicle is unoccupied.
  - (c) Every person with a firearm, rifle, or shotgun in a vehicle shall ensure that all doors and hatches are locked while such vehicle is unoccupied.

After reading the ordinance, Ald. Miller Blakely indicated she is in agreement with the ordinance, but has questions she will separately address to the City Attorney.

Ald. Lanier expressed the original version of the ordinance had language about logging of the firearms, and she asked if that portion was taken out of the final version of the ordinance. Attorney Lovett indicated an initial version of the ordinance was released. There was feed back from Moms Demand Action, other stake holder groups, and Council Members to establish the final version of the ordinance, which was a more enforceable document for the police department. Logging the information of a firearm can still be accomplished by the police department, it is not mandated by the ordinance.

Speaker(s):

- Georgia State Representative Anne Allen Westbrook
- Representatives of Moms Demand Action

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #13, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Johnson admonished citizens to 'lock up your guns'.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Rental of Four (4) Vehicles with Premier Truck Rental in the Amount of $64,621. These vehicles were used to ensure uninterrupted service delivery and mitigate any potential utility service disruptions. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Fleet Water Distribution Vehicles.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Fleet Water Distribution Vehicles.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #14, #15, #18, #21 and #22, seconded by Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Ammunition with Gulf State Distributors in the Amount of $74,783. The ammunition will be utilized for the training of new hires, current officers, and specialized units. (SPD)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Ammunition.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Ammunition.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #14, #15, #18, #21 and #22, seconded by Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract and Maintenance Agreement with Vertosoft for OpenGov Software in the Amount of $309,750. OpenGov is a budget and performance software solution used by the City for financial management operations in a cloud based environment for the public sector. This contract will provide regular maintenance and support as well as licensing to the City. (ITS)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - OpenGov.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - OpenGov.pdf

REMOVED during the adoption of the agenda, as requested by the City Manager.

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Leasing of 300 Automated External Defibrillators with Avive Solutions in the Amount of $114,999 Annually for Five Years, with a Total Amount Not to Exceed $574,995. Leasing the defibrillators enables the City to outfit its facilities with the devices at a much lower cost while shifting much of its liability onto the vendor. (Risk Management)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - AED Lease.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - AED Lease.pdf

Ald. Palumbo commended the Risk Management Department for the effort of being proactive in leasing defibrillators to save lives. City Manager Melder commended Risk Management and Assistant City Manager Lloyd for obtaining the defibrillators.

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve Item #17, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Parking Matters Study with Stantec Consulting Services in the Amount of $128,285. The Parking and Mobility Services Department will use Stantec to conduct the analysis, evaluate the existing parking situation, and develop strategies to optimize parking utilization and efficiency. (Parking & Mobility Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Parking Matters Study.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Parking Matters Study.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #14, #15, #18, #21 and #22, seconded by Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Installation of New Ballfield Lights with MUSCO Sports Lighting, LLC in an Amount Not to Exceed $838,445. The installation of new ballfield lights at the Guy Minick Youth Sports Complex will provide more opportunities for youth and adult sports teams to conduct practices and games ring evening hours. (Recreation & Leisure Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Guy Minick Lights.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Guy Minick Lights.pdf

Ald. Miller Blakely expressed concern and asked if there were problems with the existing lights at the Guy Minick Youth Sports Complex. She indicated Somerset Park has no lights and she recommended equity in installing lights at the park. She also requested a list of parks that do not have lights.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan indicated the Somerset Park has lights but continue to be broken by citizens engaged in illegal activity. The community and police are aware and are working on solutions.

Ald. Miller Blakely moved to approve Item #19, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Three (3) Elgin Pelican Street Sweepers with Environmental Product Group c/o Elgin Sweeper Company in the Amount of $869,100. The new sweepers will replace units that are at the end of their useful life and have been identified as FY24 replacements. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Elgin Pelican Street Sweepers.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Elgin Pelican Street Sweepers.pdf

Ald. Lanier indicated she knows the trail sweepers are important, and asked City Manager Melder are there any local opportunites for group purchasing. City Manager Melder indicated yes, with the County and the City's cooperative contracts.

Ald. Lanier moved to approve Item #20, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Eight (8) Rear Loader Chassis with Battle Motors c/o Crane Carrier Company in the Amount of $1,430,624. Seven (7) of the rear loader truck chassis are planned FY24 replacements and one (1) will be a fleet addition for the Sanitation Department. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Rear Loader Chassis.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Rear Loader Chassis.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #14, #15, #18, #21 and #22, seconded by Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Three (3) Front Loading Refuse Trucks and Eight (8) Refuse Bodies with Solid Waste Applied Technologies c/o New Way Under in the Amount of $2,163,000. The front-loading refuse trucks will replace units 6701, 6742, and 6743 which are planned FY24 replacements. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Front Loading Refuse Trucks & Bodies.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Front Loading Refuse Trucks & Bodies.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #14, #15, #18, #21 and #22, seconded by Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

23. Approval to Purchase GPS Survey Equipment from Georgia Surveyors Exchange, in the Amount of $35,200.

HEARD after Item #10.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23 through #30, #32, #33, and #34, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

24. Approval to Contract Services from KONE Inc. for the Installation of Elevator Door Lock Monitoring Devices on Four Terminal Elevators, in the Amount of $63,345.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23 through #30, #32, #33, and #34, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

25. Approval of Task Work Order No. 2 with Mead and Hunt for Design and Bid Phase Services for the Signage Upgrade Project, in the Amount of $67,835.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23 through #30, #32, #33, and #34, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

26. Approval to Purchase a Sweeper from Jerry Pate Turf & Irrigation, in the Amount of $89,164.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23 through #30, #32, #33, and #34, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

27. Approval to Procure One Skid Steer with High Flow Hydraulic System from Hendrix Machinery, in the Amount of $123,099.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23 through #30, #32, #33, and #34, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

28. Approval to Renew the 2024-2025 Annual Maintenance Agreement with KONE, Inc., in the Amount of $164,482.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23 through #30, #32, #33, and #34, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

29. Approval to Procure One Tractor with a Boom Mower from Hendrix Machinery, Inc., in the Amount of $173,519.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23 through #30, #32, #33, and #34, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

30. Approval to Amend the Purchase of Hold Room Seating to be Directly from Herman Miller, Inc., Replacing National Office Systems, in the Amount of $204,787.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23 through #30, #32, #33, and #34, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

31. Approval of Task Work Order No. 1 with AECOM for Design and Construction Phase Services to Upgrade the Runway 01 Instrument Landing System to a Mark 420 Instrument Landing System, in the Amount of $224,800.

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve Items #31 and #35, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1, with Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz recusing herself for purposes of business.

32. Approval to Contract Services from Otis Elevator Company to Provide a Comprehensive Modernization Package on the Economy North and South Parking Elevators, in the Amount of $300,000.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23 through #30, #32, #33, and #34, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

33. Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Customs and Border Protection (CBP) for the Replacement of Information Technology and Communications Equipment, in the Amount NTE $332,000.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23 through #30, #32, #33, and #34, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

34. Approval to Ratify the Acceptance of Other Transactional Agreement No. 70T04024T7672N002 from the Transportation Security Administration, in the Amount of $1,091,109.67.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23 through #30, #32, #33, and #34, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

35. Approval of Task Work Order No. 4 with AECOM for Architectural and Design Services for the In-line Checked Baggage Inspection System, in the Amount of $1,281,180.

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve Items #31 and #35, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1, with Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz recusing herself for purposes of business.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

36. Resolution for the Adoption of the Vision Statement and Equity Definition for the 140th Administration of the City of Savannah, GA.

Exhibit 1: Resolution - Adoption of Vision Statement and Equity Definition of the 140th City Council.docx

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #36, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

AGREEMENTS

37. Authorize the City Manager to Accept the FY2024 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Grant Award in the Amount $400,000 Transferring Dislocated Worker Funds to the Adult Funding Stream. The award will be used to provide training and supportive services to adults who are unemployed or underemployed from October 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025. The City serves as the fiduciary agent for the 10-county region.

Exhibit 1: FY24 Dislocated Workers Transfer to Adult Funds.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #37, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald.

Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

38. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Amendment to Extend the Intergovernmental Lease Agreement at the Coastal Georgia Center Located at 305 Fahm Street for Five Years at an Initial Rate of $553,661 per Year (Escalating at 3% per Year).

Exhibit 1: Map - 305 Fahm Street.pdf

Exhibit 2: Fully Executed IGA - 305 Fahm St.pdf

Exhibit 3: First Amendment to Contract.pdf

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #38, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

. Settlement #1.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #39, authorizing the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (slip and fall) of Christopher Eiseman in the amount of $45,000.00, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

40. Approval of a Major Subdivision - Brookline Phase 3. This proposed property totals 17.453 acres and will consist of 63 single family lots with varying lot sizes. The property has own entrance off Highlands Boulevard at Brookline Drive in Alderman District 1.

Exhibit 1: Plat - Major Subdivision - Brookline Phase 3.pdf

Ald. Lanier indicated the residents in the Highlands are working with staff to keep pace with the build out of homes to have the necessary recreational areas.

Ald. Lanier moved to approve Item #40, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ald. Lanier announced the Westside Neighborhood meeting Saturday, April 13, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at Enmarket Arena, a celebration of the large mural. The ribbon cutting is scheduled for 10:30 a.m.

l. Leggett announced this weekend is the Great Savannah Clean-Up. Residents are encouraged to ticipate.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan announced Avondale Clean Up from 7:00 a.m. to noon. The Senior Prom at Riverview will be held on April 16th. Happy Birthday to 92 year old Josephine Green who will celebrate her birthday at the PARC.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz announced the 5th District Clean-up, April 12th - 14th, yard waste, bulk items, and auto tires, Friday - Saturday, with dumpsters at Coastal Empire Fairgrounds, 4801 Meding Street on the South side.

Ald. Palumbo announced along with the Saturday clean-up will be the Ardsley Park - Crescent Homes, Tour of Homes and Garden entitled 'Beauty is Their Duty'. Every dollar goes to support the beautification of the communities.

Ald. Purtee announced Wilshire, Coffee Bluff & Windsor Park clean-ups this Saturday. Next weekend will be Earth Day Celebrations in Daffin Park. Also, Summer Camp and Youth Ambassadors applications are available via the City's website.

Ald. Miller Blakely announced City employee, Charles Morris lost everything in a recent fire and asked residents to donate anything they can by sending to $charlesmorris, cash app.

Ald. Bell thanked the community for showing love and tribute to Kevin 'Catfish' Jackson at his memorial.

yor Johnson stated he needs his house cleaned-up. He also announced that he attended the NFBPA nference in Baltimore, and Savannah was voted 'Chapter of the Year'.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 4:04 p.m.

The video recording of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

https://savannahgovtv.viebit.com/player.php?hash=b32VihnQ33arCcAN

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: April 25, 2024

Signature: Mark Massey

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APRIL 25, 2024 11:00 a.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT
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The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at **11:02 a.m.**, in the 2nd Floor Media Room of City Hall. **Mayor Johnson** called the meeting to order and recognized **Alderman Purtee** to offer a prayer.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2
Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2
Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 - Vice Chair
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 - Chairman
Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5 - Mayor Pro Tem
Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

Workshop Agenda Items

1. Homelessness Update

Exhibit 1: Chatham Savannah Authority for the Homeless Update.pptx
Exhibit 2: Interagency Council on Homelessness Update.pptx

HEARD after Fairgrounds Update.

PRESENTED by City Manager Melder, Interagency Council on Homelessness Executive Director Stephanie Kaple, and Chatham Savannah Authority for the Homeless Executive Director Jennifer Dulong.

Following the presentation, Council Members expressed concerns, discussed, and asked the following questions:

- City Manager Melder announced homelessness has decreased more than 20% in the Savannah area.
- The Southside still has homeless individuals living in encampment areas.
- Applauded/thanked Presenters and the coordination with other local agencies to address homelessness.
- Come As You Are Ministries always assists when asked. Requesting the City to provide more assistance.
- Concern for families living in hotels with children. The various resource (agencies) available and how to connect homeless individuals.
- Grants available for homeless; requested resources in the Truman Park/Magnolia Park area; containers for storage in COVID-Dundee; space for homeless single women; living space for children who foster out (age 18); and assisting those experiencing mental health disorders.
- Concern with street peddlers, panhandling, and children selling water on street corners; advisin the public on how to support (donate to agencies).
- Concern with sex trafficking (SPD monitoring all areas of the City including encampments).
- Affordable housing as it relates to homelessness.
- Container housing.
- Landlords increasing rent causes homelessness.

Mayor Johnson stated he is heading back to Washington, DC, any messages: Ms. DuLong stated, 'release the NOFA funds'.

2. Fairgrounds Update

Exhibit 1: Fairgrounds Update.pptx

HEARD before Homelessness Update.

PRESENTED by City Manager Melder. A thorough description and explanation was outlined by City Manager Melder including the Development Agreement.

Following the presentation, Council Members discussed and asked the following questions:

- Any language included for developers to meet benchmarks included in the agreement and will the City receive impact fees? (yes and yes).
- Who will be responsible for hiring employees for the Studio (the developer).
- Have there been any other City projects that provided termination and reversionary rights to th City to ensure performance of the Developer (no).
- This project had community involvement, so the voice of the people was heard.
- Who will staff the facilities during Phase 3 (the developer).
- Are there any covenants in the cost of housing (yes, the Development Agreement explains on Pages 14 & 15).
- What is the timeline of each phase (spelled out in the Development Agreement, pages 3, sec. 4).
- Discussed the original RFP and requirements for housing, and the original price of the property (purchased at $2.9 million and selling for $2 million).
- Why is the City giving a loan for $1.9 million. (this is a grant not a loan; it is for low-income tax credit application at the State level).

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz commended staff for diligent work on the project over the past years. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked Attorney Lovett, City Manager Melder and his staff for the work to bring the project to this stage of development.

3. Closed Executive Session: Litigation, Personnel, and Real Estate

No Executive Session was held.

4. City Manager's Agenda Review

There was no Agenda Review.

There was no action taken during the Workshop.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the pre-meetings at 12:57 p.m.

The video recording of the Workshop can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

https://savannahgovtv.viebit.com/player.php?hash=I1VaiagGajJVbcqr

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: May 9, 2024

Signature: [signature]

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APRIL 25, 2024, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at **2:04 p.m.** Mayor Johnson recognized **Mayor Pro Tem & District 5 Alderwoman Estella Edwards Shabazz** to introduce **Pastor/Presiding Elder/Reverend Catherine Wright Mathis of the newly organized Savannah South District of the Old Georgia Conference,** to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1
Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2
Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2
Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 - Vice Chair
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 - Chairman
Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5 - Mayor Pro Tem
Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
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City Attorney Bates Lovett
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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for April 25, 2024.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the Agenda for April 25, 2024, as amended to add-on a Board Appointment for the Savannah Zoning Board of Appeals, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on April 11, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

Exhibit 1: WS DRAFT MINUTES_April 11, 2024, City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on April 11, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: RM DRAFT MINUTES_April 11, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS

4. Appearance by Wesley Community Centers of Savannah to Receive a Proclamation Honoring its 75th Anniversary.

READ and PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to Executive Director Tammy Mixon. On behalf of Wesley Community Centers' Board of Trustee, staff, and the families, Ms. Mixon accepted the Proclamation. Also in attendance were Board of Trustee Members, staff members, and parents with children. Mayor Johnson presented Ms. Mixon a bouquet of fresh flowers for her years of work in the community for parents and children.

5. A Proclamation to Proclaim April 29-May 3, 2024 as National Small Business Week in Savannah.

READ and PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to Economic Development/Business Opportunity Manager MaRonde Lumpkin-Lotson. Ms. Lumpkin-Lotson thanked Mayor and Council Members for the recognition. She announced the Mayor's Small Business Conference beginning on Monday, April 29th at Enmarket Arena. Also in attendance were Savannah Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Bert Brantley, and Executive Director of Creative Coast Nick Palumbo (Alderman).

6. A Proclamation Declaring April 21–27, 2024 as Georgia Cities Week.

READ and PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to City Manager Melder. Also in attendance were Team Savannah staff who worked on the Employee Appreciation Day in Daffin Park.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

7. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Changjiang Liu for Enson Market, A Grocery Store Located at 5501 Abercorn Street. The Establishment is Located Between East 73rd Street and Janet Drive in Aldermanic District 4.

Checklist - Enson Market

Density Map - Enson Market

Alcohol Reports - Enson Market

Measurement Report - Enson Market

Security Plan - Enson Market

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #7, #8 and #10.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #7, #8, and #10, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Palumbo moved to approve Item #7, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

8. Approval Of a Class C (Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Joan Gomez for Los Domirican, A Restaurant Located At 12411 White Bluff Road. The Establishment is Located Between Austin Drive and Windsor Road Aldermanic District 6.

Checklist - Los Domirican Restaurant

Density Map - Los Domirican Restaurant

Alcohol Reports - Los Domirican Restaurant

Measurement Report - Los Domirican Restaurant

Security Plan - Los Domirican Restaurant

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #7, #8 and #10.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #7, #8, and #10, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Purtee moved to approve Item #8, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

9. Approval of a Class B (Liquor) (Manufacturer) Alcohol License to the existing Class B (Beer) (Manufacturer) Alcohol License to James Massey for Third Wave Spirits, a manufacturer at 12 West 41st Street between Bull Street and Whitaker Street in Aldermanic District 2. (CONTINUED TO THE MAY 7TH CITY COUNCIL MEETING AT THE REQUEST OF CITY STAFF.)

Checklist - Two Tides Brewing Third Wave Spirits

Density Map - Two Tides Brewing

Alcohol Reports - Two Tides Brewing

Measurement Report - Two Tides Brewing

Security Plan - Two Tides Brewing

Ald. Leggett moved to CONTINUE/POSTPONE Item #9 to the May 9, 2024, City Council Meeting at the request of City staff, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

10. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) Alcohol License to Ralph L. Grayson for Savannah Smiles Dueling Piano Saloon, a bar located at 314 Williamson Street between Montgomery Street and Barnard Street in Aldermanic District 2.

Checklist - Savannah Smiles Dueling Piano Saloon

Density Map - Savannah Smiles Dueling Piano Saloon

Alcohol Reports - Savannah Smiles Dueling Piano Saloon

Measurement Report - Savannah Smiles Dueling Piano Saloon

Security Plan - Savannah Smiles Dueling Piano Saloon

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #7, #8 and #10.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #7, #8, and #10, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve Item #10, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ZONING HEARINGS

11. Petition of Robert L. McCorkle, Agent for Travis Stringer of Foram Development, LLC on Behalf of 621 Gwinnett, LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 810 E. Broad Street, 613-623 E. Gwinnett Street, and 610-614 E. Bolton Street (PIN 20043 07001, -04, -05, -06, -13, -15, -18, -19, and -20) from TC-2 to DX. The item was recommended as a PD (Small Planned Development) in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 23-001408-ZA). (Continued from the March 28, 2024 Council Meeting, Item will be continued to the May 9, 2024 Council Meeting.)

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Exhibit 3: Small Planned Development (S-PD) as of 10.2023.pdf

Exhibit 4: REVISED Small Planned Development (S-PD) as of 03.2024.pdf

Exhibit 5: General Development Plan as of 10.2023.pdf

Exhibit 6: REVISED General Development Plan as of 3.2024.pdf

Exhibit 7: Arch Site Plan and First Floor as of 10.2023.pdf

Exhibit 8: REVISED Arch Site Plan and Elevations 03.2024.pdf

Exhibit 9: Current TC-2 (Traditional Commerical-2) Development Standards.pdf

Exhibit 10: E. Broad and E. Gwinnett Renderings.pdf

Ald. Leggett moved to CONTINUE/POSTPONE Item #11, and related Agenda Item #13 to the May 9, 2024, City Council Meeting as requested by the City Manager, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

12. Petition of Robert L. McCorkle, Agent for Ramsey Khalidi, LLC for a Text Amendment to Section 5.4 to Add the Indoor Amusement Use as a Limited Use in the I-L (Light Industrial) Zoning Districts (File No. 24-000624-ZA). (Continued from the March 28, 2024 Council Meeting; Item will be continued to the May 9, 2024 Council Meeting.)

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation (File No. 24-000624-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Proposed Ordinance Revision (File No. 24-000624-ZA).pdf

Ald. Leggett moved to CONTINUE/POSTPONE Item #12, and related Agenda Item #14 to the May 9, 2024, City Council Meeting as requested by the City Manager, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

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PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 2 for Energy Performance Owner's Representative Consulting Services with 2KB Energy Services in the Amount of $37,205. The owner's representative services will be used to support the executions of investment grade energy audits of City facilities and support negotiation and execution of a guaranteed energy savings performance contract. (Office of Sustainability)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Energy Performance Owner's Representative Consulting Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Energy Performance Owner's Representative Consulting Services.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #24, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract and Maintenance Agreement with Vertosoft for OpenGov Software in the Amount of $309,750. OpenGov is a budget and performance software solution used by the City for financial management operations in a cloud based environment for the public sector. This contract will provide regular maintenance and support as well as licensing to the City. (ITS)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - OpenGov.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - OpenGov.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #24, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for I&D Water Treatment Plant Concrete Repairs with E&D Contracting Services (LOCAL)(DBE) in the Amount of $190,125. The concrete repairs are necessary due to the deterioration of existing concrete in various locations throughout the water treatment facility. (Industrial & Domestic Water)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - I&D Plant Concrete Repairs.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - I&D Plant Concrete Repairs.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #24, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

18. Authorize The City Manager To Execute A Contract For Demolition Of Structures With Masterfull Enterprises, LLC (Primary)(LOCAL) and Complete Demolition (Secondary) in an Amount Not to Exceed $114,000. The Code Compliance Department will use this contract to remove unsafe structures that can attract criminal activity or other unwanted elements. (Code Compliance)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Demolition of Structures.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Demolition of Structures.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #24, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of a 750KW Generator From Cummins Sales and Service in the Amount of $260,187. This generator supports lift station 64 that conveys over 4,000,000 gallons per day of sewage to the President Street WWTP and will simultaneously serves as utility backup in event of a power failure. (Water Conveyance)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Generator.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Generator.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #24, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for Fleet Parts and Inventory Management with Genuine Parts Company dba NAPA Integrated Business Solutions in an Amount Not to Exceed $1,600,000. This contract will be utilized by the City's Fleet Services Department for on-site fleet-related parts, supplies, and inventory management. The NAPA Integrated Business Solutions (IBS) will provide the City with a customized and streamlined parts management system. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Auto Parts.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Auto Parts.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #24, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for Painting Services with E&D Contracting Services, Inc. (LOCAL)(DBE) and Quintech Solutions, Inc., in an Amount Not to Exceed $97,945. This contract will be used to procure painting services for routine upkeep and maintenance of the ornamental light poles and fixtures, wrought iron fencing, handrails, and maritime cleats within the City of Savannah's Historic Parks and Squares. (Park & Tree)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Repainting of Light Poles, Handrails, and Decorative Fencing.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Repainting of Light Poles, Handrails, and Decorative Fencing.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #24, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for Evergreen Cemetery Fence Installation with Howells Fencing in the Amount of $15,800. This modification will allow the installation of two (2) 20-foot gates and one (1) 12-foot gate instead of three (3) 10-foot gates. The larger gates are needed to allow larger equipment into the cemetery for maintenance. (Cemeteries)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Evergreen Cemetery Fence.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Evergreen Cemetery Fence.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #24, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

). Authorize the City Manager to Authorize Contract Modification No. 1 to the 5-Year Equity Lease Agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management in the Amount Not to ceed $2,335,564. This modification will cover any additional vehicles added to the lease agreement as well as the differences in the estimated cost vs the actual cost for its that were previously approved. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - 5-Year Equity Lease Agreement.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - 5-Year Equity Lease Agreement.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #24, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Strategic Planning Advisory Services with Elevated Development Concepts, LLC in an Amount Not to Exceed $67,500. The firm will provide support to the City Manager, Chief of Staff, and the Strategic Planning Leadership Team in developing the final guiding document and collaborative citywide strategic planning development. (Office of the City Manager)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Strategic Planning Advisory Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Strategic Planning Advisory Services.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #15 through #24, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS:

ADD-ON

Appointments to Savannah Zoning Board of Appeals - [One Vacancy and Two Terms Expired]

By majority vote, the following appointments were made:

- Stephen M. Plunk (D2) - MPC designee
- Benjamin T. Griffith (D2)
- Brad Baugh (D2)

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

25. Authorize the Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. (CHSA) to Make a $1,230,000 Loan from the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund in Support of a 2024 LIHTC Application to Develop 41 Affordable Housing Apartments on Vacant Land at 1700 Drayton Street and 104 E. 34th Street.

Exhibit 1: Resolution Favorable Financing Support 1700 Drayton 2024 LIHTC Application

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to authorize/approve Item #25, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Ald. Miller Blakely voted no.

26. Authorize Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. (CHSA) to Make a $1,920,000 Loan from the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund in Support of a 2024 LIHTC Application to Develop up to 64 Affordable Housing Apartments for Senior Citizens on About 3.8 Acres of Land on the Former Fairgrounds Property Located at 4801 Meding Street.

Exhibit 1: Resolution Favorable Financing Support 4801 Meding Street 2024 LIHTC Application

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize/approve Item #26, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed, 7-0-2. Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Lanier abstained from the vote.

Mayor Johnson asked Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Lanier the reason for abstaining.

Ald. Miller Blakley stated she did not like the way the situation was handled when first elected and being introduced to the developers. She does not feel comfortable voting either way on Item #26, stating she was told she could abstain.

Mayor Johnson asked City Attorney Lovett to weigh-in on abstaining from voting.

City Attorney Lovett ruled that typically an abstention is based upon an economic benefit or a perceived economic benefit in a situation, otherwise a vote is generally required.

AGREEMENTS

27. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Camden Crossing, LLC for Camden Crossing & Cottage Row Phase 2. This is for a development consisting of 72-single family homes located off Little Neck Road in the Travis Field Treatment Plant service areas in Aldermanic District 5.

Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Camden Crossing & Cottage Row Phase 2.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #27, #28, and #29, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

28. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with New Hampstead Tract 5B, LLC for Oakwood at New Hampstead Phases 1A, 1B & 1C. This is for a development consisting of 121-Single Family Homes in the Travis Field Treatment Plant Service Area off Highgate Boulevard in Aldermanic District 5.

Exhibit 1 : Water & Sewer Agreement - Oakwood at New Hampstead Phase 1A, 1B & 1C.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #27, #28, and #29, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

29. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement for Improvements to Interstate 95 at Airways Avenue/Pooler Parkway (P.I. 0018402), in an Amount Not to Exceed $100,000.

Exhibit 1: Intergovernmental Agreement for Improvements to I-95.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #27, #28, and #29, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

30. Authorize the City Manager to Execute the First Amendment to Purchase and Sale Agreement and the Development Agreement to govern the sale and development of the former Fairgrounds.

Exhibit 1 - PSA - Fairgrounds Project - fuly executed.pdf

Exhibit 2 - DDA_EXECUTED by P3.pdf

Exhibit 3 - FIRST AMENDMENT TO PSA_EXECUTED by P3.pdf

Mayor Johnson thanked Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz for her diligence on moving the project forward after years of work.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz asked City Manager Melder to explain the definitions, as indicated in the Development Agreement, of affordable housing as it relates to the area median income (AMI). City Manager Melder defined the HUD AMI, as it relates to the Savannah area, as requested by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. It was stated that 100% of the housing will be affordable housing, none for student housing.

Ald. Bell requested detailed information from City Manager Melder in order to share with the public.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize/approve Item #30, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 7-0-2. Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Lanier abstained from the vote.

MISCELLANEOUS

31. Approval of Major Subdivision Tract N Phase 1 a portion of Parcel 4B at The Highlands at Godley Station. This proposed property totals 5.392 acres and will consist of 42 lots with varying lot sizes. The property has its own entrance off Highlands Boulevard in Alderman District 1.

Exhibit 1: Plat: Major Subdivision Tract N Phase 1 a portion of Parcel 4B at The Highlands at Godley Station

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #31 and #32, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

32. Approval of a Major Subdivision Aspire at New Hampstead Phase 1. This proposed property totals 51.47 acres and will consist of 132 lots with varying lot sizes. The property has its own entrance off Coconut Drive at Regatta Lane and Kingswood Terrace in Alderman District 5.

Exhibit 1: Plat: Major Subdivision Aspire at New Hampstead Phase 1

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #31 and #32, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

33. Added Item: Settlement #1

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #33, authorizing the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (car accident case) of Alexis Robbins, Jr. in the amount of $112,500.00, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

34. Added Item: Authorize Supplemental Budget Appropriations to Fiscal Year 2024 Operating and Capital Improvement Program.

Exhibit 2 FY24 Q1 Capital Budget Amendment.pdf

Exhibit 1 FY24 Q1 Operating Budget Amendment.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #34, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely abstained from the vote.

Ald. Miller Blakely stated she did not receive information on Item #34.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ald. Bell commended staff and Anita Smith-Dixon on CHSA 35th Anniversary and Savannah Gardens Pinnacle Celebration.

Ald. Miller Blakely acknowledged JB for attending the meeting. Team Savannah employee, Charles Morris, is in need of help after a fire destroyed all his belongings. Ald. Miller Blakely asked residents to help Mr. Morris if possible, any way they can. She also asked citizens to get to the polls and vote on May 21st.

Ald. Purtee announced on May 1st at 6:30 p.m., Windsor Forest Town Hall Meeting at 308 Briarcliff Circle; will discuss the pros and cons of developments of the community center. Ald. Purtee congratulated Ald. Palumbo on his new job as Executive Director of Creative Coast.

Ald. Palumbo congratulated Ald. Purtee on his training position at an unnamed new public safety agency.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz announced the 5th District Town Hall Meeting at Liberty City Center on Monday, April 29th at 6:00 p.m. They will be discussing the approved Fairgrounds Project. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony at Somerside Park celebrating the City's first Fitness Zone on Saturday, May 4th at 11:00 a.m., 41 Clint Street.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan announced: Eastern Judicial Circuit Parental Accountable Court will kick-off on April 30th with the Honorable Soror Lisa Colbert at the Priscilla Thomas Complex, 460 Mall Blvd; Mary's Place will have a Gala tomorrow, April 26th at Victory North; King & Queen Contest in the 3rd District, Dawn Baker will announce the King & Queen at the Riverview Health Center; and the 3rd District is collecting names to rename Magnolia Park under Unsung Hero, Bobby Burgess.

Ald. Leggett announced a Stakeholder's Meeting at the Civic Center today. There will be a community-wide open house at the Civic Center on Tuesday, May 7th, from 6-8 p.m.; and a virtual community meeting on Thursday, May 16th at 6:00 p.m. He encouraged residents to attend the meeting and offer input about the Civic Center's future.

Ald. Lanier thanked everyone who worked on the $30 million BRIC's Grant that will affect the quality of life for the residents around the Springfield canal/basin area that will provide equity for low wealth area residents.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked Mayor Johnson for fourteen years of hard work as an Alderman in the 1st District and for using his connections with the White House to make sure Savannah received a fair share of federal funds.

Mayor Johnson thanked the Administrator of FEMA who came to Savannah and to Tom Perez, Special Assistant to President Biden. Their visit marks the eighth visit in the last four years from Cabinet Level members. The BRIC Grant is the largest stormwater grant given in the Country. Mayor Johnson thanked all the staff grant writers who filled out the application. He thanked City Manager Melder and his staff including Heath Lloyd, Ron Feldner, Zach Hoffman, Jan Faye (retired now), and Joseph Shearouse for working diligently on the BRIC Grant application/submission.

Ald. Bell thanked Senator Ossoff's office for $660,000.00 Grant for the West Broad Street YMCA. Also, a thanks to Chatham County for adding the necessary funds ($740,000.00) to make the $1.4 million needed in funding.

Mayor Johnson recognized, Pastor Thurman Tillman for forty-two years at First African Baptist Church.

Mayor Johnson recognized City Pastor, Charles Roberson of Kingdom Life Church. Pastor Roberson announced a Wealth & Estate Building Conference on wills, taxes, trust & probate for residents on May 5th. Residents can view the flier on the Kingdom Life Church webpage.

Ald. Miller Blakely announced on April 30th, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m., New Life Experience at 5708 Howard Foster Drive (3rd District) will hold a legal estate workshop, RSVP at 912-355-3669.

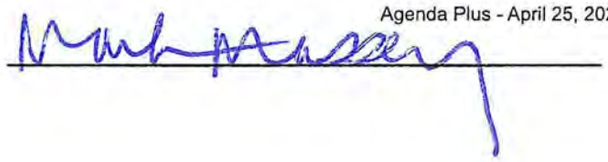
Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 3:33 p.m.

The video recording of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

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MAY 9, 2024 11:00 a.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at **11:03 a.m.**, in the 2nd Floor Media Room of City Hall. **Mayor Johnson** called the meeting to order and recognized **Alderman Purtee** to offer a prayer.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2
Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2
Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 - Vice Chair
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 - Chairman
Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5 - Mayor Pro Tem
Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

Workshop Agenda Items

1. 100 Days of Summer

Exhibit 1: 100 Days of Summer.pdf

PRESENTED by City Manager Melder, Community Services Chief Taffanye Young, Fire Chief Elzie Kitchen, Assistant Chief of Police Devon Adams, Cultural Resources Senior Director Stuart Miller, Human Services Director Kerri Reid, Recreation & Leisure Services Director Nick Roberts, and Communications Director Nick Zoller

A chart was distributed to Council Members detailing all the programs and activities for the 100 Days of Summer 2024. Residents can obtain information about the 100 Days of Summer 2024 on the City's website.

Following the presentation, there were discussions and/or questions from City Council Members. Some of the topics discussed are listed below:

- Youth employment working hours and rate of pay. Residents can call 912-651-6520 for additional information on the Savannah Youth Council program.
- Program costs are not free, the City invests/pays for residents. Some programs have a fee, but are charged on a sliding scale. Sponsorships from local businesses and agencies of the programs were also identified.
- Timelines, dates, and addresses of events were discussed and defined. Application deadlines for youth summer program employment and youth participation in programs was discussed.
- The location and timeframe for the addition of splashpads was discussed, and a substance abuse program was recommended.
- All summer camps will include breakfast and lunch, provided by Second Harvest, and the othe five programs will provide Summer Lunch in the Park for participants between 6 to 18 years (age. There was a request to include Mohawk Park in the Park programs.

City Manager Melder indicated there are three summer programs totaling 118 jobs for youth during the summer months with most positions paying above $15/hour. There are still jobs available for ages 15 and above. Residents or youth interested in applying for one of the summer jobs should go to the City's web page for more information.

Mayor Johnson thanked City Manager Melder and all the Presenters for the information supplied on the City's summer programs.

2. Closed Executive Session: Litigation, Personnel, and Real Estate

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adjourn the work session and enter into Executive Session, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

The Executive Session was held at 12:05 p.m. in the City Manager's conference room on the 4th floor.

Mayor Johnson and Ald. Purtee moved to close the Executive Session, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

The Executive Session closed at 12:55 p.m.

3. City Manager's Agenda Review

There was no Agenda Review.

There was no action taken during the Workshop and Executive Session.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the pre-meetings at 12:55 p.m.

The video recording of the Workshop can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

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MAY 9, 2024, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at **2:03 p.m.** **Mayor Johnson** recognized **Alderman Kurtis Purtee** to introduce **Pastor Lydia Syed of Grace & Deliverance Kingdom Church of Christ,** to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 - Vice Chair

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 - Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5 - Mayor Pro Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder

Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

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ROVAL OF AGENDA

Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for May 9, 2024.

Mayor Johnson asked all Mothers, Grandmothers, Aunties, or Big Mamas to stand. He saluted all standing for Mother's Day and thanked all mothers for their hard work. He quoted the Fire Chief "A hero begins with HER".

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the May 9, 2024, meeting agenda, seconded by Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on April 25, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - April 25, 2024, City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on April 25, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - April 25, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS

4. Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring May 10th, 2024, as Childcare Provider Appreciation Day. The day provides an opportunity to recognize the contributions childcare providers make in their community.

READ and PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to Community Organizer Frances Gillison of 9 to Georgia. Ms. Gillison thanked City Council for the recognition. At the request of Ald. Miller Blakely, Ms. Gillison explained the Child and Parent Services (CAPS) program, subsidy for daycare services.

Also present were other daycare providers: Felicia Shuman, Felicia's Daycare in Liberty City; Sandra Shepard, Little Shepard's Learning Academy; Tiniki Harris, Tiniki's Learning Center; and Chantel Hester, Smart Starter's Academy.

5. Presentation of the Employee Engagement Team & Recognition the 2024 First Quarter Employee of the Quarter Winners. (Continued to the May 23, 2024, Council meeting)

Continued to the May 23, 2024, City Council Meeting.

6. A Proclamation Declaring May as Building Safety Month. Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown protectors of public safety who assure us of safe, sustainable, and affordable buildings that are essential to our prosperity.

READ and PRESENTED by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz to Senior Director, Development Services Julie McLean. Ms. McLean thanked Mayor and Council for the recognition, and thanked her development services team for their hard work throughout the year.

The Development Services Department staff in attendance introduced themselves and stated their years of employment at the City of Savannah.

7. A Proclamation Declaring May 19-25, 2024, as National Public Works Week in Savannah. Public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities, and services that a of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to public health, high quality of life, and well-being of the people.

READ and PRESENTED by Ald. Palumbo to Chief, Government Operations Gene Prevatt. Mr. Prevatt thanked Mayor and Council for the support and recognition.

The public works department staff in attendance introduced themselves and identified their respective section of operation.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

8. Approval to Add a Class B (Liquor) (Manufacturer) Alcohol License to the Existing Class B (Beer) (Manufacturer) Alcohol License to James Massey for Two Tides Brewing Company, LLC. t/a Third Wave Spirits, a Manufacturer Located at 12 West 41st Street between Bull and Whitaker Streets in Aldermanic District 2. (Continued from the April 25, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting at the request of City Staff.)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Two Tides Brewing.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Two Tides Brewing.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Two Tides Brewing.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Two Tides Brewing.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Two Tides Brewing.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #8 and #10.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Palumbo moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #8 and #10, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve Item Item #8, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

9. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Victoria Hill for Bellwether House, a Bed and Breakfast Inn Located at 211 E. Gaston Street. The establishment is located between Abercorn Street and Lincoln Street in Aldermanic District 2. (Continued to the June 27, 2024, City Council Meeting at the request of City Staff)

Ald. Palumbo moved to continue Item #9 to the June 27, 2024, City Council meeting, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

10. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Blake Greco for Parker's #100, a Convenience Store Located at 1750 Grove Point Road Between Sweetwater Station and Pine Grove Drives in Aldermanic District 6.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Parker's #100.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Parker's #100.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Parker's #100.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Parker's #100.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Parker's #100.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for Items #8 and #10.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked City Manager Melder the number of like establishments in the City. City Manager Melder will gather the information and send to Council Members.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Palumbo moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #8 and #10, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Purtee moved to approve Item Item #10, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ZONING HEARINGS

11. Petition of Robert L. McCorkle, Agent for Travis Stringer of Foram Development, LLC on Behalf of 621 Gwinnett, LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 810 E. Broad Street, 613-623 E. Gwinnett Street, and 610-614 E. Bolton Street (PIN 20043 07001, -04, -05, -06, -13, -15, -18, -19, and -20) from TC-2 to DX. The item was recommended as a PD-S (Small Planned Development) in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 23-001408-ZA). (Continued from the March 28, 2024, and April 25, 2024, Council Meetings. Recommendation Pending.)

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Exhibit 4: Architectural Site Plan and Elevations.pdf (File No. 23-001408-ZA)

Exhibit 5: E. Broad and E. Gwinnett Renderings.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #11.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, representing the MPC
- Robert McCorkle, representing the applicant
- Ellie Isaacs (HSF) – OPPOSED
- Dicky (Richard) Mopper – IN SUPPORT
- Denise Flojo – OPPOSED
- Tony Riley – OPPOSED
- Andrew Jones – OPPOSED
- Ed Pyrch – OPPOSED
- Mary Anne Gojdics – OPPOSED
- James Hundsrucker – OPPOSED
- Karen Jarrett – OPPOSED

Written comment(s):

- Katie Glusica – OPPOSED
- Nancy Maia (VNA) – IN SUPPORT
- Jason Combs – IN SUPPORT
- Chantel Morton – OPPOSED
- Whitney Shephard – IN SUPPORT
- James (Jim) Hundsrucker) – OPPOSED
- Ed Pyrch - OPPOSED

Ald. Miller Blakely asked Mr. McCorkle if the units were for SCAD students (no), and if the units are at market rate (yes). What are the plans for the four historical duplexes on the property (They are not designated as contributing structures). They will be removed from the property. Any/all the historical materials inside the duplexes will be removed, preserved, and stored before demolition of the property).

Ald. Bell stated the community needs affordable as well as market rate housing. She asked Mr. McCorkle where will the trash/dumpsters be placed during construction (inside the structure).

Mayor Johnson asked City Manager Melder if the City had sold any property (lane) in the community. Speaker Mary Anne Gojdics indicated the City had sold a lane. City Manager Melder stated the City has not sold any property in that area/community.

Mayor Johnson and Mr. McCorkle discussed the number of units for the project as it relates to density. Mayor Johnson asked if the project units were reduced from 185 to 140 units would that kill the project. Mr. McCorke answered , yes. Mayor Johnson stated the petitioner has another project in the City with a promise that was not achieved. Mr. McCorkle stated the project, in Starland, is currently under construction and fully funded. The project was approved pre-covid and there was an

easement issue with Georgia Power. The project sat for a period, but is under construction and what was promised will be delivered.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked Mr. McCorkle if the petitioner/developer also has a project on Broughton Street, 24E (yes).

Ald. Leggett asked Mr. McCorkle was affordable housing initially offered then removed. Mr. McCorkle indicated affordable housing was never considered. Ald. Leggett asked if the construction will cause any damage to current structures in the area. Mr. McCorkle indicated the engineers will use guidelines and the City engineers will have to approve the construction. Parking was discussed and Mr. McCorkle indicated the City requires one space for every unit regardless of the number of bedrooms, which will be supplied. Ald. Leggett expressed concern for retail stores parking, shoppers will have to park on the streets. Ald. Leggett stated no meeting with the community/neighborhood association has taken place.

Ald. Leggett moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #11, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. See related agenda Item #17.

12. Petition of Robert L. McCorkle, Agent for Ramsey Khalidi, LLC for a Text Amendment to Section 5.4 to Add the Indoor Amusement Use as a Limited Use in the I-L (Light Industrial) Zoning Districts (File No. 24-000624-ZA). (Continued from the March 28, 2024, and April 25, 2024, Council Meetings.)

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation (File No. 24-000624-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Map of IL (Light Industrial) Zoning Districts (File No. 24-000624-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #12.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, representing the MPC
- Robert McCorkle, representing the applicant
- Roshida Edwards – asked questions concerning the rezoning

Ald. Lanier asked what zoning districts currently have this entertainment zoning. Mr. Morrow identified the locations (business districts). Ald. Lanier asked if the business owner was directed to another zoning district that already allows indoor amusement use. Mr. Morrow explained the individual use. Ald. Lanier indicated there are neighborhoods with an abundance of light industrial zoning in low wealth areas, decreasing the quality of life for residents (Hudson Hill, Woodville, Carve Village, Ogeecheeton and Treemont Park). These areas are experiencing health issues and are nc receiving equitable treatment.

Mayor Johnson indicated Item #12 is not location specific, if approved, the petitioner comes back with a location for Council approval.

Ald. Leggett requested a clarification of District. Mr. Morrow indicated a correction was made for the request not to be location specific.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked Mr. Morrow if the petitioner could ask for entertainment zoning. Mr. Morrow stated it is a context specific request.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan asked Mr. McCorkle if there was any housing in the area (no).

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #12, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. See related agenda Item #18.

13. Petition of Miles Hansford, LLC on Behalf of J. Underwood for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 279.2 Acres at 100 Little Neck Road (PIN 21007 02003) from R-A-CO (Residential Agriculture-County) and Planned Community Business-County (P-B-C-CO) to Planned Development (PD) with Conditions (File No. 23-003457-ZA).

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Exhibit 5: Keller - Vision Book.pdf

Exhibit 6: Keller PD Rezoning Master Pod Plan.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #13.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, representing the MPC

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #13, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

14. Petition of Josh Yellin on Behalf of Starland Bull LLC for a Special Use Permit at 2517 Bull Street (PIN 20074 07005) for Accessory Alcohol Sales in Association with a Restaurant, Bar/Tavern, and Wine Specialty Shop Uses in the Traditional Commercial-1 (TC-1) within Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-001058-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation (File No. 24-001158-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for Special Use Permit (File No. 24-001158-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Items #14 and #15.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, representing the MPC
- Josh Yellin, representing the applicant

Ald. Miller Blakely asked Mr. Yellin if this business is the same as the one called The Krog in Atlanta (no, The Krog was just used as an example). She also asked about the parking (no parking is required for structures under 3,000 s/f).

a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the zoning hearing closed for Items #14 and #15, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve Item #14, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-1-0. Ald. Miller Blakely voted no.

15. Petition of Josh Yellin on Behalf of Starland Bull LLC for a Special Use Permit at 2517 West 42nd Street (PIN 20074 07006) for Accessory Alcohol Sales in Association with a Restaurant, Bar/Tavern, and Wine Specialty Shop Uses in the Traditional Commercial-1 (TC-1) within Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-001104-ZA).

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Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Items #14 and #15.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, representing the MPC
- Josh Yellin, representing the applicant

a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the zoning hearing closed for Items #14 and #15, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve Item #15, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 7-2-0. Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Lanier voted no.

16. Petition of Patrick Warner on Behalf of J. Eady Enterprises for Juan Eady to Zone Approximately 5.776 Acres at 4 ACL Boulevard (PIN 10747 05004) from R-1 (Residential One) to R-1-CO (Residential One-County) (File No. 24-002002-ZA).

Exhibit 1: Staff Report for 4 ACL Blvd Annexation (File No. 24-002002-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 4 ACL Blvd (File No. 24-002002-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #16.

Speaker(s):

- Bridget Lidy, representing Planning & Urban Design
- Arizona Brown – OPPOSED
- Khadejah Hicks – asked questions regarding rezoning

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #16, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. See related agenda Items #21 and #22 on First Reading.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

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Ald. Leggett moved to deny Item #17, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion to deny passed, 6-3-0. Ald. Bell, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Purtee voted against the motion to deny.

18. Petition of Robert L. McCorkle, Agent for Ramsey Khalidi, LLC for a Text Amendment to Section 5.4 to Add the Indoor Amusement Use as a Limited Use in the I-L (Light Industrial) Zoning Districts (File No. 24-000624-ZA). (Continued from the March 28, 2024, and April 25, 2024, Council Meetings.)

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a. Ald. Lanier moved to deny Item #18, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion to deny FAILED, 2-7-0. Mayor Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz, Ald. Bell, Ald. Leggett, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Purtee voted no.

b. After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #18, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Ald. Lanier and Ald. Miller Blakely voted no.

19. Petition of Miles Hansford, LLC on Behalf of J. Underwood for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 279.2 Acres at 100 Little Neck Road (PIN 21007 02003) from R-A-CO (Residential Agriculture-County) and Planned Community Business-County (P-B-C-CO) to Planned Development (PD) with Conditions (File No. 23-003457-ZA).

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After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #18, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

20. Ordinance to Require Sound Control Devices on Tour Service Vehicles. This ordinance will regulate unreasonably intrusive levels of sound emanating from tour service vehicles.

Exhibit 1: Ordinance - Tour Services for Hire Noise Amendments.pdf

City Manager Melder thanked the team working on the issue over the past several months, especially the office of Special Events, Film & Tourism (Susan Broker & Edward Grant). City Manager Melder gave a brief synopsis of the Ordinance.

Ald. Lanier was happy to see the concerns of the residents were being addressed, but she hopes the same concern will be expressed for the low wealth communities she represents.

Mayor Johnson recommended including compliance specific conditions for enforcement to make sure vehicles/businesses are in compliance as follows: (1.) vehicles should display stickers showing they are currently in compliance; and (2.) staff to maintain a Log of vehicles in compliance for public inspection.

At the request of Ald. Miller Blakely, City Manager Melder read the following:

(c) Enforcement. Enforcement officers shall be authorized to inspect open air trolley and open a shuttle tour service vehicles for compliance with this section.

(d) Implementation. The owner and/or operator of each and every open air trolley or open air shuttle tour service vehicle shall ensure compliance with this section pursuant to the following schedule:

(1) 35% of its fleet shall achieve compliance within 12 months of the effective date of this ordinance.
(2) 75% of its fleet shall achieve compliance within 24 months of the effective date of this ordinance.
(3) 100% of its fleet shall achieve compliance within 36 months of the effective date of this ordinance.

(4) Any open air trolley or open air shuttle tour service owner and/or operator not registered with the City upon the effective date of this ordinance shall ensure full compliance with this section prior to commencing operation within the City's jurisdictional limits.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked how much it will cost for one vehicle ($12,000.00 per vehicle).

Speaker(s):

- David McDonald – IN SUPPORT

Written comment(s):

- Patrick Connell – OPPOSED

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Ald. Leggett moved to approve Item #20 with the following compliance conditions:

- Vehicle specific - a sticker showing compliance
- Maintain a Log of vehicles/businesses in compliance for public inspection

Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

21. Approval for the Annexation of 5.776 Acres Located off Gamble Road near ACL Boulevard. The Property Owner desires to develop approximately 21 single family residential lots on the property.

Exhibit 1: Annexation Petition - Diggs Avenue and ACL Blvd.pdf

Exhibit 2: Annexation Ordinance - Diggs Avenue and ACL Blvd.pdf

HEARD for FIRST READING ONLY.

22. Petition of Patrick Warner on Behalf of J. Eady Enterprises for Juan Eady to Zone Approximately 5.776 Acres at 4 ACL Boulevard (PIN 10747 05004) from R-1 (Residential One) to R-1-CO (Residential One-County) (File No. 24-002002-ZA).

Exhibit 1: Staff Report for 4 ACL Blvd Annexation (File No. 24-002002-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 4 ACL Blvd (File No. 24-002002-ZA).pdf

HEARD for FIRST READING ONLY.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

. Notification of an Emergency Procurement of a Dan Foss Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) Pump and Installation with Goforth Williamson, Inc in the Amount of $56,570. ıe Industrial & Domestic Treatment Plant (I&D) will utilize this equipment to replace the outdated VFD pump that drives the booster pump at Lathrop, which blew up and eds to be replaced. (Industrial & Domestic Water Plant)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Emergency Purchase-Danfoss VFD.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Emergency Purchase - Danfoss VFD.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, #26, and #27, seconded by Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Automatic Car Washing and Detailing Services with Coastal Properties Unlimited DBA AutoShine Car Wash (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed $58,248. This contract will be utilized for cleaning and detailing City Vehicles for all departments. This contract is available for any vehicle currently in the fleet that may require this service. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Car Washing and Detailing.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Car Washing and Detailing.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, #26, and #27, seconded by Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Dedicated Network Circuits with Comcast (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed $75,000. The Innovation and Technology Services Department will use this contract for consolidating and improving data-dedicated line connectivity for critical infrastructure sites. (DoIT)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Dedicated Circuits.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Dedicated Circuits.pdf

Mayor Johnson asked City Manager Melder if Item #25 was time sensitive. City Manager Melder indicated the network is for the City's community centers, fire stations, and police precincts; it is not an emergent need, but would like Council's approval today.

Mayor Johnson moved to approve Item #25, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Refurbishment, Structural Welding and Fabrication Services of Trash Compactors with Atlantic Commercial Construction, LLC in an Amount Not to Exceed $341,089. The refurbishment services will be a cost-effective measure to restore the City's compactors and machinery to a functional state. (Sanitation Department)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Compactor Refurbishment.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Compactor Refurbishment.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, #26, and #27, seconded by Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

27. Authorized the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Removal of Emergent Aquatic Vegetation with MPW Construction, LLC (LOCAL)(DBE) in the Amount of $1,300,000. The alum sludge pond is located on-site at the Industrial & Domestic water treatment facility and is roughly 10 acres in size. (Industrial & Domestic Water Plant)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Alum Sludge Pond Vegetation Removal.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Alum Sludge Pond Vegetation Removal.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23, #24, #26, and #27, seconded by Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

AGREEMENTS

. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Jai Prabhu Investments, LLC for Benton Center Expansion. This is for a development consisting of 6,800 sq. ft. of retail ace on Jimmy Deloach Parkway in Aldermanic District 1.

Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Benton Center Expansion.pdf

Ald. Lanier moved to approve Items #28, #29, and #30, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

29. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Sweetwater Developers of Georgia, LLC for Sweetwater Station Phase 12. This is for a development consisting of 45 single family homes in Aldermanic District 6.

Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Sweetwater Station Phase 12.pdf

Ald. Lanier moved to approve Items #28, #29, and #30, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

30. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Standard 601 Liberty Owner, LLC for 601 East Liberty Street. This is for a development consisting of a 217-unit apartment complex on East Liberty Street in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - 601 E Liberty Street.pdf

Ald. Lanier moved to approve Items #28, #29, and #30, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

31. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Board of Education for Placement of Playgrounds on Three Board Properties.

Exhibit 1: Maps - Playgrounds.pdf

Exhibit 2: Intergovernmental Agreement for Playgrounds - May 2024.pdf

Ald. Miller Blakely expressed concern for other playgrounds throughout the City especially the Yamacraw Playground. City Manager Melder indicated he believes the Yamacraw Playground is owned by the Housing Authority. This item is only dealing with the three playgrounds (Haven Elementary, Brock Elementary, and Hubert Middle School) in the IGA with the Board of Education. City Manager Melder will check on ownership of the Yamacraw Playground and inform Council Members.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz outlined how and when the improvements of the playgrounds would take place and thanked Mayor, Council, and staff for maintaining and updating the IGA with the Board of Education.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #31, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Ald. Purtee recused himself from the discussion and vote for business purposes.

32. Authorize the City Manager to Accept Donation of a 1.15 Acres Property Located Off East 60th Street (PIN 20104 24023).

Exhibit 1: Maps.pdf

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #32, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

33. Approval of Major Subdivision: Tract N Phase 2, a Portion of Parcel 4B at The Highlands at Godley Station. This proposed property totals 5.804 acres and will consist of 46 single family lots with varying lot sizes. The property has its own entrance off Slade Street in Aldermanic District 1.

Exhibit 1: Plat - Major Subdivision Tract N Phase 2, Portion of Parcel 4B.pdf

Ald. Lanier asked City Manager Melder if the prior two 5-acre lots off Highlands Blvd. donated for recreation purposes is still available. Mayor Johnson answered, the two 5-acre lots are still available for recreation purposes.

Ald. Lanier moved to approve Item #33, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Johnson entertained a motion authorizing him to sign a resolution and affidavit, thereby indicating that the City Council held an executive session earlier in the day regarding personnel, litigation and real estate, where no votes/action was taken.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Mayor Johnson signing a Resolution and Affidavit of Executive Session for the May 9, 2024, Meeting for the purpose of discussing Real Estate, Personnel, and Litigation, for which no votes were taken, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ald. Miller Blakely encouraged residents to vote during the month of May. A Get Out To Vote Rally on 38th Street Park will be held this Saturday from 4:00-6:00 p.m. She emphasized this is an important election.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan announced on May 9th Mercer Housing Management & Savannah Garden Apartments partnered with several business in the area for a Create a Job Fair which is open to the public: if any businesses would like to participate, contact Ald. Wilder-Bryan or Mercer Housing Management for more information. She sent congratulations to Savannah Housing Authority Executive Director Earline Davis who will be resigning after 22 years on June 24th.

Ald. Leggett sent condolenes to the family of DJ Racks of Radio Station V93. Residents can call 912-629-5563 to offer voice condolences (Radio Station V93).

Ald. Lanier announced on Saturday, May 11th Ogeecheeton Community is having an Annual Homecoming, and Friday at 12:00 noon former Grove High School will have a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz shared the March/April Georgia's Cities magazine cover story of Port Wentworth Councilmember, Gabrielle Nelson.

Ald. Miller Blakely congratulated State Representative Carl Gilyard on the housing seminar on last Saturday at the Savannah Mall Library. The State is now offering funds for housing. Interested residents can contact Representative Gilyard on his website or Ald. Miller Blakely.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan congratulated Quinn's Breakfast and Lunch voted Best Restaurant.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 4:59 p.m.

The video recording of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your

https://savannahgovtv.viebit.com/player.php?hash=A2PdfQtUaGCwTZXi

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: May 23, 2024

Signature: Mark Massey

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MAY 23, 2024 11:00 a.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at **11:02 a.m.**, in the 2nd Floor Media Room. **Mayor Johnson** called the meeting to order and recognized **Alderman Leggett** to offer a prayer.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 - Vice Chair

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 - Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5 - Mayor Pro Tem

ABSENT:

Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder

Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

/orkshop Agenda Items

1. Civic Center Development Update

Mayor Johnson began the meeting by indicating no decisions will be made today on the future development of the Civic Center site. After today's presentation, City Council will ask City Manager Melder for three or more options for consideration of the Civic Center site. The options will be in the form of Resolutions. City Council will review/consider the options at the end of June.

PRESENTED by City Manager Melder, The Collaborative Firm President Michael Hightower, Christian Sottile of Sottile & Sottile, Planning & Urban Design Senior Director Bridget Lidy, and Information and Public Affairs Chief Bret Bell.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz presided over the remainder of the meeting.

Following the presentation, there were discussions, questions, and comments from City Council Members concerning the total project and each option. Below are listed some of the major comments and concerns of Council Members:

- RFP process and the cost if no RFP was initiated.
- An explanation of trust and tithing lots of the squares.
- The current presentation versus the last time Sottile & Sottile discussed this project.
- A request for a more definitive timeframe for each option.
- Other possible locations in Savannah for a new Civic Center site that allows residents to walk to the location.
- Parking; consider options other than underground parking.
- The Oglethorpe Plan and re-establishing the initial squares and the development of affordable housing.
- Profitability of the MLK Arena and what would be equitable for residents. Option 3 might be the most equitable.
- SPLOST 8 was discussed as a means of financing, but SPLOST 8 funds should be used for the City's infrastructure.
- Residents would like to have space for non-profits and arts.
- Recognition was given to Ald. Leggett for his diligence and engagement during the process and during public meetings with residents.
- The current use of the facility (arena), can be used as a secondary venue.
- No options available without the Oglethorpe Plan involved.
- Consider how the final decision will impact residents in the future.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz summarized the Council Member's comments and she thanked the presenters for the information and Council Members for their input.

City Manager Melder indicated the name and legacy of the MLK Jr. name will not be lost, whatever happens to the facility. More input from Council Members is welcomed, staff will work on more definitive timelines in place, there is room for more equity in all the options, and is a 4th option available.

City Manager Melder will prepare 3 options in Resolution form for Council Members to consider. Each option will include: 1.) the option from a planning perspective; and 2.) define what equity means in each option during this process in order to bring back new or better options.

All information is located on the City's website, savannahga.gov/civic center, and comments from residents can be submitted to planning@savannahga.gov.

2. Closed Executive Session: Litigation, Personnel, and Real Estate

City Manager Melder and City Attorney Lovett indicated there was no need for an Executive Session.

3. City Manager's Agenda Review

By concensus of Council Members, there was no Agenda Review.

There was no action taken during the Workshop.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz adjourned the workshop at 12:49 p.m.

The video recording of the Workshop can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: June 27, 2024

Signature: Mark Massey

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MAY 23, 2024, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at **2:05 p.m.** Mayor Johnson introduced **Pastor Kaggia Kimathi Scott of West Board SDA Church,** to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 - Vice Chair

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 - Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5 - Mayor Pro Tem

ABSENT:

Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder

Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for May 23, 2024.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Schabazz moved to adopt/approve the regular meeting agenda for May 23, 2024, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Bell and Ald. Purtee were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on May 9, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - May 9, 2024, City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Bell and Ald. Purtee were absent.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on May 9, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - May 9, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Bell and Ald. Purtee were absent.

PRESENTATIONS

4. A Proclamation Declaring May as National Cities, Towns, and Villages Month. From the nation's smallest villages to its largest cities, America's local governments have been essential in transforming the United States of America into the greatest, most influential nation in world history.

Mayor Johnson saluted the National League of Cities (NLC) for the outstanding work accomplished in various States throughout the Country. Ald. Wilder-Bryan READ the proclamation of recognition.

5. Presentation of the Employee Engagement Team & Recognition of the 2024 First Quarter Employee of the Quarter Winners. (Continued from the May 9, 2024, Council meeting)

Presented by City Manager Melder and the Employee Engagement Team to the following employees:

- Aalana Lacewell, Grant Analyst Human Services
- Zachary Miner, Advanced Firefighter Station 7
- Alexandria "Alex" Isihos, Information Technology Manager
- Leif Blomberg, Capitol Project Manager
- Elizabeth Hall, Plant Operator, Water Supply & Treatment Department
- Judy Stewart, Senior Compliance Officer, Code Compliance
- Denise Wilson, Permit Technician, Development Services
- LaShawn Dennis, Administrative Assistant, Criminal Investigations Division

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

6. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Len Johnson for Better Than Sex - A Dessert Restaurant, a Restaurant Located at 410 West Broughton Street. The establishment is located between Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Montgomery Street in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Better Than Sex Restaurant.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Better Than Sex Restaurant.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Better Than Sex Restaurant.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Better Than Sex Restaurant.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Better Than Sex Restaurant.pdf

HEARD after Item #35.

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearing open for Item #6.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo moved to close the alcohol hearing for Item #6, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Bell and Ald. Purtee were absent.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve Item #6, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Bell and Ald. Purtee were absent.

ZONING HEARINGS

7. Petition of Bridget Lidy on Behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah for a Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Amendment of 66.5-Acres for 4801 Meding Street (PIN 20108 01001) from Parks and Recreation to Planned Development in Aldermanic District 5 (File No. 24-000287-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 4801 Meding Street (File No. 24-000287-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Future Land Use Map for 4801 Meding Street (File No. 24-000287-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: MPC 2020 Technical Review.pdf

Exhibit 4: The Legacy Concept Plan for 4801 Meding Street.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for Item #7.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, representing the MPC
- Gerald Ferrebee – asked questions, but IN SUPPORT

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #7, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Bell and Ald. Purtee were absent. See related agenda Item #11.

8. Petition of Joshua Yellin for 1201 Abercorn LLC on Behalf of Asbury United Methodist Church to Amendment a Future Land Use Map from Traditional Neighborhood to Traditional Commercial at 1201 Abercorn Street and 115 E. Duffy Street (PIN 20053 03001 & 20053 03014) in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-002111-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 1201 Abercorn and 115 E. Duffy FLUM (File No. 24-002111-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: 1201 Abercorn and 115 E. Duffy FLUM (File No. 24-002111-ZA).pdf

Ald. Leggett moved to CONTINUE/POSTPONE Items #8, #9, #10, #12 and #13 to the June 27, 2024, Regular Council Meeting, at the petitioner's request, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Bell and Ald. Purtee were absent.

9. Petition of Joshua Yellin on Behalf of Asbury United Methodist Church for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 1201 Abercorn Street and 115 E. Duffy Street from TN-1 (Traditional Neighborhood-1) to TC-1 (Traditional Commercial-1) in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-002007-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 1201 Abercorn and 115 E. Duffy Rezoning (File No. 24-002007-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Zoning Map for 1201 Abercorn and 115 E. Duffy (File No. 24-002007-ZA).pdf

Ald. Leggett moved to CONTINUE/POSTPONE Items #8, #9, #10, #12 and #13 to the June 27, 2024, Regular Council Meeting, at the petitioner's request, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Bell and Ald. Purtee were absent.

10. Petition of Joshua Yellin for 1201 Abercorn LLC on Behalf of Asbury United Methodist Church for Special Use Permit Requests to Allow 1) the Accessory Alcohol Sales in a Restaurant and 2) Hall, Banquet, or Reception within TN-1 (Traditional Neighborhood-1) at 1201 Abercorn Street and 115 E. Duffy Street in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-002006-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for 1201 Abercorn and 115 E. Duffy Special Use Permit (File No. 24-002006-ZA).pdf

Ald. Leggett moved to CONTINUE/POSTPONE Items #8, #9, #10, #12 and #13 to the June 27, 2024, Regular Council Meeting, at the petitioner's request, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Bell and Ald. Purtee were absent.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

11. Petition of Bridget Lidy on Behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah for a Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Amendment of 66.5 Acres for 4801 Meding Street (PIN 20108 01001) from Parks and Recreation to Planned Development in Aldermanic District 5 (File No. 24-000287-ZA).

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Exhibit 4: The Legacy Concept Plan for 4801 Meding Street.pdf

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #11, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed, 5-0-4. Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Lanier abstained from the vote. Ald. Bell and Ald. Purtee were absent.

12. Petition of Joshua Yellin for 1201 Abercorn LLC on Behalf of Asbury United Methodist Church to Amendment a Future Land Use Map from Traditional Neighborhood to Traditional Commercial at 1201 Abercorn Street and 115 E. Duffy Street (PIN 20053 03001 & 20053 03014) in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-002111-ZA).

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13. Petition of Joshua Yellin on Behalf of Asbury United Methodist Church for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 1201 Abercorn Street and 115 E. Duffy Street from TN-1 (Traditional Neighborhood-1) to TC-1 (Traditional Commercial-1) in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-002007-ZA).

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Ald. Leggett moved to CONTINUE/POSTPONE Items #8, #9, #10, #12 and #13 to the June 27, 2024, Regular Council Meeting, at the petitioner's request, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Bell and Ald. Purtee were absent.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

14. Approval for the Annexation of 7.25 Acres Located off State Route 204 near Middle Landing Road. The property owner desires to develop a self storage rental facility at the site.

Exhibit 1: Annexation Petition - Fort Argyle Storage.pdf

HEARD, First Reading only.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

15. Approval for the Annexation of 5.776 Acres Located off Gamble Road near ACL Boulevard. The property owner desires to develop approximately 21 single family residential lots on the property.

Exhibit 1: Annexation Petition - Diggs Avenue and ACL Blvd.pdf

Exhibit 2: Annexation Ordinance - Diggs Avenue and ACL Blvd.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #15, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Bell and Ald. Purtee were Absent.

16. Petition of Patrick Warner on Behalf of J. Eady Enterprises for Juan Eady to Zone Approximately 5.776 Acres at 4 ACL Boulevard (PIN 10747 05004) from R-1 (Residential One) to R-1-CO (Residential One-County) (File No. 24-002002-ZA).

Exhibit 1: Staff Report for Diggs Ave Annexation (File No. 24-002002-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 4 ACL Blvd (File No. 24-002002-ZA).pdf

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #16, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Bell and Ald. Purtee were absent.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Three (3) Year Annual Maintenance Agreement for RockSolid Software with Granicus in the Amount of $52,820. The Innovation + Technology Services Department utilizes this software to provide a 311 interface for citizens and City employees to submit tickets for maintenance work across the city. (ITS)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - RockSolid SaaS Maintenance Agreement.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - RockSolid SaaS Maintenance Agreement.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17 through #23, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Bell and Ald. Purtee were absent.

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Lot Clearing with Garcia Services, LLC (Primary)(LOCAL)(DBE) and Samjay Services, Inc. (Secondary)(LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed $272,320. The Code Compliance Department will use the lot clearing services to provide prompt and efficient lot clearing services for properties in violation of city ordinances, helping to maintain a safe and clean environment for residents to thrive. (Code Compliance)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Lot Clearing.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Lot Clearing.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17 through #23, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Bell and Ald. Purtee were absent.

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Network Maintenance Services, Equipment, and Security with Layer 3 Communications (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed $1,045,000. The Innovation + Technology Services Department uses this contract for maintenance of the hardware and software utilized in core IT network services and infrastructure. (ITS)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Layer 3 Network Maintenance.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Layer 3 Network Maintenance.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17 through #23, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Bell and Ald. Purtee were absent.

20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Electrical Services with Aiken Harper Electrical Services, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed $1,192,330. This service is for electrical repairs and modifications to ensure continuity of electrical operations throughout City facilities. (Public Works)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Electrical Repairs.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Electrical Repairs.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17 through #23, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Bell and Ald. Purtee were absent.

21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Construction Manager At Risk Services for the City Hall Restoration Phase 1 Project with C.E. Garbutt Construction Company in an Amount Not to Exceed $2,455,103. The restoration work will include the entire first floor archives area to create a new interpretive/museum space for visitors and Council Chambers on the second floor. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - City Hall CMAR.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - City Hall CMAR.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17 through #23, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Bell and Ald. Purtee were absent.

22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Sidewalk, Curb, and Cobblestone Repair with Savannah River Utilities Co. (Primary), United Grounds Maintenance Services, Inc. (Secondary), and Savannah Paving Company (Tertiary) in an Amount Not to Exceed $2,700,000. The Streets Maintenance Department will use this service to allow contractors to repair sidewalks, curbs, and cobblestone/concrete streets within the City limits. The contracted repairs will help alleviate the city's backlog of work orders, reduce liabilities, and improve neighborhood revitalization. (Transportation Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Sidewalk, Curb, and Cobblestone Repair.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Sidewalk, Curb, and Cobblestone Repair.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17 through #23, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Bell and Ald. Purtee were absent.

23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Bio-Solids Hauling and Disposal Services with Synagro in an Amount Not to Exceed $3,000,000. The services will be utilized to haul and dispose of bio-solids from the President Street Plant, which is necessary to maintain a healthy treatment process and avoid permit violations. (Water Reclamation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Sludge Hauling and Disposal Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Sludge Hauling and Disposal Services.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #17 through #23, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Bell and Ald. Purtee were absent.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

24. Approval to Renew the Annual License Subscription for M-Files from Laminin Solutions for a One-Year Period, in the Amount of $25,645.

HEARD after Item #5.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24 through Item #35, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Bell and Ald. Purtee were absent.

25. Approval of the Commission's Agreement Share for City Works License Renewal with Azteca Systems, LLC, in the Amount of $54,400.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24 through Item #35, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Bell and Ald. Purtee were absent.

26. Approval to Execute Change Order No. 6 with Collins Construction, Inc. for Additional Work Related to the Terminal Security Checkpoint Expansion Project, in the Amount of $67,765.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24 through Item #35, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Bell and Ald. Purtee were absent.

27. Approval to Enter into an Agreement with Leidos, Inc. for the Relocation of Existing Transportation Security Equipment (TSE) Pertaining to the Security Checkpoint Project, in the Amount of $93,100.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24 through Item #35, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Bell and Ald. Purtee were absent.

28. Approval to Fund an Additional Year of the Professional Services Agreement with Carol Holladay & Associates, in the Amount of $96,000.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24 through Item #35, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Bell and Ald. Purtee were absent.

29. Approval to Procure One ADA Transit Shuttle Bus from Model 1 Commercial Vehicles, Inc., in the Amount of $108,370.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24 through Item #35, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Bell and Ald. Purtee were absent.

30. Approval to Renew the Public Address System Platinum Assurance Plan Agreement and Upgrades for Two Years with ALTEL Systems Group, Inc., in the Amount of $117,470.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24 through Item #35, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Bell and Ald. Purtee were absent.

31. Approval to Procure One Wheelchair Aircraft Lift from Lift-A-Loft Acquisition, Inc., in the Amount of $141,895.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24 through Item #35, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Bell and Ald. Purtee were absent.

32. Approval for the Lifecycle Replacement of One Bucket Truck from One Nation Distribution, LLC., in the Amount of $149,890.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24 through Item #35, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Bell and Ald. Purtee were absent.

33. Approval to Purchase Palo Alto Networks Firewalls, Licensing, and Installation Services from DISYS Solutions, Inc. DBA DSI Tech, in the Amount of $185,258.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24 through Item #35, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Bell and Ald. Purtee were absent.

34. Approval to Execute a Contract with Johnson-Laux Construction, LLC., for the Temporary Ground Boarding Walkways Project, in the Amount of $1,412,910.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24 through Item #35, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Bell and Ald. Purtee were absent.

35. Approval to Ratify the Acceptance of Airport Infrastructure Grant Offer No. 3-13-0100-079-2024 from the Federal Aviation Administration, in the Amount of $7,230,276.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #24 through Item #35, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Bell and Ald. Purtee were absent.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

36. Resolution

Exhibit 1: Resolution Declaring Nuisance.pdf

Ald. Miller Blakely asked City Attorney Lovett to explain to the public the threat to health and safety of the regions drinking water supply. He also explained the dangers caused by non-stick cooking pans. Ald. Miller Blakely advised citizens to destroy their damaged non-stick pans.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #36, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Bell and Ald. Purtee were absent.

AGREEMENTS

37. Authorize the City Manager to Accept the Modification to Extend the WorkSource Quality Jobs, Equity, Strategy and Training (QUEST) Disaster Recovery Dislocated Worker Grant Award. The award will be used to fund training activities for dislocated workers in key regional high demand industries. The City serves as the fiduciary agent for the ten-county region.

Exhibit 1: PY23-25 QUEST Statement of Grant Award.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #37 through #42, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Bell and Ald. Purtee were absent.

38. Approval of PY2024 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult/Dislocated Worker and Youth Provider Sub-awards in the Amount of Up to $2,146,606 for Delivery of Training and Support Services to Unemployed or Underemployed Adults and to Low-Income Youth Ages 16-24 in the 10-County Region.

Exhibit 1: PY23-25 Adult and DW Statement of Grant Awards.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #37 through #42, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Bell and Ald. Purtee were absent.

39. Approval to Modify and Extend the PY2023 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Year-Round Youth, Adult and Dislocated Worker and One-Stop Operator Sub-awards Period of Availability for WIOA Services.

Exhibit 1: PY23-25 Adult and DW Statement of Grant Awards.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #37 through #42, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Bell and Ald. Purtee were absent.

40. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Drayton-Parker Companies, LLC for Parker's Kitchen #100. This is for a development consisting of a 5,175 sq. ft. convenience store on Grove Point Road in Aldermanic District 6.

Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Parker's Kitchen #100.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #37 through #42, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Bell and Ald. Purtee were absent.

41. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Radhe Krishna Properties, Inc. for Spencer Connerat Phase 1. This is for a development consisting of 99 single family homes off Littleneck Road in Aldermanic District 5.

Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Spencer Connerat Phase 1.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #37 through #42, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Bell and Ald. Purtee were absent.

42. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with MCG Savannah Owner, LLC for Madison Savannah Apartments. This is for a development consisting of a 240-unit apartment complex at 7810 Abercorn Street in Aldermanic District 4.

Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Madison Savannah Apartments.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #37 through #42, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Bell and Ald. Purtee were absent.

43. Approval of an Updated Memorandum of Understanding Between The United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of Georgia, and The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah Regarding the Appointment of a Special Assistant United States Attorney (SAUSA) to the United States Attorney's Office (USAO) to Further Local, State, and Federal Interests Related to Violent Crime in Savannah.

Exhibit 1: SAUSA Memorandum of Understanding Between USAO and City of Savannah - May 2024.pdf

City Attorney Lovett shared data concerning the United States Attorney's work on behalf of the City of Savannah.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #43, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Bell and Ald. Purtee were absent.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

44. Settlement #1

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #44, authorizing the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (vehicle incident) of Henry Robinson in the amount of $120,000.00, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Bell and Ald. Purtee were absent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Johnson acknowledged Savannah Housing Authority Executive Director Earline Davis and congratulated her on her upcoming retirement.

Ald. Miller Blakely congratulated all the 2024 Graduates. She also congratulated all the recent election winners and thanked all the residents who voted. She also thanked Assistant City Manager Lloyd and stated she and the residents appreciate all you do for the community.

Ald. Leggett announced Ms. Niceria is running for Miss Precious Gems.

Ald. Lanier encouraged residents to celebrate Juneteenth.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz congratulated Beach High School Graduates.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan announced the 10th year of LB3's partnership with the Savannah Golf Club. She also thanked the sanitation department for Rock-the-Block.

Mayor Johnson thanked everyone who supported the United Negro College Fund (UNCF). The fundraiser realized over $100,000.00 in donations. He announced the community walk to the Savannah River from MLK Jr. Blvd. on Juneteenth.

Mayor Johnson announced City Council will be on recess until June 27, 2024.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 3:07 p.m.

The video recording of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: June 27, 2024

Signature: Mark Massey

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JUNE 27, 2024 11:00 a.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at **11:00 a.m.**, in the 2nd Floor Media Room. **Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz** called the meeting to order and recognized **Alderman Purtee** to offer a prayer.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 - Vice Chair

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 - Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5 - Mayor Pro Tem

ABSENT:

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder

Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams

Deputy City Attorney Jen Herman

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Workshop Agenda Items

1. Transportation Update: Vision Zero Initiatives and Road Resurfacing Update

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz began the meeting by stating Mayor Johnson is in route. She identified the workshop topics, as indicated below, then turned the meeting over to the City Manager and his team to make their presentations.

- Transporation Update
  - Vision Zero Initiatives
  - Road Resurfacing Update
- Tide to Town Update
- City Manager's Update, if needed

City Manager Melder thanked everyone for the City Council meeting break/recess. He then introduced the new Chief of Planning & Economic Development Faye DiMassimo.

Chief DiMassimo gave a brief overview of the presentations being made and introduced Transportation (Traffic Engineer) Services Senior Director Stephen Henry. Mr. Henry introduced Traffic Engineering Coordinator Harold Taylor, Jr. to make the Vision Zero presentation.

City Manager Melder thanked Mr. Taylor for the presentation and his work on these projects.

Thereafter, Mr. Henry provided a RoadBotics presentation which covered roadway assessment and road resurfacing.

Listed below are some of the comments/concerns made.

- Ald. Lanier:
  - Appreciated progress with traffic calming;
  - Expressed concern re: traffic lighting namely at the W.Bay/Tuten intersection (GDOT looks at overall traffic volume, volume delays, and crashes for signals on state roads), because drivers aren't really following the beacon/hawk signals; and,
  - Asked staff to provide the crash data which she can share with the community.
- Ald. Bell:
  - Inquired about any improvements/process for obtaining input re: Traffic tables within the neighborhoods/residents (traffic calming commitee); and,
  - Appreciated the flashing lights and speed limit vs. speed boards.
- Ald. Purtee:
  - Expressed concern re: lack of traffic calming measures within his district on the Southside; and,
  - Expressed distrust of the process used for prioritizing needed and timely traffic measures.
- Ald. Shabazz:
  - Appreciated having dedicated staff, focus, and equity on traffic calming measures;
  - Expects that evaluation will be the driver for future work and she welcomes the bike lanes;
  - With respect to SR 25 connector at W. Bryan St median, requested the type of median (raised) to be used for safety and protection of citizens;
  - Appreciated community engagement/education that is planned;
  - Expressed appreciation for the flood lights;
  - Asked for further explanation, along with an equity review, regarding the road surfacing/assessments by district (City Manager will provide the mileage in a different format, like percentages, given each district has different geographic miles).
- Ald. Wilder-Bryan:
  - Inquired about the process and timing of determining where traffic calming measures will be installed;
  - Concerned about when police get involved and then the residents complain;
  - Requested staff to keep the district representatives in the loop when working with the residents of those districts;
  - Inquired whether staff had the needed tables (15) and materials needed to work/complete the list provided; and,
  - Requested an implementation timetable/timeline, given the funding provided, so she can share that information with the community. The City Manager stated he will provide process improvements, communication improvements, and an implementation plan. Ald. Wilder-Bryan requested to keep the citizens involved in this process.
- Ald. Palumbo:
  - Stated changing the methodology and saving lives is the priority, stronger investments are needed within this realm;
  - Big picture, traffic death is preventable through better engineering and design;
  - Perplexed why there was no mention of Mr. Rick Hall, contractor hired to conduct an outreach strategy and two public engagement sessions. The City Manager says his report is coming in two weeks;
  - Expressed the taskforce needs to be revamped to include a member of Council, along with citizens to drive the process and decision-making, and open the meetings to the public;
  - Appreciated the use of AI technology, but with a different focus on auto behavior, as opposed to pedestrian behavior. There should be some roads that focus primarily on the needs of pedestrians and cyclist; and,
  - Requested to receive regular reports on these topics based on approval of the Vision Zero Initiative/Resolution.
- Ald. Leggett:
  - Asked about the supply chain issues previously mentioned re: traffic tables;
  - Expressed there is a lack of effectiveness and progress of projects highlighted;
  - Concerned about potholes and other areas where the city has not been more effective with maintenance of city streets; and,
  - Requested staff and others to give a true assessment of the needs to avoid demolition by neglect.

- Ald. Lanier:
  - Mentioned the need for traffic to slow down, re-routing, and signage to move traffic away from small, sub-standard, neighborhood streets;
  - Expressed that neighborhood leaders, residents, and her sought traffic calming measures in the past were met with little success;
  - Some neighborhoods are looking at doing their own signage to deal with the industry traffic issues;
  - Expressed appreciation for including the radar traffic signage; and,
  - Expressed issues with safety, resurfacing, repairs, and design, to help with the 18-wheelers entering neighborhood streets.
- Mayor Johnson:
  - Stated traffic calming and Vision Zero is all a part of public safety;
  - Reminded everyone the budget determines priorities;
  - Expressed priorities have been identified underground, above-ground, and for him striping;
  - Shared there is history where measures have been installed and then residents complained;
  - Expressed the upcoming opportunity to do something in the near future, via the FY2025 budget or the setting of the millage rate; and,
  - Expressed the concern heard from people about heavier enforcement and policing.

2. Tide to Town Update

City Manager Melder introduced Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd to discuss the Tide to Town project.

Following a brief introduction, Assistant City Manager Lloyd introduced Capital Projects Management Senior Director Cristy Lawrence to give the overview/update of Tide to Town.

City Manager Melder stated the project is wonderful and transformative, with several partners.

Listed below are some of the comments/concerns made.

- Ald. Wilder-Bryan:
  - Stated July 1st will be a ribbon-cutting for Phase B Truman Linear in the 3rd District.
- Ald. Lanier:
  - Inquired where the federal funding was coming from (CORE MPO, Transportation Alternatives Program or TAP funds);
  - Mentioned wherever trails were placed in low-wealth areas/cities, there also exists gentrification which can cause displacement; and,
  - Expressed her interest to keep people in place, not displaced (equitable growth).
- Mayor Johnson:
  - Stated there are levels of gentrification which occur naturally, in the evolution of a neighborhood.
- Ald. Palumbo:
  - Expressed he is a fan because this project connects 30 schools, hospitals, universities, and reconnects neighborhoods (silo buster);
  - Inquired whether the next phase of the project leading up to Daffin Park will be constructed from South to North, or from North to South (South to North - per project manager Tina Bockhold);
  - Expressed excitement about the 52nd St bridge; and,
  - Asked to look at Carey St, a private developer expressed interest to develop a portion of the trail leading to Bee Rd to connect with the Police Memorial trail.
- Ald. Lanier:
  - Stated displacement is not a natural byproduct of gentrification, rather displacement is by design whether allowed or fueled;
  - Expressed there are measures that can be taken/implemented to ward off displacement and keep people in place; and,
  - Expressed there are economic policies/tools that can be utilized, so investments/upgrades to neighborhoods can be made without having to displace residents who are currently there.
- Mayor Johnson:
  - With a wider world view, people don't have to stay where they are forever, but they have choices or the opportunity to move, as their education, income, or family situations allow; and,
  - Expressed we still have to improve those communities, provide housing, business, road, and food choices.

3. Closed Executive Session: Litigation, Personnel, and Real Estate

There was no executive session held/needed.

4. City Manager's Update

City Manager Melder indicated the petitioner for zoning agenda items 14 and 19 (District 2 - 1100 East 31st St) requested to continue those items until the second meeting in July, held on July 25.

There was no action taken during the Workshop.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the workshop at 12:55 p.m.

The video recording of the Workshop can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: July 11, 2024

Signature: Mark Massey

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JUNE 27, 2024, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at **2:05 p.m.** Mayor Johnson recognized **Post 1 Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell** to introduce **Bishop Thomas J. Sills, Pastor of Connor's Temple Baptist Church**, to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 - Vice Chair

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 - Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5 - Mayor Pro Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ABSENT:

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder

Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams

Deputy City Attorney Jen Herman

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for June 27, 2024.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve/adopt item #1, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on May 23, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - May 23, 2024, City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #2 and #3, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on May 23, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - May 23, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #2 and #3, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

PRESENTATIONS

4. A Proclamation Designating June 2024 as Wear Orange Month in Savannah, GA.

Mayor Johnson introduced Ald. Wilder-Bryan to read and jointly present a proclamation to Co-Lead and local organizer of the Savannah chapter of Moms Demand Action Laurie McNeil who was joined with other chapter members, including Ald. Wilder-Bryan. Ms. McNeil read into the record stats relating to the gun violence in America, and she thanked Mayor Johnson and members of the City Council for using the platform to bring awareness and do something about this crisis. At the request of Mayor Johnson, each attending member named victims of gun violence:

- Crystal Gail Ellison
- Dominic Xavier Milton Williams
- Latasha Blackmon Stewart

Ald. Lanier named her son, William (Bill) George Anderson, II.

5. A Proclamation Designating June 2024 as Caribbean Heritage Month in Savannah, GA.

Mayor Johnson presented a proclamation to city employees of Caribbean decent/heritage in celebration of Caribbean American Heritage Month, and he announced his desire to create a Caribbean Taskforce. City employees identified the following places as their native homes:

- Puerto Rico (City Manager's Office)
- Dominican Republic/Puerto Rico (DBE Compliance)
- St. Thomas, Virgin Islands (Utilities Services)
- Jamaica, various areas named (HR)
- Haiti (Police Department/NW precinct)
- Saint Kitts, West Indies (Development Services)
- Haiti (department not named)
- Haiti (Water Treatment Plant)

6. An Appearance Recognizing the Service and Accomplishments of Earline Wesley Davis Upon Her Retirement as the Executive Director of the Housing Authority of Savannah.

Mayor Johnson read and presented a proclamation to Ms. Earline Wesley Davis on the occasion of her retirement from the Housing Authority of Savannah. Ms. Wesley Davis received her proclamation, recognized her staff and Board Chair, then she expressed her appreciation for the recognition.

Mayor Johnson recognized Pastor Marsha Buford, Commissioner-elect for Chatham County Commissioner, District 8. She thanked everyone for their support.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

7. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Victoria Hill for Bellwether House, a Bed and Breakfast Inn Located at 211 E. Gaston Street. The establishment is located between Abercorn and Lincoln Streets in Aldermanic District 2. (Continued from the May 9, 2024, City Council Meeting at the request of City Staff)

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Bellwether House.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Bellwether House.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Bellwether House.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Bellwether House.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Bellwether House.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearing open for #7.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearing for item #7, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve item #7 pursuant to the good neighbor agreement, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

8. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, and Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Timothy Strickland for Wexford, a Restaurant Located at 27 Barnard Street. The establishment is located between West Congress and West Bryan Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Wexford.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Wexford.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Wexford.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Wexford.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Wexford.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearing open for #8.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearing for item #8, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve item #8, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

9. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, and Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Maria Rivera for Service Station, a Bar/Lounge Located at 460 Airways Avenue. The establishment is located between Gulfstream Road and Aggett Drive in Aldermanic District 1.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Service Station.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Service Station.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Service Station.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Service Station.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Service Station.pdf

Heard before #7 and #8.

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for #9 and #10.

No speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for items #9 and #10, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

b. Ald. Lanier moved to approve item #9, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was away from the dais and Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

10. Approval of a Class E (Beer and Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Jeffrey Schielke for Circle K #7265, a Convenience Store Located at 930 Chatham Parkway. The establishment is located between Park of Commerce Boulevard and Chatham Center Drive in Aldermanic District 5.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Circle K.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Circle K.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Circle K.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Circle K.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Circle K.pdf

Heard before #7 and #8.

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for #9 and #10.

No speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for items #9 and #10, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

b. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazzed moved to approve item #10, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was away from the dais and Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

ZONING HEARINGS

11. Petition of Joshua Yellin for 1201 Abercorn LLC on Behalf of Asbury United Methodist Church to Amendment to Future Land Use Map from Traditional Neighborhood to Traditional Commercial at 1201 Abercorn Street and 115 E. Duffy Street (PIN 20053 03001 & 20053 03014) in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-002111-ZA).

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Exhibit 2: Future Land Use Map for 1201 Abercorn and 115 E Duffy Streets (File No. 24-002111-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for Future Land Use Map for 1201 Abercorn and 115 E Duffy Streets (File Bo. 24-002111-ZA).pdf

Heard after item #52.

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for item #11.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, representing the MPC
- Josh Yellin, representing the petitioner
- Ellie Isaacs - IN SUPPORT

Ald. Leggett moved to close hearing for item #11, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent. See related agenda item #17.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz indicated the city previously missed the opportunity to speak about Repurpose Savannah. When renovations get started and certain materials are determined not to be used, she requested the petitioner to contact Repurpose Savannah.

Ald. Leggett inquired if the entire structure is being repurposed and preserved (yes, no major modifications).

Ald. Bell stated during a visit, it appeared the new owner/developers and someone from the congregation are working well together.

12. Petition of Joshua Yellin on Behalf of Asbury United Methodist Church for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 1201 Abercorn Street and 115 E. Duffy Street (PIN 20053 03001 & 20053 03014) from TN-1 (Traditional Neighborhood-1) to TC-1 (Traditional Commercial-1) in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-002007-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for Rezoning at 1201 Abercorn and 115 E Duffy Streets (File No. 24-002007-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Map for 1201 Abercorn and 115 E Duffy Streets (File No. 24-002006-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for Rezoning of 1201 Abercorn and 115 E Duffy Streets (File No. 24-002007-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearings open for item #12 and #13.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, representing the MPC
- Ellie Isaacs - IN SUPPORT

Ald. Leggett moved to close hearings for item #12 and #13, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent. See related agenda item #18.

13. Petition of Joshua Yellin for 1201 Abercorn LLC on Behalf of Asbury United Methodist Church for Special Use Permit Requests to Allow 1) the Accessory Alcohol Sales in a Restaurant and 2) Hall, Banquet, or Reception within TN-1 (Traditional Neighborhood-1) at 1201 Abercorn Street and 115 E. Duffy Street (PIN 20053 03001 & 20053 03014) in Aldermanic District 2. File No. 24-002006-ZA.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for a Special Use Permit at 1201 Abercorn and 115 E Duffy Streets (File No. 24-002006-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearings open for item #12 and #13.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, representing the MPC
- Ellie Isaacs - IN SUPPORT

a. Ald. Leggett moved to close hearings for item #12 and #13, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent. See related agenda item #18.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve the Special Use Permit for item #13, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

14. Petition of Robert L. McCorkle, III on Behalf of Waters QOZB, LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment of 0.14-Acres at 1100 East 31st Street (PIN 20055 08016) from TR-2 (Traditional Residential-2) to TC-1 (Traditional Commercial-1) in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-002022-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 1100 E. 31st St (File No. 24-002022-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Map for 1100 E 31st Street (File No. 24-002022-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for the Rezoning of 1100 E 31st Street (File No. 24-002022-ZA).pdf

Ald. Leggett moved to continue/postpone item #14 and #19 to the July 25, 2024 City Council Meeting, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent. See related agenda item #19.

15. Petition of Robert McCorkle, III, on Behalf of Ramsay Khalidi, LLC for a Special Use Permit for the Indoor Amusement Use at 100 West Lathrop Avenue (PIN 20025 12001 and 20025 12002) in Aldermanic District 1 (File No. 24-002463-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 100 W. Lathrop Avenue (File No. 24-002463-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Map for 100 W. Lathrop Avenue (File No.24-002463-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning (special use permit) hearing open for item #15.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, representing the MPC

a. Ald. Lanier moved to close hearing for item #15, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

b. Ald. Lanier moved to deny item #15. The motion failed for a lack of a second.

c. Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve item #15 for the Special Use Permit, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed, 7-1-1. Ald. Lanier voted no, and Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

Ald. Lanier questioned Mr. Morrow regarding the different zoning and issues in the area which have been identified as problems for the community. How do we avoid these struggles? Mr. Morrow identified the need for neighborhood planning (plans) in this area. The process of completing the Comprehensive Plan is coming up. The MPC is considering environmental overlays to curb conflicts. Industrial activities is a major component in our economic base, as well as past inequities.

16. Petition of Rafaella Nutini on Behalf of the Housing Authority of Savannah for a Text Amendment to the Hitch Village PUD in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-002441-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for Hitch Village PD (File No. 24-002441-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for Hitch Village PD (File No. 24-002441-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Early Childhood Learning Center Site Plan.pdf

Exhibit 4: Amended Hitch Village Master Plan (File No. 24-002441-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 5: Draft Ordinance for Hitch Village PUD (File No. 24-002441-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for item #16.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, representing the MPC

Ald. Leggett moved to close hearing for item #16, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent. See related agenda item #20.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

17. Petition of Joshua Yellin for 1201 Abercorn LLC on Behalf of Asbury United Methodist Church to Amendment to Future Land Use Map from Traditional Neighborhood to Traditional Commercial at 1201 Abercorn Street and 115 E. Duffy Street (PIN 20053 03001 & 20053 03014) in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-002111-ZA).

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After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Ald. Leggett moved to approve item #17, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent. See related agenda item #11.

18. Petition of Joshua Yellin on Behalf of Asbury United Methodist Church for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 1201 Abercorn Street and 115 E. Duffy Street (PIN 20053 03001 & 20053 03014) from TN-1 (Traditional Neighborhood-1) to TC-1 (Traditional Commercial-1) in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-002007-ZA).

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After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Ald. Leggett moved to approve item #18, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent. See related agenda item #12.

19. Petition of Robert L. McCorkle, III on Behalf of Waters QOZB, LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment of 0.14-Acres at 1100 East 31st Street (PIN 20055 08016) from TR-2 (Traditional Residential-2) to TC-1 (Traditional Commercial-1) in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-002022-ZA).

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Ald. Leggett moved to continue/postpone item #14 and #19 to the July 25, 2024 City Council Meeting, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent. See related agenda item #14.

20. Petition of Rafaella Nutini on Behalf of the Housing Authority of Savannah for a Text Amendment to the Hitch Village PUD in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-002441-ZA).

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Exhibit 5: Draft Ordinance for Hitch Village PUD (File No. 24-002441-ZA).pdf

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Ald. Leggett moved to approve item #20, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent. See related agenda item #16.

21. An Ordinance to Amend Division II of the Code of the City of Savannah Part 2, Government and Administration, Chapter 3, General Administration, Article B, Departmental Organization, Section 2-3041, Bureaus Enumerated, to Conform with the Current City Organizational Structure.

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Ald. Leggett moved to approve item #21, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

Mayor Johnson stated he tries to read the City's Charter once a year. As a part of cleaning up the City's Code/Charter to look the way we operate, Mayor Johnson asked the City Manager and the City Attorney for suggestions that could be addressed by the City Council. Mayor Johnson advised he also asked the City Attorney's office to do an overall review of the Charter/Code for other opportunities that might exist.

Deputy City Attorney Jen Herman advised the Code is currently written according to the old bureaus system we had for years, and the proposed change recognizes that we now operate by seven (7) service centers. In addressing Mayor Johnson's question, Attorney Herman advised she does not believe there is any legal requirement to make this change rather (this is) a relic, given the Code already enumerates the powers of the City Manager.

22. An Ordinance to Amend the City of Savannah's 2024 Revenue Ordinance to Comply with House Bill 461, which Prohibits Local Governments from Assessing Fees Based on Construction Value for Renovation Projects Under $75,000.

Exhibit 1: House Bill 461.pdf

Exhibit 2: Revenue Ordinance Revisions.pdf

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Ald. Bell moved to approve item #22, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

23. Notification of an Emergency Purchase to Procure Two (2) Engines for Marine 2 from Hale Marine (LOCAL) in the Amount of $53,169. Marine 2 is the hazardous material response vessel for the Savannah Fire Department and County-wide hazardous situations. The vessel is currently out of order due to engine failure. (SFD)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Marine 2 Engine Replacement.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Marine 2 Engine Replacement.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #23 through #38, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Whitaker Street Parking Garage Elevator Upgrades with TK Elevator Corporation (LOCAL) in the Amount of $124,368. This procurement will allow for reduced down time of the elevators in the Whitaker Street Parking Garage. (Parking & Mobility Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Whitaker Parking Garage Elevator Upgrades.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Whitaker Parking Garage Elevator Upgrades.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #23 through #38, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 6 for Delesseps Avenue Construction Administration Services with Thomas and Hutton Engineering (LOCAL) in the Amount of $249,695. This modification will provide construction inspection, answering requests for information (RFIs) and associated plan revisions, reviewing shop drawings, change orders, contractor pay requests and other contractor submittals, conducting site visits or attending meetings when requested by the City and producing record drawings. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Delesseps Construction Admin.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Delesseps Ave Construction Admin.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #23 through #38, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Tide to Town Equitable Growth, Enhanced Community Engagement & Project Phase Services with The Collaborative, Inc. in the Amount of $249,726. The Tide to Town Urban Trail System will be a protected network of walking and bicycling trails connecting all of Savannah and Chatham County. (Planning and Urban Design)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Tide to Town Equitable Growth Project.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Tide to Town Equitable Growth Project.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #23 through #38, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

27. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for Delesseps Avenue Project with APAC-Atlantic in the Amount of $1,655,000. This modification is necessary due to quantity increases, removal and replacement of unsuitable soils, additional water line work, and changes to stormwater structures due to field conditions. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Delesseps.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Delesseps.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #23 through #38, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

28. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Directional Boring with D&C Directional Boring, LLC in an Amount Not to Exceed $108,700. These services are used for installation of new water service, sewer mains, traffic cabling, other underground piping and cabling or for the replacement of antiquated material. (Water Resources)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Directional Boring.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Directional Boring.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #23 through #38, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

29. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for Engineering Design and Construction Overview Services for the Southwest Quadrant with Thomas and Hutton Engineering (LOCAL) in the Amount of $1,164,740. Task #4 will be used for the design and construction overview of a new 30" force main that will convey flow from the lift station on Pine Meadows Drive to Dean Forest at Pipemakers Canal. (Water Resources)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Eng Design & Construction Svcs.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Eng Design & Construction Svcs.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #23 through #38, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

30. Notification of an Emergency Purchase for Bar Screens with Cornerstone H2O in the Amount of $265,000. The bar screens remove debris from incoming stormwater. The debris has caused wear and tear on the current bars, which has resulted in failure of operation. (Stormwater)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Notification of Emergency Purchase Montgomery Street Bar Screen.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Notification of Emergency Purchase Montgomery Street Bar Screen.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #23 through #38, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

31. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for Low Voltage Cabling with Netplanner (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed $265,000. These services will be used to provide low voltage cabling at various City of Savannah facilities by the Innovation + Technology Services Department. (ITS)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Low Voltage Cabling.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Low Voltage Cabling.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #23 through #38, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

32. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Casey Canal Phase 2-C Drainage Improvements Deep Tunnel Design with Black and Veatch in the Amount of $2,488,225. This design will provide conveyance for the 100-year storm event and greatly minimize impacts, disruptions, and cost to construct the drainage improvements. (Stormwater)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Casey Phase 2 Design.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Casey Phase 2 Design.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #23 through #38, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

33. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for New Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) from Law and Order Technology in an Amount Not to Exceed $300,000. The mobile data terminals (MDTs) will be used by the police and fire departments. (ITS)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Mobile Data Terminals.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Mobile Data Terminals.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #23 through #38, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

34. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for One (1) Rear Loader Refuse Truck with New Way c/o Solid Waste Applied Technologies in the Amount of $139,000. The rear loader refuse truck will be used by the Park & Tree Department for trash collection from over 400 receptacles in the downtown area. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Rear Loader Refuse Truck.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Rear Loader Refuse Truck.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #23 through #38, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

35. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for One (1) Mini Excavator with a Mulching Head Attachment from Caterpillar c/o Yancey Bros in the Amount of $194,627. The Mini Excavator with Mulching Head Attachment will be utilized by the Stormwater Department to clear and rejuvenate overgrown ditches across the City, effectively restoring many to a functional and manageable condition. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Mini Excavator w Mulching Head.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Mini Excavator w Mulching Head.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #23 through #38, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

36. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for One (1) Long Reach Tractor with a Boom Mower with Atlantic and Southern Equipment, LLC., in the Amount of $214,984. The long reach tractor with boom mower will be used by the Park & Tree Department for the maintenance of ditches and canals. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Long Reach Tractor w Boom Mower.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Long Reach Tractor w Boom Mower.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #23 through #38, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

37. Authorize the City Manager to Rescind the Award for Three (3) Dump Trucks from Wade Ford, and Re-Award to National Automotive Fleet Group c/o Associate Fuel Systems in the Amount of $366,000. The three (3) dump trucks will serve as a valuable fleet addition for the Sanitation Department to support the newly established Sanitation Litter Crew. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Sanitation Dump Trucks.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Sanitation Dump Trucks.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #23 through #38, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

38. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Sixteen (16) Super-Duty Pickup Trucks from National Auto Fleet Group c/o Alan Jay Fleet Sales in an Amount Not to Exceed $1,422,948. The super duty pickup trucks will be utilized by different departments within the City, including Water Distribution, Stormwater, Park & Tree, and Savannah Fire. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Super Duty Pickup Trucks.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Super Duty Pickup Trucks.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #23 through #38, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

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39. Approval to Award Bid to Harrison Contracting Company to Install Four Speed Humps on Melaver Drive, in the Amount of $26,865.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #39, and #41 through #49, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

40. Approval to Procure Engineering Services from AECOM, for the Life Cycle Replacement of Air Handler Units, in the Amount of $45,000.

Ald. Purtee moved to approve item #40, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz recused herself for purposes of business, and Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

41. Approval of Advertising Placement in the 2025 Hilton Head Island and Bluffton Vacation Planners, in the Amount of $51,132.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #39, and #41 through #49, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

42. Approval to Renew the Annual License Subscription for Secure Credentials from Tadera for a One-Year Period, in the Amount of $71,270.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #39, and #41 through #49, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

43. Approval to Procure Engineering Services from Mead & Hunt, Inc., for Terminal Area Pavement Improvements and Parking Deck Safety Improvements, in the Amount of $76,460.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #39, and #41 through #49, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

44. Approval to Award Bid to Technology International, Inc., to Provide Six Gate Podiums, in the Amount of $236,100.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #39, and #41 through #49, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

45. Approval of a Five-Year Planned Service Agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc., in the Amount of $638,150.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #39, and #41 through #49, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

46. Approval to Ratify the Acceptance of a Grant from the Georgia Department of Transportation, in the Amount of $1,909,406.51.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #39, and #41 through #49, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller

Blakely was absent.

47. Approval to Execute a Contract with EE Reed Construction for the Auxiliary Parking Lots Project, in the Amount of $11,418,646.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #39, and #41 through #49, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

48. Approval to Execute a Contract with Iugis Construction Corporation, for the Terminal Concourse Expansion Project, in the Amount of $26,840,770.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #39, and #41 through #49, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

49. Approval to Execute a Contract with EE Reed Construction, for the Air Cargo Facility Project, in the Amount of $51,210,932.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #39, and #41 through #49, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

50. Resolution 1: Renovation of the Entire Civic Center Facility Including the Arena, Theatre, and Community Meeting Rooms.

Exhibit 1: Resolution 1 - Renovate the Entire Civic Center Facility 06.20.2024.pdf

This resolution was not voted upon.

51. Resolution 2: Removal of the Entire Civic Center Facility to Include the Arena, Theatre, Ballroom, and Community Meeting Rooms and Replace the Theatre, Ballroom, and Community Meeting Rooms at an Alternative Location.

Exhibit 1: Resolution 2 - Entire Civic Center Removal and Theatre Replacement 06.20.2024.pdf

This resolution was not voted upon.

52. Resolution 3: Removal of the Arena and Renovation of the Theatre, Ballroom, and Community Meeting Rooms.

Exhibit 1: Resolution 3 - Remove Arena and Renovate Theatre 06.20.2024.pdf

Mayor Johnson requested City Manager Melder to provide an overview of the three options.

Regarding item #51, Mayor Johnson asked City Manager Melder if an alternate location had been identified (No).

Mayor Johnson indicated that the City Council will consider the three (3) separate options, and whichever agenda item receives a majority vote will be the decider.

Ald. Leggett moved to adopt/approve item #52 (option #3), seconded by Ald. Purtee, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed, 7-1-1. Ald. Lanier voted no, and Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

Ald. Lanier asked the City Manager about the options, namely the alternative uses for the MLK Jr. arena, and expressed her concerns.

Mayor Johnson clarified today's vote, as being the first, sequential step of moving into a new direction.

Ald. Lanier stated that the community questioned the reasons for collecting public input, if the city was going to do what was on the table from day one.

Following a historical review/comments made by Mayor Johnson, Ald. Palumbo moved the previous (called the) question, seconded by Ald. Purtee.

Ald. Bell responded by stating that the previous vote in 2019 was a completely different scenario from what is being considered today, based primarily off of the ULI (Urban Land Institute's) report. Now, she has changed her mind based on the public and professional input, and based on the cost associated. Ald. Bell indicated she likes the idea of building a purpose-built building to be available for community events/affairs not suited for the enMarket Arena due to its size.

Mayor Johnson asked the City Manager to not sit on this matter.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz commented she talked with the constituents further about the options, and she researched deeper into the concerns/issues. She indicated she is excited about the changes coming to address the acoustics.

Mayor Johnson stated he voted for the ULI plan previously, but when you know better, you do better. As you grow, your thinking evolves. For us, this is the equity piece we keep talking about; and having places within the city for people to enjoy, and restoring portions of the Oglethorpe Plan. Mayor Johnson stated he believes we are striking a good balance by selecting option #3/agenda item #52,

and he thanked the City Manager and his team, Sotille + Sotille, and the Collaborative Firm for their work, but the work continues. Mayor Johnson indicated this is going to be a major undertaking which the city is not going to do alone nor half-step, so there is a need for major financial committments.

Ald. Purtee echoed commendations to city staff, community organizations, residents, advocates, and artists who participated in what turned out to be one of the most robust engagement processes he has ever seen. He asked them to not lose their energy, since the city will need their help more than ever.

Ald. Lanier stated to the public, having just decided to raise the MLK Jr. Arena without a plan to bring another facility back for that particular use is not equity. We now have to decide how we are going to help people who advocated for keeping the MLK Jr. Arena.

Mayor Johnson said that's called planning. Now the City Manager will have to come back to the City Council for what he plans to do. People of this city deserve to have spaces that are usable, modernized, and purposeful for future generations. He insisted this City Council is indeed interested in equity.

Ald. Leggett recognized multiple neighborhood presidents who were present and they conducted survey's to arrive to today's decision.

Mayor Johnson thanked Ald. Leggett for his time and leadership given to this issue.

Ald. Bell asked Mayor Johnson when is it appropriate to start talking about a replacement for the MLK Jr. Arena.

Upon request of Mayor Johnson, the City Manager advised they will put out an RFI (Request for Information) after having conversations with City Council and the community to determine what uses we could provide a purpose-built facility.

Ald. Bell stated she wants the public to understand the City's plan for accommodating the needs previously met with the MLK Jr. Arena.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz clarified the City will move forward within the purchasing guidelines already allowed, naming RFI (Request for Information), RFP (Request for Proposal), and RFQ (Request for Qualifications).

Written comment(s) received:

- Ardis Wood - Restore Oglethorpe Plan
- James Hundsrucker - Oglethorpe Plan Coalition
- Stephen Plunk - Restore Oglethorpe Plan
- Susan Adler - Restore Oglethorpe Plan
- Othniel Tyrus Smith, IV - renovation of the entire facility (option #1/item #50)

53. Resolution Lowering Speed Limits on Residential City Streets.

Exhibit 1: Ordinance - List of Roads.docx

Exhibit 2: GDOT Resolution - 2024 LOR Changes.docx

Exhibit 3: 2024 LOR Strikethrough Final - Updated.docx

City Manager Melder provided an overview of a resolution to lower speed limits on more than 75 residential city streets (road segments).

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve item #53, seconded by Ald. Purtee and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

Ald. Lanier stated residents of her district/area will be grateful. With respect to traffic calming, they just want to slow traffic down within these communities. All traffic calming does not require devices, like speed bumps and signage, in order to lower speed. She thanked the staff for their work in this area.

Mayor Johnson stated we want enforcement and as many hands as needed to do it. However to the residents, don't call complaining when enforcement occurs.

AGREEMENTS

54. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Hutchinson Island Apartments, LLC for Parcel 9 on Hutchinson Island. This is for a development consisting of a 288-unit apartment complex on Grand Prize America Avenue in Aldermanic District 1.

Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Parcel 9 on Hutchinson Island.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #54 and #55, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

55. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Lennar Georgia, Inc. for Edgewater at New Hampstead Phases 1A, 1B & 1C. This is for a development consisting of 215 single family homes off Little Neck Road in Aldermanic District 5.

Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Edgewater at New Hampstead Phases 1A, 1B & 1C.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #54 and #55, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

56. Authorize the City Manager to Declare Surplus and Available for Sale to the Adjoining Property Owner a 0.045-Acre Parcel of Vacant Land Located at 0 Frost Drive at a Price of $5,000.

Exhibit 1: Map Attachment - 0 Frost Drive.pdf

Exhibit 2: PSA - 0 Frost Drive.pdf

Exhibit 3: Survey - 0 Frost Drive.pdf

Ald. Purtee moved to approve items #56, #57, and #58, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Quit Claim Deed and Development Agreement with East River Street, LLC.

Exhibit 1: East River Street - Development Agreement FINAL.pdf

Exhibit 2: Quit Claim Deed - 600 East River FINAL.pdf

Ald. Purtee moved to approve items #56, #57, and #58, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

58. Authorize the City Manager to Accept a Donation of Two Parcels off San Anton Drive to Serve as an Additional Buffer for the Wilshire Treatment Facility (PINs 20753 01033 & 20754 04011).

Exhibit 1: Maps - San Anton Drive.pdf

Ald. Purtee moved to approve items #56, #57, and #58, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

MISCELLANEOUS

59. Approval of a Major Subdivision: Hamilton One and Hamilton Two, Eastern Wharf. The proposed property totals 0.801-acres and will consist of 18 Lots and 2 open spaces. The property is located in Alderman District 2 has its entrance off President Street.

Exhibit 1: Plat: Major Subdivision Hamilton One and Hamilton Two, Eastern Wharf.pdf

Ald. Leggett moved to approve item #59, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

. Added Item: An Ordinance to Amend the Charter of the City of Savannah Regarding Classified Service Demotion, Suspension, and Dismissal Action Appeal Processes in e Civil Service Ordinance.

Exhibit 1: City Charter Amendment - Civil Service Board 06262024.docx

Heard for First Reading Only.

Mayor Johnson stated we have had some issues in this area. When an employee gets disciplined in some way, they are able to grieve up through the chain of command to the City Manager, then the Civil Service Board can hear the grievance. We have had occurrences where the City Manager decides one thing, and the Civil Service Board decides something else. And the city is held liable for the decision of the Civil Service Board.

Because we entrust the City Manager with making the majority of the personnel decisions, in cases of demotion, suspension, and dismissal, they will go to the Civil Service Board first by way of a recommendation which the City Manager can accept, reject, or modify in some way.

Deputy City Attorney Herman indicated we setup a timeline process to work through the Civil Service Board, then ultimately getting to the City Manager for his decision. Other aspects of the proposed Ordinance amends the Civil Service Board members' terms from six (6) years to three (3) year staggered terms. And previously the Human Resources Director was required to prepare rules and regulations for the guidance and structure of the Board, but that has not happened. The proposed ordinance will give the HR Director 90 days to make that happen, and for those rules and regulations to be reviewed by the HR Director once a year and report that to the City Manager.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ald. Purtee stated he is heading to the Windsor Forest Community Center, near the elementary school, for a meet your neighbor event from 6pm to 8:30pm.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz acknowledged the funeral services of Reverend Marilyn Kay Lipsey-Felder which Ald. Bell and she attended earlier today at First Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church. She sent out condolences to the family on behalf of the Mayor and Council.

Ald. Bell stated Rev. Lipsey-Felder made history as the first female pastor of this historic church.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan extended best wishes and condolences to the Lipsey family, a personal, extended family of hers. She displayed a framed poster for the National League of Cities (NLC) who is celebrating 100 years, and the City of Savannah was the 84th City they visited. She indicated we are

celebrating at Stillwell Towers. On Monday at 10:30am, they will be conducting blood pressure and glucose tests, and providing information to the elder babies. On Friday, they will be at the PARC, a social ice cream for the elderly babies there. Shout-out to Taffanye Young and her staff for Recreation Re-imagined. The splash pads are a hit. Rick Ellison will be celebrated on the 28th for receiving the Drum Majors Award from State Representative Carl Gilliard. We want to celebrate Bishop Jermaine Oliver for being newly ordained at the Brampton Baptist Church and the award he is getting for the work done in the neighborhood. She offered condolences for everyone who wears orange in recognition of lives lost to senseless gun violence.

Mayor Johnson thanked everyone who walked to the Savannah River from MLK Jr. Blvd. on Juneteenth, including Council Members, Savannah Police, Savannah Fire, the Mediation Center, and our Trolley Company for helping us out. Secondly, Savannah PM is on this Tuesday at 6pm at the Savannah Civic Center. We will have our entire team and department heads present, if you want to talk to someone at the City. Finally, it was Marty Johnston's birthday, Deputy Assistant to the Mayor.

City Manager Melder thanked Council for the opportunity for him to continue education next month, July. You will be left in very good hands with Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd.

Mayor Johnson stated we are leaving the chair of Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox empty for the moment. The "Great Margaret Fox" has retired on us. Thank her for her services as well.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 4:23 p.m.

The video recording of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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JULY 11, 2024 10:00 a.m. - SPECIAL MEETING, WORKSHOP, and CM'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The special called meeting, work session, and City Manager's briefing was held at **10:03 a.m.**, in Council Chambers. **Mayor Johnson** called the meeting to order, acknowledged that Ald. Alicia Miller Blakely experienced death in her family, so she will not be present with us today, and he asked everyone to keep her in their thoughts and prayers. Mayor Johnson then recognized **Ald. Kurtis Purtee** to offer a prayer.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 - Vice Chair

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 - Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5 - Mayor Pro Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ABSENT:

Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

ALSO, PRESENT:

Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd

Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

pecial Meeting Agenda items

1. Public Hearing on 2024 Property Tax Millage Rate

Exhibit 1: 2024 Notice of Property Tax Increase.pdf

Exhibit 2: 2024 Tax Digest and Five Year History.pdf

Mayor Johnson announced we are combining the workshop and the public hearing. He announced the City Manager is on training leave and Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd is serving in his place. Mayor Johnson advised public comment will be received pursuant to State law, following the City Manager's presentation. Another opportunity for public comment will be received today at 6:00 p.m. The final opportunity for public comment will take place in two weeks on July 25th during the regular city council meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Mayor Johnson requested to hold an executive session to discuss litigation issues, following the public hearing regarding the millage rate.

Mayor Johnson advised a budget is a moral document which talks and speaks to priorities. Two times per year we have the opportunity to discuss issues related to the budget: the millage rate; and the actual budget. This Council has chosen to use growth to fund growth. We have spoken regarding our desire not to raise the millage rate. Under a quirky State law which requires the city to advertise a hearing, in this case due to a 9% calculation above the rollback rate, the City Manager is proposing a flat (or the same) millage rate.

Assistant City Manager made a presentation which included the following:

- The City experienced a lightening strike earlier in the week which impacted the live streaming/filming of the meetings.
- Fiscal Year 2024 Millage Rate
  - Property Tax Millage Rate, over many years
  - Millage Rate Valuation
  - Property Tax Revenue
  - 2024 Millage Rate Utilization
    - Drainage - $3.5M
    - Transportation Safety Improvements (Vision Zero) - $2.0M
    - Public Safety Compensation Adjustment - $1.6M
  - Millage Rate Setting Timeline
    - Public Hearing #1 - July 11, 2024, 10:00 a.m.
    - Public Hearing #2 - July 11, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
    - Public Hearing #3 - July 25, 2024, 2:00 p.m.
    - Adoption - July 25, 2024
  - 2023 Planned Projects
    - Millage Rate 12.2 $7,862,438
    - Victory Drive Drainage Improvements (Springfield Canal) - $3M
    - Liberty City Improvements (Springfield Canal) - $862,438
    - Montgomery Crossroads (Hayner's Creek) - $4M

Mayor Johnson thanked the City Manager and team for allowing us to maintain a low millage rate, and fund needed services with growth. He explained the difference between millage rate and valuation. Property values are going up, and the City of Savannah is not the only taxing entity in town. Other taxing entities include the County, the School Board, and Chatham Area Transit. Even though the City is maintaining the millage rate, taxes could increase based on value/valuation and/or one of the other taxing entities. While we don't control valuation, we control the millage rate which we are maintaining at the current level.

Ald. Purtee:

- Public Safety across the board increases (5%), recruitment and retention, and the market study (citywide staff for FY2025 budget).

Ald. Leggett:

- Current millage rate (12.2 mills). Rollback rate (11.196 mills). Assistant City Manager Lloyd advised that the current rate is requested to be maintained in order to fund investments in drainage, transportation safety, and public safety.
- Making this investment gives us the opportunity to show the public we are doing a lot in good faith for the quality of life.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz:

- Thanked Team Savannah. We are gonna use growth to fund growth. She is happy drainage is at the middle of the table, on behalf on the entire West of Savannah. She agrees that we should take these small projects one at a time, until we are able to have SPLOST dollars available to address the drainage and other infrastructure needs.
- Agreed to keeping the millage rate flat at 12.2 mills, along with prioritizing drainage, transportation safety, and public safety.

Mayor Johnson read a prepared statement regarding the setting of a millage rate, and it's impact to property owners within the city/state.

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing opened. He then asked members of staff and the media to raise their hands.

No speaker(s) present.

Written comment(s) received:

- Holly Shaw and Ron Weaver - OPPOSED

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Bell was not present for the vote, and Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to conduct a closed executive session for purposes of discussing litigation, seconded by Ald. Wilder Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2.

There was no action taken during the Special Meeting, Workshop, and City Manager's Briefing.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the workshop at 11:20 a.m.

The video recording of the Special Meeting, Workshop, and City Manager's Briefing can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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JULY 11, 2024, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at **2:01 p.m.** Following the roll call, Mayor Johnson thanked everyone for joining the meeting in-person and virtually. He advised City Hall endured a strike of lightening this week, so some electronic systems have been fried; however, extra measures are being taken to provide adequate coverage, although some may experience fluctuations in service today. Mayor Johnson announced the City Manager is on training-leave, so we are in the capable hands of our Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd. Mayor Johnson also asked everyone to keep their thoughts and prayers with Ald. Alicia Miller Blakely and her family for the loss of a brother and step-mother, within a days time. Mayor Johnson introduced **Reverend Dr. Charles Robert O'Berry Jr., Pastor of the House of Freedom Worship Center (on behalf of Ald. Miller Blakely)**, to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 - Vice Chair

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 - Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5 - Mayor Pro Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ABSENT:

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

ALSO, PRESENT:

Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd

Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for July 11, 2024.

Mayor Johnson announced that the Mayor and Aldermen conducted a closed executive session earlier regarding Litigation, for which no votes were taken. Mayor Johnson entertained a motion to

that effect, thereby granting him authority to sign the required resolution and affidavit. Ald. Palumbo moved to approve, seconded by Ald. Purtee and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

Referring to #7 and #8, Mayor Johnson indicated his interest to push these related zoning items to the September 26, 2024 City Council Meeting to allow staff and the public to consider/exhaust more options.

Ald. Bryan:

- Discussed this matter with staff for more than a year, and the building has been for sale for more than 20 years.
- The owner has been offered the house, and $10K to move it.
- It is disheartening the Historic Savannah Foundation (HSF) nows says this place is/has historic value.
- Requested to see a list of all the African American applications (across the city) the HSF has done.
- Expressed a fond feeling for historical matters.
- Experienced push back from the HSF for the Robbie Robinson historical marker, but the city handled it.
- This particular house has not been on the radar of the HSF. The Daddy Grace Mansion is also at the top of Victory.
- District 2 has been getting all of the attention in terms of history.
- Held a magnificent townhall meeting in March, and nobody said anything about the house. The President and Vice President of Victory Heights was not there.
- If it is determined that things are historic in the city, regardless of the reason, we shouldn't wait for the HSF to then say whether something has significant historic value.
- The owner worked with GDOT regarding traffic options.
- The property was sold by black people, and it could have been bought by black people.
- Mrs. Toomer lived multiple places, and there was a dentist too. But don't make this about a house, when the HSF lost three black churches, because they were not applied for.
- The owner has expressed he wants to move forward, whether the vote is up or down. She has to advocate for everybody, and she doesn't get to pick and choose.
- The public is trying to make us (the Council) do something they need to be doing. Moving forward in determining historic value, she suggested the public start giving those names/applications to the HSF, who is picking and choosing.
- There are a lot of markers downtown, but there are other things happening in this city. Based on reason and logic, today is about zoning, not politics.

Mayor Johnson stated actions today have nothing to do with the HSF, nor do they have to do with the house. If we are going to move forward, let's move forward.

Ald. Palumbo moved to adopt/approve #1, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on June 27, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

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Ald. Palumbo moved to approve items #2 and #3, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on June 27, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

Agenda Plus_RM DRAFT MINUTES_June 27, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting_watermark.pdf

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve items #2 and #3, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

4. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, and Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Karnjana Sirimaturos for Sushi – Thai Savannah, a Restaurant Located at 317 W. Broughton Street. The establishment is located between Montgomery and Jefferson Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

EXHIBIT 1- Sushi-Thai- Checklist.pdf

EXHIBIT 2- Sushi -Thai- Density Map.pdf

EXHIBIT 3- Sushi-Thai- Alcohol Reports.pdf

EXHIBIT 4- Sushi-Thai- Measurement Report.pdf

EXHIBIT 5- Sushi-Thai- Security Plan.pdf

a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearing for items #4 and $5, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve #4, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

5. Approval to Add a Class C (Beer) (By the Drink) to an Existing Class C (Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Marguerite Seckman for Superbloom, a Restaurant Located at 2418 DeSoto Avenue. The establishment is located between West 40th and West 41st Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

EXHIBIT 1- Superbloom- Checklist.pdf

EXHIBIT 2- Superbloom- Density Map.pdf

EXHIBIT 3- Superbloom- Alcohol Reports.pdf

EXHIBIT 4- Superbloom- Measurement Report.pdf

EXHIBIT 5- Superbloom- Security Plan.pdf

a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearing for items #4 and $5, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

Ald. Leggett:

- Requested clarification for the license now and in the future, namely regarding liquor.

Mayor Johnson:

- Asked can any restrictions be made conditional, as a part of the license, if she is not pursuing it right now.

Speaker(s):

- Judee Jones, Revenue Director - Beer/Wine only for now, but later on she can pursue it.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve #5, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

ZONING HEARINGS

6. Petition of Harold Yellin, Agent, on behalf of Gladys Hill and Joyce Durrence, Property Owners, for Cowan Investments LLC, Petitioner, for a Zoning Map Amendment with Conditions for 33.8 acres of the B-C (Community Business) to RMF-2-18 (Residential Multifamily 2- 18 units per acre) of 0 Fort Argyle (PIN 21034 01008) in Aldermanic District 5 (File No. 24-002471-ZA).

Exhibit 1: Master Plan 02.27.2023.pdf

Exhibit 2: Proposed Master Plan 03.27.2024.pdf

Exhibit 3: MPC Recommendation (File No. 24-002471-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 4: Concept Plans.pdf

MPC Executive Director Melanie Wilson apologized for being late. They got caught in a school board meeting which was held over.

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for #6.

Speaker(s):

- Melanie Wilson, MPC Executive Director
- Edward Morrow, MPC representative

Written comment(s):

- Kerrie Bieber - Expressed various concerns
- Leased Land of Robert & Lucy Grant - OPPOSED

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the hearing for #6, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent. See related agenda item #11.

7. Petition of Joshua Yellin on behalf of 2180 E Victory Drive LLC for an Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map from Residential-General to Commercial-Suburban for 1.77 acres at 2180 East Victory Dr (PIN 20081 07003) in Aldermanic District 3 (File No. 24-002848-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for 2180 East Victory Drive (File No. 24-002848-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Future Land Use Map for 2180 East Victory Drive (File No. 24-002848-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for 2180 East Victory Drive FLUM (File No. 24-002848-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearings open for #7 and #8.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, MPC representative
- Josh Yellin, representing the petitioner
- Melanie Wilson, MPC Executive Director
- Enocha Van Lierop-Edenfield - OPPOSED
- Rene Hitt - OPPOSED
- Ellie Isaacs - OPPOSED
- Randy Tate - OPPOSED
- Brooke Powell - OPPOSED
- Jason Combs - OPPOSED

- Sue Adler - OPPOSED
- Greer Gadsden Larned, MD - OPPOSED
- Clinton Edminster - OPPOSED
- Emily Ullrich - OPPOSED
- Lynn Adams - OPPOSED

Written comment(s) received:

- Jane Stout - OPPOSED, Debbi Milligan Roland - OPPOSED, Sabine & Steven Smith - OPPOSED, Stephen Corrigan - OPPOSED, Laura Rychak - OPPOSED, Justin Rychak - OPPOSED, Felix T. Maher - OPPOSED, Andi Gray - OPPOSED, Rene Hitt - OPPOSED, Brenda Manning - OPPOSED, Annette Holliday - OPPOSED, Dale Worley - OPPOSED, Jenn Sexton - OPPOSED, Barry Atwood – OPPOSED, Emily Ullrich – OPPOSED, Brooke Powell – OPPOSED, M. Phan – OPPOSED, Sonja Fishkind – OPPOSED, Evelyn Kelly – OPPOSED, Jason Combs – OPPOSED, Natalie Joy Kurtz – OPPOSED, Leighanna Bunton – OPPOSED, Andre Frattino – OPPOSED, Aquila Ingram – OPPOSED, Kathy Salter – OPPOSED, Caity Hamilton – OPPOSED, Jamie Holmes – OPPOSED, Sarah C. Harden – OPPOSED, Enocha Edenfield – OPPOSED, Charlotte Landon – OPPOSED, Christina Brantley – OPPOSED, Lynn Adams – OPPOSED, Kirsten Pointer – OPPOSED, Gloria Martindale – OPPOSED, Kylie Kline – OPPOSED, Ryan Lee – OPPOSED, Katherine Grimmett – OPPOSED, Lillian Proveaux Breitbart – OPPOSED, Mariana Langley (Molander) – OPPOSED, Sharon Mays – OPPOSED, Avondale SAV – OPPOSED, Lana Sanders – OPPOSED, Millia Jimerson – OPPOSED, Anthony Teixeira – OPPOSED, Claire Nelson – OPPOSED, Jillison Parks – OPPOSED, Tammy Kenkel – OPPOSED, Sandra – OPPOSED, Connie Polk – OPPOSED, Jeff Tindi – OPPOSED, Anthony Maxwell – OPPOSED, Kathleen Efird – OPPOSED, Rebecca Fenwick – OPPOSED

Ald. Bell moved to close the zoning hearings for #7 and #8, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was away from the dais, and Ald. Miller Blakely was absent. See related agenda items #8, #12, and #13.

Mayor Johnson thanked everyone for the time they spent expressing their comments.

Ald. Palumbo:

- Asked the City Manager for an explanation of their recommendation. (denial, but agreed to 30-60 day delay)
- Stated he supports the idea of giving more time to make a more informed decision, and it appears that the decision today is mostly about traffic.

Ald. Leggett:

- Asked if the owner can tear down this property today (no, the owner would have to apply for a demolition permit, requiring an assessment).

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz:

- At the corner of Mills B. Lane and Liberty Parkway is Dr. Henry Collier and his family's home. She asked everyone to help rescue/save a needed historic property.

Ald. Bell:

- Thanked the citizens for their engagement.
- Asked her colleagues to delay a decision today, and give staff the opportunity to work with the petitioner to see if some of the critical needs can be addressed, such as housing.

Ald. Lanier:

- Asked the MPC what use they recommended. (a less intense change, called civic institutional)

Then, there was discussion regarding whether housing could be developed under the current and/or proposed housing.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan:

- Asked a question regarding the traffic study, and the process the community was to be notified.
- Asked a question regarding Mr. Clemmons' house.

Mayor Johnson stated we have to be careful about what we do and the ramifications. He stated he was in the area recently, and there are a bunch of storage units within proximity. With respect to zoning this property, he has pleaded to allow for a meeting of the minds and come up with something that works, between the city, the hired planners, the petitioner, the land owner, and the residents. He asked Council to be very thoughtful, and be careful about the precedence that is set for other parts of the city.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz:

- Asked for the recommendation from the City Manager. (denial)

8. Petition of Joshua Yellin of behalf of 2180 E Victory Drive LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment for 1.77 acres at 2180 E Victory Drive (PIN 20081 07003) from RSF-2-20 (Residential Multifamily 2-20 units per acre) to Office Institutional-Expanded (OI-E) in Aldermanic District 3 (File No. 24-002847-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation (File No. 24-002847-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Map for 2180 E Victory (File No. 24-002847-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for 2180 East Victory Drive Rezoning (File No. 24-002847-ZA).pdf

HEARD TOGETHER with item #7. See related agenda items #7, #12, and #13.

9. Petition of Ben Lockhart on behalf of In Beom Kang for Zoning Map Amendment for 0.833 acres at 3202 Ogeechee Road (PIN 20638 06007) from I-L (Light Industrial) to B-C (Community Business) in Aldermanic District 5 (File No. 24-002868-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for 3202 Ogeechee Road (File No. 24-002868-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 3202 Ogeechee Road (File No. 24-002868-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for 3202 Ogeechee Road (File No. 24-0002868-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for item #9.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, MPC representative
- Ashley Lowden - OPPOSED
- Glynda M. Jones (LCRS) - Provided additional historical knowledge, IN-SUPPORT

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for item #9, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed, 6-0-3. Ald. Leggett and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were away from the dais, and Ald. Miller Blakely was absent. See related agenda item #14.

Mayor Johnson asked Ms. Jones to give the former dean of City Council Clifton Jones, her father who recently turned 92 years young, their regards.

10. Petition of Derek Bergeon on behalf of Securcare Properties II, LLC to zone ~5.75 acres at 1721 Grove Point Road (PIN 11004 02007) from P-B-1 (Planned Business Limited) to P-B-1-CO (Planned Business Limited – County) to support annexation (File No. 24-002597-ZA)

Exhibit 1: Staff Report for 1721 Grove Point Road (File No. 24-002597-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: 1721 Grove Point Road Annexation Notice to Chatham County and Petition.pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for 1721 Grove Point Road (File No. 24-0002597-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 4: Maps for 1721 Grove Point Road (File No. 24-00597-ZA).pdf

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

Speaker(s):

- Bridget Lidy, Urban Planning & Design Senior Director

Ald. Purtee moved to close the hearing for #10, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent. See related agenda items #15 and #16, for first reading only.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

11. Petition of Harold Yellin, Agent, on behalf of Gladys Hill and Joyce Durrence, Property Owners, for Cowan Investments LLC, Petitioner, for a Zoning Map Amendment with Conditions for 33.8 acres of the B-C (Community Business) to RMF-2-18 (Residential Multifamily 2- 18 units per acre) of 0 Fort Argyle (PIN 21034 01008) in Aldermanic District 5 (File No. 24-002471-ZA).

Exhibit 1: Master Plan 02.27.2023.pdf

Exhibit 2: Proposed Master Plan 03.27.2024.pdf

Exhibit 3: MPC Recommendation (File No. 24-002471-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 4: Concept Plans.pdf

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a requst that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve #11, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

12. Petition of Joshua Yellin on behalf of 2180 E Victory Drive LLC for an Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map from Residential-General to Commercial-Suburban for 1.77 acres at 2180 East Victory Dr (PIN 20081 07003) in Aldermanic District 3 (File No. 24-002848-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for 2180 East Victory Drive (File No. 24-002848-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Future Land Use Map for 2180 East Victory Drive (File No.24-002848-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for 2180 East Victory Drive FLUM (File No. 24-002848-ZA).pdf

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve item #12, that the first reading be considered the second and the ordinance placed upon its passage and passed, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion failed, 4-4-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz, Ald. Lanier, Ald. Leggett, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan voted yea. Mayor Johnson, Ald. Bell, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Purtee voted no. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

For the Clerk, Ald. Bell asked when this matter can be reconsidered. (The Clerk of Council advised the motion failed, so no action was taken. Deferring to the City Attorney, the City Attorney advised

the petitioner cannot bring back the matter for one year. The City Council could bring it back, if it so chose.)

Mayor Johnson advised that item #13 is a moot point, since item #12 did not pass.

13. Petition of Joshua Yellin of behalf of 2180 E Victory Drive LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment for 1.77 acres at 2180 E Victory Drive (PIN 20081 07003) from RSF-2-20 (Residential Multifamily 2-20 units per acre) to Office Institutional-Expanded (OI-E) in Aldermanic District 3 (File No. 24-002847-ZA).

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Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for 2180 East Victory Drive Rezoning (File No. 24-002847-ZA).pdf

No vote was taken on item #13. See related agenda items, #7, #8, and #12.

14. Petition of Ben Lockhart on behalf of In Beom Kang for Zoning Map Amendment for 0.833 acres at 3202 Ogeechee Road (PIN 20638 06007) from I-L (Light Industrial) to B-C (Community Business) in Aldermanic District 5 (File No. 24-002868-ZA).

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Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve #14, that the first reading be considered the secon and the ordinance placed upon its passage and passed, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was away from the dais, and Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

15. Petition of Derek Bergeon on behalf of Securcare Properties II, LLC to zone ~5.77 acres at 1721 Grove Point Road (PIN 11004 02007) from P-B-1 (Planned Business Limited) to P-B-1-CO (Planned Business Limited – County) to support annexation (File No. 24-002597-ZA)

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Exhibit 3: Maps for 1721 Grove Point Road (File No. 24-002597-ZA).pdf

HEARD for first reading only.

16. Approval for the Annexation of 5.77 Acres Located at 1721 Grove Point Road. The property owner desires to connect to City utilities at inside city rates.

Exhibit 1: Annexation Petition - 1721 Grove Point Road.pdf

Exhibit 2: Annexation Ordinance - 1721 Grove Point Road.pdf

HEARD for first reading only.

17. Approval to Amend the 2024 Revenue Ordinance, Adopt the 2024 Property Tax Millage Rate, and Adopt the Special Service District Tax Rate for the Water Transportation District. The proposed millage rate of 12.20 mills for 2024 is unchanged from the final millage rate of 2023.

Exhibit 1: Ordinance - 2024 Millage Rate.pdf

HEARD for first reading only.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

18. An Ordinance to Amend the Charter of the City of Savannah Regarding Classified Service Demotion, Suspension, and Dismissal Action Appeal Processes in the Civil Service Ordinance.

Exhibit 1: City Charter Amendment - Civil Service Board 06262024.docx

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve item #18, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

Mayor Johnson asked when the ordinance takes effect (immediately).

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for One (1) Sweeper/Verticutter/Mower from Beard Equipment in the Amount of $55,750. The Sweeper/Verticutter/Mower will be used by the Park and Tree Neighborhood Parks Division. This versatile equipment will play a vital role in enhancing the growing conditions and playability of sports fields and parks through cultural practice programs. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Sweeper Verticutter Mower.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Sweeper Verticutter Mower.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #19, #20, and #22, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Ben Tucker Theater Pit Repair with Lynn Construction in an Amount Not to Exceed $99,277. This project is to enclose the unutilized orchestra pit in the Ben Tucker Theater at the Cultural Arts Center. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Ben Tucker Theater Pit Repair.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Ben Tucker Theater Pit Repair.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #19, #20, and #22, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for Solar Energy Services with Cherry Street Energy, LLC in the Amount not to Exceed of $5,750,000. The Sustainability Department will use this agreement to fund the design, installation, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning of 1.26 MW of solar capacity across 14 City sites in support of the City's 100% Savannah goals, while also producing an estimated $1,400,000 million in energy savings over the contract term. (Sustainability)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Solar Energy Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Solar Energy Services.pdf

Ald. Palumbo announced the City committed to an ambitious goal of 100% clean energy for all city buildings in March 20, 2020, during the first virtual city council meeting. This goal is alive and well. The cost pays for itself and returns a $1.4M net benefit to residents of the city.

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve purchasing item #21, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Debris Monitoring and Oversight Services with Goodwyn Mills Cawood (GMC) in an Amount Not to Exceed $400,000. The service will be used to provide debris monitoring, management, recovery, and consulting services to support debris removal contractors in preparation and following a declared emergency activation. (Sanitation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification-Debris Monitoring & Oversight Services

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note- Debris Monitoring & Oversight Services

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #19, #20, and #22, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

23. Settlement #1

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve the settlement of agenda item #23, authorizing the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (car accident) of Cora Cannady in the amount of $150,000.00, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

MISCELLANEOUS

24. Approval of a Right-of-Way Dedication, also known as Four Lakes Parkway, Newton Neighborhood. The property is in Alderman District 5 at Street Location: Old River Road at the Chatham/Effingham County line.

Exhibit 1: Plat: Dedication of Right-of-Way.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve item #24, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

25. Approve a Major Subdivision, Palms Townhomes. The proposed property totals 13.95 Acres and will consist of 62 Lots. The property has an entrance off Coconut Drive, located in Alderman District 5

Exhibit 1 Plat Major Subdivision Palms Townhomes.pg 1-2.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve item #25, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Johnson reminded everyone the 2nd public hearing regarding the millage rate will be held later today at 6:00 p.m.

Ald. Bell gave a shout-out to the Savannah area members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated who attended the Biennial Boule held in Dallas, Texas, July 5 -11, 2024. More than 28,000 were in attendance to celebrate the legacy of service to all man-kind, and U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris was a speaker/attendee.

Ald. Leggett gave thanks to Mayor Johnson, CAT Interim Director Cutter, CAT Chairman Cody, and Chatham County Chairman Ellis for receiving $7,889,840 in federal transit administration funds for the purchase of electric buses.

Mayor Johnson thanked Ald. Leggett and Ald. Wilder-Bryan for accompanying him, as they continue to expand their electric footprint and get carbon-guzzling equipment off the road. Congratulations to CAT, Chairman Cody, Interim Director Stephanie Cutter, and the Biden/Harris administration that continues to make sure we see more money, within the community and within our lifetime.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz announced and invited the public to support the Greenbriar Children's Center (GCC) who is holding a 3-mile walk in celebration of 75 years of service on Saturday, July 13 at 7:30 a.m., starting at First African Church. There is a cost and you can call them at 912.234.3431. Ald. Bell added that GCC was founded by the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, another service to all man-kind.

Mayor Johnson asked Ald. Leggett to announce the Savannah Recreation (Leisure Services) Department is set to host a 3-on-3 men's league, basketball tournament at the Blackshear Basketball Complex on Friday, July 12.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan announced the 90th birthday of Mariah Kennedy Bailey, Saturday at St. Benedict's. Audrey Williams is partnering with the Sheriff's department to do a back-to-school event. And, Omar Temple #21 is having a Friends and Family Day Picnic in the Mother Mathilda Beasley Park on East Broad Street.

Assistant City Manager Lloyd announced that an excavator truck struck the overpass at I-16 and Chatham Parkway, causing I-16 to be shutdown.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz announced tonight, Thursday, July 11th at 6:00 p.m. at First Nazareth Missionary Baptist Church (corner of 44th and Hopkins), she will be having a meeting with Cann Park and Jackson Park residents regarding recent violence (re: citywide concern of no more guns), along with the Savannah Police Department.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 4:02 p.m.

The video recording of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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JULY 11, 2024 6:00 p.m. - SPECIAL MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The special called meeting was held at **6:03 p.m.**, in Council Chambers. **Mayor Johnson** called the meeting to order.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 - Vice Chair

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 - Chairman

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ABSENT:

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5 - Mayor Pro Tem

ALSO, PRESENT:

Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd

Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Special Meeting Agenda Items

1. Public Hearing on 2024 Property Tax Millage Rate

Exhibit 1: 2024 Notice of Property Tax Increase.pdf

Exhibit 2: 2024 Tax Digest and Five Year History.pdf

Mayor Johnson read a prepared statement regarding the setting of a millage rate, and it's impact to property owners within the city/state.

Mayor Johnson recognized SCCPSS Board Chairman Roger Moss for being present now and earlier today during the 10 a.m. millage rate public hearing.

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing open.

Speaker(s):

- John Collier - Asked a question regarding the purpose of the public hearing for the millage rate, if taxes are not being raised. He also expressed his desire for the Civic Center to be sold, and be through with it, rather than tearing it down.

Written comment(s) received:

- Holly Shaw and Ron Weaver - OPPOSED

There was no action taken during the Special Meeting (millage rate public hearing).

Mayor Johnson adjourned the millage rate public hearing at 6:06 p.m.

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JULY 25, 2024 11:00 a.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT
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SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at **11:03 a.m.**, in the City Council Chambers. **Mayor Johnson** called the meeting to order, welcomed back Ald. Miller Blakely, and extended condolences to her and her family. Mayor Johnson also acknowledged Ald. Wilder-Bryan is out of town and will not be with us today, and Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Purtee are in town, but joining us later for the regular meeting, so the Board Appointments will be addressed at the next meeting, August 8th. Then he recognized **Alderwoman Bell** to offer a prayer.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5 - Mayor Pro Tem

ABSENT:

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 - Vice Chair

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 - Chairman

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd

Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams

Deputy City Attorney Jen Herman

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Workshop Agenda Items

1. Boards, Commissions, and Authorities Discussion

Exhibit 1: 2024 Boards List - Six Boards Needing Action.pdf

POSTPONED to the August 8, 2024 City Council Meeting, as requested by Mayor Johnson.

2. Added: 2023 Financial & Compliance Audit

Exhibit 1: 2023 Savannah Audit Presentation.pptx

Assistant City Manager Lloyd identified the purpose of the presentations to follow, then introduced CFO David Maxwell. CFO Maxwell introduced Trey Scott, partner with Mauldin & Jenkins, and he

indicated a copy of the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) was left on the dais for each of the members of the City Council.

Mr. Scott stated he was pleased to present the results of the 2023 Audit, and he noted the following as contained in his PowerPoint:

- History of Mauldin & Jenkins and service areas
- Engagement Tem = Large Regional Firm
- Audit Opinion - Clean/unbiased Opinion
- Award for ACFR
- Entity-Wide Financial Statements
- Capital Assest Activity - Government Wide - Last 5 Years
- General Fund Financial Statements
- Revenues & Expenditures Over the Past 5 Years
- Water/Sewer Financial Statements
- Pension & OPEB Trust Funds Financial Statements (Other Post Employment Benefits)
- Pension and OPEB Funding - Past 5 Plan Years
- Other Communications
- New Financial Reporting GASB Standards (Government Accountability Standards Board)
- Newsletters, Free Continuing Education, Closing

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz:

- Requested the positioning of the City with regard to the pension, as compared to others.
- Commended the City's financial team/departments in receiving a clean opinion.

Mayor Johnson:

- Asked if the fund balance of the city is sufficient. (3 to 6 months of expenditures)
- Asked what is needed to be done, in order for the City to get to the most optimal (ideal) credit rating.

Ald. Miller Blakely:

- Inquired about recent increases for retirees. (13th check)
- Inquired about further increasing benefits to the retirees. (Referred to the actuary who manages the plan)
- Stated the city is in very good financial standing.

Mayor Johnson thanked Mr. Scott for his presentation and partnership.

3. 2024 Mid-year Financial Update

Exhibit 1: FY24 Mid-Year Financial Update.pptx

Assistant City Manager Lloyd stated the prior presentation was a look back, and now we are going to look forward to detail how we are progressing for 2024. He stated the city is on a solid foundation and doing well, but there are external factors which impact the city. With growth, there is a need for staff to grow (recently 70 new FTEs - full-time equivilants). We are also impacted by legislative changes. Then Mr. Lloyd introduced Office of Management & Budget Senior Director Melissa Carter.

Mrs. Carter presented the following:

- FY24 Adopted Budget Recap
- State of the Budget
- Where Does the Money Come From?
- General Fund - All Revenues - January through June
- General Fund - Revenue Variances - 2023 vs 2024
- General Fund Share of Hotel/Motel Taxes & Sales Taxes - January through June
- Legislative Changes Impacting Local Government Revenue - Development and Recorder's Court Fees
- General Fund Expenditure Performance - 2022 - 2024 Year-over-Year
- General Fund Expenditure Performance - January through June 2019 - 2024
- Enterprise Funds-Revenue - June 2023 vs June 2024
- Enterprise Funds-Expenditure Performance - June 2023 vs June 2024
- Property Tax Millage Rate History
- Property Tax Revenue
- 2024 Millage Rate Utilization
- 2024 Millage Rate Timeline
- Input from Citizens - Community Engagement opportunities

Assistant City Manager Lloyd detailed that investments were made with the FY2024 Budget, including public safety, recreation, and housing.

Mayor Johnson:

- Started by thanking everyone.
- Stated the budget is a moral document, and a road map.
- Asked our current vacancy rate across the city. (15%, the City budgeted based on turnover vs. a vacancy rate, since those funds were needed to move employees up within the pay band)
- In looking at defunding the city's current relationship with Recorder's Court, advised the City Attorney and the City Manager are working on what would be required to establish a Municipal Court.
- Stated we need to look at establishing a stormwater enterprise fund to address flooding.
- Requested Council to consider investments in drainage, Vision Zero/traffic calming and pedestrian safety, and public safety.
- Chosen to use growth to support Council priorities, as identified above in the amount of $7.2M, non-reoccuring.

Assistant City Manager Lloyd stated staff will be bringing to the City Council a recommendation to support conducting/engaging-in a study for a Stormwater Utility Fee in the very near future, possibly this August, for the residents to help with improving the city's stormwater management.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz:

- Agreed with what is being done to study this issue, so the public will understand what is being done, and why we are doing it.
- Stated this approach which she is in full support, helps to not focus only on property taxes.
- Agreed with keeping the millage rate the same and focusing on the 3 buckets of drainage, transportation safety/Vision Zero (traffic calming), and public safety.
- Gave kudos to staff with respect to focusing on the $80M capital projects, as identified by the City Council.
- Asked for clarification of a few items from Mrs. Carter's slide presentation.

Assistant City Manager clarified the following:

- Staff has already modified the Revenue Ordinance to accommodate the legislative changes. It was approved by the Mayor and Aldermen with an effective date of July 1. They will need more time to review what the long-term impact may be, and report that back to Council.

Ald. Leggett:

- Requested to see how much the City is receiving from contracts/leases with OVG (enMarket), Ghost Pirates (Civic Center), and Savannah Bananas (Grayson Stadium).

Assistant City Manager Lloyd indicated they will continue to use the MLK Jr. Arena, as long as they can, understanding the deficiencies as previously noted. With respect to the OVG contract, OVG is required to perform an audit, which the city has received.

Ald. Miller Blakely:

- Stated she is thankful for the study on what can be done for stormwater improvements.
- Asked if the city has started talking to the County regarding new Recorder's (municipal) Court ideas.
- Asked about the general fund "other expenditures," not included within another existing category.
- Asked about the changes regarding HB461 pertaining to Development Fees, before and after.
- Asked about the completion of the compensation study. (not completed, but to be finished later this year)

Ald. Lanier:

- Talked about Stormwater Management, flood experiences, maintenance neglect, and the utility fee study.
- Discussed previous committments to equity policies, due to entertaining the potential for a new fee.
- Expressed she does not see the routine maintenance and drainage trucks, as often as she should see them.

Mayor Johnson:

- Added our responsibility to pick up trash.
- Concerned about the blowers, blowing down the street/sidewalk.
- Stated to change behavior we might need to start ticketing folks, contractors, etc. (enforcement).
- Suggested the city start a campaign regarding clippings, clogged drains, etc. (education).
- Asked how many employees, as of July 1st, are eligible for retirement.

- Asked the City Manager's office to send a letter to contractors to remind them that violations will be cause for revocation of their contract, with a copy going to the City Council.

Ald. Miller Blakely:

- Noticed city contractors who maintain the medians and parks blowing grass into the drains. Can a screen be placed there?
- Asked about Board Appointments, namely the Traffic Calming Committee. Her appointee, David Minor, no longer lives in Savannah. She indicated her interest to be appointed in his place.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz:

- Stated she is glad to have this conversation regarding debris and the catch basins, due to concerns shared by one of her district constituents.
- Invited everyone to go to the city website to offer input (community engagement) on budget priorities.

Mayor Johnson thanked everyone, and indicated inclement weather is expected later this evening.

4. City Manager's Update

No update was provided.

There was no action taken during the Workshop.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the workshop at **12:40 p.m.**

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JULY 25, 2024 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT
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SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting was held at **2:02 p.m.**, in City Council Chambers. **Mayor Johnson** called the meeting to order, then recognized **Alderwoman Lanier** to offer the invocation.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 - Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5 - Mayor Pro Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ABSENT:

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 - Vice Chair

ALSO, PRESENT:

Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd

Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for July 25, 2024.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve/adopt item #1, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Special Called Meeting Held on July 11, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - July 11, 2024 Workshop & Special Called Meeting at 10 a.m.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #2, #3, and #4, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on July 11, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - July 11, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting at 2pm.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #2, #3, and #4, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.

4. Approval of the Minutes for the Special Called Meeting Held on July 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - July 11, 2024 Special Called Meeting at 6 p.m.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #2, #3, and #4, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.

PRESENTATIONS

5. Presentation of the Employee Engagement Team and Recognition of the 2024 2nd Quarter Employee of the Quarter Winners.

Mayor Johnson excercised a point of personal privilege and recognized SCCPSS School Board President Roger Moss.

He also recognized an amazing group of young ladies, candidates of the Chatham County Youth Commission, who are being prepared to take the places of the City Council. Mayor Johnson stated he has served as the director of the program for 29 years.

Following the adoption of the proposed millage rate, Mayor Johnson joined Assistant City Manager Lloyd to present the 2024 2nd Quarter Employee of the Quarter Winners, as follows:

- Management Services - Charles Railey
- Savannah Fire - Jeffrey Walton
- Government Operations - Stephen Edrosa
- Planning & Economic Development - Denise Cheeseman
- Savannah Police - Lakeisha Frazier
- Water Resources - Jean Bernard Jeanty
- Community Services - Jerri Pollard
- Information & Public Affairs Kelly Zacovic

Mayor Johnson announced what the winners receive: $1,000.00 (one-time); and, 24 hours of PTO (paid time-off).

PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. Public Hearing on 2024 Property Tax Millage Rate.

Exhibit 1: 2024 Notice of Property Tax Increase.pdf

Exhibit 2: 2024 Tax Digest and Five Year History.pdf

Mayor Johnson read a prepared statement regarding the proposed millage rate of 12.20 mills, including how the city plans to utilize the growth ($7.2M) in taxes while maintaining the prior years millage rate, as follows:

- Drainage improvements in the amount of $3.5M
- Transportation improvements/Vision Zero in the amount of $2.0M
- Public Safety compensation in the amount of $1.6M

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing on the 2024 Property Tax Millage Rate open for #6.

Speaker(s):

- Timothy S. Mackey - Inquired about values, IN SUPPORT of the proposed millage rate, as explained by Mayor Johnson. He also asked about a proposal to be made by the City Manager concerning a rate hike versus a tax increase.

Written comment(s) received:

- Graham Zrostlik - IN SUPPORT of the proposed millage rate to utilize increased revenue for drainage.

Ald. Leggett moved to close the public hearing on the 2024 Property Tax Millage Rate, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.

ZONING HEARINGS

7. Petition of Robert L. McCorkle, III on Behalf of Waters QOZB, LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment of 0.14-Acres at 1100 East 31st Street (PIN 20055 08016) from TR-2 (Traditional Residential-2) to TC-1 (Traditional Commercial-1) in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-002022-ZA). Item continued from the June 27, 2024, meeting.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for 1100 E. 31st Street (File No. 24-002022-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Map for 1100 E. 31st Street (File No. 24-002022-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for the Rezoning of 1100 E. 31st Street (File No. 24-002022-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing for item #7 open.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, representing the MPC
- Robert McCorkle, representing the petitioner

Ald. Leggett stated he met with the client and the neighborhood association, which he reported back to the City Manager that the petitioner wanted to give 10% of his space/apartments to low-income. As a result, he indicated he endorses this building being built.

Ald. Leggett moved to close the zoning hearing for item #7, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.

Ald. Lanier asked if the verbal agreement of 10% was firm/binding. She indicated this is similar to the inclusionary zoning that can't get off of the back burner. She was notified of this housing project by the MPC, given that she has property in that area. She asked if there was anything else going there.

Mayor Johnson asked how the motion would be fashioned, so that the agreement which was reached is codified as a condition of their approval.

City Attorney Lovett stated the easiest way is to ask Mr. McCorkle if he consents, then the City Attorney asked Mr. McCorkle if he consented to the request made by Ald. Leggett. Mr. McCorkle indicated he was not at the meeting, but his client agreed to have one of the units be affordable, so he will consent.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

8. Petition of Robert L. McCorkle, III on Behalf of Waters QOZB, LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment of 0.14-Acres at 1100 East 31st Street (PIN 20055 08016) from TR-2 (Traditional Residential-2) to TC-1 (Traditional Commercial-1) in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-002022-ZA). Item continued from the June 27, 2024.

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Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for the Rezoningn of 1100 E. 31st Street (File No. 24-002022-ZA).pdf

Ald. Leggett moved that the first reading be considered the second and the ordinance placed upon its passage and passed, thereby approving item #8, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

9. Petition of Derek Bergeon on Behalf of Securcare Properties II, LLC to Zone ~5.7 Acres at 1721 Grove Point Road (PIN 11004 02007) from P-B-1 (Planned Business Limited) to P-B-1-CO (Planned Business Limited – County) to Support Annexation (File No. 24-002597-ZA)

Exhibit 1: Staff Report for 1721 Grove Point Rd (File No. 24-002597-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: 1721 Grove Point Road Annexation Notice to Chatham County.pdf

Exhibit 3: Maps for 1721 Grove Point Road (File No. 24-002597-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 4: Ordinance for 1721 Grove Point Road (File No. 24-0002597-ZA).pdf

Ald. Purtee moved to approve item #9, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.

10. Approval for the Annexation of 5.77 Acres Located at 1721 Grove Point Road. The property owner desires to connect to City utilities at inside city rates.

Exhibit 1: Annexation Petition - 1721 Grove Point Road.pdf

Exhibit 2: Annexation Ordinance - 1721 Grove Point Road.pdf

Ald. Purtee moved to approve item #10, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.

11. Approval to Amend the 2024 Revenue Ordinance, Adopt the 2024 Property Tax Millage Rate, and Adopt the Special Service District Tax Rate for the Water Transportation District. The proposed millage rate of 12.20 mills for 2024 is unchanged from the final millage rate of 2023.

Exhibit 1: Ordinance - 2024 Millage Rate.pdf

Ald. Purtee moved to approve item #11, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Construction Contract for the Liberty City Community Center Parking Lot Expansion with Lynn Construction in an Amount Not to Exceed $99,347. This project will construct an additional 11 parking spaces along the western border of the existing parking lot. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Liberty City Parking Lot.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Liberty City Parking Lot.pdf

POSTPONED, upon adoption of the agenda, as requested by Mayor Johnson.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

13. Approval to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Steven Baldwin & Associates, in the Amount of $66,000.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #13, #15, #16, #17, #19, #20, and #21, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.

14. Approval of Task Work Order No. 9 with AECOM for the Design & Construction Services Fee Associated with the Construction of a Maintenance Equipment Building, in

the Amount of $106,067.

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve items #14 and #18, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz recused herself for purposes of business, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.

15. Approval to Execute a Contract with Terracon Consultants, Inc. for Special Inspections and Quality Assurance Testing for the Auxiliary Parking Lots Project, in the Amount of $128,975.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #13, #15, #16, #17, #19, #20, and #21, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.

16. Approval for the Procurement and Installation of One South Vault Diesel Emergency Generator from Gen-Tec, Inc., in the Amount of $159,515.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #13, #15, #16, #17, #19, #20, and #21, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.

17. Approval to Procure One Compact Crawler Boom Lift from Vermeer Southeast, in the Amount of $165,335.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #13, #15, #16, #17, #19, #20, and #21, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.

18. Approval of Task Order No. 2 with AECOM for Construction Phase Services for the Extend Taxiway G & Bridge Project, in the Amount of $207,270.

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve items #14 and #18, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz recused herself for purposes of business, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.

19. Approval of a Three-Year Cybersecurity Service Subscription Agreement with Darktrace, in the Amount of $274,410.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #13, #15, #16, #17, #19, #20, and #21, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.

20. Approval to Execute a Contract with Terracon Consultants, Inc. for Special Inspections and Quality Assurance Testing for the Air Cargo Facility Project, in the Amount of $558,625.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #13, #15, #16, #17, #19, #20, and #21, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.

21. Approval to Execute a Construction Contract with C.W. Matthews Contracting Co. Inc. for the Taxiway G and Bridge Project, in the Amount of $15,732,000.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #13, #15, #16, #17, #19, #20, and #21, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

22. Boards, Commissions, and Authorities.

Exhibit 1: 2024 Boards List - Six Boards Needing Action.pdf

POSTPONED to the August 8, 2024 City Council Meeting, as announced by Mayor Johnson during the Workshop.

AGREEMENTS

23. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with 501 East Bay Street LLC for 501 East Bay Street Apartments. This is for a development consisting of a four unit apartment complex on Bay Street in Aldermanic District 1.

Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - 501 East Bay Street Apartments.pdf

Ald. Leggett moved to approve item #23, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.

24. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Augusta Transport & Land Clearing, Inc. for New Hampstead R9 North Subdivision. This is for a development consisting of 53 single family homes off Little Neck Road in Aldermanic District 5.

Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - New Hampstead R9 North Subdivision.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve item #24, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

25. Approval to Grant a Time-Limited Easement and Revocable License for Encroachment for Use of City Rights-of-Way as Requested by Petitioner for the Construction of the Sabal House Hotel at 225 East President Street (PIN 20015 01003).

Exhibit 1: Maps - 225 E President Street.pdf

Exhibit 2: Encroachment Exhibit - 225 E President Street.pdf

Ald. Leggett moved to approve item #25, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.

Mayor Johnson asked what is the period of time on the time-limited easement. (20 years, per Assistant City Manager Lloyd)

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

26. Settlement #1.

See agenda item #28.

27. Settlement #2.

See agenda item #28.

28. Settlement #3.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #26, #27, and #28, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, as follows:

- authorizing the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (worker's compensation matter) involving Jemell Miller in the amount of $60,000.00.
- authorizing the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (car wreck) involving Antoinette Joiner for $62,500.00.
- authorizing the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (sewer backup) involving Robert Logan for $29,500.00.

The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.

MISCELLANEOUS

29. Approval of the Installation of a Historical Marker in the Southeast Quadrant of Johnson Square as Part of the Lafayette Trail. The applicant is requesting approval to install a 2' by 3' freestanding historical marker in the southeast quadrant of Johnson Square to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Marquis de Lafayette's visit to Savannah from March 19-21, 1825.

Exhibit 1: MPC Memo to City Manager - Lafayette Trail marker Sign.pdf

Exhibit 2: Signed Commission Decision - 24-002613-HM Johnson Square.pdf

Exhibit 3: Staff Report - 24-002613-HM Johnson Square.pdf

Exhibit 4: Submittal Packet - Johnson Square.pdf

Exhibit 5: Examples of LaFayette Trail Markers.pdf

Mayor Johnson noted this matter was heard by the Historic Sites & Monuments Commission, who recommended denial. He further stated Council and the public recognizes the relationship between our Commissions which we appoint. The Commissions are recommending bodies, and we appreciate their work and service. Ultimately the City Council decides. Although it (the agenda item) is not a public hearing, he will allow some comment on it outside of our normal process.

Mayor Johnson recognized that he has four people who completed speaker cards that are in support of the request.

- John Trussell - IN SUPPORT
- Jeffrey Loomis - IN SUPPORT
- Valerie Kuhn Granzow - IN SUPPORT
- Ty Butler - IN SUPPORT

Ald. Purtee moved to approve item #29, seconded by Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked if they could give a history on Marquis de Lafayette.

Mayor Johnson asked Municipal Archives Director Luciana Spracher to come up. She advised the marker is documenting Marquis de Lafayette's visit to Savannah, making the city a part of a larger national trail event. Marquis de Lafayette played a part in bringing together the United States and France, forging relationships and common bonds.

Dressed in vintage attire, John Trussell spoke and petitioned the city on behalf of the American Friends of Lafayette and the Georgia Society of the American Revolution to place a marker in Johnson Square to honor Marquis de Lafayette, better known as General Lafayette. Then he read a prepared statement of history into the record, naming the date for a public ceremony to be held on March 22, 2025.

Ald. Palumbo read into the record historical facts pertaining to this grand, comprehensive tour, and he expressed his appreciation to the advocates.

Ald. Bell asked if anyone was present from the Historic Sights & Monuments Commission to clarify or explain the reason for the denial recommendation. Caitlin Chamberlain introduced herself, as a member of the MPC staff. She said there was a 3 to 2 vote to deny. Reasons for denial included the

overcrowding of Johnson Square, although staff recommended approval. Ald. Bell indicated she saw a rendering of the sign within the packet.

Assistant City Manager Lloyd provided a synopsis of concerns expressed by the Historic Sights & Monuments Commission.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked if John Trussell was related to General de Lafayette. After stating no, Mr. Trussell introduced other supporters who were present and representing the Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Georgia, Savannah Chapter of the American Revolution, Honorary French Consul, and the Daughters of American Revolution.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz welcomed those who were present, and she acknowledged how this item shows the diversity of what we can/should have within our squares within the City of Savannah.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ald. Leggett presented the trophy his team won during the 3-on-3 men's basketball tournament.

Ald. Miller Blakely announced that Brampton Baptist Church will be having a march on Sunday, July 28th at 4pm. Flau'jae Johnson will be holding a back to school give-away Friday, July 26th from 4pm to 8pm at the enMarket Arena. And she thanked everyone sincerely for their condolences expressed to her and her family during their time of bereavement on the loss of her brother and stepmother, a day apart.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked the Recreation Department (Chief Young) for the array of programming during the 100 Days of Summer. She also asked Police Chief Gunther to announce their back to school event to be held at the Savannah Impact Building on Saturday, July 27th, 11am to 2pm.

Mayor Johnson extended condolences on behalf of Council to the family of Gus Bell, III, who passed away. He was a long-term Savannanian, and registered professional engineer.

Ald. Miller Blakely announced two additional events. On July 27th at the Tompkins Center, 12pm to 3pm, they will have uniforms to giveaway. On Saturday, July 27th, 10am to 12pm, from City Hall to Taylor Square, there will be a Say Her Name, Sonya Massey, Silent March and Vigil. She was murdered in her home in Illinois. The Clergy Walk is Sunday, July 28th at 4pm at Brampton Baptist Church.

Ald. Purtee announced school starts back August 1, next Thursday. School enforcement cameras will be active through those zones. Just because the lights are not on, does not mean the cameras are not on. An hour before and an hour after school.

Ald. Bell echoed the Mayor's condolences to the Gus Bell family, she and Attorney Bates attended the funeral.

Assistant City Manager Lloyd announced the kick-off of the Camp Ignite in the Savannah Fire Department. There are 21 young ladies going through the program, and he thanked Council for the continued support. Mayor Johnson said today they are learning CPR.

Mayor Johnson stated if the school zone cameras are going to be on, the lights also need to be on. Ald. Leggett moved that a letter be drafted by the City Manager to fix the camera/lights school zone matter, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Miller Blakely.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 3:14 p.m.

The video recording of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

https://savannahgovtv.viebit.com/player.php?hash=a93tZBSWoJCowCgy

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: August 8, 2024

Signature: Mark Massey

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AUGUST 8, 2024 12:00 p.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at **12:03 p.m.**, in the City Council Chambers. **Mayor Johnson** called the meeting to order, acknowledging that Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz will be absent due to travel for her daughter's graduate school graduation in Atlanta. Then Mayor Johnson recognized **Alderman Leggett** to offer a prayer. Mayor Johnson then spoke briefly about the recent Tropical Storm Debby impacting the City.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 - Vice Chair

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 - Chairman

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ABSENT:

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5 - Mayor Pro Tem

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Jay Melder

Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

/orkshop Agenda Items

1. Boards, Commissions, and Authorities Discussion

Exhibit 1: UPDATED - Boards Master List - Six Boards Needing Action.pdf

Mayor Johnson gave an overview about the appointment of Boards historically and what matters were before the City Council today.

Mayor Johnson facilitated a nomination process for each of the six (6) boards considered.

Chatham Area Transit (CAT):

- Ald. Palumbo nominated Scott C. Anderson.
- Ald. Miller Blakely nominated Mary A. Snowden.

Civil Service Board:

- Ald. Miller Blakely nominated Catherine C. Sykes.
- Mayor Johnson nominated Amber N. Robbins.

Cultural Affairs Commission:

- Ald. Wilder-Bryan nominated Catherine Killingsworth.
- Ald. Lanier nominated Andrew Logan Lawrence.
- Ald. Wilder-Bryan nominated Arthur F. Shuey.
- Ald. Palumbo nominated Lawrence Jean-Louis.
- Ald. Wilder-Bryan nominated Austin M. Rojas.
- Ald. Wilder-Bryan nominated Boyer Bazelais.
- Ald. Miller Blakely nominated Brett Williamson.

Historic District Board of Review:

- Mayor Johnson nominated Dwayne Stephens.
- Ald. Leggett nominated Sara L. Woodfield.
- Ald. Purtee nominated William S. Coleman.
- Ald. Wilder-Bryan nominated Mariel Hamer.

Savannah Recreation Commission:

- Mayor Johnson nominated Utaff W. Gordon.

Traffic Calming Committee:

- Ald. Wilder-Bryan nominated Larry Myers (District 3 appointee).

Ald. Miller Blakely indicated her interest to serve on the Traffic Calming Committee (Post 2 appointee), and she stated that the current member listed has moved out of town.

2. City Manager's Agenda Review

Mayor Johnson welcomed back City Manager Melder who was on an educational sabbatical, and expressed appreciation to Assistant City Manager Lloyd for his service during the City Manager's absence.

City Manager Melder expressed his appreciation too. He stated the City dodged the worst of what was expected in relation to Tropical Storm Debby, but the City did experience over 10 inches of rain over three days, dumping nearly 20 (19.7) billion gallons of water into our stormwater system. He acknowledged the heroic efforts of the Water Resources Department (Stormwater Team). The team responded with incredible poise and leadership, and kept all the pumps going for many hours. They worked around the clock clearing the water basins for over 2 1/2 days, and they are still working. Disaster pay is being continued for that team, and City Manager Melder encouraged everyone to give them a honk and a wave for working hard on the front lines.

City Manager Melder stated another big mission was the sheltering mission which is continuing. He thanked Taffanye Young, Brett Bell, and volunteers, along with the CEMA efforts.

Traffic safety was another big mission due to street and intersection flooding, and rescue efforts. Planning & Economic Development, Traffic, and Parking teams did an amazing job, along with our Purchasing team. The Fire Department responded to 154 calls for service, 18 water rescues, 8 from homes and 4 from cars. No medical transports and no injuries were reported, except for a slight cut on one of our firefighters chin. A new program was started during the storm, offering sand (150 tons) and sand bags to residents. Big credit was given to Heath Lloyd, Daphanie Williams, Lida Coleman and the Neighborhood Services team, Purchasing team, and firefighters. Police did an amazing job as well. They responded to 267 calls for service, helped staff and secure our shelters, and they were out on the street 24/7, including all regular police work.

City Manager Melder stated our efforts now turn to damage assessments, both city and resident properties. He stressed citizens should call 311, if they have damaged property they would like the city to assess, in an effort to capture all of the damage experienced from the Storm which will be reported up to the State and Federal governments. One neighborhood took the brunt of this storm a little more than others, Treemont Park, impacting 37 homes. The City will continue to support that neighborhood. A box drain culvert was invested last month for the Treemont neighborhood, and this effort will result in a better drainage system for that neighborhood in the future. Another important effort on the agenda later today is a feasibility study for a stormwater utility fee, as a dedicated stream of revenue.

City Manager Melder thanked the Communications team and the External Affairs & Policy team. They kept people informed and helped the city be transparent. He named Nick Zoller, Joe

Shearouse, Daphanie Williams, and Jeff Grant. He also thanked the Mayor and Aldermen for staying on their social media platforms, answering the press when they called, and walking through the neighborhoods.

Mayor Johnson stated he has worked every storm experienced by this community over the last 30 years. He thanked the prior administrations (Mayor and Councils), because he remembers smaller storms causing more damage than this one. This administration continues to put some money into the ground, just like previous administrations did. He stressed a stormwater fee (consistent funding source) will help us get to where we need to be given the amount of money it will take. He thanked the City Manager, Nick, and Joshua Peacock. We are still digging our way out of this storm, but our neighbors in Statesboro (Bulloch County) have a dam which is about to be breached.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan thanked Team Savannah, Mayor Johnson, Ald. Leggett, Katrina Bostic, and Malinda Hodge. She asked about clean-up efforts, branches and the like, and she asked about the revised schedules for sanitation and yard waste pickup. (One day behind) She thanked the community for the assistance given to Ms. Conner on Dundee whose home had a tree fall-in.

Ald. Leggett gave kudos to the City Manager and his team. He was out on the field, and maintained contact via phone with the City Manager and Georgia Power teams. He gained a partnership with Kroger's leadership also, especially in support of seniors and children. He then thanked Heath Lloyd and Daphanie Williams.

Ald. Miller Blakely thanked the City Manager for giving her a call and updating her with respect to the storm. She went on social media and let the constituents know what was happening. She thanked Heath and Azsha for their work in Treemont Park and Middleground Road. She thanked the County for providing sand at Lake Meyer. She asked how many vactor trucks the city has to clean out the debris. Three are owned by the city and three were contracted. She then asked about how often and when we clean our ditches, for future reference.

Ald. Palumbo passed along kudos to the team. We were lucky and blessed things were not worse. This experience helps us to determine where we need to place investments next. He supports a dedicated funding stream for stormwater utility. He would like to reboot an adopt the drain program, but there are other things we can do like the pervious paver expansion, rain gardens, rain barrel distribution, stormwater utility fee, and big infrastructure projects. Ald. Palumbo asked that we keep up the momentum.

Ald. Lanier stated Assistant City Manager Lloyd did a great job. With the onset of the storm, she got out into the community in the areas she often gets calls about, ditches and canals that normally flood. During breaks in the storm, water receded in areas where the systems were running. She recommended more maintainance in the areas where a majority of the complaints come from, based on what she was able to document where businesses were providing preventative measures and the water was receding. Since everyone pays for the maintenance, we have to look deeper to make sure that everyone benefits from the maintenance, to make sure there is an equitable return in the investments. Staff did an excellent job and she observed all-hands-on-deck.

Mayor Johnson noted the lion share of the drainage investments generated from this millage went to Treemont Park and Hudson Hill. Our assessments are spot-on and resources are on the way to help us address them. He thanked the Chatham Emergency Management Agency (CEMA), Director Dennis Jones. The Mayor and City Manager are a part of the Command Policy Group, which is made up of the managers and mayors from the cities within Chatham County, and the chairman. They coordinated their emergency orders, curfews, reopenings, and closures with each other, and the school system. He thanked the County and their team, the cities and their teams, and Bates Lovett who helped to create orders on demand. Mayor Johnson then thanked and recognized Georgia Power representatives Audrey King and William Mock.

Mr. Mock stated they recorded 60 straight hours of rain with Tropical Storm Debby. Crews worked continuously through the storm. 450 personnel were assigned to this district, including field crews, tree and vegetation management, and disaster assistance teams. They encountered over 300 spans of wires down, and over 30 broken poles. At its peak, the Savannah area experienced about 10,000 outages. Investments in new technology were in play during this storm, in some cases open/close and reroute power remotely. They are using drones in some cases to get into areas they can not reach. This is an early storm for them, but in the months ahead they will remain vigilant and try to provide the best service they possibly can (Georgia Power Machine).

Ms. King stated she is proud of the work Mr. Mock has done, she is very passionate about Savannah. She extended her thanks to the City for their partnership.

Mayor Johnson asked City Manager Melder to discuss the sheltering activities. Mr. Melder advised they are working with CEMA on it, and there is currently sheltering in two city facilities, being the Tompkins Center and Civic Center.

Regarding residents living in Housing Authority properties, Ald. Miller Blakely asked the process for reporting damages. Mayor Johnson stated they have to contact the Housing Authority.

3. Closed Executive Session: Litigation, Personnel, and Real Estate

At 1:02 p.m., Ald. Palumbo moved to close for an executive session regarding personnel, litigation, and real estate, seconded by Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was away from the dais, and Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

The executive session was held in the City Attorney's conference room on the 3rd Floor of City Hall from 1:18 p.m. to 1:58 p.m.

Ald. Palumbo moved to adjourn the closed executive session, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

There was no action taken during the Workshop.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the workshop at **1:58 p.m.**

The video recording of the Workshop can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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AUGUST 8, 2024, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at **2:08 p.m.** Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order and recognized **Aldermen Leggett** to introduce **Bishop Dr. Eric Mason Sr. from Jesus First, The Christian Community Church**, to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison. Mayor Johnson welcomed City Manager Melder back and he thanked Assistant City Manager Lloyd for his service during the City Manager's educational sabbatical.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 - Vice Chair

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 - Chairman

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ABSENT:

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5 - Mayor Pro Tem

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder

Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for August 8, 2024.

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve/adopt item #1, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on July 25, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - July 25, 2024, City Council Workshop.pdf

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve items #2 and #3, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on July 25, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - July 25, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve items #2 and #3, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

Mayor Johnson announced that the Mayor and Aldermen conducted a closed executive session earlier regarding Personnel, Litigation, and Real Estate, for which no votes were taken. Mayor Johnson entertained a motion to that effect, thereby granting him authority to sign the required resolution and affidavit. Ald. Palumbo moved to approve, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

4. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Natasha Gaskill for Sixby, a Restaurant Located at 220 E. 41st Street. The establishment is located between Abercorn and Lincoln Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Sixby.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Sixby.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Sixby.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Sixby.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Sixby.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearings open for items #4, #5, and #6.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Palumbo moved to close the hearings for items #4, #5, and #6, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan, Ald. Leggett, and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve item #4, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

5. Approval of a Class G (Complimentary) (Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Michael Overton for Outside Brands (Savannah), a Vessel Located at 2 West Bay Street (Hyatt Dock). The establishment is located between Whitaker Street and Drayton Street Ramp in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Outside Savannah.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Outside Savannah.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Outside Savannah.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Outside Savannah.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Outside Savannah.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearings open for items #4, #5, and #6.

Speaker(s):

- Judee Jones, Revenue Director representing the ABC Unit
- City Manager Melder
- Michael Overton, petitioner

a. Ald. Palumbo moved to close the hearings for items #4, #5, and #6, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan, Ald. Leggett, and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

Ald. Leggett asked how the vessel will be monitored, when it leaves the port. City Manager Melder advised the vessel is monitored just like the brick & mortar businesses, i.e., secret shoppers.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan asked if the business reached out to the waterfront association or other businesses in the area, which can have an impact on competition, consumption, and liability.

Mayor Johnson asked if the business met all of the requirements. City Manager Melder advised they have every obligation to meet the requirements of any other alcohol license holder. This service is not alcohol sales, but complimentary.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked if this was a new or existing business. Mr. Overton advised the company has been operating for 45 years, and they have been in Savannah for seven years. They have a brick & mortar at 300 W. River Street, and they have operated port tours on smaller vessels for the last five years. This particular boat, Outside Ohana, is a brand new built vessel.

Ald. Leggett asked what is the plan for the ABC Unit moving forward. Mayor Johnson advised he should not get into how the City Manager will manage this operation, given the City Manager's response that he can monitor this alcohol license.

Ald. Miller Blakely stated he has done everything he was supposed to do, and he has the right to apply.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve item #5, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely, Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

6. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Shailesh Patel for Tryp Hotel, a Hotel Located at 320 Montgomery Street. The establishment is located between West Charlton and West Harris Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Tryp.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Tryp.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Tryp.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Tryp.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Tryp.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearings open for items #4, #5, and #6.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Palumbo moved to close the hearings for items #4, #5, and #6, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan, Ald. Leggett, and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve item #6, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

ZONING HEARINGS

7. Petition of Joshua Yellin on Behalf of Abercorn Stay, LLC, for an Amendment to the Future Land Use Map Category from Residential – Suburban Single Family to Residential – General at 29 East 67th Street (20112 06006) on 0.51 Acres in Aldermanic District 4 (File No. 24-003235-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for FLUM at 29 East 67th Street (File No. 24-003235-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Map for 29 East 67th Street FLUM (File No. 24-003235-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for 29 East 67th Street FLUM (File No. 24-003235-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing open for item #7.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, representing the MPC
- Ardis Wood asked for her requests to be considered with any approvals. She submitted a drawing for the record.
- Josh Yellin, representing the petitioner

Ald. Palumbo moved to close the hearings for items #7, seconded by Ald. Purtee and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent. See related agenda item #9.

Ald. Palumbo agreed with Ms. Wood, beauty is our duty. He asked City Manager Melder to reaffirm our committment to beautification (medians and rights-of-way), especially on Abercorn Street. City Manager Melder and Mayor Johnson committed to his request.

8. Petition of Joshua Yellin on Behalf of Abercorn Stay, LLC, for a Zoning Map Amendment from RSF-10 (Residential Single Family-10) to RMF-2-30 (Residential Multi Family-2- 30 units per acre) for 29 East 67th Street (20112 06006) on 0.51 Acres in Aldermanic District 4 (File No. 24-003234-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for Rezoning at 29 East 67th Street (File No. 24-003234-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Map of 29 East 67th Street Rezoning (File No. 24-003234-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for 29 East 67th Street Rezoning (File No. 24-003234-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing open for item #8.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, representing the MPC

Ald. Palumbo moved to close the hearings for item #8, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent. See related agenda item #10.

Ald. Lanier asked Mr. Morrow to clarify the reason and purpose of the request.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

9. Petition of Joshua Yellin on Behalf of Abercorn Stay, LLC, for an Amendment to the Future Land Use Map Category from Residential – Suburban Single Family to Residential – General at 29 East 67th Street (20112 06006) on 0.51 Acres in Aldermanic District 4 (File No. 24-003235-ZA).

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Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for 29 East 67th Street FLUM (File No. 24-003235-ZA).pdf

Ald. Palumbo moved (to approve item #9) that the first reading be considered the second and the ordinance placed upon its passage and passed, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

10. Petition of Joshua Yellin on Behalf of Abercorn Stay, LLC, for a Zoning Map Amendment from RSF-10 (Residential Single Family-10) to RMF-2-30 (Residential Multi Family-2- 30 units per acre) for 29 East 67th Street (20112 06006) on 0.51 Acres in Aldermanic District 4 (File No. 24-003234-ZA).

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Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for 29 East 67th Street Rezoning (File No. 24-003234-ZA).pdf

Ald. Palumbo moved (to approve item #10, with the condition that the site plan to be considered by the MPC) that the first reading be considered the second and the ordinance placed upon its passage and passed, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Reforestation Services with Marsh Forestry & Appraisal Service, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed $68,558. The reforestation services consist of planting approximately 160,100 pine trees on 260 acres of this property that was harvested in 2022. (Real Estate)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - New Hampstead Reforestation.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - New Hampstead Reforestation.pdf

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve agenda items #11, #14, and #15, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for the Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing (MEP) Engineering Services Annual Contract with Pond Company (Primary)(LOCAL) & Raymond Engineering (Secondary)(LOCAL) in the Amount of $75,000. The City has ongoing needs for limited-scope mechanical, electrical, and plumbing (MEP) engineering services, particularly regarding condition and capacity assessments of its systems including, but not limited to, HVAC systems, elevators, fire sprinklers and alarms, switch gears, and other critical systems in City facilities. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - MEP Engineering Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - MEP Engineering Services.pdf

Ald. Miller Blakely moved to approve agenda item #12, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

Ald. Miller Blakely inquired about the vendor being a local. Assistant City Manager Lloyd advised affirmatively.

13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for The Public Art Master Plan with Designing Local (DBE) in an Amount Not to Exceed $100,000. The Public Art Master Plan will provide a cohesive citywide vision and process for public art to be installed in public parks and City of Savannah facilities throughout the city. (Cultural Resources)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Public Art Master Plan.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Public Art Master Plan.pdf

Ald. Bell moved to approve agenda item #13, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

Mayor Johnson stated he is excited about this project because it has been talked about for a very long time.

Ald. Bell asked the City Manager to talk about this project for the sake of the public. It was funded in the FY2024 Budget. It will last approximately twelve months and culminate with the development of a Public Art Master Plan and Ordinance for the consideration of the Mayor and Aldermen. It will establish a Public Art Commission. Ald. Bell asked if school children will be involved (yes).

Ald. Wilder-Bryan asked about an ordinance regarding graffiti. City Attorney Lovett advised there is an ordinance and the city does prosecute when they can find the individuals.

Mayor Johnson stated graffiti is not public art, it is vandalism and a crime.

Ald. Leggett asked about the covering of the signal boxes with public art.

Ald. Lanier asked the vendors to work with the neighborhood associations and Ms. Coleman in the City Manager' office. When you are putting art into the neighborhoods, you are talking about creative placement that goes hand-in-hand with community building.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan asked about including the covering of manholes with this initiative, given the previous work done by the prior City Manager Pat Monahan.

Ald. Miller Blakely stated she doesn't see a lot of the art work on the southside, and she asked how long it will take to get this going.

Mayor Johnson asked the City Manager to provide how many signal boxes we have in the city.

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Recycled Crushed Aggregate Stone with Savannah River Utilities (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed $206,375. The stone is used to provide traction for vehicles driving into the Landfill. (Sanitation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Recycled Aggregate Stone.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Recycled Aggregate Stone.pdf

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve agenda items #11, #14, and #15, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Consultant Services with Stantec Consulting in the Amount of $300,000 to Conduct a Stormwater Utility Implementation Study. In an effort to more effectively and equitably address the City's drainage issues, including increased maintenance requirements related to our aging and expanding drainage systems, and future impacts related to climate change, City staff has been evaluating a potential funding option whereby the revenue from a future Stormwater Utility user fee program (if enacted by City Council) would be dedicated solely to stormwater management service delivery. (Stormwater)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Storwmwater Utility Study.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Storwmwater Utility Study.pdf

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve agenda items #11, #14, and #15, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

16. Boards, Commissions, and Authorities.

Exhibit 1: UPDATED - Boards Master List - Six Boards Needing Action.pdf

The following appointments were made by motion/vote:

Chatham Area Transit (CAT):

- Mary A. Snowden

Civil Service Board:

- Catherine C. Sykes
- Amber N. Robbins

Cultural Affairs Commission:

- Catherine Killingsworth
- Andrew Logan Lawrence
- Arthur F. Shuey
- Lawrence Jean-Louis
- Boyer Bazelais
- Brett Williamson

Historic District Board of Review:

- Dwayne Stephens
- Sara L. Woodfield

Savannah Recreation Commission:

- Utaff W. Gordon

Traffic Calming Committee:

- Larry Myers (District 3 appointee)

AGREEMENTS

17. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with National Land Group, LLC for Fairmont Avenue Hotels. This is for a development consisting of a 115-room hotel on Fairmont Avenue in Aldermanic District 5.

Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Fairmont Avenue Hotels.pdf

Ald. Lanier moved to approve agenda item #17, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

18. Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Friends of Forsyth Conservancy Inc. and City of Savannah Which Outlines Mutually Beneficial Roles and Responsibilities to Promote and Maintain the Preservation, Historic Integrity, and Open Access of Forsyth Park for All of Its Users.

Exhibit 1: MOU - Friends of Forsyth Park Conservancy Inc.

POSTPONED/CONTINUED #18, as announced by Mayor Johnson. City Manager Melder advised he will be bringing this item back in two weeks.

19. Agreement to Exchange Right of Way and Stand Still on Demolishing the Building Located at 412 MLK.

Exhibit 1: Standstill Agreement - Hallex.docx

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve agenda item #19, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 7-1-1. Ald. Miller Blakely voted no and Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

At the request of Ald. Wilder-Bryan, the City Manager provided an explanation of the future plans pertaining to this project.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

20. Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Board of Education for Use of Board Meeting Room Space at 2 Laura Avenue, Savannah, GA.

Exhibit 1: Maps - Laura Avenue.pdf

Exhibit 2: Intergovernmental Agreement - 2 Laura Avenue.pdf

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve agenda item #20, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Purtee recused himself and Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

Mayor Johnson briefly described the City Council will be holding meetings at the Board of Education building while Council Chambers undergo restoration, possibly five months from September 2024 through February 2025. He thanked the Board of Education for their partnership, and for providing the space at no cost.

21. Approval to Declare as Surplus and Available for Sale the City-Owned Vacant Lot Located at 1425 West Gwinnett Street (PIN 20050 16022).

Exhibit 1: Pictures - 1425 W Gwinnett Street.pdf

Ald. Lanier moved to approve agenda item #21, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

22. Settlement #1.

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve agenda items #22 and #23, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan, as follows:

• authorizing the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (car wreck) involving Christian Spellman in the amount of $30,000.00;

• authorizing the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (car wreck) involving Devin Heyward for $35,000.00; and,

• tabling settlement #3, as requested by the City Attorney.

The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

23. Settlement #2.

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve agenda items #22 and #23, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan, as follows:

• authorizing the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (car wreck) involving Christian Spellman in the amount of $30,000.00;

• authorizing the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (car wreck) involving Devin Heyward for $35,000.00; and,

• tabling settlement #3, as requested by the City Attorney.

The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

24. Settlement #3.

TABLED agenda item #24, as requested by the City Attorney

MISCELLANEOUS

25. Approval of a Major Subdivision: Cobblestone Phase 2. The subject property is the second phase of Cobblestone Subdivision. This proposed phase totals 44.083 acres and will consist of 72 single family lots with varying lot sizes and 3 open spaces. The property is located at Bush Road, adjacent to the Savannah and Ogeechee Canal, southwest of Little Neck Road in Alderman District 5.

Exhibit 1: Plat - Major Subdivision, Cobblestone Phase 2.pdf

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve agenda item #25, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

26. Approval of Monument Application Part I: Theme, Location, and Preliminary Design for a Monument in Columbia Square Commemorating the Seven Ladies Who Saved the Davenport House in 1955 and Were the Catalyst for the Establishment of the Historic Savannah Foundation.

Exhibit 1: HSMC Recommendation - Columbia Square Seven Ladies Monument.pdf

Exhibit 2: Submittal Packet - Columbia Square Monument.pdf

Mayor Johnson moved to approve agenda item #26, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

27. Added Item (Airport Commission): Approval to Purchase 2024-2025 Property Liability Insurance with Sterling Seacrest Pritchard Inc., in the Amount of $1,563,444.

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve agenda item #27 (Savannah Airport Commission), seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

Mayor Johnson recognized and thanked School Board President Roger Moss for being present in the audience. He also thanked Mr. Moss for the work of the Superintendent over the past few days, whereby he asked Mr. Moss to thank her.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan thanked the staff of the Airport Commission during the shortage (long waits), and she thanked them for being able to utilize the amazing clubhouse.

At the request of Mayor Johnson, Savannah Airport Commission representative Dawoud Stevenson added the Savannah Airport never closed and remained fully operational, although some airlines did experience delays.

28. Added Item: A Resolution Ratifying the Mayor's August 4, 2024, Emergency Declaration Order and Amended Declaration dated August 5, 2024.

Exhibit 1: Emergency Declaration - Hurricane Debbie 08042024 (Original).pdf

Exhibit 2: Amended Emergency Declaration - Hurricane Debbie 08052024.pdf

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve agenda item #28, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was absent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

City Manager Melder announced and congratulated the following:

- Bret Bell for being named the City Manager of Tybee Island, GA, leaving at the end of August.
- Ken Slats for joining the Board of Education.
- Azsha Hankerson for spreading her wings a little wider within the community.
- Daphanie Williams for her birthday.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at 3:22 p.m.

The video recording of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: August 22, 2024

Signature: Mark Massey

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AUGUST 22, 2024 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT
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The regular meeting was held at **2:03 p.m.**, in City Council Chambers. **Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz** called the meeting to order and recognized **Alderman Purtee** to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 - Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5 - Mayor Pro Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ABSENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 - Vice Chair

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Jay Melder

Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for August 22, 2024.

Ald. Palumbo moved to adopt/approve agenda item #1, as amended, seconded by Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Mayor Johnson and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent.

The motion to adopt the agenda, as amended, postponed/continued agenda items #4, #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, #11, #24, #34, and added agenda item #36, a presentation by the City Manager to provide recognition of excellent public service.

Ald. Lanier asked the City Manager why the various agenda items were being continued.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on August 8, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - August 8, 2024, City Council Workshop.pdf

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve agenda items #2 and #3, seconded by Ald. Purtee and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Mayor Johnson and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on August 8, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - August 8, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve agenda items #2 and #3, seconded by Ald. Purtee and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Mayor Johnson and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent.

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PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Small Public Safety Enterprise Agreement Annual Subscription for ArcGIS Services and a Jumpstart Package with ESRI in an Amount Not to Exceed $56,640. This technology will aid SPD in automating data displays and allow for a better use of manpower to focus on intelligence and crime analysis. (Police)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - ESRI ArcGIS & JumpStart Package.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - ESRI ArcGIS & JumpStart Package.pdf

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve purchasing agenda items #12, #13, and #15 through #23, seconded by Ald. Purtee and Ald. Bell. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Mayor Johnson and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent.

13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Facilitation and Execution of a Hazardous Material Full-Scale Exercise with Sentinel Crisis Solutions in an Amount Not to Exceed $70,000. Emergency Management will use this contract to facilitate the execution of a full-scale exercise that encompasses multiple venues, agencies, and response timeframes. (Emergency Management)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Hazardous Materials Full-Scale Exercise.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Hazardous Materials Full-Scale Exercise.pdf

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14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Employee Background Verification Services with Accurate Background, LLC in an Amount Not to Exceed $96,385. This background screening service will be primarily utilized by the Office of Human Resources, Savannah Police Department, and Savannah Fire Department. Background services are both a common practice and a requirement for the City's interest in recruiting and retaining a fully qualified and credible workforce. (Human Resources)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Employee Background Verification.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Employee Background Verification.pdf

Ald. Leggett moved to approve purchasing agenda item #14, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Mayor Johnson and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent.

Ald. Leggett asked the City Manager questions regarding the availability of any local and DBE vendors, and details of the required work.

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Asphaltic Concrete with US Home Solutions (Primary) and APAC-Atlantic, Inc (Secondary) in an Amount Not to Exceed $100,000. The Streets Maintenance Division will use this contract to repair and complete utility cuts from the Sewer, Water, and Stormwater Departments. In addition, in-house repairs will be made to potholes, pavement defects, and low patches. (Transportation Services Department)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Asphaltic Concrete.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Asphaltic Concrete.pdf

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve purchasing agenda items #12, #13, and #15 through #23, seconded by Ald. Purtee and Ald. Bell. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Mayor Johnson and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent.

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Replacement of the Driving Range Netting at the Bacon Park Golf Course with Netting Professionals, LLC in an Amount Not to Exceed $120,400. This purchase is to replace the driving range netting at the Bacon Park Golf Course. (Facilities Maintenance)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Bacon Park Netting.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Bacon Park Netting.pdf

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve purchasing agenda items #12, #13, and #15 through #23, seconded by Ald. Purtee and Ald. Bell. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Mayor Johnson and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent.

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Elevator Repairs with TK Elevator Corporation (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed $143,968. The repairs are for labor and materials required to replace the motor, ropes, and rope gripper in elevator No.1 of the State Street Garage. (Facilities Maintenance)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - State Street Parking Garage Elevator Repairs.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - State Street Parking Garage Elevator Repairs.pdf

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve purchasing agenda items #12, #13, and #15 through #23, seconded by Ald. Purtee and Ald. Bell. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Mayor Johnson and Ald.

Wilder-Bryan were absent.

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 2 for Lift Station 23 Upgrades & Force Main Replacement with Astra Grading and Pipe, LLC in the Amount of $127,995. The increased cost are to include two additional concrete thrust blocks that are significantly larger and more complex than normally required to tap and restrain the existing sanitary force main. (Public Works & Water Resources)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Lift Station 23 Upgrades.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchase Notes - Lift Station 23 Upgrades.pdf

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve purchasing agenda items #12, #13, and #15 through #23, seconded by Ald. Purtee and Ald. Bell. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Mayor Johnson and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent.

Ald. Lanier asked the City Manager where the lift station is located. (Behind Yamacraw Village on Canal Street)

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of Three Blowers with Aerzen USA Corporation in an Amount Not to Exceed $256,496. The blowers will be used at the Water Reclamation Crossroads Facility to supply the necessary air for the digester tanks and equalization basin. (Water Reclamation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Aerzen Blowers.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Aerzen Blowers.pdf

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve purchasing agenda items #12, #13, and #15 through #23, seconded by Ald. Purtee and Ald. Bell. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Mayor Johnson and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent.

20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Generator Maintenance with W. W. Williams Company, LLC (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed $307,145. This service will provide maintenance for the emergency standby generator equipment at the City's President Street Plant, Regional Plants, and Industrial and Domestic Water Facility. (Water Reclamation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Generator Maintenance.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Generator Maintenance.pdf

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21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Stormwater Structure Inspections with Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed $665,000. These inspections are required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Program to ensure effective management and maintenance of stormwater infrastructures. (Stormwater)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Stormwater Structure Inspections.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Stormwater Structure Inspections.pdf

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve purchasing agenda items #12, #13, and #15 through #23, seconded by Ald. Purtee and Ald. Bell. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Mayor Johnson and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent.

22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Construction Contract for Pool Deck Resurfacing with Smith Aquatics, Inc in the Amount of $290,639. This work will be done at the Daffin Park, W.W. Law, and Tompkins Center Pools. The work includes, but is not limited to, the removal of the existing concrete, preparation of the existing deck, and installation of a new pool deck surface, which will be a cooling deck. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Pool Deck Resurfacing.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Pool Deck Resurfacing.pdf

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23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Truman Trail 2B Lighting with Georgia Power in the Amount of $357,527. This expenditure is for the upfront lighting cost for Georgia Power to install 90 LED lights for the Truman Linear Trail 2B. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Truman Trail Lighting.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Truman Trail Lighting.pdf

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve purchasing agenda items #12, #13, and #15 through #23, seconded by Ald. Purtee and Ald. Bell. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Mayor Johnson and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent.

24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Design Services of the Eastside Gym Addition at PARC with Hussey Gay Bell (LOCAL) in the Amount of $452,500. These services will be used to develop addition plans to construct a gym at the existing building at PARC. The program of spaces will include a gymnasium, player locker rooms, gym office and storage, public restrooms, and lobby. (Capital Projects) (Continued to September 12, 2024, Council Meeting)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Eastside Gym.pdf

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SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

25. Approval of a Mobile License Plate Recognition (LPR) System from Survision, LLC, in the Amount of $26,600.

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve purchasing agenda items #25, #27, #28 and #31, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Mayor Johnson and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent.

26. Approval of Task Order No. 10 with AECOM for Design, Bid, and Construction Phase Services for the Demo Quail Run Lodge Facility Project, in the Amount of $97,230.

Ald. Lanier moved to approve purchasing agenda items #26, #29 and #30, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0-3. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz recused herself for business purposes. Mayor Johnson and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent.

27. Approval of a Three-Year Cyber Penetration Testing Agreement with Horizon3 AI, Inc., in the Amount of $144,000.

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve purchasing agenda items #25, #27, #28 and #31, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Mayor Johnson and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent.

28. Approval of a Two-Year Savannah Ghost Pirates Sponsorship with Zawyer Sports, Owners & Operators of the ECHL Team, in the Amount of $160,000.

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve purchasing agenda items #25, #27, #28 and #31, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Mayor Johnson and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent.

29. Approval of Task Work Order No. 6 with AECOM to Prepare a Runway 10-28 Needs Assessment Document, in the Amount $241,717.

Ald. Lanier moved to approve purchasing agenda items #26, #29 and #30, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0-3. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz recused herself for business purposes. Mayor Johnson and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent.

30. Approval of Task Order No. 11 with AECOM to Prepare the Master Plan Update, in the Amount of $1,384,068.

Ald. Lanier moved to approve purchasing agenda items #26, #29 and #30, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0-3. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz recused herself for business purposes. Mayor Johnson and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent.

31. Approval to Ratify the Acceptance of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) - Airport Terminal Program (ATP) Grant Offer No. 3-13-0100-080-2024 from the Federal Aviation Administration, in the Amount of $5,000,000.

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve purchasing agenda items #25, #27, #28 and #31, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Mayor Johnson and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent.

AGREEMENTS

32. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Dream Finders Homes LLC for Hidden Pointe Phase 2. This is for a development consisting of 59 townhomes on Navajo Road in Aldermanic District 6.

Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Hidden Pointe Phase 2.pdf

Ald. Purtee moved to approve agenda item #32, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Mayor Johnson and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent.

33. Approval of an Amendment to an Existing Executed Water and Sewer Agreement for the New Hampstead PUD. The original agreement is for 9,800 units of mixed development in Aldermanic District 5.

Exhibit 1: First Amendment - Water & Sewer Agreement - New Hampstead.pdf

Ald. Lanier moved to approve agenda item #33, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Mayor Johnson and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent.

34. Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Friends of Forsyth Conservancy Inc. and City of Savannah Which Outlines Mutually Beneficial Roles and Responsibilities to Promote and Maintain the Preservation, Historic Integrity, and Open Access of Forsyth Park for All of Its Users. (Continued to September 12, 2024, Council Meeting)

Exhibit 1: MOU - Friends of Forsyth Park Conservancy Inc.pdf

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MISCELLANEOUS

35. Approval of a Petition to Rename Normandy Street to East Perry Lane in Order to Avoid Potential Public Confusion with the Current Street Names.

Exhibit 1: Renaming Submittal Packet - Perry Lane.pdf

Exhibit 2: HSMC Recommendation.pdf

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve agenda item #35, seconded by Ald. Purtee and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Mayor Johnson and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz asked the City Manager to provide an explanation of this agenda item for which he read a prepared statement into the record.

36. Added Item: Presentation - City Manager to Provide Recognition of Excellent Public Service.

HEARD after agenda items #2 and #3.

City Manager Melder presented recognitions (plaques and name plates) to Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd and Chief Information and Public Affairs Officer Bret Bell for becoming the City Manager of Pooler, GA, and City Manager of Tybee Island, GA, respectively.

Each member of the City Council also extended their congratulations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

As a graduate, Ald. Bell announced she has been invited to serve as a mentor for the current students enrolling in the University of Georgia's MPA program.

Ald. Miller Blakely let the public know they should be on the lookout for drastic changes taking place in the Medicaid/Medicare plans.

Ald. Lanier extended thanks to the Clerk of Council because she noticed the extra work done with respect to the agenda packets/materials which are more organized and makes things easier for us to do this work. On Saturday August 31st, a group in west Savannah called the Home Boys Reunion will be getting together at Hudson Hill Park. They have been getting together every year for the last 50 years.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Bell recognized a long-standing citizen and contributor of the community and extended condolences to Mrs. Lois Wooten's family and friends. She was the first woman to serve on the Savannah Economic Development Authority (SEDA).

Ald. Purtee extended a heartful thanks to all of the city employees, especially the public safety folks, Mr. Stephen Henry and his crew, Mr. Melder, Heath, and Lida for all of their work at Bradley Pointe during the flood (Tropical Storm Debby) we experienced. It was pretty scary for the residents and everybody. Team Savannah was there to serve and helped our residents, which speaks volumes for the type of employees we have. They showed up and addressed the situation, and learned some things from it.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz echoed her thanks and added that Mayor Johnson was a part of the group of persons who were not sleeping, along with Ald. Purtee. She came out a couple days later when she returned to town and joined them. There is nobody greater than Team Savannah. She commended them for their work during Tropical Storm Debby, the Ogeechee River flooding, and the opening of Treemont Park/Road.

Ald. Lanier thanked the staff for their work at Treemont Road.

Ald. Miller Blakely expressed Happy Birthday to Ms. Sadie Campbell for turning 100 years young, and she announced that Taylor Washington (owner of Two Chefs Gullah Geechee Soul Food Restaurant) lost her mom on yesterday. Ald. Miller Blakely asked to keep her family in prayer.

Ald. Purtee expressed Happy 43rd Anniversary to his parents.

City Manager Melder announced this is the last time meeting in Council Chambers due to a restoration project of the space, likely until February 2025. He expressed big thanks to Luciana of Municipal Archives and the Capital Projects Team led by Christy Lawrence who are helping to get it situated. As a reminder, we will be meeting at the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System board room located at the Whitney Administrative Complex, 2 Laura Avenue off of Presidents Street. We will continue to meet as scheduled on Thursday's, twice a month.

Ald. Bell asked for workshop and Council meetings (yes).

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz announced Mayor Johnson will be with us at our next City Council meeting, and she adjourned the Regular Meeting at **3:15 p.m.**

The video recording of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

https://savannahgovtv.viebit.com/player.php?hash=a93tZBSWoJCowCgy

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: September 13, 2024

Signature: Mark Massey

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SEPTEMBER 12, 2024 11:00 a.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at **11:04 a.m.**, in the SCCPSS Board of Education Room located at the Whitney Administrative Complex, 2 Laura Avenue, Building G. **Mayor Johnson** called the meeting to order, then recognized **Alderman Purtee** to offer a prayer.

Mayor Johnson acknowledged the day as being SAV/912 Day, he thanked the Public Board of Education and staff for allowing the city to utilize their space while City Hall is undergoing a six-month restoration project, and he advised that the previously advertised Show Cause Hearing will be continued/postponed to the October 10th City Council Meeting, as requested by the alcohol license holder Rajendra Patel of Octane Bar and Lounge located at 35 Whitaker Streeting in Aldermanic District 2.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 - Vice Chair

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 - Chairman

Alderwoman 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

Workshop Agenda Items

1. The Front Porch Presentation

City Manager Melder echoed Mayor Johnson's thanks and extended his thanks to School Board President Roger Moss, Superintendent Denise Watts and their entire team for assisting us and allowing us to utilize their space while City Hall is being restored. He thanked Todd Hagin and Ken Slats, the City Manager's office, Marketing and Communications, David Higdon, Information and Public Affairs office, and the City Clerk's office.

City Manager Melder announced we have a presentation from the Front Porch, a critical partner with the city and juvenile restorative justice.

Front Porch Director Danica Rubenstein introduced herself as the new director having moved from West Virginia, and she yielded to Shawnessy Cargile, Family Engagement and Activities Coordinator to make the presentation. Ms. Rubenstein handed out gift bags on behalf of the Front Porch.

Mr. Cargile stated they are located on Abercorn Street and they work with family and youth to get them connected to valuable services they need. They are under the umbrella of Juvenile Court System, started by the Juvenile Court Judges. They work with kids from all backgrounds and situations, unless they have been arrested and have pending charges or on probation. They were setup to be an early intervention and to be preventative. He presented a PowerPoint presentation. He concluded his presentation stating Ald. Bell helped to start the Front Porch.

Ald. Bell agreed she was involved and thanked the City of Savannah for its contributions early on by assisting with the facility on Abercorn, as we are a partner. She stated that Front Porch is one of the agencies in town that has the most partners participating in a collaborative form. It started like this and it remains this way, with sponsoring agencies paying the salaries.

Mayor Johnson thanked him for his presentation. He was around when this began, and this work was a major opportunity for young people who weren't necessarily involved yet, but they were heading there. And there were parents who said, I don't know what to do. This was probably one of the largest collaborations, since the Youth Futures Authority, in terms of having people involved and engaged. The City of Savannah remains with skin in the game, given space is a premium and we continue to offer our space. His concern then and now is that this is a countywide issue, and all municipalities need to have some skin in the game. While everyone cannot contribute space, it has been five years now and everybody can contribute something. With more support, the program can serve a whole lot more.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked how many children are serviced on a yearly basis (500 referrals resulting in 300 serviced, plus education and awareness events, back-to-school block rock and other community events like the clothing bank and work with other partners). Then she asked where the bulk of the children come from (Mostly Savannah, 31419, 31405 typically). Ald. Miller Blakely asked about the story behind the Katrina Woodley clothing closet (a former Front Porch employee who died from COVID).

Ald. Bell mentioned the three Juvenile Court Judges who were active five years ago, when the program started. She named Judge Lisa Colbert, Judge Leroy Burke, and Judge Tom Cole.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz stated she was there on the front lawn when they did the ribbon cutting, along with the Mayor and Ald. Bell. She thanked them for the continuation of this work, which we still need for our community, families and children. We also need the continued support from the County and all the municipalities to continue this great work.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan thanked them for their work, and Judge Roxanne Formey too. She asked if the services provided are income-based or a free service (driven income-based, in that everyone gets free service). She also attended the ribbon cutting. Then she asked in your tracking of five years, how long does a person stay in your program or the median time? Mr. Cargile responded ideally for at least 90 days of case management. Ald. Wilder-Bryan asked for the median age (10 years old for Boys, 11 years old for girls). Mr. Cargile stated they serve kids from 5-18 years old, as long as they can communicate in order to develop a case management plan. Ald. Wilder-Bryan asked if they service more boys than girls (yes). Ald. Wilder-Bryan stated she is seeing on social media a lot more girls fighting and being the cause of a lot more crime going on here. She asked if they ever get referrals from police officers. She would like the police officers to get a card with information for referrals when they see people in the community who are at-risk.

Ald. Bell stated the Police Department needed to be mentioned, who has had a presence on that board since its inception through Assistant Police Chief Robert Gavin. Mr. Cargile stated on average 1/5 of their referrals come from law enforcement.

Ald. Lanier stated she missed the presentation; however, she has been following the work of Judge Cole and the Front Porch. On the west side, zip code 31415, they have a huge juvenile at-risk problem. She is concerned that we do not see the zip codes where we know we have the most impacted youth. Mr. Cargile stated he is going off the top of this head with this information, but he will place this afternoon on their Facebook page a graphic to show year-to-dates with zip codes and referrals.

Mayor Johnson added that maybe Mr. Cargile did not misstate, given the services at the Front Porch is for persons who are currently not involved with the court system and people who proactively referred. We can ensure through our Marketing and Communications that the community at-large and parents know that this is a resource, in order to help get referrals up and prevent some of our numbers on the justice-involved piece.

Ald. Miller Blakely stated for the record she was at the ribbon-cutting also. She was concerned when Mr. Cargile said 31419, due to the gentrification within the city, we see more people moving to the southside.

Mayor Johnson thanked them for what they do, and stated they will have the City Manager and his team contact them to see how we can elevate our discussion about what's going on and how people can get involved and engaged.

2. Savannah Industrial & Domestic (I&D) Water Treatment Plant

City Manager Melder began the presentation stating decisions we make in the next four years are going to shape this community in really significant ways for the next 50-100 years, in the ways that those same decisions in the last 20 years never could. One of those areas of decision is regarding the water and sewer system, a surface water plant. EPD and EPA continue to restrict how much water anyone call pull out of the Floridian aquifer, especially here on the Savannah River because of the pressures put on that aquifer by industries up and down the river. So more and more we are relying on surface water to be the regional water supplier. Our plant at the industrial and domestic water treatment facility is that surface water for the region. Regional water has been in the news a lot lately, especially in regards to what is happening in North Bryan County and concerns in Statesboro. The City of Savannah as a regional supplier does not supply water in North Bryan County. Today's discussion is about what we need to do for our water treatment facility in the next 5-20 years to meet the current and future demand, to meet the needs of our rate payers, as well as to deal with the regulatory requirements that are going to be coming down and making huge new shifts in the way that we have to treat our water. Then he introduced to make a presentation Water Supply & Treatment Director Brian Shaw, Hussey Gay Bell Director of Water/Wastewater Chris Burke, and Associate Vice President & Mid-Atlantic South Area Director at Black & Veatch Jonathan Ladd.

Mayor Johnson thanked them for the presentation and began by saying "where there is no vision, people perish." We have seen examples around the country where people have kicked the can down the road and allowed things to be more costly, than if it was addressed sooner/before. For Council, this is an opportunity for us to look down the road and project. Water is foundational, necessary business, and the bane of our existence. Having accessible and safe water is a key to one of our brands. It's an enterprise. Mayor Johnson said it's going to cost, require real vision and investment, but he appreciates having the discussion. Having the discussion now makes life better for our children and our children's children.

Ald. Bell asked what is the projected timeline. City Manager Melder responded detailing slide #14 (Project Implementation Phases). Ald. Bell asked the City Manager to repeat and explain for the public the impact on the average taxpayer with respect to the water/sewer enterprise fund. City Manager Melder responded we have sources of water, ground water and surface water. We treat and convey our surface water to households and businesses. That water moves into our water and reclamation and sewage system. Every water and sewer user pays a bill. This is how we pay for our capital outlays and routine maintenance. These are not general fund dollars. We have used some SPLOST dollars in the past to help pay for our system, and we will seek federal and state grants to help pay as well. These expenses do not take away our ability to pay for new rec centers, new police and fire stations. This is an enterprise that pays for itself, as a utility. Regarding water/sewer being a foundational service, every civilization since the dawn of time has had to solve for water. You need water to live, and increasingly you need water to do anything. Good clean drinking water is available to Savannahians, large manufacturers and the city's fire department have gallons of water and necessary water pressure available to them. 40% of the City's ISO 1 rating is based on our water system, its pressure, and maintenance. It is the most important system we have in our city, in order for us to function everyday. This is needed for economic growth, as the consultants said. It is also about the residential growth, i.e., New Hampstead (9800 new homes), Highlands, those coming to western Chatham County, and lines needing to be upgraded within the central part of the city.

Ald. Miller Blakely thanked them for their presentation, and she asked them why the State is reducing the amount of water that we can use. Dr. Shaw responded that the State started reducing usage about 5-6 years ago, so this is a staged approach. The State gave him the reason being salt water intrusion (protecting the aquifer). Since the city has a surface plant, they want us to lean on that more to supply the water in the region. When the facility is upgraded, Ald. Miller Blakely asked what precentage will we need to increase the water bills to citizens. City Manager Melder responded rates will be based on what we need to do to upgrade the plant, and a study will come first for Council approval. Right now, we provide some of the cheapest water in the State of Georgia, almost ground water rates. Ground water which is what is being cutback from the aquifer, is relatively cheaper and easier to produce, versus surface water which requires the I&D plant. Rates will have to go up, but we want to do it very incrementally.

Mayor Johnson stated we don't want cheap, but less expensive.

Ald. Palumbo thanked everyone and he says we need a real plan to move this forward. What is the cost of us taking no action at this time? City Manager Melder responded we would have to stop the growth and reduce the pressure of the water. Dr. Shaw said we wouldn't be able to meet the demand.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked everyone for bringing one of the most critical subjects forward that we need to talk about, water. It is mandatory that we continue to discuss this subject, in reference to taking care of our citizens. We have tremendous growth in our city and region. It is going to take 100s of millions of dollars to take care of the I&D water plant, by improving and upgrading it. They were ahead of their times in 1947 when they put that plant out there in the County on Hwy 21. When we are talking to our industrial customers, there should be no hesistancy in regards to paying higher rates. With all of the pressures on the system, everything presented needs to be done, and she is all in.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan stated she is very familiar with ground and surface water. With PFAS the forever chemical, what are you going to do different? She is concerned about the smell and what will be done differently. The new process did not quite hit the mark, and will we have a new filtration process. The City Attorney asked to get back with her regarding PFAS, given the resolution approved previously by the City Council to enter into litigation. He will have an update soon. Regarding the odor at the facility on Presidents Street, the City Manager responded this is a different part of the system, in this case before it gets flushed. He will get a report from Ron and Brian about what they are doing to lessen the odor.

Ald. Lanier spoke on need for this service. We want to make sure that the growth is not detrimental to the citizens already in-place paying for this fund. Will the use of impact fees assist us in this area? City Manager Melder responded we couldn't use water & sewer for impact fees because we are already using impact fees for this area. Upgrades are going to be paid from usage, especially the large industrial customers but the domestic customers as well. Given anticipated money coming, like a new ARPA, do we need to increase our grant writing? City Manager Melder responded we have been working on having the best grant capture system here, and he detailed recent grants received. They will continue to work in this area. We are the largest water provider in Southeast Georgia, Southeast GA is very popular, and we are seeing a lot of growth. He sees a very high probability for State and Federal grants to come down. Regarding the plant in Port Wentworth, is the footprint sufficient or do we need to purchase more? Mr. Ladd responded yes it is sufficient, as presented in the master plan. This is good governance, and we are playing catch-up with the infrastructure and conveyance. City Manager Melder responded yes, it will include the conveyance and capacity.

Mayor Johnson agreed wholeheartedly with Ald. Lanier. We have significantly upgraded our grant game, and increased our advocacy at the State and Federal levels, through the City Manager and Interim Chief Joe Shearouse. And we have seen results. They also want to see that we have skin in the game, by seeing a plan, and by seeing we are willing to put money into it. Good plans bring good money, as seen recently with the U.S. Transportation Secretary. He thanked the presenters again.

3. Closed Executive Session: Litigation, Personnel, and Real Estate

There was no executive session held.

4. City Manager's Agenda Review

There was no City Manager's review held.

There was no action taken during the Workshop.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the workshop at **12:31 p.m.**

The video recording of the Workshop can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

https://savannahgovtv.viebit.com/player.php?hash=BIhqwiVadzGpN5wH

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: September 26, 2024

Signature: Mark Massey

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SEPTEMBER 12, 2024 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting was held at **2:00 p.m.**, in the SCCPSS Board of Education Room located at the Whitney Administrative Complex, 2 Laura Avenue, Building G. **Mayor Johnson** called the meeting to order, then recognized **Alderman Palumbo** who introduced **SCCPSS Board of Education President Roger Moss** to offer a prayer.

Mayor Johnson reminded everyone that it has been 23 years since 9/11/2001, when the country was victimized and lives were lost. We will never forget, and we remember those first responders and military personnel who continue to keep us safe. We are grateful for Fire Chief Kitchen and the Fire Department, as well. Then he asked to observe a moment of silence.

Mayor Johnson thanked School Board President Roger Moss' kindness and comraderie, and he thanked School Superintendent Dr. Denise Watts, Todd Hagin, Ken Slats, Marketing and Public Information city staff, the City Manager and his team, and the Clerk of Council's office for their help in making preparations for the City Council to hold their meetings within the school board facility. He also acknowledged Board of Elections member Glynda Jones for being present.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II

Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 - Vice Chair

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 - Chairman

Alderwoman 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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for September 12, 2024.

a. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve item #1, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely, Ald. Lanier, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Johnson announced there was a Show Cause Hearing scheduled for today; however, the petitioner requested a date certain continuance to October 10, 2024 for the revocation of the Alcohol License for Rajendra Patel of Octane Bar and Lounge.

b. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to continue/postpone the Show Cause Hearing to October 10, 2024, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on August 22, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - August 22, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve item #2, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS

3. A Proclamation Recognizing September 15, 2024 - October 15, 2024 as Hispanic Heritage Month and Appearance by HOLA Savannah Task Force Members in Observance of National Hispanic Heritage Month. The City of Savannah honors and celebrates the contributions of Hispanic Americans in our history across the nation, as well as celebrating the contributions of Hispanic Americans who currently serve our communities here in Savannah.

Exhibit 1: 2024 National Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation.pdf

READ and PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to members of the Hispanic diaspora, H.O.L.A. Savannah, and Savannah employee and H.O.L.A. Chair Myriam Baker who accepted the proclamation in English and Spanish.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

4. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Rudy Gasdik for The Whiskey, a Bar Located at 224 West Bay Street. The establishment is located between Barnard Street Ramp and Montgomery Street in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - The Whiskey.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - The Whiskey.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - The Whiskey.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurements - The Whiskey.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - The Whiskey.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearings open for items #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8.

No speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the hearings for items #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve item #4, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Ald. Miller Blakely voted no.

Ald. Leggett asked the City Manager/Attorney if it's legal for the City to place wording on all alcohol licenses that the license is a privilege and not a right. City Attorney Lovett advised the language could be added, so the applicants are absolutely aware of the law/fact. Ald. Leggett asked for that language to be added, especially in cases that rise to a Show Cause Hearing.

Mayor Johnson asked the City Manager to take his recommendation into consideration and bring back something, since this is an administrative function. City Manager Melder agreed to bring something (wording) back.

Ald. Lanier stated past conversations regarding alcohol licenses included whether the licenses should come before the City Council. She indicated her awareness that other jurisdictions have a more matter of fact licensing process of checking off the box, if you pass the scrutiny of the application, unless or until there is some other discrepancy.

Mayor Johnson indicated the conversation has been revisited from time-to-time. The appetite of the City Council today is not to turn it over to an administrative process.

On behalf of his district, Ald. Leggett stated he brought up this conversation as a result of discussions with neighborhood association presidents and issues they stand behind, like the alcohol licenses being a privilege and not a right.

5. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) and Class E (Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Rudy Gasdik for Wine Bar on the River, a Bar Located at 425 West River Street. The establishment is located between Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Barnard Street in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Wine Bar on the River.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Wine Bar on the River.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Wine Bar on the River.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurements - Wine Bar on the River.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Wine Bar on the River.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearings open for items #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8.

No speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the hearings for items #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve item #5, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Ald. Miller Blakely voted no.

Ald. Miller Blakely stated she is voting against this item because B. NiCole's Bistro applied for an alcohol license and was denied. She made a promise not to support any alcohol licenses to any bars within this community until we have equity.

6. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Rudy Gasdik for River Street Mercantile, a Convenience Store Located at 427 West River Street. The establishment is located between Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Barnard Street in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - River Street Mercantile.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - River Street Mercantile.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - River Street Mercantile.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurements - River Street Mercantile.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - River Street Mercantile.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearings open for items #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8.

No speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the hearings for items #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve item #6, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 9-0-0.

7. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Mital Patel for Diamond Food Mart, a Convenience Store Located at 3017 Bull Street. The establishment is located between West 46th and West 47th Streets in Aldermanic District 5.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Diamond Food Mart.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Diamond Food Mart.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Diamond Food Mart.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurements - Diamond Food Mart.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Diamond Food Mart.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearings open for items #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8.

No speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the hearings for items #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve item #7, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 9-0-0.

8. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Nirav Sheth for Liberty City Convenience Store, a Convenience Store Located at 1940 Mills B. Lane. The establishment is located between Interstate 516 and Liberty Parkway in Aldermanic District 5.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Liberty City Convenience Store.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Liberty City Convenience Store.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Liberty City Convenience Store.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Liberty City Convenience Store.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Liberty City Convenience Store.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearings open for items #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8.

No speaker(s).

a. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the hearings for items #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve item #8, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Lanier voted no.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz advised this license approval is a new owner of an establishment that previously held an alcohol license within the boundaries of the fifth district alcohol overlay. The request is allowed within the overlay, if done within twelve months. This owner is in compliance with this requirement.

Ald. Lanier requested clarity and an explanation. Mayor Johnson explained applying within one-year for a new license is codified within the ordinance.

Ald. Lanier described another applicant within 20 feet of the first district overlay whose alcohol license was denied. She was advised by city staff to request a variance from the MPC which she paid over $1000.00 to obtain. The city staff came back and said, oops you did not need to do that. She was later denied the alcohol license again. She has been denied for years.

Mayor Johnson explained the requirement again within the overlays, and he stated the applicant mentioned by Ald. Lanier was told they would not get a license because they are within the overlay. Ald. Lanier repeated her account of the events, then she emphasized her earlier point of needing a process absent of feelings and subjectivity, since these decisions affect people's life. She asked for a more fair system/process based on compliance versus a judgement call. Mayor Johnson repeated his account of the events.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked when will the City Council be revisiting the overlays. Mayor Johnson advised it will happen whenever the Council decides to do it. He further stated alcohol licenses may occur anywhere except within the overlays, which were set up due to the predominance of alcohol serving establishments within certain areas of the city.

Ald. Lanier stated that is not happening anymore. Mayor Johnson stated he is the one who started the overlays.

Ald. Miller Blakely again asked when will the City Council be discussing the overlays, and whether it is proper for her to make a motion that we have a date stamped time for talking about the overlays which were put in place over five years ago. A lot of things have changed in that area.

Mayor Johnson advised that the City Manager works for the Council, and the City Manager does not decide what issues will be discussed, the City Council decides that. The subject of alcohol overlays is not being discussed today.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. Public Hearing on State-Mandated Annual Update to the Community Work Program Portion of the Capital Improvements Element (Adopted by City Council in February 2023, Which Amended the Chatham County-Savannah Comprehensive Plan (Plan 2040).

Exhibit 1: Impact Fee Revenue by Public Service Facility.pdf

Exhibit 2: Savannah Five-Year Community Work Program (2025-2029) Redline Draft.pdf

Exhibit 3: Savannah Five-Year Community Work Program (2025-2029) Final Draft .pdf

Exhibit 4: Proposed Transmittal Resolution.pdf

Mayor Johnson sounded/read item #9.

City Manager Melder provided an overview.

Ald. Lanier explained to the City Manager why the impact fees initiative was implemented, not wanting residents in established areas paying for the amenities being placed in the new areas. She stated that she does not see where the allocations are going to those growth areas to pay for amenities. The trail is located in the established areas. A more appropriate expense would be an allocation for drainage, due to flooding of homes. Also growth areas like the Highlands need investments.

City Manager Melder responded the State-Mandated aspect of the program only allows certain uses which stormwater is not one. We can spend impact fees on parks and recreation, fire protection, law enforcement, and road improvements. Then he named specific areas, like public safety facilities in New Hampstead, the police substation in the Highlands, recreational areas in New Hampstead and Highlands areas, as well as road improvements in those areas. Trail systems are an allowable expense with impact fees. If we spend resources in older areas, we have to pay that same level of service in the new areas.

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing for item #9.

Ald. Lanier moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ZONING HEARINGS

10. Petition of Donald Dyches on Behalf of Fort Argyle Storage, LLC and Fort Argyle, LLC for an Amendment to the Future Land Use Map Category from Residential - Suburban Single-Family to Commercial – Suburban at 2505 and 2521 Ft. Argyle Road (11048B01022 and 11048B01023). Item supports annexation request (File No. 24-003509-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 2501 and 2521 Ft. Argyle Road FLUM (File No. 24-003509-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 2505 and 2521 Ft. Argyle Road FLUM (File No. 24-003509-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearings open for item #10 and #11.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, representing the MPC
- Don Dyches, representing the petitioner

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to close the zoning hearing for item #10 and #11, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed uanimously, 9-0-0. See related agenda items #22, #23, and #24.

Ald. Miller Blakely stated she is reading a comment written from Kerrie Bieber pertaining to flooding issues. Mr. Morrow responded. Ald. Miller Blakely stated Ms. Bieber also made a request for a good neighbor agreement. City Manager Melder asked Mr. Dyches to respond, since the good neighbor agreements are between the developers and the neighbors. Mr. Dyches responded with an unwillingness to grant those neighbors an easement to address the flooding to their homes which has occurred for a number of years, because it could bind the owner to address flooding on the property (an easement) which could hamper the development potential of the property.

Ald. Lanier shared a story and asked at what point in the process do the inspectors review a property in order to determine the viability of building there, and to determine the need to place dirt or not. She asked how do we assure a development will protect the people who are going to live there. City Manager Melder responded it happens at the design and review phases, held at the Adams Complex with Development Services, Stormwater, and Traffic teams. Developers have to go through all of the site plan reviews to ensure that what's being designed and built meets Code. Design standards are continually being upgraded, i.e., flood height based on new HUD guidance. He further explained the city's recent flooding experience, and positive protections as a result of existing design standards. We rely on flood plain and flood zone data, and MPC's wetlands review for delineating where it is safe to build. Developers are accountable for building to our standard. The reviews happen after the zoning.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz said the petitioner/developer and City Manager have been put on notice regarding the design standards being met, since this project is in a flood zone area. With regard to the Development Services department and inspections, the design standards will be met before a COO is issued and during the process.

Written comment(s):

- Kerrie Bieber - Expressed concerns

11. Petition of Donald Dyches on Behalf of Fort Argyle, LLC and Fort Argyle Storage, LLC to Zone Approximately 7.21 Acres Located at 2505 and 2521 Ft. Argyle Road (11048B01022 and 11048B01023) from B-N (Neighborhood-Business) Zoning District to the B-N-CO (Neighborhood Business-County) Zoning District. Item supports annexation request (File No. 24-002255-ZA).

Exhibit 1: Staff Report for 2505 and 2521 Ft. Argyle Road (File No.24-002255-ZA) .pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 2505 and 2521 Ft. Argyle Road Rezoning (File No. 24-002255-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearings open for item #10 and #11.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, representing the MPC
- Don Dyches, representing the petitioner

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Written comment(s):

- Kerrie Bieber - Expressed concerns

12. Petition of Ellen Harris on Behalf of James Silver for an Amendment to the Future Land Use Map Category from Residential General to Traditional Commercial at 0 William Street (PIN 20084 04012) on 0.27 Acres in Aldermanic District 3 (File No. 24-003649-ZA), (Continued from the August 22, 2024, Council Meeting)

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 0 William Street (File No. 24-003649-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: FLUM Map for 0 William Street (File No. 24-003649-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearings open for items #12 and #13.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, representing the MPC
- Ellen Harris, representing the petitioner

Ald. Lanier moved to the close the zoning hearings for item #12 and #13, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. See related agenda items #17 and #18.

13. Petition of Ellen Harris on Behalf of James Silver for an Amendment to the Zoning Map from RSF-6 (Residential Single Family-6) to TC-1 (Traditional Commercial-1) at 0 William Street (PIN 20084 04012) with Conditions on 0.27 Acres in Aldermanic District 3 (File No. 24-003648-ZA), (Continued from the August 22, 2024, Council Meeting)

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for Rezoning of William Street (File No. 24-003648-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 0 William Street (File No. 24-003648-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Proposed Site Plan for 0 Wiliam Street (File No. 24-003648-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearings open for items #12 and #13.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, representing the MPC
- Ellen Harris, representing the petitioner

Ald. Lanier moved to the close the zoning hearings for item #12 and #13, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. See related agenda items #17 and #18.

14. Petition of Robert McCorkle on Behalf of HOS Management, LLC for a Zoning Text Amendment to Article 7, Sec. 7.8 Savannah Downtown Historic District, Sec. 7.8.10(b) Historic District Height Map to Permit a Five-Story Development on Parcels Adjoining Cohen and Selma Streets with Conditions in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-000559-ZA), (Continued from the August 22, 2024, Council Meeting)

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Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearings open for items #14 and #15.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, representing the MPC
- Robert McCorkle, representing the petitioner
- Sue Adler - OPPOSED
- Josh Yellin - IN SUPPORT
- David McDonald - OPPOSED
- Andrew Barrien Jones - IN SUPPORT conditionally
- Jim Hundsrucker - OPPOSED (completed speaker card only)

Ald. Leggett moved to the close the zoning hearings for item #14 and #15, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was away from the dais. See related agenda items #19 and #20.

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Ald. Bell commended the developer and owners for working cooperatively to come up with a compromise.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked Mr. McCorkle to see the petitioner. He introduced Anil Patel from HOS Management and architect Andy Lynch. She then asked how far the development is from the First Union Missionary Baptist Church and how parking will be offered (underground). Ald. Miller Blakely commended the Mickve Israel congregation for having the time and patience to come up with this plan. She expressed concern with the ability of the owner to sell their property to a non-taxing entity, and she questioned maintenance of the cemetery once the property is developed. Mr. McCorkle responded.

Ald. Palumbo stated schools are on his mind. He requested a condition for this item that they coordinate with the school system, principally Garrison School of the Arts, to coordinate pick-up and dropoff.

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Exhibit 2: Proposed True Stucco Ordinance (File No. 24-003913-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for item #16.

Speaker(s):

- Jonathan Mellon, representing the MPC Historic Preservation

Ald. Palumbo moved to close the zoning hearing for item #16, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Leggett was away from the dais. See related agenda item #21.

Mayor Johnson stated he has learned more and more about fake and true stucco.

Ald. Lanier inquired that we are not restricting anything, we are adding an additional use/opportunity (correct).

Ald. Bell appreciated the explanation.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

17. Petition of Ellen Harris on Behalf of James Silver for an Amendment to the Future Land Use Map Category from Residential General to Traditional Commercial at 0 William Street (PIN 20084 04012) on 0.27 Acres in Aldermanic District 3 (File No. 24-003649-ZA). (Continued from the August 22, 2024, Council Meeting)

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 0 William Street (File No. 24-003649-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: FLUM Map for 0 William Street (File No. 24-003649-ZA).pdf

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved (to approve item #17) that the first reading be considered the second and the ordinance placed upon its passage and passed, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan stated we normally talk to all people impacted. Ms. Gigi, Parkside Association President, wrote a letter regarding the protection of two large trees. The will of the people agree with MPC. She read a statement into the record from the letter, and she asked that they keep the agreement.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked the developers representative (Ellen Harris) if they agreed to the request, which she answered yes.

18. Petition of Ellen Harris on Behalf of James Silver for an Amendment to the Zoning Map from RSF-6 (Residential Single Family-6) to TC-1 (Traditional Commercial-1) at 0 William Street (PIN 20084 04012) with Conditions on 0.27 Acres in Aldermanic District 3 (File No. 24-003648-ZA). (Continued from the August 22, 2024, Council Meeting)

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for Rezoning of William Street (File No. 24-003648-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 0 William Street (File No. 24-003648-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Proposed Site Plan for 0 Wiliam Street (File No. 24-003648-ZA).pdf

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved (to approve item #18) that the first reading be considered the second and the ordinance placed upon its passage and passed, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

***Mayor Johnson made an announcement that the City Manager informed them our Savannah Fairgrounds was just awarded "Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC)." Delayed does not mean denied, after being denied. Our collaboration with the State surely was beneficial. Great news to the City Manager and his team.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan asked if this project is for senior citizens for which the City Manager responded yes.

19. Petition of Robert McCorkle on Behalf of HOS Management, LLC for a Zoning Text Amendment to Article 7, Sec. 7.8 Savannah Downtown Historic District, Sec. 7.8.10(b) Historic District Height Map to Permit a Five-story Development on Parcels Adjoining Cohen and Selma Streets with Conditions in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-000559-ZA). (Continued from the August 22, 2024, Council Meeting)

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Ald. Leggett moved (to approve item #19) that the first reading be considered the second and the ordinance placed upon its passage and passed, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

20. Petition of Robert McCorkle on Behalf of HOS Management, LLC for a Zoning Text Amendment to Article 7, Section 7.13 Hotel Development Overlay District, Figure 7.13-1 to Permit Hotel Development on Parcels Adjoining Cohen Street in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-000558-ZA). (Continued from the August 22, 2024, Council Meeting)

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Ald. Leggett moved (to approve item #20) that the first reading be considered the second and the ordinance placed upon its passage and passed, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Johnson advised we will reconvene this item on our agenda in six months.

Ald. Palumbo asked if we have a pledge to work with the school system (yes).

Mayor Johnson recognized Rabbi Robert Haas for being present, and he requested his assistance with putting the community agreement in Hebrew.

21. Petition of Bridget Lidy on Behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah for a Text Amendment to Sections 7.8.10, 7.9.10, 7.10.11, 7.11.10, and 13.5 of the Zoning Ordinance to Address the Definition of True Stucco (File No. 24-003913-ZA).

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Mayor Pro Tem Shabazz moved (to approve item #21) that the first reading be considered the second and the ordinance placed upon its passage and passed, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Leggett was away from the dais.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

22. Approval for the Annexation of 7.21 Acres Located at 2505 and 2521 Fort Argyle Road. The property owner desires to connect to City utilities at inside city rates.

Exhibit 1: Annexation Petition - Fort Argyle Road.pdf

Exhibit 2: Annexation Ordinance - Fort Argyle Road.pdf

HEARD for first readings only, items #22, #23, and #24. See related agenda items #10 and #11.

23. Petition of Donald Dyches on Behalf of Fort Argyle Storage, LLC and Fort Argyle, LLC for an Amendment to the Future Land Use Map Category from Residential - Suburban Single-Family to Commercial – Suburban at 2505 and 2521 Ft. Argyle Road (11048B01022 and 11048B01023). Item supports annexation request (File No. 24-003509-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 2501 and 2521 Ft. Argyle Road FLUM (File No. 24-003509-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 2505 and 2521 Ft. Argyle Road FLUM (File No. 24-003509-ZA).pdf

HEARD for first readings only, items #22, #23, and #24. See related agenda items #10 and #11.

24. Petition of Donald Dyches on Behalf of Fort Argyle, LLC and Fort Argyle Storage, LLC to Zone Approximately 7.21 Acres Located at 2505 and 2521 Ft. Argyle Road (11048B01022 and 11048B01023) from B-N (Neighborhood-Business) Zoning District to the B-N-CO (Neighborhood Business-County) Zoning District. Item supports annexation request (File No. 24-002255-ZA).

Exhibit 1: Staff Report for 2505 and 2521 Ft. Argyle Road (File No.24-002255-ZA) .pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 2505 and 2521 Ft. Argyle Road Rezoning (File No. 24-002255-ZA).pdf

HEARD for first readings only, items #22, #23, and #24. See related agenda items #10 and #11.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Janitorial and Floor Care Services with Klean-Pro Facility Services, LLC in an Amount Not to Exceed $51,666. This contract will provide janitorial services for the Sanitation facilities. (Sanitation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Janitorial Sanitation.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - Janitorial Sanitation.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #25 through #36, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for the Child Development Associate (CDA) Job Training Program with Summit Training Specialist, LLC in an Amount Not to Exceed $71,400. The Child Development Associate (CDA) job training program will serve 120 income eligible scholarship recipients. (Human Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Child Development Associate Training Services (Emerge).pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Child Development Associate Training Services (Emerge).pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #25 through #36, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

27. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Securing Structures with Beers Housing, Inc in an Amount Not to Exceed $77,662. The Code Compliance Department will utilize this contract for the removal of unsafe structures that can attract criminal activity or other unwanted elements. (Code Compliance)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Securing Structures Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Securing Structures Services.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #25 through #36, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

28. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Illegal Dumping Clearing Services with Sam-Jay Services, Inc. (LOCAL) in An Amount Not to Exceed $87,600. The Park & Tree Services Division will utilize this contract for clearing services of illegal dumped items on City owned properties and right-of-ways within the City of Savannah. (Park &Tree)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Illegal Dumping Clearing Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Illegal Dumping Clearing Services.pdf

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29. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System (SCADA) with Layer 3 Communications (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed $119,989. SCADA is a system of software and hardware elements that maintains efficiency in the City's Water Supply and Treatment Department by controlling processes locally or remotely. (Water Supply & Treatment)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - SCADA Annual Maintenance Renewal.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - SCADA Annual Maintenance Renewal.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #25 through #36, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

30. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Portable Radios with Motorola Solutions in an Amount Not to Exceed $175,560. This contract will be used by the Innovation + Technology Services Department to purchase replacement radios for the Savannah Fire Department (SFD) to replace aging radios that have fallen out of production. (Innovation + Technology)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Motorola Portable Radios SFD.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Motorola Portable Radios SFD.pdf

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31. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Grounds Maintenance of Canals & Ditches with J. Corbett Enterprises, Inc. (LOCAL)(DBE) in An Amount Not to Exceed $302,245. The Park & Tree Department will utilize this contract for grounds maintenance services on various canals, ditches, and their associated rights-of-ways, and easements within the City limits. (Park & Tree)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Grounds Maintenance for Canals & Ditches.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Grounds Maintenance for Canals & Ditches.pdf

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32. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Crossroads Water Reclamation Facility Clarifier Drain Repairs with Ruby-Collins, Inc in the Amount of $275,583.The repairs will include replacement of broken plug valves on the drain lines of the three secondary clarifiers at the Crossroads Water Reclamation Facility. (Public Works & Water Resources)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Crossroads Clarifier Repairs.pdf

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Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Modification Electronic Time Keeping System.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Modification Electronic Time Keeping System.pdf

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34. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Building Envelope Design with Raymond Engineering-GA, Inc. (LOCAL)(DBE) in an Amount Not to Exceed $400,000. The City of Savannah has ongoing needs for business envelope design services and ongoing observation on various building envelope projects, which may vary in complexity, on an as-needed, on-call basis. Following disaster events, damage assessments of roofs and water damage in City facilities, and safety evaluations will be needed as well. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Building Envelope Design Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchase Note - Building Envelope Design Services.pdf

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35. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Design Services of the Eastside Gym Addition at PARC with Hussey Gay Bell (LOCAL) in the Amount of $452,500. These services will be used to develop addition plans to construct a gym at the existing building at PARC. The program of spaces will include a gymnasium, player locker rooms, gym office and storage, public restrooms, and lobby. (Capital Projects) (Continued from the August 22, 2024, Council Meeting)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - PARC Eastside Gym.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - PARC Eastside Gym.pdf

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36. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 to the Existing Agreement with C.E. Garbutt Construction Company for the City Hall Restoration Phase 1 Project in the Amount of $107,475. This contract modification is for additional Scope of Work to replace the finishes in the 2nd floor Media Room. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - City Hall Restoration Project.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - City Hall Restoration Project.pdf

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SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

37. Approval to Procure Wayfinding Stanchions, Panels, and Signage from Lavi Industries, in the Amount of $81,300.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #37 through #43, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

38. Approval to Procure Taxiway Lighting Equipment from Allen Enterprises, Inc., in the Amount of $99,600.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #37 through #43, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

39. Approval to Execute a Work For Hire Agreement with BenL Consulting International d/b/a Ben Lao & Associates, in the Amount of $144,800.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #37 through #43, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

40. Approval to Procure Common Use Passenger Processing System Gate Positions and Gate Information Displays from Infax., in the Amount of $221,122.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #37 through #43, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

41. Approval to Renew a Five-Year Contract with GoApron for a Gate Management System, in the Amount of $267,300.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #37 through #43, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

42. Approval to Participate in a Robmark Advertising Campaign to Promote New Air Service, in the Amount of $287,678.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #37 through #43, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

43. Approval to Procure Security Screening Equipment from Leidos Corporation, in the Amount of $317,611.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #37 through #43, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

44. Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Submit the FY2024 and FY2025 Continuum of Care (CoC) Application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding and Grant Agreement with the Subrecipient Chatham Savannah Authority for the Homeless, Inc. for Federal Assistance as the Project Sponsor.

Exhibit 1: Resolution - Authorize Submission of FY24 CoC Application.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve item #44, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Ald. Miller Blakely expressed a concern regarding the homeless population which is getting completely out of hand. She is concerned that the Chatham-Savannah Homeless Authority is not doing enough. She detailed her recent experiences and observations. She also noted what she has observed in Charleston, SC, regarding how they appear to have addressed homelessness, which is no longer seen/visible there. She stated we need to do more than what we have been doing. She suggested police visibility at the civic center.

Mayor Johnson stated we are not criminalizing homelessness. People can be in public spaces, whether unsightly or not smelling good. He does not want or expect the police to move people from public spaces. Two members of this City Council sit on the Authority for the Homeless. This particular agenda item helps us do what we need to do.

Ald. Purtee stated he has seen significant improvement, including the formation of the interagency council on homelessness. Previously everyone worked in silos. Nobody wants to see homelessness, but some of them have particular issues. We have seen less homelessness in the City of Savannah, which has been counted. More occurs on the southside because there are several wooded and undeveloped areas. He commended the Savannah Police Department for putting forth an effort with the Homeless Authority liaison, looking at this holistically. Nobody wants a day center in their backyard. The point-in-time count is down 23% from where we were last year. We have had success with reuniting people with their families and getting help for veterans.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan commended the work of the Homeless Authority, especially the day centers that are available. We can't outrun homelessness, but we can try to patch it up. She agrees with Ald. Purtee who also attends the meetings, and we do a good job particulary in the third district. Anyone of us can be homeless, if we missed six months. The Homeless Authority is just one of the integral parts. She thanked the Homeless Authority, and the Police Department (the Chief and our Resource Officers). It is lucrative for homeless persons to panhandle, and we created a city ordinance to try to control that issue. We have learned that a lot of homeless persons do not want to be helped. We have to do more with these interagency departments. She is very proud of the tiny houses in the third district, providing 120 living spaces for homeless persons. We have to continue doing things for mental health and single moms. Anita Smith-Dixon, Family Promise, and Mercy Housing do an amazing job. The Homeless Authority cannot do it by themselves, and they have gone to weekends to monitor the homeless on the weekends.

Mayor Johnson added we are in the middle of the budget process and we will be asking for us to put our necks further into the game. We need day centers on the southside to expand our services, so there will be some opportunities if you feel we are not doing enough.

Ald. Bell suggested a workshop presentation from the Homeless Authority to inform Council of some of the issues and progress to see what has been done and what is planned. City Manager Melder advised they were planning to do a presentation around the strategic plan to include both the city and the county.

Ald. Lanier stated she is glad that others have seen a decrease, however the west side neighborhoods have seen a stark increase in the homeless population and they are not people who used to live there. A new population of homeless people are being seen now since the Presidents Street fire. A very respected resident stated she saw a white van dropoff homeless people in Feldwood. We do not want that population and poverty dumping in our community. We are concerned about keeping people in their houses, whether accessory dwelling units (ADUs), affordable housing fund, allowing duplexes, and other things that have made them sustainable which are now non-compliant.

45. Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Transmit the Draft 2024 Capital Improvements Element Annual Update for Regional and State Review. The CIE Annual Update is required each year to comply with the Georgia Development Impact Fee Act and to maintain the City of Savannah's qualified local government certification.

Exhibit 1: Impact Fee Revenue by Public Service Facility.pdf

Exhibit 2: Savannah Five-Year Community Work Program (2025-2029) Redline Draft.pdf

Exhibit 3: Savannah Five-Year Community Work Program (2025-2029) Final Draft .pdf

Exhibit 4: Proposed Transmittal Resolution.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve item #45, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

AGREEMENTS

46. Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Savannah Economic Development Authority (SEDA), Bryan County, Bulloch County, Chatham County, and the City of Savannah to Conduct a Comprehensive Analysis of the Housing Market and Provide a Housing Market Needs Assessment and Planning Services for the Four-county Area.

Exhibit 1: Intergovernmental Agreement - Housing Study.pdf

Exhibit 2: Intergovernmental Agreement - Housing Study (Redline).pdf

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve items #46 through #51, seconded by Ald. Purtee and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

47. Approval of Modification No. 2 and Extension of the PY2023 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Year-Round Youth Sub-award Period of Availability for WIOA Services.

Exhibit 1: PY23-25 Adult and DW Statement of Grant Awards.pdf

Exhibit 2: PY23 Youth Grant Award.pdf

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve items #46 through #51, seconded by Ald. Purtee and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

48. Authorize the City Manager to Accept the FY2024 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Grant Award in the Amount $250,000, Transferring Dislocated Worker Funds to the Adult Funding Stream. The award will be used to provide training and supportive services to adults who are unemployed or underemployed from October 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025. The City serves as the fiduciary agent for the 10-county region.

Exhibit 1: FY24 Dislocated Workers Transfer to Adult Funds.pdf

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve items #46 through #51, seconded by Ald. Purtee and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

49. Authorize the City Manager to Accept the Initial PY24 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Grant Awards for Adult ($161,516) and Dislocated Worker ($417,154) Programs. The awards will be used to provide programs from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026 to adults who are unemployed or underemployed, and adults who have lost their jobs. The City serves as the fiduciary agent for the 10-county region.

Exhibit 1: Initial Allocation - PY24 Dislocated Worker Grant Award.pdf

Exhibit 2: Initial Allocation - PY24 Adult Grant Award.pdf

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve items #46 through #51, seconded by Ald. Purtee and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

50. Authorize the City Manager to Accept the PY24 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Youth Grant Award in the Amount of $1,056,927. The award will be used to provide youth programs from April 1, 2024, to June 30, 2026, to low-income youth between the ages of 16 and 24. The City serves as the fiduciary agent for the 10-county region.

Exhibit 1: PY24 Youth Grant Award.pdf

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve items #46 through #51, seconded by Ald. Purtee and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

51. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with West Highland Developers, LLC for Tract N Townhomes. This is for a development consisting of 158 townhomes in Aldermanic District 1.

Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Tract N Townhomes.pdf

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve items #46 through #51, seconded by Ald. Purtee and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

52. Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Friends of Forsyth Conservancy Inc. and City of Savannah Which Outlines Mutually Beneficial Roles and Responsibilities to Promote and Maintain the Preservation, Historic Integrity, and Open Access of Forsyth Park for All of Its Users. (Item Postponed at the Request of Staff)

Exhibit 1: MOU - Friends of Forsyth Park Conservancy Inc.pdf

No action was taken. Agenda item #52 was withdrawn as requested by the City Manager.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

53. Authorize the Sale of Timber at the New Hampstead Conservation Tract. The City obtained a forest stewardship management plan from the Georgia Forestry Commission (GFC) to assist the City in safe and productive management of this important property and recommended the City engage an experienced forestry management consultant and timber broker to implement the forestry management plan.

Exhibit 1: Map Attachment - New Hampstead.pdf

Exhibit 2: Timber Harvesting Agreement - New Hampstead.pdf

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve items #53 and #54, seconded by Ald. Purtee and Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

54. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Land Lease with Bellsouth Telecommunications, LLC (AT&T). Bellsouth Telecommunications, LLC ("AT&T") currently leases two parking spaces in the State Street Parking Garage from the City of Savannah.

Exhibit 1: Bellsouth Land Lease Agreement - State Street Parking Garage.pdf

Exhibit 2: Map Attachment - State Street Parking Garage.pdf

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve items #53 and #54, seconded by Ald. Purtee and Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

55. Settlement #1.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney's office to resolve the claim (worker's compensation matter) of Henry Mitchell in the amount of $50,000.00, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

56. Approval to Rename Magnolia Park, Located at the Corner of Bacon Park Drive and Morgan Street, to Robert "Bobby" Sturgess Park.

Exhibit 1: SIGNED Decision - Sturgess Park 24-003715-HM.pdf

Exhibit 2: Staff Report - Sturgess Park.pdf

Exhibit 3: Submittal Packet - Sturgess Park.pdf

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve items #56, seconded by Ald. Bell and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

57. Approval of an Honorary Street Designation for "Linda B. Harris Way" on the Portion of Live Oak Street Between East 35th and East 36th Streets.

Exhibit 1: SIGNED - HSMC Linda B Harris Way Honorary Naming 24-003712.pdf

Exhibit 2: Support Letter - Linda B Harris Way.pdf

Exhibit 3: Submittal Packet - Linda B Harris Way.pdf

Ald. Bell moved to approve items #57, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

58. Approval of Major Subdivision: Oakwood at New Hampstead Phase 1C. This proposed property totals 8.293 acres and will consist of 33 lots with varying lot sizes. The property is accessed from Highgate Boulevard in Aldermanic District 5.

Exhibit 1: Major Subdivision: Oakwood at New Hampstead Phase 1C.pdf

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve items #58, #59, #60, and #61, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

59. Approval of a Major Subdivision: Tract N, Phase 3, The Highlands at Godley Station. The proposed property totals 3.758 acres and will consist of 36 single family lots with varying lot sizes. The property is located at Slade Street and Goodleigh Circle in Aldermanic District 1.

Exhibit 1: Plat - Major Subdivision Tract N Phase 3 The Highlands at Godley Station.pdf

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve items #58, #59, #60, and #61, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

60. Added Item: Authorize the City Manager to Accept the PY24 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Grant Award for National Dislocated Worker/Disaster Recovery Grant (NDW/DRG) Program in the Amount of $215,000. The award will be used to provide disaster recovery activities from August 5, 2024, through June 30, 2025, to assist with temporary loss of employment, clean-up projects, demolition, repair, renovation, and reconstruction of destroyed public structures, facilities and lands within the 10-county region communities affected by Hurricane Debby.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve items #58, #59, #60, and #61, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

61. Added Item: Authorize the City Manager to Accept a Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act FY2024 Rapid Response Grant Award in the Amount of $50,000. The award will be used to implement general Dislocated Worker workforce training activities. The City serves as the fiduciary agent for the 10-county region.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve items #58, #59, #60, and #61, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ald. Bell and Mayor Johnson expressed condolences to Karen Bogans and her family.

Ald. Leggett expressed condolences to the Leroy "Monk" Harris family, former Miami Dolphins and Philadelphia Eages running back.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan announced next week's celebration of former Mayor and Georgia State Representative Edna Branch Jackson's 80th birthday.

Ald. Miller Blakely announced that two African American icons lost their lives this week, Frankie Beverly and James Earl Jones. She expressed deepest sympathies and sincere condolences to their families and the community.

Ald. Lanier announced that on the first weekend in October (Friday and Saturday) is the 51st Whipper Nation weekend. On Friday will be the Cool Blue Celebration at the gym on West Street, and Saturday at Fellwood Park.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz announced that one of her constituents is really loving on the fifth district and she is having an event at Cann Park on Saturday from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. called "Love the Block."

City Manager Melder congratulated and welcomed Melissa Carter and Joe Shearouse to Interim Chief ranks, stepping up to serve in these positions during the transition.

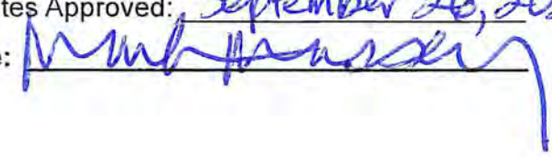
Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at **4:52 p.m.**

The video recording of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: September 26, 2024

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SEPTEMBER 26, 2024 12:00 p.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT
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The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at **12:00 p.m.**, in the SCCPSS Board of Education Room located at the Eli Whitney Administrative Complex, 2 Laura Avenue, Building G. **Mayor Johnson** called the meeting to order, then recognized **Alderman Kurtis Purtee** to offer a prayer.

Mayor Johnson stated we are anticipating a storm event. He asked City Manager Melder to give a high-level update regarding the anticipated weather events of Hurricane Helene. The City Manager indicated our area anticipates increased chance of tornado activity, tropical storm force winds, and large rain bands. The city's crews are out preparing and addressing street flooding. They will continue to be out ıll night and all day, as the storm passes.

Mayor Johnson thanked the City Manager, Team Savannah, and the sanitation and recycling folks who are out making it happen.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 - Vice Chair

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 - Chairman

Alderwoman 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

Assistant to Clerk of Council Renee Osborne

Workshop Agenda Items

1. Major Federal Grants and Congressionally Directed Spending Update

Mayor Johnson introduced the discussion by speaking to the great opportunities on the state and federal levels, due to our investments, with arming the City Manager and Team Savannah to play big. It has paid big dividends for us. He thanked staff for their leadership.

City Manager Melder spoke to members of Council about state and federal grant capture initiatives. He indicated the presentation will include what they have been able to secure and where they hope to bring that program, as well as where more state and federal dollars can be brought into Savannah to help with big infrastructure initiatives, like stormwater, safe streets for all, and housing. He asked Chief Planning & Economic Development Officer Faye DiMassimo and Interim Chief of Information and Public Affairs Joe Shearouse to come-up and make the presentation. He further stated our ability to pull down these large grants, especially from the federal government, is the result of many different things. The first is leadership and heightened visibility this Council provides the City, both in Atlanta and Washington, D.C. Another big part is Team Savannah, the expertise we have and the expertise we have brought in, thereby deepening our bench. We are increasing our grant writing capability and we are making sure we have projects that are shovel ready and on the shelf. We also rely on our community partners to help us. The same recipe that brings federal dollars helps us on the state level, like the One Georgia Grant, and the recent low-income housing tax credit award for our Fairgrounds project. Then the City Manager turned the presentation over to Faye and Joe to make the PowerPoint presentation on file in the Clerk of Council's office.

Mayor Johnson thanked the City Manager, Mr. Shearouse, Ms. DiMassimo, and city partners Mr. Andrew "Drew" Young from US Senator Warnock's office and Ms. Christian Shellman from US Senator Ossoff's office. There are two sides to this work, building the relationships and leveraging the relationships. We have to have good projects that make sense. Mayor Johnson advised that when he is advocating in D.C. or Atlanta, it makes it easy for him when we have projects that are ready to go. When US Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg called him regarding the latest grant, he called the City Manager because no matter how competitive the funding opportunities, the Secretary was pleased with Savannah's plan. That's the work that makes the rubber meet the road. Sometimes we need to hop in a plane and go to be in these meetings and hearings and to create opportunities.

Ald. Palumbo congratulated the team on bringing home to Savannah $50 million within a two-three year span. It is a systems approach and takes an enormous amount of hard work, partnership, and connections on both the political and governance side to make things work. He congratulated Mr. Shearouse and Ms. DiMassimo who already has assisted within a months time, going after the SMART Grant, which was also received by Chatham Area Transit (CAT), and the ATIIP Grant. He was going to ask what's the next big one we are going to go after, but he sees that they already have that going in motion.

Mayor Johnson added that are more opportunities to have skin in the game. Sometimes we will asked by the City Manager to have local investments in order to go after federal dollars. The City Manager responded with examples, like the SPLOST funds and the BRIC grant.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan asked whether we have received all of the ARPA funds. The City Manager responded yes, and all of the funding has been allocated. Regarding Safe Streets for All, she asked how they decided which three city council districts would be getting this award and which three districts are impacted. The City Manager and Ms. DiMassimo explained the entire 37th Street Corridor was identified as the most unsafe corridor (incidents and fatalities) which spans districts one, two, and three. Ald. Wilder-Bryan stated she would have liked to see what the plan was going to be, the districts, neighborhoods, and 15 intersections identified on the map.

Ald. Bell thanked everyone and expressed a concern regarding engagement. She would like to see our citizens as excited as we are about receiving these funds and the transformation coming to the neighborhoods, like the flyover coming down. She asked if we are thinking about how we can engage/inform citizens, other than what we are already doing. In attending the recent forums, hardly nobody is there. More staff appear to be attending than citizens. While she advised that she does not have the answers, maybe some flyers can be distributed. The City Manager responded regarding authentic community engagement opportunities in a more meaningful way. Mr. Shearouse added there are opportunities to engage post-award to capitalize on the velocity of the award through constant communication, with project advisory committees.

Ald. Lanier thanked them for the report and presentation. Then she asked if ARPA is the only grant that is exhausted. The City Manager responded by explaining how ARPA worked in 2021 and 2022. He advised he has a nice graphic on those funds and he will be happy to share it. Ald. Lanier stated it will be great to get something on how those funds were spent and where. With more emphasis on transportation, we have a huge need in the Woodville area, like recent conversations regarding a bypass road due to the negative impact on those communities resulting from the traffic. Ald. Lanier stated she would like to see the names of our streets in the City of Savannah to be spelled correctly. Regarding the involvement and participation of the Tide to Town project engagements, she did not

support what the contractor came to the table with. It is going to be essential that we hire and engage with people who are sensitive to how to work with marginalized people. We are not doing a good job of holding meetings where people can easily attend, without having to travel away from their (threatened) areas to engage in these meetings. Experience, training, and knowledge is needed on how you work with certain demographic communities. Equity has been identifed to be a foundational principle and she needs that.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked the City Manager for his leadership, and Ms. DiMassimo and Mr. Shearouse for taking this to another level. She asked if there is a stipulation required for community engagement. The City Manager responded with examples of where this is required and he named other activities, even when it is not required, but he would still like to roll out engagement opportunities. Regarding leveraging and capitalizing, Dr. Shabazz asked about the move-in ready homes project. Mr. Shearouse described the project in more detail. Following his explanation, Dr. Shabazz stated due to our low housing inventory, this is going to be absolutely wonderful for our city and reduce blight among existing structures. On the reconnecting communities slide, Dr. Shabazz asked for an explanation of the $720K for updating IMR (Interchange Modification Report). Ms. DiMassimo provided an explanation of IMR as an in-depth traffic analysis that helps GDOT. Further, this project brings restoration and re-creation, as well as an economic development opportunity. Dr. Shabazz also thanked Mr. Young from US Senator Warnock's office, Ms. Shellman from US Senator Ossoff's office, Matt from Congressman Carter's office, and Mayor Johnson for representing the City of Savannah.

Ald. Miller Blakely thanked them for the presentation. She asked what is being put back (businesses) when the flyover comes down. Regarding Safe Streets for All, she asked for the 15 intersection improvements (Ogeechee Rd, Bulloch St, MLK Jr, Montgomery St, Barnard St, Whitaker St, Bull St, Drayton St, Abercorn St, Habersham St, Price St, E. Broad St, Paulsen St, Harmon St, Waters Ave and down to Bee Rd), the five different neighborhoods (Live Oak, Midtown, Thomas Square, Metropolitan, and Cuyler-Brownsville), and the three city council districts (1st, 2nd, 3rd). Regarding the move-in ready homes project, she would like to see some veterans get assistance wherever possible. Regarding Solar for All, Ald. Miller Blakely asked if the city has assisted with any households. Ms. DiMassimo advised she will get her a list and the grant provides solar to 6000 residential rooftops, provide 14,000 additional homes with affordable energy, expanded electricity discounts, and Georgia Power 65+ senior discounts ($33.50). For persons wanting to take advantage of this program, Ms. DiMassimo stated the sustainability staff is working on a program now to make sure outreach occurs for eligibility and participation. Ald. Miller Blakely requested that information to put it out into the community.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan stated there is an apartment complex in the 3rd district, Alhambra, who were the first to receive solar energy, and they say their electricity bills have dropped significantly.

Ald. Palumbo congratulated Ald. Wilder-Bryan, this City Council, and the Office of Sustainability who has been so successful, they keep being promoted out. The formula we launched in March 2020 to bring solar energy into our city facilities was exported to a pilot program called Georgia Bright. The program then went statewide and received a federal grant, a remarkable success program we should all be proud of.

Mayor Johnson announced there is no executive session, and for any questions regarding the agenda, he asked council members to get with the City Manager.

2. Closed Executive Session: Litigation, Personnel, and Real Estate

No executive session was needed or held.

3. City Manager's Agenda Review

Mayor Johnson asked members of the City Council to get with the City Manager regarding any agenda items.

There was no action taken during the Workshop.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the workshop at **12:59 p.m.**

The video recording of the Workshop can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: October 11, 2024 (Friday)

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SEPTEMBER 26, 2024 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
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SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at **2:02 p.m.**, in the SCCPSS Board of Education Room located at the Eli Whitney Administrative Complex, 2 Laura Avenue, Building G. **Mayor Johnson** called the meeting to order, then recognized **Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz** who introduced **Minister Janice Swan-Butts, Co-Pastor of Thankful Missionary Baptist Church** to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Mayor Johnson asked everyone to observe a moment of silence in honor of Mr. James William Putney, Jr., a local veteran who passed away on Sunday.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II

Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

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Assistant to Clerk of Council Renee Osborne

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for September 26, 2024.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda as amended to add a Proclamation recognizing the month of September 2024 as Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month in the City of Savannah, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on September 12, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

Agenda Plus-WS MINUTES_September 12, 2024, City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #2 and #3, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on September 12, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

Agenda Plus- RM MINUTES_September 12, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #2 and #3, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

4. Amend the 2024 City Council Regular Meeting Schedule to Accommodate the NLC City Summit (Nov 13-16), Thereby Changing the November 14 Meeting to November 7 at 2pm.

2024_REVISED ON 9-23-2024_COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE.pdf

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve #4, seconded by Ald. Purtee and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS

5. A Proclamation Declaring October 15 Through October 19 as Literacy Week in the City of Savannah, Georgia.

20240926_Proclamation declaring Literacy Week in Savannah, Georgia.pdf

Read into the record by Mayor Johnson.

6. Recognition of the Inaugural Cohort of the City of Savannah's "Lauch Savannah Minority Business Accelerator".

Mayor Johnson invited Economic Development Senior Director MarRonde Lumpkin-Lotson and the minority businesses present to join him at the podium.

At Mrs. Lumpkin-Lotson's request, she invited former mayor Dr. Otis Johnson to join them. She then described the 12 week program created by the department. She introduced the program participants/businesses who were present.

Due to Ald. Palumbo's work as a partner and the Executive Director of Creative Coast, Mayor Johnson invited him to the podium. Ald. Palumbo highlighted the ceremony being held on Tuesday, October 8th at 5:30 p.m., in celebration for the inaugural class of LAUNCH Savannah at the soon-to-be-named Johnson Cultural Arts Center, Ben Tucker Theater.

Mayor Johnson spoke about the work of the REAL Taskforce which challenged everyone to be better, which the LAUNCH initiative proved to be proof positive. He also encouraged everyone to support these businesses.

7. Appearance by the City of Savannah Human Resources Staff in Recognition of Human Resources Professional Day.

Mayor Johnson stated he is a credentialed human resources professional with various designations. He invited members of the City's Human Resources (HR) Department to the podium in recognition of Human Resources Professional Day.

Mayor Johnson invited City Manager Melder to introduce HR Director Jeff Grant and his team. Mr. Melder acknowledged the great job the HR Team recently did presenting their professional development program at the ICMA annual conference in Pittsburgh.

Mr. Grant provided an overview of the work performed by the HR Department and he introduced their team members.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan asked to include Latrelle Porter's name in the acknowledgements, although she could not be present.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

8. Approval of a Class G (Complimentary) (Beer, and Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Purima Boahirunya for Faherty, a clothing store located at 109 West Broughton Street. The establishment is located between Whitaker and Barnard Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1-Checklist- Faherty.pdf

Exhibit 2-Density Map - Faherty.pdf

Exhibit 3-Alcohol Reports - Faherty.pdf

Exhibit 4- Measurements- Faherty.pdf

Exhibit 5-Security Plan - Faherty.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearings open for items #8 and #9.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the hearings for items #8 and #9, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve item #8, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

9. Approval of a Class C (Beer and Wine) (By the Drink) and Class E (Beer and Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Keith Butz for Thompson Savannah (Stevedore Bakery), a restaurant located at 402 Passage Way. The establishment is located between Altamaha and Port Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1-Checklist- Thompson Savannah (Stevedore Bakery).pdf

Exhibit 2-Density Map - Thompson Savannah (Stevedore Bakery).pdf

Exhibit 3-Alcohol Reports - Thompson Savannah (Stevedore Bakery).pdf

Exhibit 4-Measurements- Thompson Savannah (Stevedore Bakery).pdf

Exhibit 5-Security Plan - Thompson Savannah (Stevedore Bakery).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearings open for items #8 and #9.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the hearings for items #8 and #9, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve item #9, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

10. Approval of a Class E (Beer and Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Brittani Claus for Aldi # 84 a grocery store located at 1651 East Victory Drive. The establishment is located between Wicklow Street and Dixie Avenue in Aldermanic District 3.

Exhibit 1-Checklist- Aldi#84

Exhibit 2-Density Map- Aldi #84

Exhibit 3- Alcohol Reports - Aldi # 84

Exhibit 4- Measurements- Aldi # 84

ALDI'S Security Plan

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing open for item #10.

Speaker(s):

- Charisse Williams – Asked a question, OPPOSED
- Roshida Edwards - OPPOSED
- Hollis Mitchell - OPPOSED
- Andre Coney - OPPOSED

a. Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to close the hearing for item #10, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve item #10, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Lanier voted no.

Ald. Miller Blakely stated we pride ourselves on equity in this city, but where is the equity for the small black business next door to Aldi who could not get a liquor license. She expressed concern regarding other black businesses such as B. NiCole's and the Vintage who is in the overlay. She stated she has asked for the overlay to be lifted for months. She asked the City Manager how many black business have liquor licenses out of all licenses issued by the city. She urged the Council to do better.

Ald. Lanier expressed that black people in the city are upset regarding this particular procedure, namely they do not feel the procedure is fair nor equitable. This is a prime example of showing systemic and structural racism. She has recommended that the Council remove this procedure from the political process and make it an administrative one. She stated she has done research around the country, including Portland and a city in North Carolina, who has made this process an administrative procedure to reduce political influence, increase transparency, and decrease disparity. To avoid this racism, disparity, and gentrification of retail in our policies, she urged fixing this issue with a policy solution.

Ald. Bell asked Ald. Lanier which city in North Carolina she spoke about. Ald. Lanier stated she will send it to her.

Mayor Johnson stated the issue on the floor is a grocery store who has gone through the process and they are asking Council if they can have a liquor license, nothing else. If you are in an overlay district, you do not get a license. If you request a license within 12 months, you are allowed a license within an overlay district. The other issue deals with a different use, given that it is not a grocery store, but it is a club or a bar or a restaurant that sought a liquor license. When the business went through the process they came to Council, then Council deliberated and voted. He stated he voted for it, but the request was voted down. So the Council acted.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

11. Approval for the Annexation of 7.21 Acres Located at 2505 and 2521 Fort Argyle Road. The property owner desires to connect to City utilities at inside city rates.

Exhibit 1: Annexation Petition - Fort Argyle Road.pdf

Exhibit 2: Annexation Ordinance - Fort Argyle Road.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve item #11, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

12. Petition of Donald Dyches on Behalf of Fort Argyle Storage, LLC and Fort Argyle, LLC for an Amendment to the Future Land Use Map Category from Residential - Suburban Single-Family to Commercial – Suburban at 2505 and 2521 Ft. Argyle Road (11048B01022 and 11048B01023). Item supports annexation request (File No. 24-003509-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for 2505 and 2521 Ft. Argyle Road FLUM (File No. 24-003509-ZA) .pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 2505 and 2521 Ft. Argyle Road FLUM (File No. 24-003509-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for 2505 and 2521 Ft. Argyle Road FLUM (File No. 24-003509-ZA).pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve item #12, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Lanier voted no.

13. Petition of Donald Dyches on Behalf of Fort Argyle, LLC and Fort Argyle Storage, LLC to Zone Approximately 7.21 Acres Located at 2505 and 2521 Ft. Argyle Road (11048B01022 and 11048B01023) from B-N (Neighborhood-Business) Zoning District to the B-N-CO (Neighborhood Business-County) Zoning District. Item supports annexation request (File No. 24-002255-ZA).

Exhibit 1: Staff Report for 2505 and 2521 Ft. Argyle Road (File No. 24-002255-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 2505 and 2521 Ft. Argyle Road Rezoning (File No. 24-002255-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for 2505 and 2521 Ft. Argyle Road (File No. 24-002255-ZA).pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve item #13, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Lanier voted no.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Replacement of Decking at Grayson Stadium with Dant Clayton Corporation in the Amount of $631,600. New powder-coated aluminum decking, railing, and stairs will replace three tiers of old wood decking that have exceeded their useful life. (Facilities Maintenance)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Grayson Stadium Decking.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Grayson Stadium Decking.pdf

Ald. Lanier moved to approve item #14, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Ald. Lanier stated we spent a large amount of money earlier in the year on Grayson Stadium. The City Manager explained to her this is a SPLOST project that was earmarked. She stated that this project is another example of systemic and structural racism, picking winners and losers. We are renting them the facility and putting all of this money into it, in order to keep it at a certain level while making them money. The citizens are paying for all of this. Something is just not right about this deal, but she does understand we are having to deal with something that we inherited from a previous administration. This is why some people win and others lose.

Mayor Johnson advised that Grayson Stadium is a City of Savannah asset.

Ald. Miller Blakely stated the Savannah Bananas are doing some really good things across the country, and only pay the City of Savannah $25,000.00 a year. Bad deal.

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Generator Maintenance with W. W. Williams Company, LLC (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed $247,770. This service will provide maintenance for the emergency standby generator equipment city wide. (Lift Station)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Generator Maintenance City Wide.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Generator Maintenance City Wide.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #15, #16, #17, #18, and #20, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Phase 1B for the I&D Water Treatment Plant Optimization, Upgrade and Expansion Project with Hussey, Gay, Bell (LOCAL) in the Amount of $12,567,600. This will enable the City to proceed with capital improvements to the I&D Water Treatment Plant and associated water distribution infrastructure, ensuring the City of Savannah's water supply meets current and future demands as well as applicable regulatory compliance requirements (Water Resources).

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - I&D Plant Optimization.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - I&D Plant Optimization.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #15, #16, #17, #18, and #20, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Actuators from Georgia Western, LLC in an Amount Not to Exceed $82,862. The actuators help operate the gates that manage water flow at the President Street Plant, ensuring better control of the water movement in the tanks. (Water Reclamation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification- Actuators for Water Reclamation.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes -Actuators for Water Reclamation.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #15, #16, #17, #18, and #20, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for One Non-CDL Leaf Vacuum Truck with Environmental Products Group, in the Amount of $212,800. The new leaf vacuum truck will be used by the Park and Tree Department's City Cemeteries Division to replace unit 4633, which has been deemed inoperable and removed from service. This new truck will enhance efficiency in the removal of leaves, grass clippings, and other waste from cemetery grounds. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Leaf Vacuum Truck.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Leaf Vacuum Truck.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #15, #16, #17, #18, and #20, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Design of Tide to Town Middleground Trail with Kimley-Horn in the Amount of $929,000. This will be used for design services for the Middleground Trail which will extend approximately three miles along Middleground Road, connecting Abercorn and Montgomery Crossroads. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Middleground Design.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Middleground Design.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve item #19, seconded by Ald. Purtee. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Lanier voted no.

Ald. Lanier expressed concern regarding this item, due to previous meetings held in the community regarding this project which she stated failed to meet her expectations due to low attendance. Ald. Lanier indicated that people need to be hired that are sensitive to how you work with marginalized people. There needs to be an understanding of and sensitivity to people that are impacted by projects, as well as where meetings should be held for persons to be able to attend. Until this happens, she will not be able to support this item. The City Manager responded as requested by Mayor Johnson by describing/detailing past community meetings held regarding the Tide to Town trail.

Ald. Palumbo thanked the city staff for bringing this item forward, and particularly for this portion of the trail which stretches on a very treacherous stretch of the right-of-way, in the spirit of equity and safety. He stated we cannot encourage people to not attend community meetings, then complain when not enough people attend them. To have it both ways is not fair to the people we serve. We should be champions of these investments, because we know the good it can provide to the community. Savannah faces 22 traffic deaths a year, on average, and those traffic deaths are preventable through better design and investments within the community. The Tide to Town network is one of the methods that we can use to save lives, reconnect communities together, and be the silo buster that we need, particularly on the southside of the city. Ald. Palumbo stated for the equity growth management plan, he too would like to see more public engagement and community meetings. This portion of the trail is incredibly dangerous, just beyond Hunter Army Airfield. It brings together communities like Kingdom Life, the fifth district, the fourth district, and the sixth district. And it connects to places like Lake Mayer and Georgia Southern University.

Ald. Bell asked the City Manager if it would be possible, without delay, to hold a public engagement forum closer to West Savannah areas, given that Beach HS is a considerable distance from the areas mentioned by Ald. Lanier. She also observed more staff present at the community meetings than residents. City Manager Melder responded yes.

Mayor Johnson stated we should be encouraging people to attend our meetings. Whenever we can, we should engage more.

Ald. Leggett advised the City Manager he attended the community meeting held at Jenkins HS on the other night, and he communicated with Bridget Lidy about a meeting in the second district. He offered piggybacking off of the Thomas Square and Victorian neighborhood association meetings, and suggested using the Delaware Center as a convenient meeting location.

Ald. Lanier indicated her clarity in representing her district and fighting for equity. She told residents not to participate in their own marginalization by scurrying around to get a ride outside of their neighborhood to attend a meeting, and they understood. Traffic calming was one of the top concerns in her community which has now been swept under Vision Zero, while expanding the red cup zone.

20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Two Ford Explorers from Santee Automotive in the Amount Not to Exceed $87,952. The police department will use these vehicles for the Behavioral Health Unit (BHU). These vehicles meet the BHU's requirements and are crucial for continuing health-focused services. (SPD)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - BHU Vehicles.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - BHU Vehicles.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #15, #16, #17, #18, and #20, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Johnson asked the City Manager to confirm that the contractor was procured through a statewide contract, given its location in South Carolina.

AGREEMENTS

21. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Godley Station Enterprises, LLC for Brookline Subdivision Phase 2. This is for a development of 47-single family homes in the Godley West service area in Aldermanic District 1.

Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Brookline Subdivision Phase 2.pdf

Ald. Lanier moved to approve item #21, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

22. Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Johns Hopkins University (JHU), on behalf of its Bloomberg Center for Public Innovation (BCPI), and the City of Savannah under the Bloomberg American Sustainable Cities Initiative.

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve item #22, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Ald. Lanier stated this is a good thing, but keep your eyes on this initiative. A lot of things have the right intent, but something happens in rolling them out that we don't move the needle. She told the City Manager she appreciates the city embarking on this.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

23. Authorize City Manager to Execute an Amendment to the Lease and Operating Agreement with Fans First Entertainment, LLC (FFE) to govern proposed renovations/improvements and associated use of funds at Grayson Stadium.

Exhibit 1 - Fans_First_-_Amendment_to_Lease_-_Approved_Draft_Jesse_Cole-signed.pdf

Ald. Purtee moved to approve item #23, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Johnson asked the City Manager to give a high-level review of this item for the public's sake, given that he individually briefed each member of Council. City Manager Melder identified two separate tranche of SPLOST VII funds earmarked for Grayson Stadium improvements which have already been collected, and he explained an amendment to the operation agreement with Fans First Entertainment for the Savannah Bananas. They are a partner with the city for asset investments.

24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Second Amendment to the Coffee Bluff Marina Lease.

Exhibit 1 - Map - Coffee Bluff Marina - Street Maps.pdf

Exhibit 2 - Second Amendment to Operating Agreement - .pdf

Ald. Purtee moved to approve item #24, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

25. Approval of a Major Subdivision: Edgewater New Hampstead Phase 1C. This proposed property totals 55.717 acres and will consist of 111 lots with varying lot sizes. The property is located at Little Neck Road and New Hampstead Parkway located in Alderman District 5.

Exhibit 1: Plat: Major Subdivision Edgewater New Hampstead Phase 1C .pdf

Exhibit 2: MPC Decision.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve item #25, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

26. Approval of Renaming of the Savannah Cultural Arts Center at 201 Montgomery Street to the Dr. Otis S. Johnson Cultural Arts Center in honor of former Savannah Mayor Otis S. Johnson.

Exhibit 1: SIGNED HSMC Recommendation - 24-004336 - Cultural Arts Center Renaming.pdf

Exhibit 2: HSMC Submittal Packet - Dr. Otis S. Johnson Cultural Arts Center 2024.pdf

Mayor Johnson detailed a brief biography of former Savannah mayor Dr. Otis S. Johnson, and how they became acquainted over the years professionally and personally. Then he advised that Ald. Leggett and him pushed to name one of the city facilities after him.

Mayor Johnson moved to approve item #26, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Leggett. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely abstained from voting.

Mayor Johnson invited Dr. Johnson to the podium. Dr. Johnson received the recognition stating he has done his best to serve this community, and he appreciated the support of the City Council. Mayor Johnson also thanked the City Manager, Joe Shearouse, and the Historic Sites & Monuments Commission. He then acknowledged the presence of Ms. Shevon (Carr) Johnson.

27. Added Item: Recognition of Earl Etheridge, Administrator for the Recreation and Leisure Services Department, for 30 Plus Years of Outstanding Service to Our Community and the Youth and Adult Athletic Program.

Mayor Johnson read a proclamation to recognize Mr. Etheridge for his years of outstanding service to the City of Savannah.

Mr. Etheridge accepted the recognition, and Chief Community Services Officer Taffanye Young thanked him and his team for their service.

28. Added Item: Proclamation of September as Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month.

20240926_Proclamation in honor of Brain Aneurysm Awareness Month.pdf

Read into the record by Mayor Johnson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Johnson asked the members of the City Council to entertain a motion to amend the agenda and add "this item" which he forgot to add earlier. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to add the item to the agenda, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Johnson then acknowledged the birthdays of Ald. Bell, Ald. Miller Blakely, and Ald. Leggett.

For the added item, Mayor Johnson asked City Manager Melder to invite Mr. Wayne Nix up front on the occasion of his retirement, given this was his last City Council Meeting as the Television & Video Manager. Mayor Johnson announced that we have an award winning television station and much is attributed to Mr. Nix, whereupon there was a standing ovation and commendations extended by City Council members.

Mayor Johnson announced we are under a storm alert He asked everyone to get to a safe place and avoid flooding areas.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan congratulated Pastor Hall and his church who celebrated their church anniversary last Sunday. And she mentioned that on October 5th, they will be celebrating with 155 women in this city, including elected officials, clergy, law, education, community action, and nonprofits. There will also be something held at the PARC for our senior babies next Tuesday.

Ald. Miller Blakely personally thanked the Civic Center staff for a phenomenal job they did on the occasion of her marriage last Saturday. She also thanked the Clerk's office for her birthday gift.

Ald. Lanier extended condolences to the Bowers (her) family, so many of whom are from Hudson Hill and West Savannah. Her aunt passed away on last Friday at 105 years of age, and her birthday is the same day as the Weeping Time, March 3rd.

Mayor Johnson stated Be Safe and Be Savannah Strong, then he adjourned the Regular Meeting at **3:35 p.m.**

The video recording of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: October 11, 2024 (Friday)

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OCTOBER 11, 2024 10:00 a.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at **10:06 a.m.**, in the SCCPSS Board of Education Room located at the Eli Whitney Administrative Complex, 2 Laura Avenue, Building G. **Mayor Johnson** called the meeting to order, then recognized **Alderman Kurtis Purtee** to offer a prayer.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 - Vice Chair

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 - Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5 - Mayor Pro Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ABSENT:

Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Jay Melder

Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Assistant to Clerk of Council Renee Osborne

Workshop Agenda Items

1. Boards, Commissions, and Authorities

UPDATED_Boards MASTER LIST-2024_as of 10-03-2024_Six Boards Needing Action.pdf

Mayor Johnson nominated William Shedrick Coleman for appointment to the Historic District Board of Review (HDBR).

Ald. Leggett nominated Clarkson C. Logan for appointment to the HDBR.

Mayor Johnson stated we have three seats available for the Hospital Authority Board, so both names (Grace H. Taylor and Kristen Ravenel) can move forward if that is okay with everyone.

For Keep Savannah Beautiful (KSB), Mayor Johnson stated there are four (4) vacancies, some are outside of the city proper, so he asked members of Council to prioritize city residents. Then he asked for recommendations.

Ald. Leggett nominated Lillian Proveaux Breitbart for appointment to KSB.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan nominated Margaret Pringle for appointment to KSB.

Ald. Miller Blakely nominated Andrew Logan Lawrence for appointment to KSB.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan nominated Theodore A. Robbins for appointment to KSB.

Ald. Purtee stated regarding Kristen Ravenel being appointed to the Hospital Authority, he recently appointed Ms. Ravenel to the Traffic Calming Committee, so he'd like to spread this out a bit, by forgoing her nomination to the Hospital Authority Board.

Ald. Miller Blakely inquired if Ms. Ravenel applied. Mayor Johnson responded yes, she applied twice.

Mayor Johnson advised that there is only one expiration and one application received for the Pilotage Commission, so we will proceed with that one nomination if everyone is good.

Mayor Johnson advised that there are four (4) expirations for the Savannah-Chatham Council on Disability Issues (SCCODA), and two applications, so we will proceed with those two names (Rubin Huckabee and Christine Pendergrass), if everyone is accepting of it.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan asked the Clerk of Council if he got in contact with her appointment to the Traffic Calming Committee, Larry Myers. The Clerk of Council stated he reached out to him, but he has not heard back from him.

Ald. Miller Blakely nominated herself for appointment to the Traffic Calming Committee (Post 2, At-Large appointee).

2. Closed Executive Session: Litigation, Personnel, and Real Estate

There was no executive session held.

3. City Manager's Agenda Review

There was no agenda review held.

There was no action taken during the Workshop.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the workshop at **10:13 a.m.**

The video recording of the Workshop can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: October 24, 2024

Signature: Mark Massey

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OCTOBER 11, 2024 10:30 a.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at **10:34 a.m.**, in the SCCPSS Board of Education Room located at the Eli Whitney Administrative Complex, 2 Laura Avenue, Building G. **Mayor Johnson** called the meeting to order. He said today is the eve of Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the Jewish calendar, which talks about repentence and atonement. May we all do likewise. Then Mayor Johnson recognized **Alderman Kurtis Purtee** who introduced **Dr. Danielle Pilgrim, Lead Organizer of Justice Unites Us Together Savannah** to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Mayor Johnson stated we are extremely grateful, given our second storm in two weeks (Hurricanes Helene and Milton), and he is grateful that things were not worse. He stated he is grateful to Team Savannah, we kept our eyes open and our foot on the gas. He further stated we are keeping our friends in Florida in our thoughts and prayers. Lastly, he said "storm fatigue" is real, the biological and emotional attachment to getting ready, not ready, and getting ready again. Find ways to take care of yourselves. We have another month and a half left for hurricane season.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 - Vice Chair

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 - Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5 - Mayor Pro Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ABSENT:

Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Jay Melder

Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Assistant to Clerk of Council Renee Osborne

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for October 10, 2024.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda item #1, as amended by adding a proclamation designating October as Pride Month in Savannah as requested by Mayor Johnson, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on September 26, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

Exhibit 1: Minutes - September 26, 2024, City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #2 and #3, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on September 26, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Minutes - September 26, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #2 and #3, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.

PRESENTATIONS

4. Proclamation Declaring and Recognizing the Month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Savannah.

Mayor Johnson announced he is wearing purple intentionally, because October in **Domestic Violence Awareness Month** in Savannah. He invited the DV prevention warriors to come up, then he read the proclamation into the record. He mentioned that he spoke at a recent SAFE Shelter candlelight vigil in Forsyth Park. He invited Assistant Chief Gavin to join them, and he announced the city had one person to pass away in our city over the last twelve months due to domestic violence. We are working hard to be able to say we had no deaths.

The following persons made comments:

- SAFE Shelter Director of DV Services Daisy Hernandez
- 4 the Jewell N U Global, Inc. CEO Karen Alston
- Assistant Police Chief Robert Gavin

Mayor Johnson closed by saying "love should never hurt, if it hurts it's not love." If you need help, please call 912-629-8888.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz stated she also wears purple when the city recognizes this serious issue. She stated this is hard work and she is in full support of this work and the agencies who help with addressing domestic violence.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan congratulated Karen Alston, a 2024 Women of Action and a graduate of Savannah High School.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz acknowledged the Fire Department Chief wearing purple and Mayor Johnson acknowledged the Police Chief wearing a pink badge in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Following the DV presentation, Mayor Johnson recognized the **Crusader Club,** and he read various significant historical facts into the record. Mayor Johnson recognized the children of the original members of the Crusader Club who joined him at the podium, and he wished them a **Happy 70th Birthday**.

The following persons made comments:

- Ald. Purtee
- Kathy Manokey, Member of the Crusaders

The gala to commemorate their history will be held on Oct 19, 2024, 5-8pm.

Ald. Miller Blakely requested more information regarding the gala.

Ald. Lanier congratulated the Crusader Club, her fellow Gullah Geechee people. She stated she is proud to see Gullah Geechee heritage being recognized.

5. Recognition of Folds of Honor that Provides Scholarships to the Spouses and Children of America's Fallen or Disabled Military and First Responders.

Mayor Johnson stated many of you have seen him wear a hat which he is very proud of wearing. Then he read a proclamation for **Folds of Honor** into the record.

The following person made comments:

- Folds Of Honor Savannah Founder and Executive Director David Simons, who also introduced Brigadier General and General Chairman Steven Westgate, General Chairman Jamie Hamrick, Caroline Gregory, Savannah Country Club owner Brianna Welch, and PGA Golf Pro Michael Assey.

Mr. Simons provided details of the fundraising accomplishments, as well as the sucess of the tournament. He told Mayor Johnson it is time for him to get a new hat.

Ald. Miller Blakely requested a hat. She commended them for what they are doing and she stated she has never heard of Folds of Honor, until today, and she will be letting the community know about them.

6. Recognition of Customer Service Representatives Across the Organization During National Customer Service Appreciation Week, October 7-11, 2024.

Mayor Johnson asked the customer service professionals from Team Savannah to come up, then he read the proclamation for **Customer Service Representatives** into the record.

City Manager joined Mayor Johnson at the podium and made comments regarding customer service.

Various city departments were represented, including the following:

- Sanitation
- 311
- Human Resources (HR)
- Savannah Fire
- Cemeteries
- Water & Sewer and Water Distribution
- Revenue
- Cultural Resources/Arts
- Human Services
- Fleet
- Savannah Police
- Code Compliance
- Facilities Maintenance
- City Manager's Office
- Mayor's Office

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

7. Approval to Add a Class C (Wine) (By the Drink) and Class E (Wine) (By the Package) to their Existing Class E (Beer) (By the Package) and Class C (Beer) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Jocelyn Piccolo for White Whale Craft Ales, a Specialty Shop Located at 1207 Bull Street. The establishment is located between West Duffy Street and West Henry Street in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - White Whale Craft Ales.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - White Whale Craft Ales.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - White Whales Craft Ales.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurements - White Whales Craft Ales.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - White Whale Craft Ales.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearings open for items #7, #8, #9, and #10.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Palumbo moved to close the hearings for items #7, #8, #9, and #10, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve item #7, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.

Ald. Leggett advised that he has been in conversations with the neighborhood associations. Regarding alcohol licenses going forward, Ald. Leggett relayed that the neighborhood associations will not be in favor of any alcohol licenses without coming up with a good security plan.

8. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) to Jayant Kumar Patel for Food Mart, a Convenience Store Located at 1816 Montgomery Street. The establishment is located between West 34th and West 35th Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Food Mart.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Food Mart.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Food Mart.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Food Mart.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Food Mart.pdf

Exhibit 6: Good Neighbor Agreement - Food Mart.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearings open for items #7, #8, #9, and #10.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Palumbo moved to close the hearings for items #7, #8, #9, and #10, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve item #8, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.

9. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Shailesh Patel for 520 Bistro, a Restaurant Located at 520 West Bryan Street. The establishment is located between Ann Street and Martin Luther King Boulevard in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - 520 Bistro.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - 520 Bistro.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - 520 Bistro.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurements - 520 Bistro.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - 520 Bistro.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearings open for items #7, #8, #9, and #10.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Palumbo moved to close the hearings for items #7, #8, #9, and #10, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve item #9, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.

10. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Jonathan Lee for Chinatown Market, a Grocery Store Located at 1215 Price Street. The establishment is located between East Henry Street and East Duffy Street in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Chinatown Market.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Chinatown Market.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Chinatown Market.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurements - Chinatown Market.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Chinatown Market.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearings open for items #7, #8, #9, and #10.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Palumbo moved to close the hearings for items #7, #8, #9, and #10, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve item #10, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.

ZONING HEARINGS

11. Petition of Bridget Lidy on Behalf of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, Georgia for an Amendment to the Zoning Map from C-P (Park Conservation) and RMF-2-25 (Residential Multi-Family-2-25 units per acre) to PD (Planned Development) for ~66.5 Acres at 4801 Meding Street (PIN 20108 01001) in Aldermanic District 5 (File No. 24-0044963-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 4801 Meding (File No. 24-004493-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Current and Proposed Zoning for 4801 Meding Street (File No. 24-004493-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: MPC 2020 Technical Review.pdf

Exhibit 4: DRI #4217 Final Report for 4801 Meding Street.pdf

Exhibit 5: Proposed Fairgrounds PD (File No. 24-004493-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing open for item #11.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, representing the MPC

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the hearing for item #11, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.

See related agenda item #12.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

12. Petition of Bridget Lidy on Behalf of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, Georgia for an Amendment to the Zoning Map from C-P (Park Conservation) and RMF-2-25 (Residential Multi-Family-2-25 units per acre) to PD (Planned Development) for ~66.5 Acres at 4801 Meding Street (PIN 20108 01001) in Aldermanic District 5 (File No. 24-0044963-ZA).

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Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved (to approve item #12) that the first reading be considered the second and the ordinance placed upon its passage and passed, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 7-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely abstained and Ald. Bell was absent.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for the Replacement of a Heat Exchanger with Huber Technologies, Inc in the Amount of $15,931. The additional amount will cover the additional labor cost that will be needed to complete the installation. (Water Reclamation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Heat Exchanger Replacement.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Heat Exchanger Replacement.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #13, #14, #15, and #17, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Microsoft Unified Services with Insight Public Sector in the Amount of $64,444. Microsoft Unified Support is a 24/7 unlimited proactive support with comprehensive coverage and faster response times, and a System Engineer dedicated to the City. In addition, on demand training and expert led engagements are available to employees. (IT)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Microsoft Unified Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Microsoft Unified Services.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #13, #14, #15, and #17, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.

15. Notification of an Emergency Purchase for Pump Repairs with Goforth Williamson, Inc. in the Amount of $78,155. The Industrial & Domestic Treatment Plant will utilize the services to maintain the electrical components of the sludge pumps. (I&D)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Pump Repairs.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Pump Repairs.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #13, #14, #15, and #17, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.

16. Notification of an Emergency Purchase for the Sedimentation Basin Channel Leak Repairs with BRW Construction Group, LLC in the Amount of $189,493. The services will be used to repair the drainage system, consisting of six (6) sedimentation basins, and improve the water filtration stages at the Industrial & Domestic Water Treatment Plant. (I&D)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Sedimentation Basin Channel Leak Repair.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Sedimentation Basin Channel Leak Repair.pdf

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve purchasing item #16, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 6-0-3. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Miller Blakely were away from the dais and Ald. Bell was absent.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan asked how long there has been a leak and if the water basin/water was tested underneath the ground. City Manager Melder advised that he will follow-up later with specifics, but he responded by saying this is water and not oil being treated. This repair is an incredibly complex effort to address erosion and requires the creation of a dam inside the channel to fix the drainage within the basins.

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Update the South Casey Basin Drainage Model with EMC Engineering (LOCAL) in the Amount of $140,000. The services provided will update the old 2011 drainage model for South Casey Basin for stormwater infrastructure for a 100-year storm. (Stormwater)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - South Casey Basin Drainage Model.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - South Casey Basin Drainage Model.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #13, #14, #15, and #17, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

18. Approval to Release Payment to Sterling Seacrest Pritchard, Inc. for the 2023-2024 Workers Comp Audit, in the Amount of $26,528.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #18 through #31, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.

19. Approval to Renew the Parking Access Revenue Control System Annual Maintenance Agreement with Carolina Time and Parking Group in the Amount of $27,811.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #18 through #31, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.

20. Approval to Procure Airfield Lighting Cable from CED, in the Amount of $29,600.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #18 through #31, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.

21. Approval to Execute a Contract with ECS Southeast, LLC for Quality Assurance Testing, in the Amount of $30,050.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #18 through #31, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.

22. Approval to Procure Emergency Vehicle Equipment and Installation from Dana Safety Supply, Inc., in the Amount of $46,102.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #18 through #31, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.

23. Approval of Sponsor Certification Compliance Review & Program Support Task Order with Steven Baldwin Associates, LLC, in the Amount of $65,570.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #18 through #31, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.

24. Approval of Change Order No. 1 with Collins Construction Services for Additional Construction Services for the Fuel Storage Facility Expansion, in the Amount of $93,369.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #18 through #31, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.

25. Approval for the Purchase of Temporary Wall Modules from Starc System, Inc., in the Amount of $101,747.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #18 through #31, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.

26. Approval of Task Work Order No. 5 with Mead and Hunt Inc. to Provide Professional Services for the Rental Car Facility Development Phase II Project, in the Amount of $186,666.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #18 through #31, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.

27. Approval for the Lifecycle Replacement of One Bucket Truck from Wade Ford, in the Amount of $194,514.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #18 through #31, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.

28. Approval of Supplemental Marketing Funds for the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce, in the Amount of $250,000.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #18 through #31, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.

29. Approval to Ratify the Acceptance of a Grant from the Georgia Department of Transportation, in the Amount of $636,947.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #18 through #31, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.

30. Approval of Change Order No. 1 with EE Reed Construction for the Construct Auxiliary Parking Lot Project, in the Amount of $880,000.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #18 through #31, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.

31. Approval to Ratify the Acceptance of the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Grant Offer No. 3-13-0100-081-2024 from the Federal Aviation Administration, in the Amount of $11,465,048.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve items #18 through #31, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

32. Boards, Commissions, and Authorities.

Exhibit 1: Updated - Six Boards Needing Action Master List.pdf

The following citizens were appointed by a majority vote (raise of hands), as detailed below:

- William Shedrick Coleman – Historic District Board of Review (HDBR)
- Grace H. Taylor – Hospital Authority of Savannah
- Margaret Pringle - Keep Savannah Beautiful
- Andrew Logan Lawrence – Keep Savannah Beautiful
- Lillian Proveaux Breitbart – Keep Savannah Beautiful
- Theodore A. Robbins – Keep Savannah Beautiful
- Capt. Lux Lakshman – Pilotage Commission
- Rubin Huckabee – Savannah-Chatham Council on Disability Issues
- Christine Pendergrass – Savannah-Chatham Council on Disability Issues

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

33. A Resolution Ratifying the Mayor's September 26, 2024, Emergency Declaration Order.

Exhibit 1: Resolution Ratifying Mayor's Helene Emergency Order 10032024.pdf

Exhibit 2: Signed - 09252024 Emergency Declaration by Mayor Johnson.pdf

Exhibit 3: Mayor's Order Terminating Emergency Declaration 10042024.pdf

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve agenda item #33, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.

AGREEMENTS

34. Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Chatham County (County) for the Intersection Improvement Project at Johnny Mercer Boulevard and Walthour Road. The City of Savannah (City) utilities will need to be relocated to accommodate the project. The City is requesting an IGA for the relocation design and construction.

Exhibit 1: Intergovernmental Agreement with Chatham County for Relocation Design and Construction.pdf

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve agenda item #34, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

35. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Land Exchange Documents with Chatham County for a Radio Tower Site on Wilmington Island.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve agenda item #35, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.

36. Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Second Amendment to the Lease Agreement for the 200 and 300 Blocks of West St. Julian Street (City Market).

Exhibit 1: Old City Market - Street Maps.pdf

Exhibit 2: Old City Market - 2nd Lease Amendment.pdf

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve agenda item #36, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

37. Settlement #1.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda item #37, authorizing the City Attorney's Office to resolve the claim (worker's compensation matter) of Carrie Faggins in the amount of $55,000.00, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.

38. Settlement #2.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda item #38, authorizing the City Attorney's Office to resolve the claim (worker's compensation matter) of Michael Hunter in the amount of $133,240.00, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.

MISCELLANEOUS

39. Approval of Monument Application Part II: Final Design and Funding for a Monument in Columbia Square Commemorating the Seven Ladies.

Exhibit 1: Signed HSMC Recommendation - 24-002610-MON Columbia Square Part II.pdf

Exhibit 2: Staff Report - Seven Ladies Monument Part II.pdf

Exhibit 3: Submittal Packet Updates - Seven Ladies Monument 2024-09.pdf

Exhibit 4: Submittal Packet - Seven Ladies Monument Part II.pdf

Exhibit 5: Additional Site Photos - Seven Ladies Monument.pdf

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve agenda item #39, seconded by Ald. Purtee and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.

Mayor Johnson read the names of the Seven Ladies into the record:

- Katherine Judkins Clark (1897-1993)
- Elinor Adler Dillard (1903-1992)

- Anna Colquitt Hunter (1892-1985)
- Lucy Barrow McIntire (1886-1967)
- Dorothy Ripley Roebling (1904-1977)
- Nola McEvoy Roos (1895-1980)
- Jane Adair Wright (1901-1991)

Mayor Johnson invited Muncipal Archives Director Luciana Spracher to the podium. She pointed out that this monument came out of the naming process for Susie King Taylor Square, being that this applicant was one of the proposals. The petitioners found another way to honor the contributions of the Seven Ladies in another format (Monument) in Columbia Square.

Historic Savannah Foundation President and CEO Sue Adler stated she wanted to recognize the family, including Lucy Brannen who was present, and her cousin Catharine Varnedoe were responsible for driving the project forward.

Ald. Palumbo added it's an honor to recognize this movement which was born here, started with one building, and took a city and the nation by storm. He stated he is proud to be able to lead this effort, and he thanked them for their contributions to this city.

Mayor Johnson asked when the Monument is expected to be unveiled. Ms. Brannen answered 2025, and City Manager Melder concurred.

40. Approval of a Major Subdivision: Tract N, Phase 4, The Highlands at Godley Station. This proposed phase totals 4.482 acres and will consist of 34 multi-family lots (townhomes) with varying lot sizes. Phase 4 of the development will share the entrance from Phase 1. The property is on Highlands Boulevard in Aldermanic District 1.

Exhibit 1: Plat - Major Subdivision: Tract N Phase 4 The Highlands at Godley Station.pdf

Exhibit 2: Plat - MPC Decision.pdf

Ald. Lanier moved to approve agenda item #40, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.

On behalf of the residents of The Highlands, Ald. Lanier expressed concern and asked the city to pay attention to their traffic concerns and their recreation and leisure concerns, as it pertains to their quality of life.

41. Approval of a Major Subdivision: Pearl Street Townhomes. The subject property is a newly created subdivision in Norwood Ward, Lots 72 through 78. This subdivision totals 0.317 acres and consists of nine (9) townhome lots. The nine lots have frontage along Pearl Street with the cross streets of Barnard and Bull Streets in Aldermanic District 5.

Exhibit 1: Plat - Major Subdivision: Norwood Ward Lots of 72 through 78.pdf

Exhibit 2: MPC Decision.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda item #41, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.

42. Added Item: An Appearance by the PROUD Savannah Task Force and Others to Receive a Proclamation Designating October 2024 as PRIDE Month in Savannah.

Mayor Johnson asked Ald. Purtee, PROUD Savannah Taskforce Chairwoman Pastor Candace Hardnett, and Pamela (Pam) Miller to join him at the podium, whereby he read the proclamation for **Pride Month** into the record and invited residents to participate in their events.

The following persons made comments:

- Pastor Candace Hardnett
- Ald. Purtee
- Savannah Pride Center Executive Director Michael Bell

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ald. Wilder-Bryan asked that we remember October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, wearing pink for hope. Regarding Sackville/Edgemere, we're still working on moving forward, dates will be announced for a walk-through. Don't forget early voting is going on. She gave a shout-out to Meka Simmons for the Go Pink 365 event. Live Oak Landings and PARC are having a Halloween & costume party for the seniors. Ald. Wilder-Bryan thanked Audrey King from Georgia Power and Sharon Risher from Charleston (Charleston Nine) for being guest speakers at Women of Action. She thanked all of the customer service teams for doing an amazing job during the storm event.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz announced the groundbreaking ceremony for Legacy Savannah at 4801 Meding Street will be on Friday, October 25, 2024 at 2:00 p.m., formerly the Coastal Empire Fairgrounds.

On behalf of the 2nd District, Ald. Leggett offered his thanks to the "linesman." People who left their families to help the city get back on line, also the customer service people who took down our information and relayed it. He also thanked the Downtown Neighborhood Association (DNA) who held their National Night Out, and the senior babies at Rose of Sharon.

Ald. Lanier thanked the Neighborhood Services department for their assistance with the success of the 73rd Anniversary of the Westside Whippers this past weekend. She invited persons to attend a meeting being held at the Vintage Special Event Center on the 19th at 5:00 p.m. The meeting concerns the youth training center that is being planned at Fell Street School.

Mayor Johnson stated he is tired of the trains. They are blocking the train tracks during rush hour. There is a need for commerce and a need for being good neighbors. He is concerned about the number of calls he receives from people caught by trains. Though we have not been impacted by a loss of life, it is just a matter of time. Mayor Johnson stated to the City Manager, whoever we have to talk to. It's not fair, it's not right, I am just getting tired.

Ald. Miller Blakely stated she is a little disgruntled. She appointed herself for the Traffic Calming Committee because she serves at-large. She rides around this city and sees no traffic calming devices in certain areas. Her heart is hurt because she asked several members of council about this initiative, and when they took the vote, they did not. She let the public know that she is looking for a nominee to put on the Traffic Calming Committee, so equity could be spread across the city. She asked they call her at 912-346-5220 to apply. She wants to make sure that the person she nominates will be as concerned about equity as she is.

Mayor Johnson continued that his second issue deals with seniors living in buildings when the power went off. Many seniors are in buildings with elevators, and for an extended period of time they could not get down and they were sitting in the dark. Ald. Leggett, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and he have been visiting these places that need to have better contingency plans, given this is not the first time we lost power. Without generators, it gets very very hot, especially for older people, those with medical challenges, those who cannot go up and down stairs. Someone has to more aptly address those issues, whether by providing generators, cooling rooms/stations within the building, and arranging for food delivery. He will be sending a very nice letter.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan asked the City Manager to assist them in getting the Fire Marshals to check senior areas for lighting. She believes this is good government to make sure they are taking care of these things, in this case keeping them safe.

Ald. Lanier had the same issues on the westside. She wants to know how we rolled-out and prioritized the response to the elderly and vulnerable communities. When the report comes in, she would like to know the "who how what when where why," to learn from our experiences whether administrative or political.

Mayor Johnson said we know where our vulnerable citizens are located and who the city partners with to serve them. He asked for a part of the after action report to include looking at ways to get the systems to address these populations. The City Manager responded with information regarding what they have done and what they are working on.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz reported the Summit on Hampstead had generators and they were not without power. She encouraged others to keep fighting for it.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan asked people to not place generators in their house, given the only fatalities were due to carbon monoxide poisoning.

Ald. Miller Blakely stated she works closely with folks from Sustainable Fellwood and they did not get the help and services they needed. She would like them to be added to the list, based on her conversations with Moncello Stewart. City Manager Melder responded they are on the list.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at **12:13 p.m.**

The video recording of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

https://savannahgovtv.viebit.com/player.php?hash=a93tZBSWoJCowCgy

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: October 24, 2024

Signature: Mark A Massey

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OCTOBER 24, 2024 - 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at **2:08 p.m.**, in the SCCPSS Board of Education Room located at the Eli Whitney Administrative Complex, 2 Laura Avenue, Building G. **Mayor Johnson** called the meeting to order, then introduced **Dr. Darron Alvord, a volunteer Regional (State) President of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Savannah, Hinesville, and Vidalia** to offer the invocation.

Mayor Johnson asked for attendees to remember in their private time of reflection the lives lost on Sapelo Island and their families, due to a recent tragedy (gangway collapse at the Marsh Landing Dock) on Saturday, October 19, 2024.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

Mayor Johnson recognized two of his predecessors who were present in the audience, our 64th Mayor Dr. Otis Johnson and our 66th Mayor Eddie Wayne DeLoach.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II

Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 - Vice Chair

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 - Chairman

Alderwoman 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

Assistant to Clerk of Council Renee Osborne

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for October 24, 2024.

a. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved that an executive session was held earlier regarding real estate, litigation, and personnel for which no action/vote was taken, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve item #1, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on October 11, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - October 10, 2024, City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #2 and #3, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on October 11, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - October 10, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #2 and #3, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

4. Amend the 2024 City Council Regular Meeting Schedule Changing the December 12, 2024, Meeting to December 19, 2024, at 2 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda item #4, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS

5. An Appearance by Survivors, Supporters and Advocates, in Observance of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The proclamation was read by Mayor Johnson, flanked by the Fire Chiefs and Police Chief. Mayor Johnson asked everyone to observe a moment of silence for those who did not make it.

Ald. Miller Blakely pointed out that breast cancer affects both women and men.

6. Proclamation Recognizing the Work of Bernard Polite Related to Housing Improvements within the City of Savannah.

Mayor Johnson presented and read the proclamation. Also speaking were former Mayor Otis Johnson, former Mayor Eddie DeLoach, Mr. Bernie Polite, Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Bell.

7. Appearance by Savannah State University to Announce the 2024 Homecoming Parade and Activities.

Mayor Johnson read historical facts into the record pertaining to the importance of HBCUs and Savannah State University. He introduced and invited SSU Interim President Cynthia Robinson Alexander to the podium. Also speaking was Homecoming Committee Chair Moncello Stewart. Mayor Johnson also asked the SSU cheerleaders to give a cheer, then he introduced the SSU Tiger Mascot, Claudia.

8. Appearance by the Veterans Council of Chatham County to Introduce the 2024 Parade Grand Marshal and Receive the 2024 Veterans Day Parade Permit.

Mayor Johnson introduced Veterans Council Chairman Joe Higgins to introduce the 2024 Parade Grand Marshal Mike Brady (not present) and receive the 2024 Veterans Day Parade permit. Mr. Higgins also introduced New Parade Adjutant Robbie McGrath, new Veteran of the Year Ed Gizara (not present), and Marine Corps League members Marshall Tuck and Bob Longueira.

Ald. Miller Blakely moved to approve the issuance of the parade permit for Monday, November 11, 2024 around 10:15 a.m., seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Johnson remembered Veteran James W. Putney, Jr.

9. Presentation and Recognition of the Savannah Fire Department's 2024 Camp Ignite Participants.

Mayor Johnson introduced and recognized firefighters and campers of Camp Ignite, an all-female camp program. Fire Chief Elzie Kitchen spoke briefly about the program and introduced Camp Ignite Chairperson Tyler Barrett to give remarks. He also thanked the parents.

The following instructors also introduced themselves:

- fire engineer Gabriele Hauck
- fire engineer Renata Peters
- accreditation & GIS analyst Rhonda Ruesch
- chief fire marshal Whitney Williams Smith
- firefighter Ashton Shore

- fire engineer Bud Boyce

The youth campers (5) who were present also introduced themselves.

10. Presentation of the Employee Engagement Team (New & Retiring Members) and Recognition of the Third Quarter 2024 Employee of the Quarter Winners.

Mayor Johnson introduced and invited the Employee Engagement Team to the podium for the Employee of the Quarter presentation.

City Manager Melder explained the program and the benefits, then he announced the winners by service center as follows:

- Christine McLendon, Community Services (Moses Jackson Community Center);
- David Alexander, Government Operations (Cemeteries Department);
- Chandler Crawford, Information & Public Affairs (Information &)Technology Services
- Tameka Hutchinson, Management Services (Civic Center operations)
- Travis Green, Planning & Economic Development (Traffic Engineering operations)
- Daniel Cowart, Savannah Fire
- Nyheem Robinson, Savannah Police
- Troy Gladwell, Water Resources (Water Reclamation)

Following the presentations, Chair of the Employee Engagement Team (EET), Rhonda Ruesch, announced there are two new staff members from each service center who will step forward to bring new ideas and fresh perspectives and represent the EET and its leadership.

Mayor Johnson thanked everyone and closed by saying "It is a poor frog who doesn't praise its own pond."

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

11. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Joshua Allen for 201 Lounge, a Bar Located at 201 James B. Blackburn Drive. The establishment is located between Airways Avenue and Sylvester C. Formey Drive in Aldermanic District 1.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - 201 Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - 201 Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - 201 Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - 201 Lounge.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - 201 Lounge.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for agenda items #11, #12, and #13.

No speaker(s).

Ald. Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearings for agenda items #11, #12, and #13, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Ald. Lanier moved to approve agenda item #11, seconded by Ald. Leggett. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Ald. Miller Blakely voted no.

12. Approval to Add a Class A (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (Caterer) to an Existing Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Anthony Scarpulla for Vici, a Restaurant Located at 340 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The establishment is located between West Jones and West Charlton Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Vici's.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Vici's.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Vici's.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurements - Vici's.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Vici's.pdf

Exhibit 6: Good Neighborhood Agreement - Vici's.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for agenda items #11, #12, and #13.

No speaker(s).

Ald. Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearings for agenda items #11, #12, and #13, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Ald. Leggett moved to approve agenda item #12, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Lanier, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

13. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Avanish Patel for Jim's Quick Stop, a Convenience Store Located at 922 Pennsylvania Avenue. The establishment is located between Mississippi and Kinzie Avenues in Aldermanic District 3.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Jim's Quick Stop.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Jim's Quick Stop.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Jim's Quick Stop.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Jim's Quick Stop.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Jim's Quick Stop.pdf

Exhibit 6: Good Neighbor Agreement - Jim's Quick Stop.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for agenda items #11, #12, and #13.

No speaker(s).

Ald. Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearings for agenda items #11, #12, and #13, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve agenda item #13, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked the City Manager if the applicant was located within an overlay district. City Manager Melder responded this is an existing business, as we see from time to time. This is a new owner in an existing business. Within the overlay district, existing establishments are allowed to stay there, so long as any new owners seek an alcohol license within twelve (12) months per the ordinance.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

14. Second Public Hearing to Receive Comments Concerning the City's 2025 One Year Action Plan (OYAP). The 2025 One Year Action Plan serves as the blueprint for how the City of Savannah will use federal entitlement funds and other resources to address the needs of low- and moderate-income individuals and improve housing, economic, and other conditions within predominantly low-income neighborhoods. Entitlement funds include: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds.

Exhibit 1: FY2025 OYAP Proposed Recommendations.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the second public hearing open for agenda item #14.

No speaker(s).

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the public hearing for agenda item #14, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Ald. Lanier asked for a copy of the actual action plan, and she asked what is next after the hearing. City Manager Melder advised the action plan dictates how federal funds will be spent and allocated, based on appropriate uses.

See related agenda item #30.

ZONING HEARINGS

15. Petition of Josh Yellin, Agent for FWK Collective, LLC, on Behalf 17 West Park LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 0.15 Acres at 17 West Park Avenue (PIN 20044 31008) from TN-1 (Traditional Neighborhood-1) to TC-2 (Traditional Commercial-2) in Aldermanic District 2. Note, the initial zoning petition was submitted as a text amendment to Sections 5.4, 8.7.24, and 8.4.32 of the Zoning Ordinance to permit restaurants and accessory alcohol sales in the TN-1 zoning district adjoining Park Avenue between Whitaker and Drayton Streets. When the Planning Commission considered the petition, their recommendation was for the rezoning of the property (File No. 24-004304-ZA).

Exhibit 1: Map for 17 W. Park Avenue (File No. 24-004304-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Zoning Confirmation Letter for 17 W. Park Avenue (File No. 24-004480-ZCL).pdf

Exhibit 3: MPC Recommendation Packet for 17 W. Park Avenue (File No. 24-004303-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for agenda item #15.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, representing the MPC
- Josh Yellin, representing the petitioner

Ald. Palumbo moved to close the zoning hearing, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. See related agenda item #18.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked where the red cup zone ends. City Manager Melder advised it ends at Gaston Street. Ald. Miller Blakely asked further about the ancillary alcohol sales at Park Avenue on and off premises. Mr. Morrow advised it is a unique mixture that allows consumption by the glass onsite and a package you can walk out with. You can have a meal and consume a beverage that contains alcohol on the premises, then leave with a package of beer or wine. This is not open carry.

Ald. Lanier asked Mr. Morrow about the change from TN-1 to TC-2, more comprehensive. Not only do residents gentrify, but businesses gentrify too. She stated the market is driving what is going on in the area. The handwriting is all over the wall, with the changes we are making here at Council. When you drive through the area, you see the change, like office complexes and parking garages. This is the same area of the founding of the Forsyth Market, which was marketed to the surrounding population which was low-wealth in 2009 or 2010. These economic development tools have been placed here which drives investment in the area. We are, in a way, contributing to the change. We have the ability to direct/manage changes that are coming. Mr. Morrow responded by detailing neighborhood scaled planning opportunities, and he advised the TC-2 designation is a better fit.

Mayor Johnson stated it is more efficient because there are other TC-2 designations in the immediate area, and TN-1 is more incompatible with other areas around it.

Ald. Leggett asked Mr. Yellin if his client met with the Victorian Neighborhood Association (VNA) and with the Thomas Square Neighborhood Association (TSNA). Mr. Yellin responded by saying they met

with the VNA and the adjacent property owners, but not with TSNA. He stated everyone is in support of this application. Ald. Leggett advised the number one question from the neighborhood association was that they not disrupt the historical preference of what it looked like. Mr. Yellin said they are working with the architect, and this building will not be modified in any substantial way and keep its form.

16. Petition of Pam Miller on Behalf of the Kensington Park Neighborhood Association for a Zoning Map Amendment to Establish the Kensington Park-Groveland Conservation Overlay District in Aldermanic District 4 (File No. 24-004608-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for the Kensington Park-Groveland Conservation District (File No. 24-004608-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Kensington Park-Groveland Conservation District Map (File Nos. 24-004607-ZA and 24-004608-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for Kensington Park-Groveland Conservation District Map Amendment (File No. 24-004608-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearings open for agenda items #16 and #17.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, representing the MPC
- Pam Miller, representing the applicant

Ald. Palumbo moved to close the zoning hearings, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. See related agenda items #19 and #20.

Mayor Johnson asked the City Manager, as it relates to creating density throughout the community, does creating districts like this run counter to the creation of housing affordability (philosophically). City Manager Melder responded not necessarily and yielded to Mr. Morrow to further respond. Mr. Morrow advised that ADUs are still allowed here and approving this change does not impact the ability to create ADUs elsewhere. Mr. Morrow advised that this particular zoning request is more about protecting the historical character (preservation) versus densification. Mayor Johnson asked how many parcels are in this area. Mr. Morrow advised that he can get back with the Mayor with the answer to the question.

Ald. Palumbo stated it is a very special day for the City of Savannah, the Kensington Park-Groveland Neighborhood built in 1950, and for the southside of Savannah. This is the first local, historic district south of DeRenne Avenue. It is a special day for mid-century neighborhoods everywhere, curbed and linear streets that literally broke the mold. He continued by telling a story. Let this be an advertisement for other neighborhoods out there, to show that you can chart your own destiny. This was pursued by the neighborhood association and Ms. Miller, on her own volition. He thanked her for the kudos, but we did very little here. This was self-determination in action. If you are of a certain age on the national register for historic places (over 50 years), this could be an option for you.

17. Petition of Pam Miller on Behalf of the Kensington Park Neighborhood Association to Amend Sec. 7.15 Conservation Overlay of the Zoning Ordinance to Establish the Kensington Park-Groveland Conservation Overlay District in Aldermanic District 4 (File No. 24-004607-ZA).

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Exhibit 2: Kensington Park Conservation District Map (File Nos. 24-004607-ZA and 24-004608-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for Kensington Park-Groveland Conservation District Text Amendment (File No. 24-004607-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearings open for agenda items #16 and #17.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, representing the MPC
- Pam Miller, representing the applicant

Ald. Palumbo moved to close the zoning hearings, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. See related agenda items #19 and #20.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

18. Petition of Josh Yellin, Agent for FWK Collective, LLC, on Behalf 17 West Park LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 0.15 Acres at 17 West Park Avenue (PIN 20044 31008) from TN-1 (Traditional Neighborhood-1) to TC-2 (Traditional Commercial-2) in Aldermanic District 2. Note, the initial zoning petition was submitted as a text amendment to Sections 5.4, 8.7.24, and 8.4.32 of the Zoning Ordinance to permit restaurants and accessory alcohol sales in the TN-1 zoning district adjoining Park Avenue between Whitaker and Drayton Streets. When the Planning Commission considered the petition, their recommendation was for the rezoning of the property (File No. 24-004304-ZA).

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Ald. Leggett moved (to approve agenda item #18) that the first reading be considered the second and the ordinance placed upon its passage and passed, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

19. Petition of Pam Miller on Behalf of the Kensington Park Neighborhood Association for a Zoning Map Amendment to Establish the Kensington Park-Groveland Conservation Overlay District in Aldermanic District 4 (File No. 24-004608-ZA).

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Exhibit 2: Kensington Park Conservation District Map (File Nos. 24-004607-ZA and 24-004608-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for Kensington Park-Groveland Conservation District (File No. 24-004608-ZA).pdf

Ald. Palumbo moved (to approve agenda item #19) that the first reading be considered the second and the ordinance placed upon its passage and passed, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

20. Petition of Pam Miller on Behalf of the Kensington Park Neighborhood Association to Amend Sec. 7.15 Conservation Overlay of the Zoning Ordinance to Establish the Kensington Park-Groveland Conservation Overlay District in Aldermanic District 4 (File No. 24-004607-ZA).

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Exhibit 2: Kensington Park Conservation District Map (File Nos. 24-004607-ZA and 24-004608-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for Kensington Park-Groveland Conservation District Text Amendment (File No. 24-004607-ZA).pdf

Ald. Palumbo moved (to approve agenda item #20) that the first reading be considered the second and the ordinance placed upon its passage and passed, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

21. Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance (FDPO) Amendment. The City is proposing an amendment to its Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance (FDPO) to align with a new U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) standard that mandates more rigorous determination of design flood elevations for new construction.

Exhibit 1: Code of Ordinances FDPO Revisions 2024.pdf

Exhibit 2: Code of Ordinances FDPO Revisions 2024 - Redline.pdf

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve agenda item #21, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz asked if this ordinance is for property within a flood zone only or everywhere. City Manager Melder advised this is for property developed within our Special Flood Hazard Area (flood zones) and encompasses both FEMA designated flood plain, as well as Savannah local identified historic places and those that the flooding module would show could flood during a 100-year flood event. It raises the requirement that the ground level be one foot above that flood plain to being two feet above.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Multi-Station Play Structure with GameTime c/o Dominica Recreation Products, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed $75,049. The multi-station play structure will be located at 11011 Largo Drive and will be the City's first playground unit located in the Wilshire Community. (Recreation and Leisure Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Multi-Station Play Structure.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Multi-Station Play Structure.pdf

Ald. Purtee moved to approve agenda item #22, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Ald. Purtee announced this is the first playground to be located in the Wilshire Neighborhood which is great for the neighborhood and the children. He thanked the City Manager and staff on the Recreation Re-imagined Team for putting it together.

Mayor Johnson asked Ald. Purtee how we are moving on the community center. Ald. Purtee responded it's moving and we are about to have the first meeting.

23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for 165 Single Gun Racks with West Chatham Warning Devices in the Amount of $104,404. The Savannah Police Department has expanded its patrol rifle program to ensure officers carry adequate responsive weaponry. This requires that officers have efficient access to patrol rifles within their assigned vehicles. (SPD)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - SPD Rifle Racks.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - SPD Rifle Racks.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #23 through #27, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract with PAS Consulting Group for Promotional Testing in an Amount Not to Exceed $118,600. The Savannah Police Department will use this contract for promotional testing for the ranks of Corporal, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain. (SPD)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - SPD Promotional Testing.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - SPD Promotional Testing.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #23 through #27, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Well Maintenance with Woodrow Sapp Well Drilling in an Amount Not to Exceed $148,210. The Water Supply and Treatment Division will use this contract for the maintenance of 44 wells to provide safe, potable water at pressures and flows that accommodate residential, commercial, and industrial needs and fire protection services. (I&D)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Well Maintenance.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Well Maintenance.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #23 through #27, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Swimming Pool Fencing Installation with ASAP Landscape Management Group in an Amount Not to Exceed $214,298. The Recreation and Leisure Services Department will utilize the services to replace the damaged fencing that is more than 20 years old and have begun to rust and bow along the top and bottom portions. (Recreation & Leisure Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Swimming Pool Fencing Installation.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Swimming Pool Fencing Installation.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #23 through #27, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

27. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Class II Service and Additional Spare Parts Necessary to Maintain the Operation of Three (3) Blowers with Howden in an Amount Not to Exceed $229,352. The blowers are used to provide air to the aeration basins at the Water Reclamation Plant. (Water Reclamation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Turblex Blowers Class II Service.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Turblex Blowers Class II Service.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #23 through #27, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

28. Resolution Ratifying the Mayor's October 9, 2024, Emergency Declaration Order Related to Hurricane Milton.

Exhibit 1: Resolution Ratifying Mayor's Hurricane Milton Emergency Order 10142024.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda item #28, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

29. Resolution Ratifying Actions of Mayor and Alderman During Meeting Held on October 11, 2024.

Exhibit 1: Resolution Ratifying Council Actions on October 11 2024.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda item #29, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

30. Resolution Adopting the City's 2025 One Year Action Plan (OYAP), and Authorize the City Manager to Submit the Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and to Enter into Grant Agreements with Subrecipients. Entitlement funds include: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds.

Exhibit 1: Resolution - 2025 OYA Plan.pdf

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve agenda item #30 (OYAP), seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

AGREEMENTS

31. First Amendment to the Water and Sewer Agreement Dated July 19, 2004, Between Southern Woods Development LLC and the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah to (a) Insert Drapac LLC as the Owner and (b) Provide for the City's Provision of Water and Sewer Services to the Proposed Development Project Consisting of 134 Equivalent Residential Units (ERUs).

Exhibit 1: First Amendment - Water & Sewer Agreement - Southernwoods.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #31 and #33, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

32. Approval of a Development Agreement with 1940 East President Street, LLC for the Development of 1940 East President Street. This is for a development consisting of a 115-room hotel and a self-storage building in Aldermanic District 3. Staff requests this item be withdrawn.

Exhibit 1: Development Water & Sewer Agreement - 1940 East President Street.pdf

Agenda item #32 was withdrawn, as requested by staff.

Ald. Bell asked who is the developer. City Manager Melder advised he will follow-up afterwards with the principals of the LLC. The development is not inside the City of Savannah, but inside the Industrial Zone on Presidents Street.

33. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Camden Crossing, LLC for Camden Crossing Phase 3. This is for a development consisting of 88 single family homes in Aldermanic District 5.

Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Camden Crossing Phase 3.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #31 and #33, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

EAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

34. Authorize the City Manager to Acquire Required Property Interests to Facilitate the Second Phase of Stiles Avenue Road Widening Project.

Exhibit 1: Map - 307 Stiles Avenue.pdf

Exhibit 2: Option Statements - Stiles Avenue Road Widening Project.pdf

Ald. Lanier moved to approve agenda item #34, seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

35. Settlement #1.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve settlements #35, #36, #37, and #38, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

- #35 - Authorized the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (worker's compensation) of Marsha Young for $94,926.00.
- #36 - Authorized the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (worker's compensation) of Tony Bristow for $45,000.00.
- #37 - Authorized the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (worker's compensation) of William Greenwood for $80,237.00.
- #38 - Authorized the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (worker's compensation) of Cedric Laurel for $30,000.00.

36. Settlement #2.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve settlements #35, #36, #37, and #38, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

- #35 - Authorized the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (worker's compensation) of Marsha Young for $94,926.00.
- #36 - Authorized the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (worker's compensation) of Tony Bristow for $45,000.00.
- #37 - Authorized the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (worker's compensation) of William Greenwood for $80,237.00.
- #38 - Authorized the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (worker's compensation) of Cedric Laurel for $30,000.00.

37. Settlement #3.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve settlements #35, #36, #37, and #38, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

- #35 - Authorized the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (worker's compensation) of Marsha Young for $94,926.00.
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- #38 - Authorized the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (worker's compensation) of Cedric Laurel for $30,000.00.

38. Settlement #4.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve settlements #35, #36, #37, and #38, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

- #35 - Authorized the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (worker's compensation) of Marsha Young for $94,926.00.
- #36 - Authorized the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (worker's compensation) of Tony Bristow for $45,000.00.
- #37 - Authorized the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (worker's compensation) of William Greenwood for $80,237.00.
- #38 - Authorized the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (worker's compensation) of Cedric Laurel for $30,000.00.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ald. Leggett announced and lifted the lives of the sick and shut-in within the 2nd District.

- Ms. Andrea Patterson - asked for her quick recovery
- Mr. Anthony Major - who lost his life this week due to a brain aneurysm
- Mr. Charles Shepherd - who will be funeralized this week
- Mr. Marlon Douse - passed away, praying for their family (Rayna at JC Lewis Health Center)

Ald. Wilder-Bryan thanked the Mayor and the City Manager for dealing with the water bill issues and waiving the late fees. Since each case is specific, she encouraged others to contact the Revenue Department to request the late fee to be waived.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz invited everyone to a groundbreaking event at the Legacy formerly the Coastal Empire Fairgrounds on tomorrow, Friday, October 25th at 2pm.

Ald. Purtee extended an invitation to the Savannah Philharmonic "Phil the Neighborhood," at the corner of Windsor and Largo, on Saturday at 6:30pm. Bring your lawn chairs, food, and cup. On October 31st, they are having Trunk or Treat at the same location at 5:30pm. Crusader Community Center is also doing their Trunk or Treat at the same time, as well.

Ald. Miller Blakely congratulated the Tax Commissioner (TC) Sonya Jackson for the TC University class where she gave out pertinent information regarding tax sales. Her next class will be on wills, estates, and Probate Court. She encouraged the community to get engaged and involved. She also commended the District Attorney, her staff, the child support office, and Savannah Impact (their space) who held a very successful expungement event. 255 people were seen and 236 records were expunged, partially and fully. And twelve (12) licenses were reinstated. This event will be done quarterly.

Mayor Johnson thanked Team Savannah for the Taylor Square event with a descriptive marker. Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Purtee (who dropped the football), and Mayor Johnson attended an event at Guy Minick Park where the lights were turned on. He thanked Ms. Young, Nick Roberts, and Team Fun for their work. Mayor Johnson reminded everybody that voting continues and we want everyone to go vote. At the Civic Center, there has been a lot of activity, lately because of D-SNAP (supplemental nutritional) benefits for those affected by the storm. 300 DFACS people from around the state have been here seeing thousands of people from the three-county area. The last two days are the 25th and 26th to get assistance. Pre-registration is available at gateway.ga.gov. If you already receive SNAPs, you are not eligible.

Ald. Miller Blakely added it is based on your income.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at **4:03 p.m.**

The video recording of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: November 7, 2024

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OCTOBER 24, 2024 - 12:00 p.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

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The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at **12:02 p.m.**, in the SCCPSS Board of Education Room located at the Eli Whitney Administrative Complex, 2 Laura Avenue, Building G. **Mayor Johnson** called the meeting to order, then recognized **Alderman Kurtis Purtee** to offer a prayer.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 - Vice Chair

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 - Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5 - Mayor Pro Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ABSENT:

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Jay Melder

Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Assistant to Clerk of Council Renee Osborne

Workshop Agenda Items

1. Flood Prevention Education and Outreach Initiative

Exhibit 1: Flood Prevention Education & Outreach Initiative Presentation.pptx

Flood Prevention, Education and Outreach Initiative

City Manager Melder introduced Chief Gene Prevatt and his team who discussed Flood Prevention initiatives. Chief Prevatt circled back on the subject of flood prevention and outreach. His team sent a report to Council in early August 2024 outlining upcoming actions. Fall leaf drop season has its own impacts.

Carliss Bates (now Special Projects in the Sanitation Department) - "Put waste in its place, and only rain down the drain. She was partnered and supported by: Leah Scott Perry, Ashley Shirley (public communications partner), Laura Walker (environmental manager in water resources).

Team Sanitation has a 2-part mission: 1) To provide quality solid waste collection services to citizens in the community, and understand the importance of community engagement. 2) The community vision is to be engaged and inform citizens On how to properly dispose of their waste and how to put waste in its place. The team partners with the Water Resources Service Center to emphasize only rain down the drain. They are taking a comprehensive approach to be sure that citizens in the community understand how to properly dispose of yard waste clippings and leaves. As part of the partnership and education, Ms. Bates shared the importance of the sanitation department's weekly program to put waste in its place, then she made a PowerPoint presentation. Ms. Carliss went on to say that it is important to remain diligent partners with the Water Resources Service Center as they are out in the community informing and educating the citizens about the issues of not putting solid waste down the drain; they are tag teaming to let the residents know that we are here to help by coming to homes every week to collect that yard waste as part of Sanitation's yard waste program. Additionally, there is a comprehensive approach to the education and outreach plan to inform the citizens via the City of Savannah's website and social media, running on the Keep Savannah Beautiful website, and some printed materials (provided by Ashley Shirley) that referred to only rain down the drain and put waste in its place. Ms. Bates concluded the presentation and thanked everyone for their attention.

The City Manager thanked Carliss, Ashely, and Gene for their great work. He then said that they were happy to answer any questions but reminded everyone that the schedule was a pretty full one.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan expressed that she was excited and congratulated Ms. Bates on her promotion to Special Projects Manager. She reconfirmed that Gene Prevatt and his team will be responsible for the education of the community when it comes to what goes down the drains. She asked if there was a problem with the storm drains in one particular area because of citizen neglect or because of the infrastructure that is continued to be worked on?

Chief Prevatt answered that this is the intersection of multiple systems. We have a solid waste collection system and a storm water system. He indicated that they would discuss less of the technical side of things and more of the educational outreach. They partner with every citizen in the city and stressed the importance of placing solid waste in the solid waste collection system, and to not put waste in the stormwater system. There have been issues of leaves getting into the street despite street sweeping and the yard waste program throughout the city. They encouraged everyone to use that system so that problems are not caused in the stormwater system.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan reiterated that Chief Prevatt was saying that although they were not there to talk about the technical side of things, our citizens deserve to know the technical side if they want to know the technical side. She said that when citizens look at a process they only see how it affects them then and there. They don't know that maybe it has something to do with our infrastructure that is not up to par. She has gone to communities where she has seen Pampers that we have to remove from out of there, and so technically that is something that technically they need to know about.

Chief Prevatt said he understood and a video that they could not run today addressed that very directly. It says don't put your solid waste in the drainage system. They are very clear on that and we want that to be almost like a mantra and an ongoing message to everyone.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan said that she understood that and that she is a visual person too, and if you say you're talking about stormwater she would want more information about stormwater. She stated that she knows how you say they are paired together. She said that they have an amazing staff with Ms. Bates and congratulated Ms. Perry too, but from this perspective, you know as a citizen, I want to know why are we here. And these Powerpoints are great and I know we asked about this in August and it was revisited but the Powerpoints that I would want to see is what did you do between August and now. What's not on a Powerpoint is something that we can gauge to see if you are in fact, doing that. We've had a lot of rain, right? And that effect was going on with the storm; and so what have you done between when we had the meeting in August and we asked you to come back to tell us about what we needed to do different. And what do you have in place that's a stop gap.

Mayor Johnson addressed Ald. Wilder-Bryan and said just to make sure we're clear about why we're here...Several times a year the City Manager comes to us and we talk about the mechanics of the storm drain process. What we found, particularly during the last storms is that there is a technical side and there is a behavioral side, that affects the technical side. And so, hence the presentation was staff's response to our need to help change behavior. When people are saying things are not being picked up - well, there's a reason why because they're too big or the fact that you have yard waste that's contaminated that can't be picked up which causes issues. And certainly we know about the issues, I know in your district and in Ald. Leggett's district - when we go to a neighborhood and we find that the drains are filled full of stuff that is not rain and other stuff. So I think, City Manager, I don't know if you want to elaborate but this is just on the behavioral educational side of it.

City Manager Melder said that he would elaborate. The video we weren't able to show, I think gets to the piece about stormwater and we can follow up with how we're pushing these PSA's, the videos,

the wonderful graphics and visuals that we think will help speak to our residents and communicate more clearly. Why it's a problem, for instance, for people to rake their leaves into a stormwater drain or for contractors, who we call out, specifically to wash out their concrete mixers into stormwater basins. And that type of debris that you know if residents put that debris down our stormwater system has the potential for creating blockages down the road that we would not know about until it rains, and until we have to go in and clear it out.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan stated maybe she was too wordy but that's exactly what she said. It's a behavior or something that has to do with infrastructure, and so we are in the age of visibility in my opinion. Is there some way that we can put some pictures, like no Pampers or what we shouldn't put down the storm drain? It would be another informational piece where people can understand and tell them to do something but actually seeing them, and is there a way that we can put a chart someplace that says okay these people are complaining about this, but the complaint that you say is because something that had to do directly with behavior and not with the infrastructure. And that's when I say people should know and get more understanding of where we are and how we do these processes.

The City Manager said there are things that can be done ongoing in follow-up on this issue. All communication channels are going to churn this out; Facebook, X, Instagram, our website, etc. But we will also compile and send to you all in an email, images that you can share on your Facebook. The videos that you can link to on your social media pages. And we'll be sharing that with our neighborhood presidents, and I know that Team Sanitation especially are talking trash initiative and Keep Savannah Beautiful initiative with Carliss. They're going to continue to talk about these issues and so any idea you have about how we can better reach our residents we will absolutely take and try to implement.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan said she had one more question; the slide talks about community partnerships and she wanted to go back to Skidaway. How does the greenscape come into this piece too?

City Manager Melder explained that the greenscapes piece of it intersects in a few ways. One is if debris ends up in a storm drain or we litter on the street. It often happens that that debris ends up in our stormwater system. It's going to get washed into a ditch, into a canal, into an underground pipe somewhere. The more debris that enters our stormwater system, the more likelihood we're going to see blockages in our stormwater system that's going to impede it working the way that it needs to do. And that's why people see those vac trucks out when it's raining - when rain starts coming out of those storm drains that's not supposed to be coming out, it's supposed to be going in, we know there's a blockage and we get those vac trucks and clear that debris out. The other point is when you said, when residents see the litter along our streets and our sidewalks; when people see litter in our ditches, in our greenscapes, it reinforces behavior that litter is okay and acceptable. And we have a responsibility on our end and our maintenance end. Namely, when we're going out and to clean our drainage basins and our greenscapes to take great care of how we're collecting that litter. It's a really challenging issue - but it's one that when we don't, it just creates a permission structure for other people to feel like it's okay to litter.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan thanked them for their presentation but one other thing, we have Adopt-the Streets, is there some way we can incorporate the Adopt-the-Drain?

Chief Prevatt said, "yes, absolutely", we have updated the websites that are conveniently accessible in the same place and Adopt-the-Drain is part of that.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan asked another question that someone asked her. Some yards are bigger than other yards and so how do you know when that 15 net bag has been collected? Is it being written down, and how do people determine if they have a 16th bag if they are going to be charged for that ? Are they going to come back - it is one time that week that you collect that?

Chief Prevatt stated that the limit for yard waste is 15 bags or containers per week. If it's one over here and there it's no big deal. But if you put out 40 that's a problem, yes.

Mayor Johnson, thanked Alderwoman Wilder- Bryan and addressed Alderman Leggett.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan said thank you so much.

Ald. Leggett thanked everyone who had spoken. I wanted to make sure that as we push out information that you guys - like the City Manager was saying that we get some talking points. Because before getting to you and we were at the neighborhood association meetings and they had asked us questions. So please if you could give us some talking points that we'd be able to just give out the information to the residents, because a resident had a question about why trucks are not going in certain lanes and they're going down other lanes. It has been mentioned that houses are being built bigger and something about lanes that we haven't addressed yet. They're small and our trucks are bigger, and they can't travel down the lanes and all the receptacles are in the front of the houses but is there some information that I could give to the residents so they know why the trash trucks aren't going down certain lanes but they are going in other areas? Secondly, do we have a process or are we thinking of a process, to speak with them about the enforcement of the lawn care

services who blow the debris down those drains? Something we can afford through 3-1-1, and that we can enforce the lawn care services from blowing it down the lane or down the drains?

Chief Prevatt said we continue to put that word out. We understand that not everybody follows that. We're not exactly where we can patrol and address that, but when we see it we do address it and advise them that they cannot do that. And if it's a code officer, they can cite them.

Ald. Leggett said but if the residents sees it and they take a picture of it can we forward it to 3-1-1 and hopefully cite those companies and get the tag number or the side with the name of the company that's doing it and forward it to a 3-1-1 system?

Chief Prevatt said he thinks that gets to be a legal question. We can certainly have a conversation, but as to actually cite somebody to an infraction of something that we don't observe, I think that's probably...

The City Manager then added to Chief Prevatt's comments to Ald. Leggett, that it kind of depends on the evidence that rests with the issue of 3-1-1, if it's very clear that somebody is causing an infraction then we may be able to go ahead and make a citation. But I think that the thing that we can do is if the resident puts in a 3-1-1 that someone is using the storm drain illegally or that we have a persistent neighbor or persistent landscaper who's blowing into the storm drain then that allows us to go and provide some targeted education and maybe some forceful education around what's permissible and what's not. And hopefully we can correct the behavior that way, if we can't catch them red-handed so to speak.

Mayor Johnson thanked everyone and that includes contractors work on behalf of the City of Savannah.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked the Mayor, thanked Mr. Prevatt, thanked the City Manager. Congratulated Ms. Bates, job well done and everybody else who has gotten promoted up. She thanked them for the presentation because it is much needed for our city to hear and be reminded about what they should and should not do. She really liked the slogan, only rain down the drain and waste in its place. She stated that she continues to tell her constituents and throughout the City of Savannah, that 3-1-1 works. So please residents when you see something, please call 3-1-1 as it is well documented and will be followed through when you see the litter. When she called personally she saw the progress and how quickly actions are taken with the litter on the street. It puts it in the mind set of the people that this is not a place for litter. So thank you all so much for that continuous and even an upbeat on making sure that the litter is up. Very, very good job and the bar has been risen very high on that. With the 15 bags, one of our colleagues mentioned when during the storm, he asked the question about the 15 bags, being numbered or is there going to be a limit during this time of the hurricane pick ups and the after clean-up? So can you mention something about that since we're still in that recovery of clean-up?

Chief Prevatt said we resumed yard waste collection right away with a focus on the bags. We're a little loose on the standards at the moment. If there are a few more, it's not a problem. Again, we get these larger places where somebody's got 40 or 50 bags and we have to complete an entire colllection route in a day. So that gets a little problematic. Sometimes we can circle back by, but so far it hasn't seemed to be a problem.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz asked another question that she said was sort of offbeat but the question she's asked all the time is, when are they coming? When are the leaves, the branches or the tree stumps, all those things, when are they coming? She heard the Mayor ask during his briefing on Tuesday.

City Manager added that we will be putting out updates to the community twice a week via our Communications Department, which will be updating the community on where crews are and where crews are going to be and how much debris they've been able to collect and move away to the collection sites from the last period in total. He reminded people (folks) that there is an estimated that there are 300,000 cubic yards of debris in our city and there are 20 crews working every day. 20 crews working every day to collect that debris off of the right-of-way and near the right-of-way and truck the debris to Dean Forest Road, where we have our collection points. We are going to be working over the next several weeks to do anything we can to speed up the collection whether that's finding more places to dump the debris that's a shorter distance away, and increase the crews or to do things we can with our own sanitation team to help augment that. He also wanted Council to know that the 20 crews that are out there working everyday started in the places where we had the most debris and damage in the places where we saw the most wind - that was in the south and the east of our city. And they're working right now from Southeast to Northwest and far west as we see less and less debris as we move further west. So we're starting in the places where it's the heaviest and we'll be getting to everybody more than once, actually. It's a long process and it's a lot of debris to pick up. We appreciate patience but we understand that our residents have urgency around this issue and we're going to work as hard as we can to get it done as soon as possible.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz's last statement was to thank the public so much for following the rules from our City Manager and Team Savannah when they asked everyone (you all) to put that debris on the city's right-of-way, not in the street. So thank you all so much, thank you Mr. Mayor.

The Mayor addressed and recognized Ald. Bell.

Ald. Bell thanked the Mayor and said to the City Manager's point, that she did spot a crew in the morning prior to coming in on Abercorn south of Victory, working and was so happy to see that when it's not her yard. She expressed that it is a major artery and it really frightened her a bit to see debris on the side of the street on Abercorn extension. She thanked Gene and Carliss for their presentation and that this is a follow-up somewhat to Ald. Leggett's point regarding providing talking points - she assumed that they probably track where most of the complaints come from as it relates to clogged drains and that sort of thing, the leaves and trash out of its place and our leaves and that sort of thing are being placed improperly causing trouble and problems for the stormwater system. Are you able to provide that type of information to the Council too to help the district Aldermen and Alderwomen in their discussions with their specific neighborhood associations?

Chief Prevatt responded that they would request information from our Water Resources from our Stormwater Department. We don't in government operations - we're not tracking that but, that information should be available.

The City Manager said that yes, they could also provide breakdowns from our 3-1-1 Service both the call center and online to talk about the types of requests and where they come from. That would be a really great thing to be able to share and we share that yes we will be able to provide that to Council.

Ald. Bell thanked the City Manager and congratulated Carliss, who responded, thank you.

Ald. Lanier thanked Mr. Prevatt and Ms. Bates and the team for the presentation and the work that they put into this marketing campaign for education and outreach. It's needed and then looking at the whole problem of the trash in the drain and stormwater maintenance, I think you're covering your area, your part. But it seemed to her, the whole ecosystem is what is missing and we don't like a lot of government but some policy piece, because we're talking about modifying behavior of residents and it's a notorious problem to the point where it's impacting everyone's quality of life with the flooding and all of this. So we need to, like the Mayor said to be able to change the behavior and that it should be done through some type of legislation. When this information is gathered, could we also consider what could we can do unless we maybe cach them red-handed. But these days everything is documented, everything is on camera, everybody has a doorbell or there's a traffic light. She didn't think it would be difficult to prove when someone is intentionally blowing debris into the drain. It needs to be in their mind that this is not an acceptable behavior and it's actually violating some kind of ordinance. And then we would have done our part in this in putting something in place that you all could hold them to a little bit more and we won't have to wonder you know if this isn't acceptable. So if you conduct yourself this way then you're going to be subject to this. In certain instances we have to step in as a legislative body and put something in place so people will know that it isn't tolerated, so there's a cause and effect and we do our part in this to change the behavior of our citizenry and contractors. Well, there's a question, so we talked about the debris that we're placing on the roadside - 12 feet in length, 12 inches in diameter. If it's larger than that could the resident or the citizen take that somewhere? Which landfill or Jay (City Manager), you were talking about some options on some drop off places. She believes that the people she serves want to know that there is a place they could be more active in cleaning out the debris.

The City Manager responded that if residents did not want to wait for crews to come and collect the debris, they are welcome to bring their debris either to the Bacon Park Convenience Center or to the Dean Forest Road location where the landfill is and they will be happy to accept that debris.

Chief Prevatt had one clarification that storm debris the length is not limited, but on the yard waste program we really need it to be cut to 4-foot length because it's going into a rear loader truck.

Mayor Johnson thanked everyone very much again and expressed how much we appreciate all of their work and the work of our contractors and vision of the City Council and city leadership to make sure we have something in place to address it. It's a very long and laborious process and thought that at last count with the City Manager we were slow citywide. We have always measured it in weeks rather than days and hope there is nothing to interrupt it before we get finished.

The City Manager said thank you and that there's a reason why the federal government provides 90 days for reimbursement because it understands how long it takes and 2) that the crews that are available to pick up debris are now spread across four states. Yes, sir.

The Mayor said that he still has his debris and in a grateful mode, it's just debris. We have partners and neighbors that have a much harder way to go.

Ald. Bell thanked Carliss and the team for the amazing job they have done in engaging the public in Keep Savannah Beautiful. The numbers are increasing for adopting parks. Ald. Bell's organization

keeps it on their agenda to clean up parks and keeping up the spirit of keeping the community beautiful.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan wanted to know what Anthony Caston's official title is now. And the City Manager said that he is the Administrative Coordinator at Water Resources.

2. Affordable Housing Policy Discussion

Exhibit 1: Affordable Housing Policy Discussion.pptx

Affordable Housing Policy Discussion

The City Manager said we would hear from Martin Fretty, Bridget Lidy, and more members of Team Savannah in the community about, 1) The Housing Savannah Action Plan and progress thus far and 2) an ordinance proposal, that recently passed with a recommendation to approve from the MPC (Affordable Housing Rental Density Bonus Program) and what many advocates refer to as the Missing Middle Housing. As of 2024, 3-year CHSA Deposits - the City has contributed $11.5M.

Martin Fretty thanked everyone for their support over the years - progress that has been made is because of the support from his team, Team Savannah, and outside partners. 3 year update/presentation -in 2020 a 40-member citizen taskforce was appointed. In 2022 a $7M committment to the Affordable Housing Fund. The taskforce found that housing costs had outpaced incomes by a rate of 2 to 1 on rentals and nearly 3 to 1 for home ownership. 21K families in Savannah could not obtain affordable housing. The taskforce found that they need more types of housing for all different income groups and all different housing types. The three top goals of the plan: 1) Increase CHSA to $10M+ annually by 2032, 2) Leverage $90M+ annually to additional investments by 2032, and 3) Assist 1500 households improve housing annually by 2032. As of 2024, 3-year CHSA Deposits - the City has contributed $11.5M. Check the presentation information for five major construction projects beginning in 2024-2025. He defined some of the common terms associated with housing: Affordable Housing, Naturally Occurring Affordable Housing and Workforce Housing also referred to as Missing Middle Housing, Low & Moderate Income Housing, as well as Income Based Housing. Upcoming opportunities for the City Council support of affordable housing friendly policies and incentives: City investment in the CHSA, to expand and preserve naturally occurring ARH, and protect generational property ownership, assets, and options.

City Manager Melder commended Mr. Fretty's leadership and the team with Anita Smith Dixon at CHSA and Allison Goldie at the Land Bank, as well as Housing Savannah, Inc. and Laura Lane McKinnon and all the partners helping to move this work forward. He also said that we should be more aggressive with out-of-town investors who buy up vacant lots in neighborhoods. We should use our tools to redevelop those lots and structures and put them back into the hands of Savannah households who need and deserve them.

Mayor Johnson thanked everyone and felt proud because before Savannah had never had an affordable housing plan and now look at what we have been able to do working together. This is one of the defining issues for the community. Additionally he thanked Team Savannah, Taffanye, Martin, the City Attorney, and city managers.

Ald. Lanier shared that we all know the necessity of affordable housing, so based on the people and the demographic that we serve, there will be a range of responses to the direction in which we are taking. There are so many prime opportunities in the 1st District for affordable housing. We are doing just what we intended for the fund, but I think that we can do more. She would like to see the affordable housing fun be available for loans for ADUs. The source for investment is not as readily available. We could work with owners and allow them access to that fund at a very low interest rate. We have to think outside the box and allow the community to respond to what investment we're trying to bring and participate in it. We are also looking at inclusionary housing/zoning and a possible ordinance. Look for ways to bring that true equity that we talk about to our legislation going forward.

The City Manager recognized her comments especially concerning the so-called blighted area/parcel where individuals buy up large investment portfolios and allow them to go derelict; duplexes will be covered in the density bonus presentation for affordable homes and that the rental density bonus is kind of a part of inclusionary zoning which they are trying to bring a finalized proposal for.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz questioned some information that Mr. Fretty presented regarding the Housing Savannah action plan. Thank you, Mr. Mayor for making sure we had this action blueprint to follow through. She commented on breaking ground on the fairgrounds to allow for more types of additional housing. Thanked our private investors and stakeholders who continue to contribute to our numbers. Please City Manager continue to expose the public to the definitions for our Savannah Housing action plan for a clearer understanding.

A presentation by Bridget Lidy, Director of Planning and Zoning for the Density Bonus for Affordable Housing along with Brianna Paxton in partnership with the City of Savannah Planning Department and Chatham County - Savannah MPC. Briana explained her journey in trying to build a duplex on a

30 foot wide lot in Live Oak through the Land Bank. It is not permissible to rebuild missing middle housing (duplexes, triplexes, quads) in areas they already exist due to the way our zoning is structured. Updated information from 2023 regarding median household income for families with children. Median sales prices are unaffordable.

Zoning Revisions for Affordable Housing presentation by John Anagnost. Prohibited Variances: Allowing uses that are not allowed in the zoning district and lot area per unit. Two alternatives or options were mentioned in presentation.

The City Manager reiterated that there are two types of ways that we tackle affordable housing. Policy in the way that we support households and zoning in the creation of housing. He stated we would also provide a financial vehicle by the way we provide the sticks and carrots for that developer over the course of 20 to 30 years to ensure that unit is affordable.

Mayor Johnson said that we should be using our tools to make things more affordable.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan wanted an explanation on why an individual would have to go to different people for an answer.

Ald. Palumbo thanked Team Savannah for the presentations. He also commended their efforts on what they are doing to alleviate the crisis of affordable housing and the need to address the housing shortage.

Ald. Bell stated she saw a small part of Ms. Paxton's presentation at the neighborhood association meeting and would like to contact her further.

Ald. Lanier returned to the topic of duplexes and supported them being in the neighborhoods that she has been advocating for.

City Manager Melder explained that the city and MPC have been working on inclusionary zoning and different types of density incentive programs for years. He used a petition and advocacy from a resident to connect the work that the City and the MPC had been doing. The City would define affordable housing as well as programs and requirements for affordability.

Ald. Lanier said that she would not support this issue as repeated efforts to this point have not been addressed. People are currently building illegal duplexes because they do not fall under the new rules.

The Mayor called for time and suggested they move to the Executive Session.

3. Closed Executive Session: Litigation, Personnel, and Real Estate

At 1:32 p.m., Ald. Palumbo moved to hold a closed executive session regarding litigation, personnel, and real estate, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Bell. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

The closed executive session began at 1:39 p.m., in the private room adjacent to the Board Meeting Room.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adjourn the closed executive session, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

4. City Manager's Agenda Review

There was no City Manager's Agenda Review.

There was no action taken during the Workshop or Executive Session.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the workshop/executive session at **2:03 p.m.**

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: November 7, 2024

Signature: Mark Massey

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NOVEMBER 7, 2024 - 11:00 a.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at **11:10 a.m.**, in the SCCPSS Board of Education Room located at the Eli Whitney Administrative Complex, 2 Laura Avenue, Building G. **Mayor Johnson** called the meeting to order, then recognized **Alderman Detric Leggett** to offer a prayer.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 - Vice Chair

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 - Chairman

Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5 - Mayor Pro Tem

ABSENT:

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

Assistant to Clerk of Council Renee Osborne

Workshop Agenda Items

1. Stormwater Infrastructure Needs and Funding Options Discussion

Stormwater Management Program Update 110724.pdf

Stormwater Infrastructure Needs and Funding Options Discussion

The City Manager spoke to members of Council of the needs and options with the stormwater system and how we can achieve the necessary funding for improvements. He introduced the Water Resources Service Center with a presentation by the Stormwater Management Department: Chief of Water Resources Ron Feldner and Stormwater Management Director Zach Hoffman. They discussed issues related to the stormwater management system including Tropical Storm Debby; how flooding events are becoming more common, and how our ability to deal with these issues is related to maintenance and necessary capital improvements. Chief Feldner shared a video about the frequency of declared large disasters that we are seeing in this country. The total funding needed for the city's capital improvement projects is $402.3M and to date we have secured $157.2M or 39%.

Annual cap for programs and repairs is about $2M/yr (90% funded). The City operates two pipe systems: water and sewer which have been paid for by the city but a 3rd pipe system for stormwater needs to be funded. The goal is to find a dedicated funding source/program that can be devoted to stormwater management. Revenue from a Stormwater Utilities user-based fee is another option that can be used to generate funding. There has been some success through the grant funding and partnerships. They are also developing a community outreach program to help engage the public in how stormwater services function.

Ald. Bell asked how the Stormwater Utilities Enterprise Fund will work. Chief Feldner explained that the stormwater fund would operate the same way that it does for water and sewer and have an independent enterprise fund to support it. Revenues from the fund would then support and be applied to the expenses of the Stormwater Management Program.

City Manager Melder stated that there are enterprise funds for other departments such as Sanitation Parking Enterprise, and the Civic Center. The fees from these funds pay for the services that are provided by these departments as well as other monies such as taxes.

The Mayor added that this is a business and should function as a business. He said that we need to make a serious committment and invest in the city's future. The past summer months of storms showed how significant our committment needs to be.

Ald. Leggett expressed that after the flood event he saw more sand coming through cracks in the road and inquired as to the reason why that was happening (throughout the district). Service calls have been made to 311. He thanked them for their presentation.

Chief Prevatt stated he wondered if the water line was damaged and created a crack for the sand to come through. He also said that the flooding may have compromised the integrity of the asphalt. They will look into an inspection of the water line as well as the storm sewer line.

Ald. Lanier questioned the urban flooding and whether the paving materials make a difference in the deterioration/damage. It was explained that better materials are more expensive to use and has a maintenance aspect. Major rainfalls can overwhelm most systems but by adjusting costs it can make a big difference in the long run. Ald. Lanier also asked City Manager Melder the status on the flood plains and basin studies.

Zach Hoffman explained that they looked at a comprehensive stormwater management report to look at the individual major drainage basins in the city. Basins will be reviewed to determine certain rainfall events, where the flooding will occur and what improvements can be made. They have currently remodelled 10 of 24 basins thus far. Chief Prevatt added that the majority of the city system study has been completed and that they are now working on outlying areas and working towards the southside.

Ald. Lanier wanted to know how we measure the cost of the runoff. It is based upon the amount of impervious (unaffected) area you have on your property - the more area you have, the more fees you are likely to pay. The fee could be based upon a higher single family residence cost or it can be done through a reduced fee.

City Manager Melder suggested looking at the example in the handout to review the amount of billing units per type of property.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan thanked the Chief and Zach for the presentation. She stated that the administration wants to leave a legacy and offer solutions for future residents by showing that we know how to get things done. She also referenced the Stormwater presentation and expressed concerns about a crack in the structure, the safety of the people entering the drains, and when the last check/inspection had been done.

Ald. Palumbo thanked the team for the presentation and praised them for articulating the issues and the needs. He felt that the proposal was reasonable and expressed appreciation for how much of the funding has already been accumulated. He stated that we have been very lucky to not have had major catastrophies or a direct hit in the city from a tropical storm or hurricane as they have had in other areas. He expressed the importance of articulating this to the public, the need to able to generate direct dollars, and match grant funding. He is in full support of an enterprise fund and a proposal for the Council to be able to implement a Stormwater Utility for the city.

The Mayor stated that this a 2 step process: 1. Create the utility and 2. Figure out how to fund it. He referenced the Atlanta sewer situation which remained unresolved until it became untenable. He is committed to not allowing that to happen here in Savannah by managing the financial output incrementally. He further stated that ultimately we will have to find a mechanism within our government to address this situation (innovative and proactive ways and using a public citizen fee schedule).

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz stated that we have an aging infrastucture and it is this administration's job to do something about it. She mentioned over the years we have used a variety of funding

sources but we need another method - this proposal has her support. She also asked Chief Prevatt for clarification on the acronyms used. He stated that going forward they would put the acronyms at the beginning of the PowerPoint so that they can be referenced more easily. For example, SWMP (Stormwater Management Program), GEFA (Georgia Environmental Finance Authority), SWU (Stormwater Utility), etc. She was also very pleased with the Savannah Capital Improvements Drainage Project map that they provided because it shows equity. She also thanked them for the information regarding the Southside (Ald. Purtee's District) and for using them as a model.

Ald. Miller Blakely shared that she does not believe in taxing the people but in this instance she agrees that this would be the best course of action to support the Stormwater Utility Project. She referenced the Garden City Stormwater customer billing sheet and asked if we would be using that as a template to charge our residents and our businesses, or another alternative. For the public's ears, she stated that $4.75 per month for a single family residential unit, additionally with their water bill, is a reasonable rate for city residents.

City Manager Melder stated that we are in the midst of the feasibility study but that most likely would use the template from Garden City. Council would be consulted on the service need and what we currently pay through the general fund or SPLOST dollars (the right rate for us).

The Mayor's decision points regarding stormwater are: do nothing, request that the city manager create the fund, and direct him to return to Council with some options about how it could be funded.

Ald. Bell also suggested that keeping the public informed by having some sessions with them about the process.

2. Legislative Agenda Discussion

2025 State Legislative Agenda Workshop 110724.pdf

Legislative Agenda Discussion

The Mayor stated that we have a "wish list" of items that we want them to be able to work on. In addition, he commented that we have seen some relative success in some things that we have tried to do and that is due to the work of Joe Shearouse and our lobbyists. He introduced Joe Shearouse and thanked him for all his work.

Joe Shearouse, Acting Chief of Information and Public Affairs - presentation

Purpose: provide an update on the next steps for the formulation of the City Council's 2025 Legislative Agenda (City Council Input and Feedback).

Mr. Shearouse stated that the legislative cycle is an annual one with a variety of committee meetings and bill reviews. A majority of time is spent on Home Rule Protection (protection of the authority of local government). There have also been some other major accomplishments in the past few years such as: Hotel/Motel Tax, City Council Term Limits, and the Community Improvement District. There are specific legislative priorities such as impact fees and ways to weigh the fees for affordable housing. In addition, we are also reviewing a variety of housing initiatives that can add tools to our "toolbox", in order to provide more housing for our residents. Also under consideration is a review of new laws that have passed for Recorder's Court, as well as new and creative ways to use our SPLOST dollars.

Mr. Shearouse discussed support of public infrastructure projects such as water and sewer to aid in the equitable growth and resiliency of our region, low-income tax credits, and policies that align with the 100% Clean Energy Resolution.

Mayor Johnson thanked Joe Shearouse, City Manager Melder, and the City Attorney and appreciated them being ready to address those things.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan thanked Mr. Shearouse and asked that he keep an eye on Senate Bill #51 (bill to exempt the sales and use taxes on menstrual products). She stated that it would help women in our state and other states. Georgia could become the 29th state to not tax personal care items.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz asked about school aged children and compulsory education. Mayor Johnson added that although we currently have compulsory education in Georgia where children can go to school until age 16, they can decide that they want to stop attending school after that age. He further stated that when children are not forced to go to school it can create issues for the city because they are uneducated and on the streets. Municipalities and school systems have shifted away from pushing compulsory education and he feels that the City cannot be the driving force. The issue has stalled.

Ald. Miller Blakely thanked Mr. Shearouse for the presentation. She asked him to explain under *Specific Legislative Priorities, item #3, Amend the definition of blighted property, to include*

abandoned structures, lots, parcels or properties to assist in redevelopment efforts.

Mr. Shearouse explained that under the eminent domain law the housing team acquires certain properties that they sell back (sometimes in better condition). Those properties must meet certain criteria in order to be redeveloped. However, there have been times when the property is absent of a structure (maybe due to collapse or fire), and that is when the eminent domain tool is used to remove it from being blighted or downtrodden, and continue with redevelopment efforts.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked him to explain *Under Consideration & Review, Support the increase of Recorders Court Technology Fee*. Mr. Shearouse stated that the fee has been $10.00 since 2003 and is under review. The purpose of the fee is to make the courts more accessible and easier for the public. For example, a virtual court option for those without transportation or who may be out of town. The current plan is to do additional research to understand its impact on the community.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked about item *#4, Under Consideration & Review: Support a Constitutional Amendment...or supported rent and income restricted housing.*

Mr. Shearouse stated that there has been large property growth in our area and other areas in Savannah which would allow us to freeze property rates for the property owner in exchange for them to freeze the rental rates. He said that this item will be challenging and require a constitutional amendment.

City Manager Melder stated that it had been on this council's agenda and a prior council's agenda. Ald. Miller Blakely asked about item *#5, Allow local governments to sell unclaimed confiscated weapons at auction or have them destroyed.* The Mayor responded by saying that we have had guns that have remained unclaimed for years and now we have to decide what to do with them. We do not want to have these guns be sold again and potentially be put back out on the streets. Ald. Miller Blakey shared her concern especially regarding the word sell. At this time State law does not give us the option to decide whether to sell or destroy.

City Manager Melder said that going forward we would make sure that our intent is evident in our legislative agenda wording.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting to prepare for the Show Cause Hearing.

3. Closed Executive Session: Litigation, Personnel, and Real Estate

4. City Manager's Agenda Review

There was no action taken during the Workshop or Executive Session.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the workshop/executive session at **12:33 p.m.**

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: November 26, 2024

Signature: Mark Massey

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NOVEMBER 7, 2024 - 12:30 p.m. - SPECIAL MEETING (SHOW CAUSE HEARING)

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The special meeting (show cause hearing) was held at **12:45 p.m.**, in the SCCPSS Board of Education Room located at the Eli Whitney Administrative Complex, 2 Laura Avenue, Building G. **Mayor Johnson** called the special meeting to order.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 - Vice Chair

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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

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Special Meeting Agenda Items

1. Show Cause Hearing for the Revocation of the Alcohol License for Rajendra Patel of Octane Bar and Lounge Located at 35 Whitaker Street in Aldermanic District 2. (Postponed from the September 12, 2024, and October 10, 2024, Council Meetings at the Petitioner's Request)

Exhibit 1: Octane Lounge - Notice of Show Cause Hearing.pdf

Exhibit 2: Octane License Suspension Notice.pdf

Mayor Johnson provided an overview regarding the purpose and reasons for the show cause hearing and the process that would be exercised.

Assistant City Attorney Denise Cooper represented the city, and Attorney Donavan Juleus represented the Octane Bar and Lounge.

The following witnesses took an oath, administered by Mayor Johnson, to provide testimony during the hearing.

- Judee Jones, Revenue Director
- Sgt. Scott Richards
- Sgt. Perneacia Banks

- Mr. Rajendra Patel, owner

After both attorneys presented their case, made statements and completed their questioning, members of the City Council asked questions and deliberated.

City Attorney Lovett presented options for the City Council members to consider.

Mayor Johnson facilitated the development of a motion/action.

Ald. Leggett moved, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Miller Blakely, the following conditions:

1. The city will continue the license revocation until the end of the year (remainder of 2024).
2. When the business reopens, the owner will be subjected to a six-month probationary period, including monthly/regular engagement with the ABC team.
3. The owner will work with the ABC unit to develop a security plan.
4. The owner will meet with the neighborhood association to develop a good neighbor agreement.
5. The owner will hire duly authorized off-duty officers for security.
6. The new/modified hours of operation will result in closing the establishment on weekdays (Sun – Thurs) at midnight, and Fridays & Saturdays at 1am.

The motion passed 8-0-1. Ald. Purtee abstained from voting, since he did not hear the evidence from the beginning.

Mayor Johnson added that the alley is very dark, which lends itself to some of the problems. He suggested the business owner work with the landlord on this issue.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked someone to give the business owner information and instructions regarding what he needs to do to hire security from local law enforcement agencies.

There was no action taken during the Special Meeting (Show Cause Hearing re: Octane Bar and Lounge).

Mayor Johnson adjourned the workshop/executive session at **2:17 p.m.**

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: November 26, 2024

Signature: Mark Massey

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NOVEMBER 7, 2024 - 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at **2:40 p.m.**, in the SCCPSS Board of Education Room located at the Eli Whitney Administrative Complex, 2 Laura Avenue, Building G. **Mayor Johnson** called the meeting to order, then introduced **Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell** who recognized Bishop Dr. Jacquelyn Gilbert-Grant, **Prelate/Overseer of the Sanctuary of Praise Christian Assembly, Inc. in Savannah, Georgia** to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II
Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1
Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2
Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2
Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 - Vice Chair
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 - Chairman
Alderwoman 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
Assistant to Clerk of Council Renee Osborne

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for November 7, 2024.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve agenda item #1, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on October 24, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

Agenda Plus - WS DRAFT MINUTES_October 24, 2024, City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #2 and #3, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on October 24, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

Exhibit 1: Draft Minutes - October 24, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #2 and #3, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

4. Adoption of the 2025 Meeting Calendar for the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah.

Exhibit 1: 2025_COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE_10-28-2024.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda item #4, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS

5. Presentation of Proclamation Designating November 3, 2024, as Retired Educators Day in the City of Savannah, GA.

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and read by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. Also speaking were Dr. Brenda Roberts, Ms. Dottie J. Platts, Ms. Annette L. Smith, and Ms. Princetta Simmons. Mayor Johnson also recognized Chatham County Chairman Chester Ellis who was present, and he congratulated him on his re-election.

6. Presentation of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) National Child ID Program Minority and Missing Initiative.

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson. Also speaking were Major Ben Herron and Police Chief Lenny Gunther, joined by Assistant Chief Devonn Adams.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

7. Approval of a Class G (Complimentary) (Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Samman Dabit for Joseph's Clothiers, a Clothing Store Located at 28 West Broughton Street. The establishment is located between Whitaker and Bull Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Joseph's Clothiers.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Joseph's Clothiers.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Joseph's Clothiers.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Joseph's Clothiers.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Joseph's Clothiers.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol public hearings open for items #7, #8, #9, and #10.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the alcohol public hearings for #7, #8, #9, and #10, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve agenda item #7, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

8. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Chengchen Xin for Etang Dim Sum, a Restaurant Located at 10 Whitaker Street. The establishment is located between West Bryan and West Bay Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Etang Dim Sum.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Etang Dim Sum.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Etang Dim Sum.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Etang Dim Sum.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Etang Dim Sum.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol public hearings open for items #7, #8, #9, and #10.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the alcohol public hearings for #7, #8, #9, and #10, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve agenda item #8, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

9. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Krishna Patel for Residence Inn, a Hotel Located at 5710 White Bluff Road. The establishment is located between Abercorn and Johnston Streets in Aldermanic District 4.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Residence Inn.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Residence Inn.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Residence Inn.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Residence Inn.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Residence Inn.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol public hearings open for items #7, #8, #9, and #10.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the alcohol public hearings for #7, #8, #9, and #10, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Palumbo moved to approve agenda item #9, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

10. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Kruhal Dhimmar for Ogeechee Shell, a Convenience Store Located at 3618 Ogeechee Road. The establishment is located between Westgate Boulevard and Interstate 516 in Aldermanic District 5.

Exhibit 1: Checklist - Ogeechee Shell.pdf

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Ogeechee Shell.pdf

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Ogeechee Shell.pdf

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Ogeechee Shell.pdf

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Ogeechee Shell.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol public hearings open for items #7, #8, #9, and #10.

No speaker(s).

a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the alcohol public hearings for #7, #8, #9, and #10, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda item #10, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked if this property was located within an overlay. Mayor Johnson and City Manager Melder responded no.

ZONING HEARINGS

11. Petition of Joshua Yellin on Behalf of Jessica Glenn for Anderson & Waters LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 0.14 Acres at 1105 East Anderson Street (PIN 20055 08014) from TR-2 (Traditional Residential-2) to Traditional Commercial-1 (TC-1) in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-005184-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for 1105 East Anderson Street (File No. 24-005184-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Map for 1105 East Anderson Street (File No. 24-005184-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for 1105 East Anderson Street (File No. 24-005184-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for agenda item #11.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, representing the MPC
- Jim Hundsrucker - OPPOSED

Ald. Palumbo moved to close the zoning hearing for agenda item #11, seconded by Ald. Leggett, Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. See related agenda item #15.

Mayor Johnson asked Mr. Hundsrucker if he contends that this property is a contributing property. Mr. Hundsrucker responded yes, the property contributes to the historic integrity of the neighborhood (Benjamin Van Clark Park).

Ald. Wilder-Bryan asked Mr. Morrow if there was any historicial significance to 1105 (East Anderson Street) that you know of. Mr. Morrow responded that he does not believe either of the structures are contributing, but he did not have access to the internet to confirm. Ald. Wilder-Bryan asked if community canvassing occurs to determine if others, like Mr. Hundsrucker, don't want to have this type of proposal within their community. She further asked who is supposed to be protecting historical buildings and are all the agencies contacted formally, like the Historic Savannah Foundation (HSF), preservation, or Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC). Mr. Morrow stated we have historical districts that have standards, but this property is not located within a historical district. There is a COA process to go through within the historical districts, in order to demolish a property. Ald. Wilder-Bryan asked Mr. Morrow when they are not in a designated historic area, but they have some historic bearings to our community, how are they identified. Mr. Morrow responded that nationally, there are sometimes properties identified as landmarks as well. In those cases, they will work to bring those areas into protection by working with the City and MPC historic preservationists, when deemed as a priority.

Mayor Johnson asked if this property could be rezoned with a provision that it is not demolished. Can the Council institute a protection? The City Attorney responded not without the opportunity for the property owner to be heard on that subject because it would be constituted a taking.

Ald. Leggett stated the property was already taken down, a second property behind the yellow building (on the back side). Mr. Morrow said the picture is not a recent picture, but it is his understanding that the property is still standing.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked what year were both buildings constructed. Mr. Morrow stated he does not have that particular information, but he is showing the Sanborn's (maps). The property is an early 1900 property according to the records of the Tax Assessors records, which is likely the same structure. Ald. Miller Blakely stated that it is historical, even if it is not registered nor gone through a process. She stated she is finding that in marginalized and African American communities you are seeing 4 and 5 stories. SCAD has put in 4 stories down Anderson Street, which are taking away the landscape. They have moved from the West side to the East side, next will be the South side. Soon it will be SCAD-vannah, instead of Savannah, and that is not what we want.

Ald. Palumbo thanked Mr. Morrow for the presentation. A speaker has thrown around the word, contributing structures and others. Ald. Palumbo stated that what's in front of us is a rezoning, not an evaluation of a demolition request. A demolition would be speculative at this point. He asked if this particular parcel is on a register with the National Register of Historic Places. If not known (in that case), it is speculation to identify a structure as contributing or not given all the factors to consider. Ald. Palumbo asked if the property aligns with the future land use map (it does). He asked if it aligns with the MPC's recommendation and approval (it does).

Mayor Johnson stated speculation has to be considered in being able to weigh the impacts of what you do and any ramifications. When you change zoning, you change land use. The Sanborn map represents that the property is 108 years old easily. Ald. Palumbo is right, but we have to also consider the wide range of things that could happen to it.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan stated she believes there is a neighborhood association in connection with this property at 1105, either the Eastside Coalition or the Benjamin Van Clark neighborhood association. Ald. Leggett stated Benjamin Van Clark. Ald. Wilder-Bryan stated we want to be sure that we have done our due diligence when we say there is no neighborhood association tied to these things. Mr. Morrow responded that he misspoke when he said there was no neighborhood association, when he meant that they were unable to contact with the point of contact on Open Neighborhoods. He personally called the number which was a non-functioning number.

Ald. Leggett stated he changed his number, but he has provided the persons number to Mr. Hundsrucker who is also a neighborhood president. Ald. Leggett also stated that within that neighborhood there's Live Oak (Mr. Johnson) and Benjamin Van Clark (Timothy Burgess). He will provide their information to Mr. Morrow. Ald. Leggett agreed to help set up a meeting and location for all parties, and be ready within two weeks.

Josh Yellin stated he also reached out to Mr. Burgess, but never received a response. He understands that Ald. Leggett has a new phone number for him, and we are happy to meet with the neighborhood association and come back within two weeks. They were not trying to get this slipped by. They reached out to both Live Oak's number and email listed, and the Van Clark number and email listed.

12. A Joint Petition of Bridget Lidy on Behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, Georgia and Brianna Paxton for a Zoning Text Amendment to Sections 3.12 Special Exceptions, 3.21 Variances, 5.4 Principal Use Table, 5.9 Traditional Residential Districts, 5.12 Traditional Neighborhood Districts, 5.13 Traditional Districts, 8.1 Residential Use Standards for Limited and Special Uses (File No. 24-004284-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet (File No. 24-004284-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: 10242024 Council Workshop Presentation on the Density Bonus for Affordable Housing Program.pdf

Exhibit 3: Final Proposed Revisions 10092024 (File No. 24-004284-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 4: Draft Ordinance (File No. 24-004284-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for agenda item #12.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, representing the MPC
- Rev. Chester A. Ellis - OPPOSED
- Ellie Isaacs - IN FAVOR/SUPPORTED
- Jim Hundsrucker - OPPOSED

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to close the zoning hearing for agenda item #12, seconded by Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. See related agenda item #16.

Mayor Johnson asked Mr. Morrow to confirm that Carver Village will not be and is not affected. Mr. Morrow responded no, Carver Village is not affected, the zoning is residential single family.

Mayor Johnson asked staff to respond regarding Mr. Hundsrucker's allegation that we approve four stories at 45 feet, and later it becomes four stories at 50 feet. Where does the approval come from, and how is it applied in terms of what was previously approved?

Mr. Morrow responded we are talking about the work of the MPC or the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), namely variances for site plan related standards. He explained the changes as giving more flexibility when exceeding maximums, such as height or different roof types. He described it as

nuances where they decide and trade-off on standards, in order to achieve some sort of public benefit. He further discussed contextual guidelines and a goal to achieve consistencies.

Mayor Johnson stated we should always intentionally and exhaustively communicate. We have charged the City Manager and Team Savannah to come up with affordable option ways, since we all have screamed about housing affordability. We asked him to come up with a toolkit of varying mechanisms to achieve affordability citywide, also blessed by our Housing Savannah Taskforce.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz shared that Cann Jackson Park neighborhood was talked about in reference to a density bonus for affordable housing (text amendment). Her feedback received (text and email) included a request to have a conversation with Ms. Brianna Paxton. They do not want small scale duplexes, triplexes, and quadplexes to be built in their neighborhood. They do not want to change the standard of what is already there, and they asked her to vote against this amendment. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz stated she is for affordable housing and variances that may need to be done to build affordable housing. As a very established community, Cann Jackson Park are against the plexes that will take away the character. There are probably a few properties/lots/houses that need to be torn down and rebuilt.

Ald. Palumbo pointed out a couple things -- salient and extremely relevant to this discussion. We have entered an unusual territory, finding ourselves in the middle of the MPC and city staff. And we have forgotten about the most important thing here -- an individual (extraordinary) resident of our city who brought this petition to us. In the meantime, people got excited about it, people from the city and the MPC. This resident spotted an open lot and wanted to build an affordable home for someone to live in. She researched the Sanborn maps and found there used to be a duplex there, but she found it could not be done under the current code, so she took it upon herself to fix it. She even stood toe-to-toe with city staff to deliver a workshop. We have to re-legalize those pieces of missing middle housing that were once there. We are not going to get out of the shortage by kicking the can and passing the buck. Ald. Palumbo continued with he knows it is uncomfortable, but change is inevitable. We can choose to change by chance or change by choice. With regard to housing shortages (10 - 20 thousand), this Council gets to choose how they are built, old and traditional ways or towers to the sky, to fill that shortage. Applicantions will keep coming here until the market is satisfied with the amount of housing we need. Ald. Palumbo stated the only amendments he wished he could make would only be in the fourth district. And if the Council passes on this, he invites the petitioner to come and work with him and he will find neighborhoods for you in his district. He stated we will work together and make this happen because he is not gonna miss this opportunity, the ability to add more human-scaled added density. In the 1940s, whoever was the Council started botching and butchering our zoning code in a manner (that) we are living with this housing shortage today. We have a duty and moral imperative to fix it. We do need to work on communication and outreach, in terms of how it is done and to explain exactly what it is. Examining this one, he believes it is good. He has more questions about the program capabilities, and he wants to make sure we do not try to throw everything into the kitchen sink into one persons petition. Most importantly, we need to keep in mind the original petition and the petitioner. She sought out and wanted to do the right thing. Whatever we do here today, he wants to make sure that she gets what she needed out of this process and she can build that duplex and find a way to build affordable housing units on that site.

Ald. Bell stated Neighborhood President Ellis asked that we delay a decision until they can learn more.

Ald. Lanier stated Ms. Paxton stepped up and submitted a petition, and that's great. She wished that she could get more citizens to do that. And she hopes that she can get what she is trying to do there, but we have to be careful of the one size fits all. Because it can work where she wants it, does not mean it will work in the T district or some other area like Carver Village. Ald. Lanier stated she thinks we are going to have to be very surgical. We need to do this in a lot of places. It is so interesting to hear the argument about being able to replace or re-establish housing that's on the ground. She made the same argument at the last meeting and the Council disagreed with it concerning the people who sent her to Council over the last 8 years, in trying to get the legality of the duplexes back in the area they had been for decades. Now that they are trying to be placed in places where they are not accepted, she reached out. She asked how is this impacting neighborhoods in her district and this is the first time she is hearing about it, while being presented in Council meeting. Ald. Lanier stated that is unacceptable, so she contacted the leadership in the first district neighborhoods. Ms. Williams who wanted to be here was familiar with it, but she was very much against it in Cuyler-Brownville. The president in Carver felt the same way. Carver Heights' name came up, so she called over to Carver Village. Mayor Otis Johnson was the guy who made sure that staff did not make these kind of moves without the residents being involved. We are regressing and making decisions that are going to impact everyone all over, when they don't fit everywhere. We understand the concept of home rule, when it comes to our legislative agenda. We don't feel that people at the State level from Atlanta should be making decisions for us here in Savannah, or any other locality. Similarly, we should not make decisions for peoples neighborhoods when they are not a part of that decision making. In Cuyler-Brownville they said all of those people who are coming with these great ideas

and making these recommendations on massive changes, none of them are from here, including the ones on the MPC and the ones on Council. So they do not understand the culture and nature of these communities. What may work in TC intown, may not work in TC within one of the concentric neighborhoods. Lastly, Ald. Lanier asked who is going to police that duplex or other unit which is supposed to be affordable and the amount of rent that's being charged. Her recommendation/request today is for people in the neighborhood to be involved, and to postpone this matter to a certain date (maybe a month like December 19).

Ald. Wilder-Bryan thanked Mr. Morrow and Ms. Paxton. Then she asked who Mr. Morrow is employed by, a County entity right? She also asked if Mr. Morrow has ever seen something like this proposal presented. The sitting neighborhood president who is also the chairman is who Mr. Morrow works for. Working in tandem is not happening. Communication needs to be had between parties before it comes to the Council. She does not understand how information regarding this proposal does not fall in the hands of the chairman and neighborhood president. Something this close to our hearts should not only be on the city's agenda, but the county's agenda. Carver Heights is moot because it does not exist. She asked Mr. Morrow if this amendment affects Carver Village. He responded no, it only impacts single family. The County and the City have to do better. She disagreed with showing up in front of us to beat us up and suggest what we should do, when your not suggesting it should be done on your end.

Mayor Johnson explained the MPC is an independent planning organization whose major customer is the City of Savannah and Chatham County. The MPC does not work for Mr. Ellis nor him. In this case, they are the planning experts for the City of Savannah. Rev. Ellis is correct in coming up to speak as a citizen because he would not necessarily be privy prior to this coming to the MPC, or naturally notified in his other capacity. He is coming up as a citizen and has every right to speak regarding them not notifying his neighborhood. We have charged the City Manager to deal and come up with means for us to achieve housing affordability. Ultimately no one (NIMBY) wants to have anything unwanted within their spaces. The question before us is whether or not we need more communication and charge that those conversations be held. In his experience those conversations will not change how people feel as it relates to this question. Ultimately Council is charged to make these decisions regarding housing affordability, with contemporary data saying it is achieved by density. We have to pick a decision and decide a road to go down.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan clarified she has much respect for Mr. Ellis and his ability to be here. She is suggesting that he has a lot of juice. And presidents should be able to voice their opinions before th matters come to the Council.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked why the area of Cuyler-Brownville was picked and if this can be done in other areas of the city. Does it have anything to do with houses being not as expensive as other places in Savannah. What made you all decide to go with the Carver Village, Cuyler-Brownville, Victorian districts. The area of Cuyler-Brownville is being gentrified at an alarming rate. Mr. Morrow responded they wanted to pick a systematic route, zoning districts that were appropriate. Intown neighborhoods (Savannah specific) that have been in development in excess of 100 years easily, with very ingrained development patterns. Traditional districts represent what has been going on for a very long period of time. If a different approach was taken to go neighborhood by neighborhood (least biased as possible), the MPC would do that, but it would be a longer more protracted process. Ald. Miller Blakely advised this is not an example of NIMBY, but they want to have a good quality of life like everyone else is experiencing. It is very interesting how one citizen brought this matter before the staff and now it is being considered. Consider finding another place for this activity, possibly the 4th district as previously suggested and welcomed or some other area, but not the 1st and 5th districts, since this is not what they want.

City Manager Melder asked to add to Mr. Morrow's information. He agrees with some of the sentiments and he thanked Ms. Paxton as well for her petition. The reason this single petition became larger than it was is because the City and the MPC were already working on similar density programs, also what inclusionary zoning might look like, and he did not want to have a competing petition. He didn't want to make it Ms. Paxton's responsibility to meet with the neighborhoods or be chastised. He will take that on. He agreed that we need to be surgical and he sent Council a podcast/article regarding Minneapolis' efforts to try to do something like this at a broader scale. There are tremendous challenges with trying to create wholesale policy change within zoning. The attempt was to be surgical although we did not strike the right note. We endeavored to look at zoning districts that already allow small additions of gentle density where it was already allowed. We will have all conversations that are required. We met the notice requirements for the text amendments, we dedicated a workshop, and MPC heard the presentation as well. We will continue to hear the feedback and continue to refine. There will always be some folks who think this is not right for their neighborhood or their district. These will be hard decisions to make as we continue to work that housing plan, and create the housing density that we need. We can go back and look at other ways to implement this program, and communicate with neighborhoods and residents.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz then read into the record an emailed statement from Ms. Altheria Maynard, president of Cann Jackson Park. She did not meet with Ms. Paxton. Ms. Paxton would not meet with her regarding building duplexes in our neighborhood.

City Manager Melder stated he is not quarrelling with her at all. It's just not Ms. Paxton's responsibility to meet with the neighborhood presidents as a private citizen with a petition of her own. We felt her petition was worthy of collaboration. The issue is ours, so we will take that on. Replace her name in that email with his, and he will take that accountability going forward.

Mayor Johnson stated this is what we are going to do, and he asked the City Manager how much time he needs. Given the time of year, some people have checked out already for the year. Council has to do some soul searching. We keep saying something about what we want in terms of housing affordability within this city. The County doesn't have affordability, but they are working on it. We are doing affordable housing, and it cannot be done without density. If it does not want to be done, then we need to just not do it and let the market take it where it is. This is not where we said we wanted to go, during our visioning session. He asked the City Manager again, how much time do you need because we should be fair and not rush folks into meetings. The City Manager stated he is fine with the January date (second meeting) and responded again with how he felt about the policy and the communication that is needed. Mayor Johnson asked for the date of the 2nd meeting in January, the 23rd.

Ald. Lanier asked Mr. Morrow about areas on the map which include greater Carver Village. There are a lot of historic areas (100 years or older) in the first district that are not designated as historic districts. She stated she believes in the missing middle and we need this housing type. Changes were made when we were working on the NewZo to accommodate the missing middle. We are forcing missing middle in some areas that are not welcomed. We need to focus on where we apply it and how. City Manager Melder responded.

13. Petition of Bridget Lidy on Behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savanah, Georgia for a Zoning Text Amendment to Section 7.8.10. Savannah Historic Overlay District Design Standards (7.8.10.t.iii.2. Footprint, 7.8.10.t.v.1. and 7.8.10.t.v.2.a.i., and Table 7.8-1 Height Standards for Large Scale Development) (File No. 24-005604-ZA).

Exhibit 1: Staff Report for Revision 7.8 Savannah Downtown Historic Overlay District.pdf

Exhibit 2: Proposed Ordinance Revisions (File No. 24-005604-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for agenda item #13.

Speaker(s):

- Bridget Lidy, representing Planning & Urban Design, joined by Preservation Officer Jessica Baldwin

Ald. Leggett moved to close the zoning hearing for agenda item #13, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. See related agenda item #17.

14. Petition of Josh Yellin on Behalf of Colin Breland, Madeline Ott, and Zachary Shultz for Riette Bradley for a Special Use Permit at 2805 Bull Street (20074 33001) for a Bar/Tavern Use in the TC-1 (Traditional Commercial - 1) Zoning District in Aldermanic District 5 (File No. 22-001219-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for 2805 Bull Street (File No. 22-001219-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Maps for 2805 Bull Street (File No. 22-001219-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Zoning Confirmation Letter for 2805 Bull Street.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for agenda item #14.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, representing the MPC
- Josh Yellin, representing the applicant
- Laura Walker - OPPOSED
- Richard Hanpeter - OPPOSED

a. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the hearing for agenda item #14, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda item #14 (the special use permit with the noted stipulations), seconded by Ald. Leggett and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Ald. Miller Blakely voted no.

Mayor Johnson asked Mr. Yellin to address concerns raised by Ms. Walker (the special use covers the entire property not just the "Late Air" portion). Mr. Yellin said that was not their intent.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

15. Petition of Joshua Yellin on Behalf of Jessica Glenn for Anderson & Waters LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 0.14 Acres at 1105 East Anderson Street (PIN 20055 08014) from TR-2 (Traditional Residential-2) to Traditional Commercial-1 (TC-1) in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-005184-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for 1105 East Anderson Street (File No. 24-005184-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Map for 1105 East Anderson Street (File No. 24-005184-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for 1105 East Anderson Street (File No. 24-005184-ZA).pdf

Ald. Leggett moved to continue/postpone agenda item #15 to the November 26, 2024 City Council Meeting, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

16. A Joint Petition of Bridget Lidy on Behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, Georgia and Brianna Paxton for a Zoning Text Amendment to Sections 3.12 Special Exceptions, 3.21 Variances, 5.4 Principal Use Table, 5.9 Traditional Residential Districts, 5.12 Traditional Neighborhood Districts, 5.13 Traditional Districts, 8.1 Residential Use Standards for Limited and Special Uses (File No. 24-004284-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet (File No. 24-004284-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: 10242024 Council Workshop Presentation on the Density Bonus for Affordable Housing Program.pdf

Exhibit 3: Final Proposed Revisions 10092024 (File No. 24-004284-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 4: Draft Ordinance (File No. 24-004284-ZA).pdf

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to continue/postpone agenda item #16 to the January 23, 2025 City Council Meeting, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

17. Petition of Bridget Lidy on Behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savanah, Georgia for a Zoning Text Amendment to Section 7.8.10. Savannah Historic Overlay District Design Standards (7.8.10.t.iii.2. Footprint, 7.8.10.t.v.1. and 7.8.10.t.v.2.a.i., and Table 7.8-1 Height Standards for Large Scale Development) (File No. 24-005604-ZA).

Exhibit 1: Staff Report for Revisions to 7.8 Savannah Downtown Historic Overlay District (File No. 24-005604-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Proposed Ordinance Revisions (File No. 24-005604-ZA).pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved (to approve agenda item #17) that the first reading be considered the second and the ordinance placed upon its passage and passed, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for Elevator Repairs at the Liberty Street Parking Garage with TK Elevator Corporation (LOCAL) in the Amount of $18,359. This modification is needed due to the vendor recommending that a new main brake and new emergency brake be installed to fix the brake issues prior to being able to fix the controller drive. (Parking and Mobility Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Elevator Repairs Liberty Street Parking Garage.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Elevator Repairs Liberty Street Parking Garage.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #18, #19, #20, #21, #22, #23, and #24, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Chlorine Tank Hoist Replacement with Kone Cranes in an Amount Not to Exceed $51,912. The hoist will be used to offload both empty and full one-ton chlorine cylinders for disinfecting wastewater at the Water Reclamation Plant. (Water Reclamation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Hoist Replacement.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Hoist Replacement.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #18, #19, #20, #21, #22, #23, and #24, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Holiday Decorations with Jubilee Decor, LLC in an Amount Not to Exceed $76,814. This procurement is aimed at enhancing the City's festive atmosphere during the holiday season, fostering community spirit, and creating a welcoming environment for residents and visitors alike. The use of high-quality, weather-resistant decorations will ensure durability and longevity, allowing for their display throughout multiple seasons, even in varying weather conditions. (Special Events)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Holiday Decorations.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Holiday Decorations.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #18, #19, #20, #21, #22, #23, and #24, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Control Panel Upgrade from Aqua Aerobic in an Amount Not to Exceed $98,931. The control panel is essential for monitoring and managing the various cycles of the water filtering system. (Water Reclamation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Aqua Aerobic Control Panel Upgrade.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Aqua Aerobic Control Panel Upgrade.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #18, #19, #20, #21, #22, #23, and #24, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Tree Planting Services with CGS, LLC (Primary), ASAP Landscape Management Group (Secondary), and Victory Hive, LLC (LOCAL) (Tertiary) in an Amount Not to Exceed $661,262. The Park & Tree Urban Forestry Division will utilize this contract to maintain and preserve the City of Savannah urban tree canopy. (Park & Tree)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Tree Planting Services.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Tree Planting Services.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #18, #19, #20, #21, #22, #23, and #24, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for 36 Marked Police Interceptor SUVs from Santee Automotive LLC in an Amount Not to Exceed $2,348,144. This purchase will provide replacements for marked patrol vehicles in the City's fleet. These vehicles will be used by the Savannah Police Department Patrol Division for routine law enforcement services. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Marked Patrol Vehicles.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Marked Patrol Vehicles.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #18, #19, #20, #21, #22, #23, and #24, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Mechanical Repairs and Services with Ruby Collins, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed $9,000,000. This contract will be used for proposed work to include periodic construction services for emergency mechanical repairs and on-call construction services. (Water Resources)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Mechanical Repairs.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Mechanical Repairs.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve purchasing items #18, #19, #20, #21, #22, #23, and #24, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

25. Resolution Defining Affordable Housing and Associated Terms, and Supporting the Preservation, Improvement, and Creation of New Affordable Housing Within Savannah. This will be done through the continued implementation of the Housing Savannah Action Plan, adoption of housing friendly policies, and legislative action.

Exhibit 1: Resolution - Housing Affordability.pdf

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve agenda items #25, #27, and #28, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

26. Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Transfer Nine Vacant Lots in West Savannah to the Chatham County/City of Savannah Land Bank Authority (LBA) to Facilitate Development of Affordable Housing.

Exhibit 1: Resolution to Transfer Nine Vacant Lots to the Land Bank Authority.pdf

Ald. Lanier moved to approve agenda item #26, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

27. Resolution in Support of Revisions to Affordable Housing Exemptions for the Development Impact Fee Program under the Development Impact Fee Act.

Exhibit 1: Resolution - Development Impact Fee Exemptions for Affordable Housing.pdf

Exhibit 2: Resolution - Development Impact Fee Exemptions - Redline Version.pdf

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve agenda items #25, #27, and #28, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

28. Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of the 2024 Capital Improvements Element (CIE) Annual Update Following the Approval of the Draft Report by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. The CIE Annual Update is required each year to comply with the Georgia Development Impact Fee Act and to maintain the City of Savannah's qualified local government certification.

Exhibit 1: Proposed Resolution 10222024.pdf

Exhibit 2: Final City of Savannah 2024 CIE Update 10222024.pdf

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve agenda items #25, #27, and #28, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

AGREEMENTS

29. Approval of PY2024 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth Provider Sub-award in the Amount of Up to $274,067 for Delivery of Training and Support Services to Low-Income Youth Ages 16-24 in Chatham County.

Exhibit 1: PY24 Youth Grant Award.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda item #29, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

30. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Land Lease with Bellsouth Telecommunications, LLC (AT&T) on Wilmington Island. The City of Savannah owns a +/- 10-acre site on Wilmington Island that houses water and sewer facilities, of which Bellsouth Telecommunications, LLC ("AT&T") currently leases +/- 625 square feet where their telecommunications equipment and cabinets are placed.

Exhibit 1: Location Maps - 1121 Wilmington Island Road.pdf

Exhibit 2: Land Lease Agreement - 1121 Wilmington Island Road.pdf

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve agenda item #30, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

31. Approval of a Major Subdivision: Oakwood Phase 2A at New Hampstead. The proposed property totals 20.241 acres and will consist of 62 lots of varying lot sizes located at 3401-B Highlands Boulevard in Aldermanic District 5.

Exhibit 1: Plat - Major Subdivision Savannah Oakwood at New Hampstead Phase 2A.pdf

Exhibit 2: MPC Decision - Savannah Oakwood at New Hampstead Phase 2A.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda item #31, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

32. Approval of a Major Subdivision: Hill-Durrence West Tract, Parcel B. The subject property is the western portion of land formerly known as the Hill Durrence Tract. This proposed property totals 167.354 acres and will consist of 5 lots with varying lot sizes and a publicly dedicated right-of-way located at Fort Argyle Road and Arkwright Lane in Aldermanic District 5.

Exhibit 1: Plat - Major Subdivision Hill-Durrence West Tract, Parcel B.pdf

Exhibit 2: MPC Decision - Major Subdivision Hill-Durrence West Tract, Parcel B.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda item #32, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

33. NEW ITEM ADDED: Proclamation celebrating 50th Anniversary of BAPS in North America and recognition of the 20th Anniversary of the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Savannah, GA .

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson. Also speaking were Sweeney Patel and Neil Sharma, joined by Rima Patel and Milap Patel.

34. NEW ITEM ADDED: Proclamation honoring the service of Paula Kreissler, Executive Director, of Healthy Savannah upon her retirement.

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and read by Ald. Palumbo. Also speaking were Paula Kreissler an Armaud Turner.

35. NEW ITEM ADDED: Approval of Major Subdivision, The Hill-Durrence East Tract Parcel B. The subject property is the eastern portion of land formerly known as the Hill-Durrence Tract. The proposed subdivision will consist of 3 lots and new public right-of-way. The property is in Aldermanic District 5 at Street Location: Fort Argyle Road and Arkwright Lane.

Exhibit 2: MPC Decision.pdf

Exhibit 1: Plat: Major Subdivision: The Hill-Durrence East Tract Parcel B.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda item #35, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ald. Bell recognized and commended Savannah citizens who have been named Georgia Trend's 2024 Most Influential Leaders.

- G. Holmes Bell, Mark Burns, Scott Center, Anna Chafin, T. Mills Fleming, T. Todd Groce, Keitaro Harado, Paul Hinchey, Robert Earl James, Eric Johnson, Shawn Kachmar, Griff Lynch, Joe Marinelli, Sam McCachern, Jonathan Pannell, Greg Park, Scott Sheidt, Chris Smith, Hugh "Trip" Tollison, and Paula Wallace

Ald. Miller Blakely said to young people she is thankful and proud that they went out and voted like they should have, and she congratulated the following on winning their elections:

- District Attorney Shalena Cook Jones
- newly elected Sheriff Richard Coleman
- State Representative Carl Gilliard
- County Commissioner Adot Whitely

Ald. Wilder-Bryan gave a shout-out to Gena Davis (Taylor) from Greenbriar Children's Center for celebrating 75 years of service. They still have tables available for the gala being held on November 15. Sam McCachern and Edna Jackson will be the chairpersons. And congratulations to her soror State Representative Edna Jackson for her re-election.

Mayor Johnson announced that members of the City Council will be engaged with the National League of Cities (NLC) City Summit's centennial celebration in Tampa Bay, FL.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at **5:11 p.m.**

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: November 26, 2024

Signature: Mark Massey

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ACTION MINUTES
Wednesday, November 20, 2024

Fiscal Year 2025 Council Budget Retreat

The Council Budget Retreat was held at the Savannah Civic Center Ballroom, 301 W. Oglethorpe Ave, at 9:03 a.m. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order, then recognized Alderman Kurtis Purtee to offer the invocation.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, Post 1, At-Large
Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, Post 2, At-Large
Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2
Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 – Vice Chair
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 – Chairman
Alderwoman 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
Interim Chief Operating Officer Melissa Carter
Sr. Director, Financial Services David Maxwell
Interim Sr. Director, Management and Budget Sancia Joseph-Jarvis
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Assistant City Attorney Denise Cooper
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

AGENDA ITEMS

- **See attached Agenda, and PowerPoint presentations.**
- **The City Manager and staff made their presentations in accordance with the attached agenda, followed by the Mayor and Aldermen who either weighed-in, asked questions, offered comments, and/or made requests.**
- **The Management and Budget Team compiled a "Parking Lot" of items, based upon the matters raised by the Mayor and Aldermen.**

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 4:40 p.m. [NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.]

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FY25 Budget Retreat Parking Lot

November 20, 2024

Management Services Overview

- Provide detail of the costs for each of the FY24 Capital Project successes, highlights, and accomplishments and 2025 Work Plan projects **-AMB**

Project Name	Cost	Status
Tide to Town Truman Trail Phase 2B & Middleground Road		
Asphalt Art Project in Cloverdale		
Eastside Gym at PARC		
Phase I of the City Hall Restoration Project **Phase I of**		
Wetland Park		
Water Works Building Stabilization Project		
Fairgrounds Housing Infrastructure		
Splash Pads at Forest Hills		
Splash Pads at Avondale		
Splash Pads at Victory Heights		
Splash Pads at Tatemville		
Splash Pads at Live Oak		

Splash Pads at Crossroads		
Arena Parking Lot		

- Update status of Vassar & Victory/Ogeechee stormwater projects **-EES**
    - Anthony Caston informed an update was verbally provided during the break
- Provide an update on Highlands Recreation Phase II. **- BL**

Community Services Overview

- What is the 5-year historical seasonal youth employment budget allocation? **-AMB/VRJ**
- Provide detail of *how* the funding is being dispersed to youth/sports/TAP programs **-DL**
    - $300K TAP Allocation
- Prioritize repairing the Tatemville and Liberty City community centers' parking lot lights **-EES**

Government Operations Overview

- Provide life expectancies/replacement schedules for larger vehicles (Fire Engines) **– DL**
- Proposed policy changes to mitigate illegal dumping. For example: require contractors to provide a landfill ticket to inspectors after clearing out homes for renovation**. -BL**
- How can we improve the process for clearing titles? **- BL**

    - Eminent domain is the way of clearing titles per Mayor Van Johnson
- How can we reduce the turn-around time for court procedures related to code enforcement tickets to expedite property owner code compliance? **– LWB**
    - City Attorney office staff researching the possibility of a municipal court.
- Proposed increased monitoring of overfilled dumpsters at businesses / require locking to prevent unauthorized use. **– CB**
- Increase ditch maintenance and monitoring to prevent overflow. **-VJ**
    - CM proposed increasing community education on healthy vegetation in ditches.
- Address noise complaints from neighbors of the Pancake House on Victory drive due to trucks starting too early in violation of the noise ordinance. **– LWB**

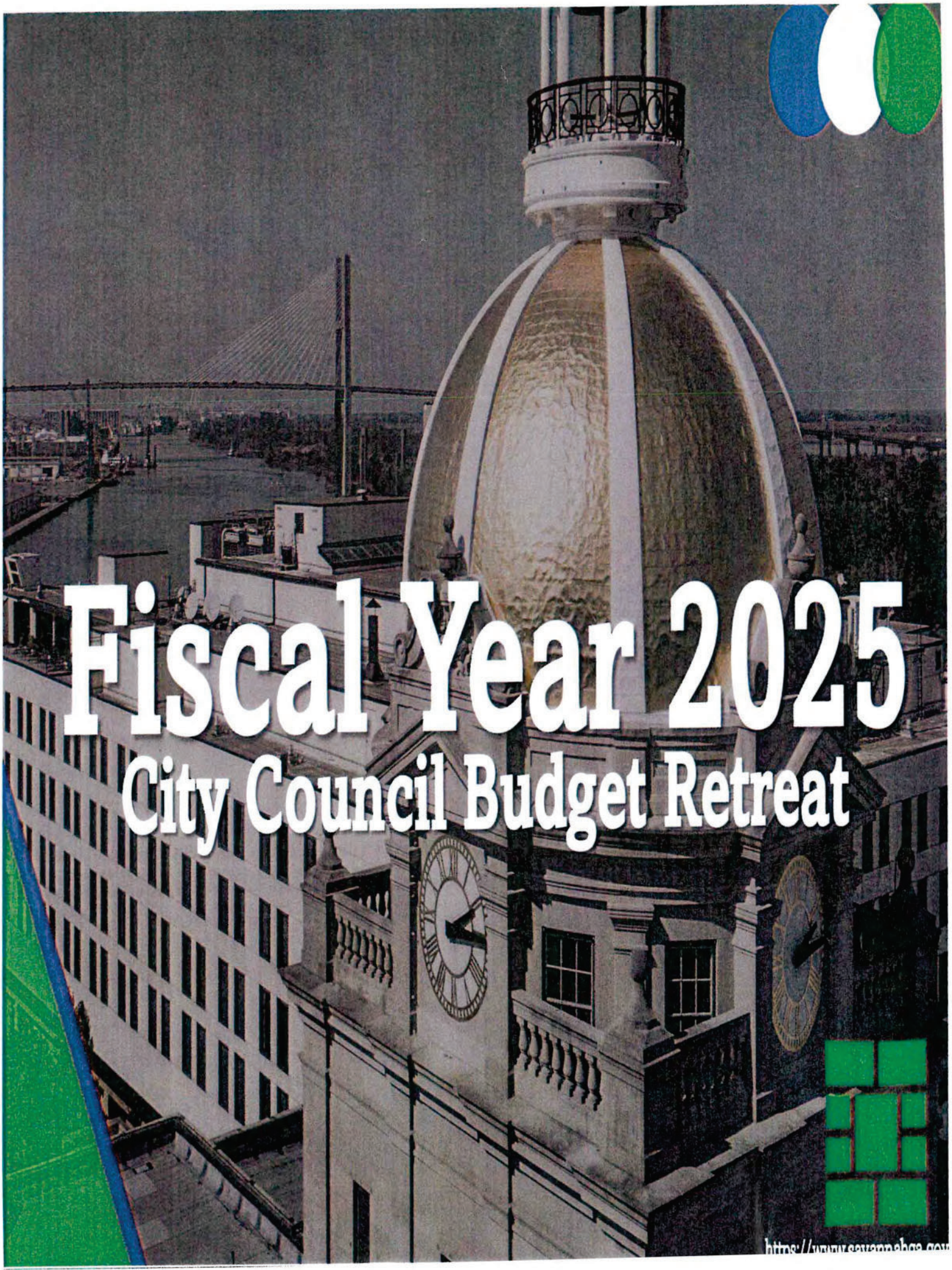
Water Resources Overview

- Ditches have been removed from maintenance schedule. Staff reported they are out of City limits (Westside). Requests intervention. **- BL**

Planning and Economic Development

- Proposed to extend Economic Development internship program to GA Southern, Savannah Tech, Early College, and high school seniors. **-AMB**

- Requests update on Water's Ave widening plan to share with the Neighborhood Association. **-DL**
- Open dialogue with SCAD on the excess space their buses require to transport students/first year students bringing their vehicles to school, causing congestion, and potential parking violations. **-DL**
- Who is allowed to host Airbnbs, what are the boundaries, and what challenges we are having with that? **-LWB**
    - Will host Council Workshop to provide a report/presentation of the short-term rentals in our neighborhoods and the software upgrade
- What is the difference between the Economic Development and HR internship programs? **– LWB**
- Provide progress update on the Horse-drawn carriage situation. **-CB**
    - City Manager is awaiting Council's direction
- How will we address Environmental Justice issues? For example: Noise issues with trains near West Bay St in West Savannah. **-BL**
- Proposed Community Benefits Ordinance (CBO) to address CBAs and Inclusionary Zoning policies. **-BL**
- Reexamine software algorithm for street resurfacing/striping on the Westside. What is the frequency schedule for striping on the Westside? **-BL**
- What neighborhoods are designated as CDBG census tracts, and how are we spending CDBG funding there? **- BL**


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PROPOSED BUDGET SNAPSHOT

Fiscal Year 2025

BUDGET IN BRIEF

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BUDGET 2025

- The FY25 **$602 million** proposed budget delivers high-quality and improved services, while making investments to improve the lives of residents
- Maintains millage rate at **12.20**
- Pension Plan contribution of **$14.2 million** City-Wide
- The General Fund proposed budget is **$291 million**, balanced with no tax increase and no planned draw from reserve funds
- **Maintains reserves at 19%,** covering approximately 60 days of general operating costs: consistent with the City's Policy
- Contributes **$20 million** for comprehensive medical benefits for employees, dependents, and retirees under age 65

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & RESILIENCY

- **$2.5 million** in additional funding to support the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund
- **$1 million** in planned spending through the Community Partnership Program benefiting local nonprofit organizations
- **$658,000** in planned spending through the Arts, Cultural, and Enrichment Program benefiting local nonprofit organizations
- **$1 million** for infrastructure development at the Fairgrounds site
- **$331,521** to support Housing Savannah Inc. Initiatives
- **$350,000** Continuous Investment in the Homeless Day Centers
- **$500,000** in additional contributions to Homelessness Support Grants
- **$2.5 million** in funding for Blighted Property Acquisition & Redevelopment

PUBLIC SAFETY

- Increased recruitment bonus from **$5,000 to $7,500** and lateral recruitment bonus from **$7,500 to $10,000** to maximize Savannah Police Department's local, regional, and statewide competitive recruitment standing
- Continuing support for the **Office of Neighborhood Safety & Engagement (ONSE) of nearly $1.3 million**, which includes $584,106 in funding for the Youth Advocate Program; $250,000 in funding for Violence Reduction Grants; $250,000 in funding for the Path Forward Program; and $200,000 funding for Neighborhood Improvement Teams

- **$150,000** Annual Investment in FUSUS
- **$95,000** for staffing software enhancements for Savannah Fire to increase accuracy and reduce costs
- Capital funding for a modular **Fire Services station** and **a permanent Joint Public Safety facility in New Hampstead**

LIVABLE BUILT ENVIROMENT/ INFRASTRUCTURE

- **$1 million** for infrastructure development at the Fairgrounds site that will support 50 housing units in Phase I to alleviate housing needs
- **$5.95 million** in capital allocations supporting streets, sidewalks, and traffic calming to provide safe transportation
- **$1.9 million** in capital allocation supporting the City's drainage system, to include pump station bar screen replacements, pump station and storm sewer rehabilitation.
- **$2.52 million** Building Resilient Infrastructure & Communities (BRIC) grant investment in Springfield Canal Drainage improvement costs
- **$150,000** for the Continuation of Stormwater Utility Feasibility Study
- **$200,000** for the development of a comprehensive electric vehicle charging deployment plan to guide investment decisions for charging infrastructure for both the City fleet and the general public

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QUALITY OF LIFE/FUNDAMENTAL CITY SERVICE

- **$4.82 million** capital investment in Recreation Improvement Projects
- **$350,000** capital funding for the "new" Signature Playground at Daffin Park
- Invest **$6.2 million** to continue modernizing the City's water metering system. Water and Sewer Utility Billing upgrades to support the ongoing Advanced Meter Infrastructure (AMI) modernization underway to improve customer experience
- **$6.2 million** to continue modernizing the City's water metering system
- **$1.4 million** to increase the capacity of the Residential and Yard Waste Collection
- Approximately **$2 million** capital investment to address deferred facility maintenance and space planning

- **$2.5 million** in SPLOST VII funding to support blighted property acquisition & redevelopment
- **$1 million** for two new sanitation collection crews to enhance equitable service delivery as the customer base expands in new and growing areas

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ECONOMIC ACCESS, OPPORTUNITY AND VITALITY

- **$125,000** for Grant Writing Services to leverage Federal Funding
- **$642,564** grant investment from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Addressing Conditions to Improve Population Health (ACTion) grant to implement select initiatives from the Canal District Master Plan
- **$205,672** in CDBG and program income funding allocated to education and workforce development, Emerge Job Training scholarships, Child Development Associate (CDA), Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Culinary Kitchen Cook (CKC), and Fast Track Manufacturing/Logistics job programs
- **$302,844** in Community Block Development Grant (CDBG) funding allocated to the Small Business Lending program
- **$173,677** for a program manager and software to support growth of the Local/Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (LDBE) programs and maintain compliance with local, state and federal requirements

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GOOD GOVERNMENT

- **$11.1 million** to implement the recommendations of the Class and Comp Study, to match market wages for positions with the City of Savannah's portfolio, along with providing a 3% salary adjustment
- Minimum wage increase from **$15.37 to $18.00** per hour
- Absorbing **$1.2 million** of increase cost associated with the Medicare Advantage Plan premiums for retirees over age 65
- **$50,000** to implement a Comprehensive Paid Internship Program
- **$50,000** enhancement to Team Savannah's Fitness Reimbursement Program to incentivize employee health and wellness

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AGENDA

8:30 AM **Budget Workshop Opening** (Breakfast will be served)

9:00 AM **Call to Order**.....**Honorable Van R. Johnson, II**
Mayor

9:05 AM **FY25 Proposed Budget Overview**.....**Joseph A. Melder**
City Manager

9:40 AM **Investing in Team Savannah**.....**Jeff Grant**
Sr. Director, Human Resources

10:00 AM **Management Services Overview**.....**Melissa Carter**
Interim Chief Operating Officer

10:20 AM **Community Services Overview**.....**Taffanye Young**
Chief of Community Services

10:50 AM **Government Operations Overview**.....**Gene Prevatt**
Chief of Government Operations

11:10 AM **Water Resources Overview**.....**Ronald Feldner**
Chief of Water Resources

11:30PM **FY25 Proposed Enterprise Funds and Debt Service**.....**David Maxwell**
Sr. Director, Financial Services

12:00 PM **Planning & Economic Development Overview**.....**Faye DiMassimo**
Chief of Planning & Economic Development

12:30 PM **Lunch**

2:00 PM **Public Safety**

Savannah Fire Dept. Overview.....**Chief Elzie Kitchen**
Fire Chief

Savannah Police Dept. Overview.....**Chief Lenny Gunther**
Police Chief

2:40 PM **Information & Public Affairs Overview**..... **Joseph Shearouse**
Interim Chief of Information and Public Affairs

3:00 PM **FY25 Proposed Budget Framework** .....**Sancia Joseph-Jarvis**
Interim Sr. Director, Management and Budget

3:20 PM **Proposed Five-Year Capital Plan Overview**.....**Melissa Carter**
Interim Chief Operating Officer

3:40 PM **Council Direction**.....**Honorable Van R. Johnson II**
Mayor

4:00 PM **Adjourn**

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Call to Order

The Honorable Van R. Johnson II
67th Mayor of Savannah



Opening Remarks

Joseph A. Melder
City Manager



Mission Statement

Savannah will be a **safe**, environmentally **healthy**, and economically **thriving** community for **all** its citizens.

Core Values

Equity | Communication | Community Engagement

Innovation | Execution | Transparency | Accountability

Partnerships (including Regional Partnerships



Priority Goals

1. Expand **Economic Access, Opportunity,** and **Vitality** for All
2. Increase **Public Safety** and Our Collective **Sense of Safety**
3. Invest in **Equitable Community Development & Resiliency**
4. Plan & Build World Class **Livable Environments and Infrastructure**
5. **Improve Quality of Life** by Raising Municipal Service Standards
6. Always be a **High-Performing Government**



Where We Are Now

- OUR COMMUNITY IS SAFER
- OUR FINANCES ARE STRONGER & MORE DIVERSE
- SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS ON HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS
- WE ARE MORE RESILIENT, SUSTAINABLE & EQUITABLE
- WE ARE DOING BIG THINGS

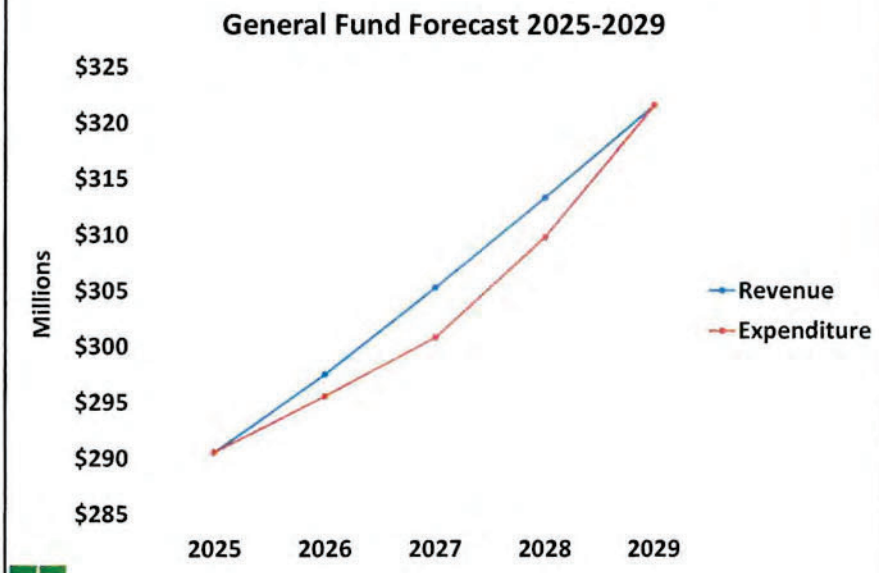
3 Basic Budget Considerations

1. What are the ***needs*** of our community
2. What are the ***expenses*** to meet those needs
3. What are our ***revenues*** to cover expenses

FY25 Budget Foundations

- **$602 million** proposed budget is balanced and delivers high-quality and improved services to improve the lives of residents
- **No tax rates increases** and **no planned draws** from the **General nor Enterprise Fund reserves**
- Maintains **millage rate** at **12.20**
- Approximately **$78.3 million** in planned **capital spending**
- **Reserves maintained** at **19%**, covering about **60 days** of general operating costs
- Responsible contributions into City's pension plan and addressing issues of compensation plan stagnation

General Fund Outlook



3% growth on top of FY24 Tax Digest for property tax revenue streams

1.5% growth Local Option Sales Tax (LOST)

Hotel/Motel Tax income collection of $49.4 million; General Fund share of 37.5% estimated at $18 million.

Expand Economic Access, Opportunity, & Vitality for All

- **$302,844** in Community Block Development Grant (CDBG) funding allocated to the **Small Business Lending program.**
- **$205,672** in CDBG and program income funding allocated to **education and workforce development**, Emerge Job Training scholarships, Child Development Associate (CDA),Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Culinary Kitchen Cook (CKC), and Fast Track Manufacturing/Logistics **job programs.**
- **$173,677** allocated for a program manager and software to support growth of the **Local/Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (LDBE) programs** and maintain compliance with local, state and federal requirements.
- **$13,000** for the **Mayor's Small Business Conference** to provide an opportunity for small business owners to come together, learn, and gain insights from successful entrepreneurs; the conference will be subsidized by sponsorships.





Increase Public Safety & Our Collective Sense of Security

- **$525,755 to double the count of Community Resource Officers** (20 total) dedicated to addressing key neighborhood safety and quality of life issues, including impacts of homelessness, code infractions, and public nuisances.
- **Increased recruitment bonus from $5,000 to $7,500 and lateral recruitment bonus from $7,500 to $10,000** to maximize Savannah Police Department's local, regional, and statewide competitive recruitment standing.
- Capital funding for a modular Fire Services station and a permanent Joint Public Safety facility in New Hampstead.
- Continuing support for the **Office of Neighborhood Safety & Engagement (ONSE) of nearly $1.3 million**, which includes $584,106 in funding for the Youth Advocate Program; $250,000 in funding for Violence Reduction Grants; $250,000 in funding for the Path Forward Program; and $200,000 funding for Neighborhood Improvement Teams.
- **$150,000** annual **investment in FUSUS**, a real-time crime center platform that integrates data and video feeds from multiple sources to enhance situational awareness and investigative capabilities for law enforcement, first responders, and private security.

Invest in Equitable Community Development & Resiliency

- **$2.5 million** to support the **Savannah Affordable Housing Fund**
- **$1 million** in planned spending through **the Community Partnerships Program** benefiting citizens through local nonprofit organization services and programs
- **$658,000** invested in the **Arts and Cultural Enrichment** and **Weave-a-Dream** programs, vital contributors to the City's economic growth and essential components in the development of Savannah's unique identity
- **$300,000** to support **Youth Sports League**, a City recreational initiative
- **$500,000** in contributions to **homelessness support services grants**
- **$350,000** in planned spending for expanded **day centers services** that provide daytime shelter and services for people experiencing homelessness





Improve Quality of Life by Raising Municipal Service Standards

- **$1.4 million** to increase the capacity of **residential and yard waste collection**, includes a $400,000 truck mounted sweeper, 4 sanitation associates and 2 refuse truck operators, ensuring equitable distribution of quality sanitation services throughout the City and new areas of growth
- **$2.5 million in SPLOST VII** funding to support **blighted property acquisition & redevelopment**
- Invest **$6.2 million to continue modernizing the City's water metering system**. Water and Sewer Utility Billing upgrades to support the ongoing Advanced Meter Infrastructure (AMI) modernization underway to improve customer experience
- **$229 thousand** to establish the **City's first Valve Exercising Team**, ensuring the operability of the City's water valves to facilitate more efficient maintenance and operation of the water system
- **$4.82 million** capital investment **in recreation improvement projects** for health and leisure



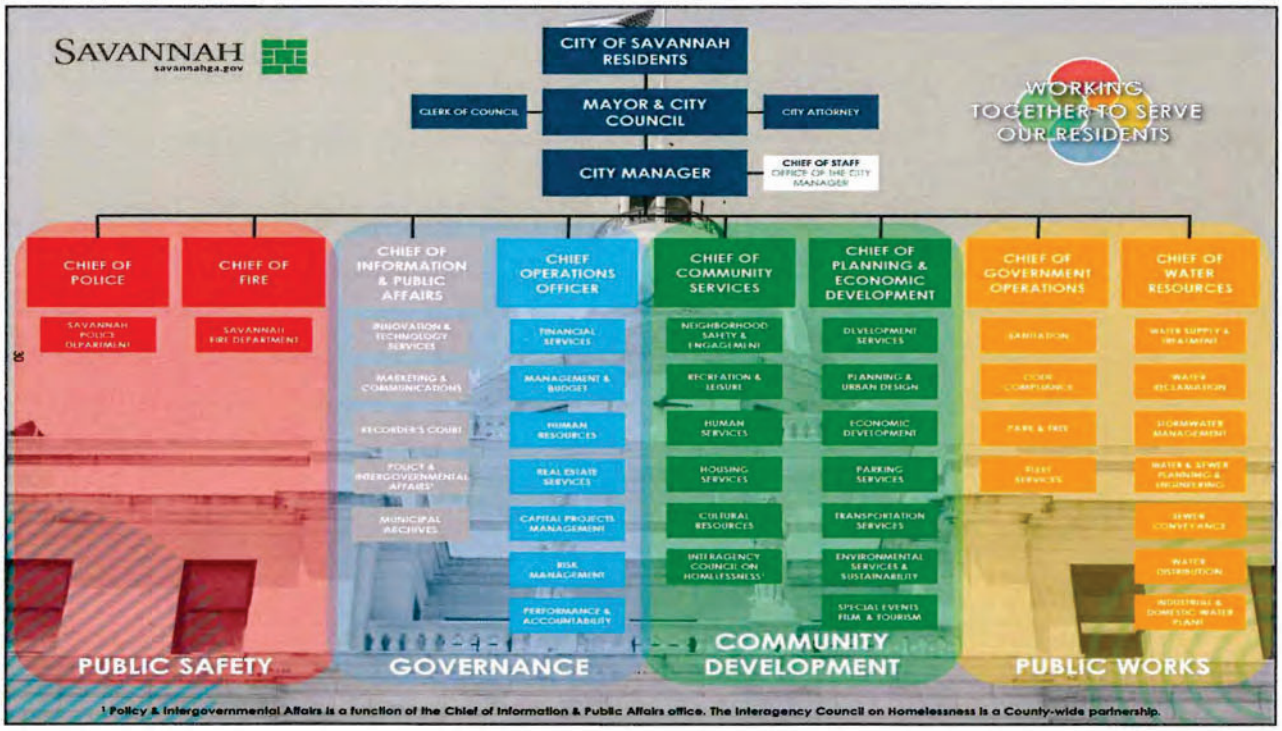
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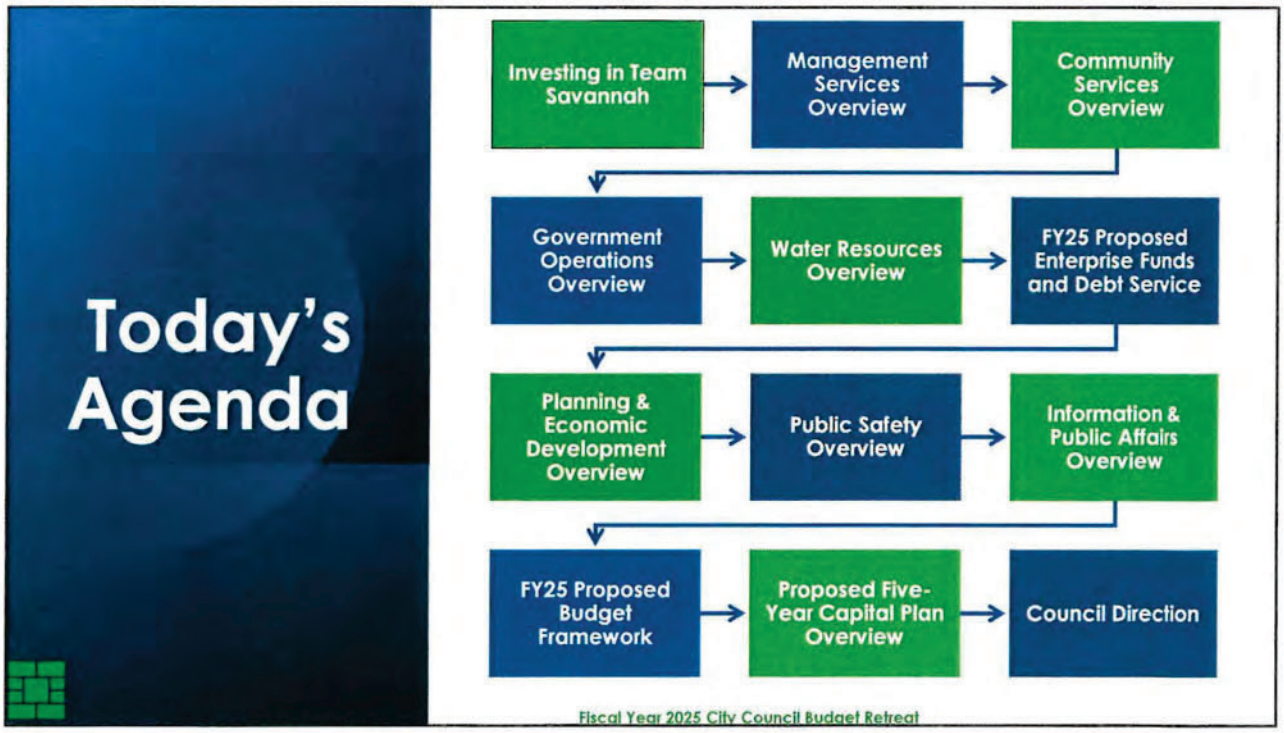
- **$11.1 million** to provide a **3 percent adjustment to employee's salaries** and **implement the recommendations of the Classification and Compensation study** for Team Savannah.
- Approximately **$2 million** capital investment to address **space planning and deferred facility maintenance**.
- **$20 million** for comprehensive medical benefits for employees, dependents, and retirees under age 65
- Absorbs **$1.2 million of increased costs** associated with the **Medicare Advantage Plan for retirees over age 65.**
- **$1 million investment for professional development** including training and related costs to sharpen our workforce in delivering exceptional public services.
- **$50,000** to enhance our **Fitness Reimbursement Program**, in efforts to incentivize Team Savannah to become a healthier organization.
- **$50,000** to implement a **comprehensive paid internship program.**

Planned Capital Investments

Cemetery	• $585,000
Community Development	• $9,313,450
Drainage	• $1,950,000
Public Building	• $4,260,900
Recreation	• $2,820,000
Park & Tree	• $525,000
Squares & Monuments	• $9,100
Streets & Sidewalks	• $5,200,000
Traffic Management	• $750,000
Sewer	• $34,996,000
Water	• $10,545,000
Other	• $7,300,000



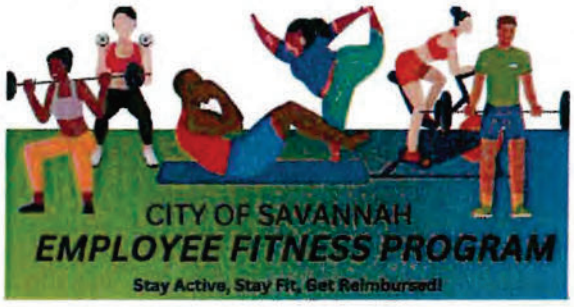

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STORMWATER MANAGEMENT
WATER & SEWER PLANNING & ENGINEERING
SEWER CONVEYANCE
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PUBLIC WORKS
1 Policy & Intergovernmental Affairs is a function of the Chief of Information & Public Affairs office. The Interagency Council on Homelessness is a County-wide partnership.


Today's Agenda
Investing in Team Savannah
Management Services Overview
Community Services Overview
Government Operations Overview
Water Resources Overview
FY25 Proposed Enterprise Funds and Debt Service
Planning & Economic Development Overview
Public Safety Overview
Information & Public Affairs Overview
FY25 Proposed Budget Framework
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Investing in Team Savannah

Jeff Grant, Senior Director, Human Resources

Investment $50,000



Fitness Facility Membership
Reimbursement Increasing
$15 - $40

+



15% off your YMCA



City of Savannah Comprehensive Internship Program

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- 25 Internships Paid Annually
- Competitive Internship Process
- Long-term Participant Tracking & Talent Pipeline Development
- Performance Evaluation of Intern & Organizational Experience

Investment
$50,000

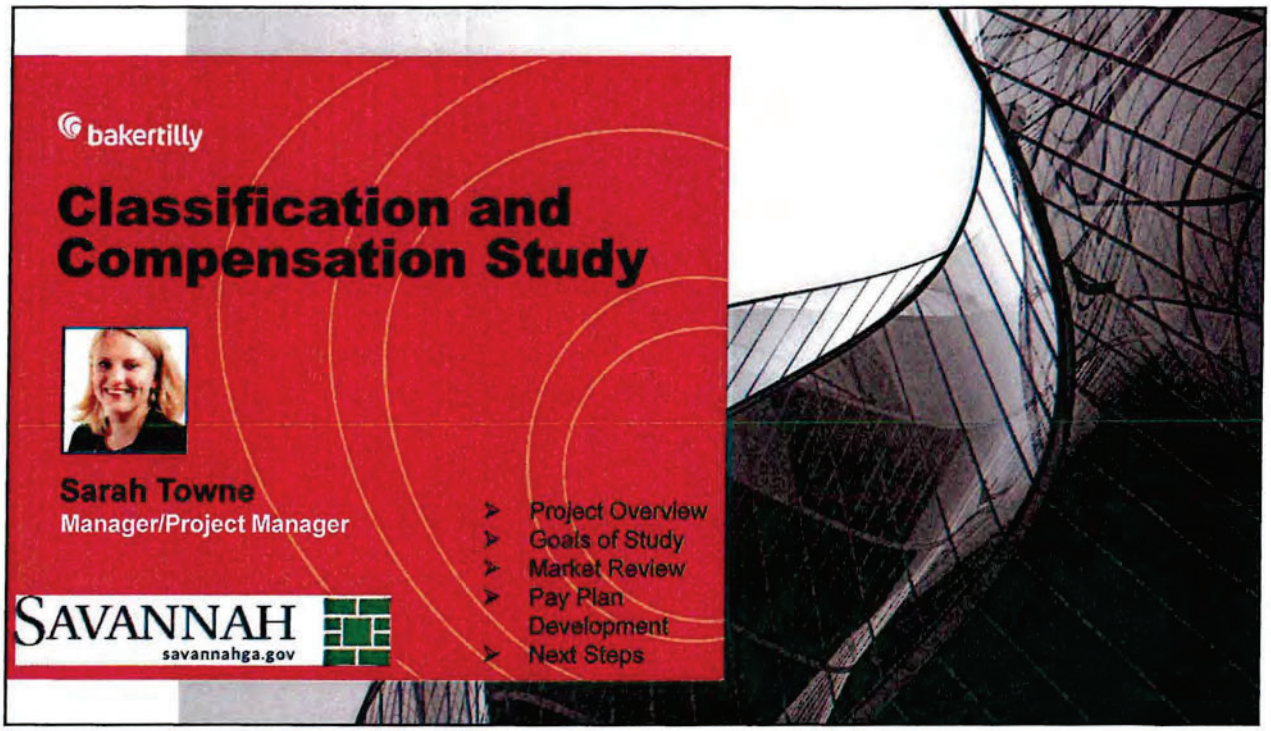
Investment $1.2 million

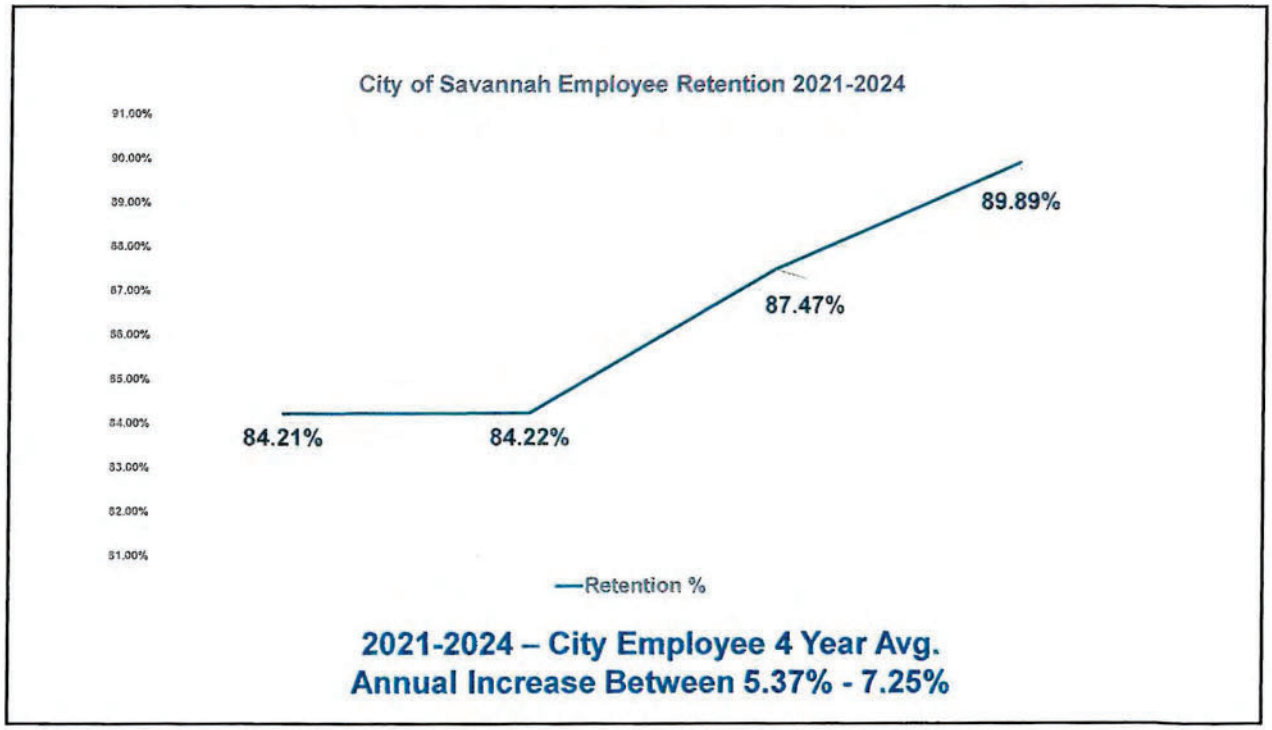
United Healthcare®

Absorbed **$1.2 million of increased costs** associated with the **Medicare Advantage Plan for retirees over age 65 & the Inflation Reduction Act**

Inflation Reduction Act and Medicare

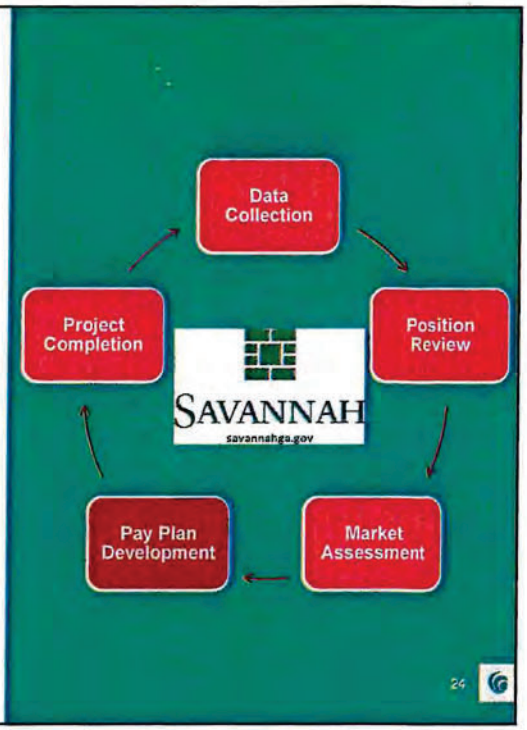



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Classification and Compensation Study
Sarah Towne
Manager/Project Manager
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Project Overview
Goals of Study
Market Review
Pay Plan Development
Next Steps


City of Savannah Employee Retention 2021-2024
91.00%
90.00%
89.00%
88.00%
87.00%
86.00%
85.00%
84.00%
83.00%
82.00%
81.00%
84.21%
84.22%
87.47%
89.89%
Retention %
2021-2024 – City Employee 4 Year Avg.
Annual Increase Between 5.37% - 7.25%

Goals of the Study

- ✓ **GOAL #1 - Create a competitive classification and compensation system that will help the city retain and attract highly qualified employees.**
- ✓ **GOAL #2 – Engaging 100% of employees through-out the study:**
  - ✓ **Service Center Communication Liaisons.** The purpose of the team is to increase engagement, and communication throughout the project citywide.
  - ✓ **Communications Throughout Study:** Paycheck Stuffers, Email Blasts, Memorandums, Videos, and MySavannah Information Hub
- ✓ **GOAL #3 - Evaluating City Pay Plan Structure and Design**
  - ✓ **Ensure Compensation and Classification alignment with organizational needs**
  - ✓ **Enhance internal equity, and facilitate** clear career progression for all employees
  - ✓ **Foster transparent, data-driven decision-making** processes around compensation.
- ✓ **GOAL #4 - Adopt Strategies for moving employees consistently through their ranges.**
  - ✓ Establishing | Updating | Revising Existing Pay Policies



Methodology

Project Overview

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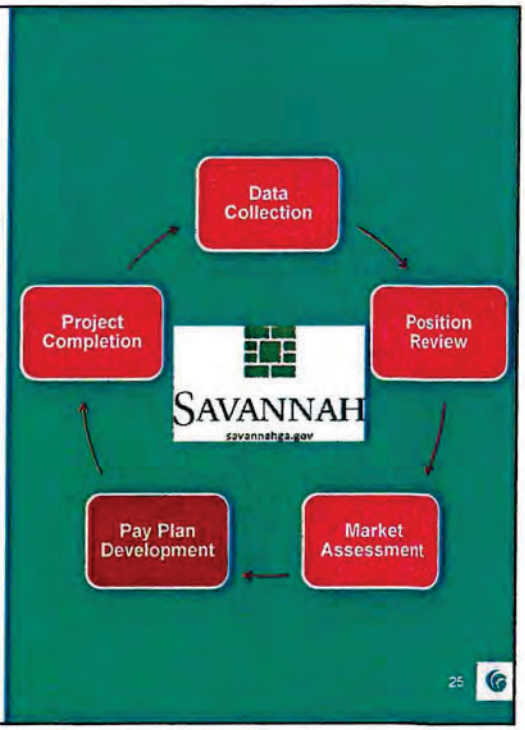
- ✓ **Data Collection**: project planning meetings, data requested from Savannah, Position Analysis Questionnaires (PAQs) completed by employees and reviewed by supervisors.
- ✓ **Position Review:** PAQs used to review titles and conduct job evaluation using our point factor tool, called SAFE®. This process establishes a hierarchy of jobs within the organization that is reflective of internal equity; FLSA analysis.
- ✓ **Market Assessment:** collection of base pay, pay practice, and benefit data from peer organizations.

IN PROGRESS

- **Pay Plan Development:** pay plan development, grade assignments, and implementation calculations.

NEXT

- **Project Completion:** final report delivered, final presentation, project documentation delivery, training for HR.



Methodology

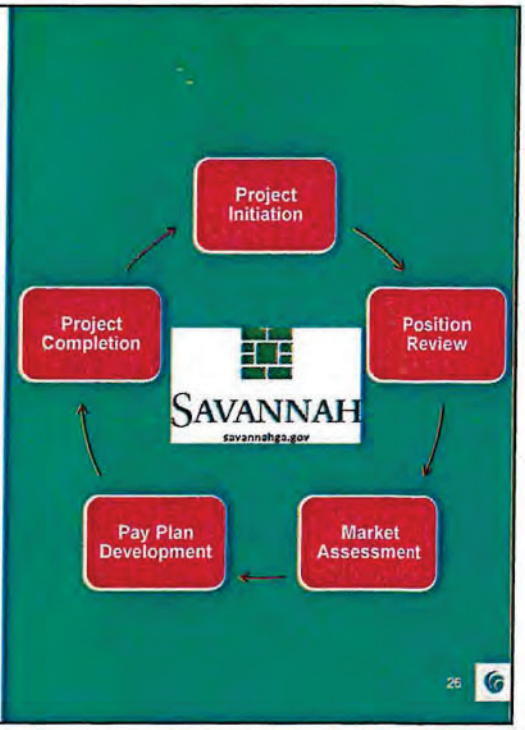
Project Overview

Position Review

- Title Review: We reviewed all 460 titles and made recommendations for adjustments, as necessary
- Job Evaluation: We conducted job evaluation using our point factor tool, called SAFE®. This process establishes a hierarchy of jobs within the organization that is reflective of internal equity.
  - *This is a measurement of the position, NOT the person in the position.*
- The 9 compensable factors:

1. Education
2. Experience
3. Level of Work
4. Human Interaction
5. Physical Demands
6. Working Conditions
7. Independence of Actions
8. Impact on the Organization
9. Supervision Exercised

- *SAFE is compatible and compliant with federal Equal Pay Act.*



Market Assessment: Peer Organizations

- The City identified **14** peer organizations to be included in the study.
- Data was collected or compiled from all **14 of those**, **shown in bold below.**
- **Benchmark Positions - 367** positions **(80%)** included as benchmarks in the survey
- **Adjustment & Quality Control** *We do not weight the data.*
- Data from 4 published surveys included to represent the **"private sector".**

1. **Atlanta, Georgia**
2. **Charleston, South Carolina**
3. **Charlotte, North Carolina**
4. **Chatham County, Georgia**
5. **Cobb County, Georgia**
6. **Fort Lauderdale, Florida**
7. **Jacksonville, Florida**
8. **New Orleans, Louisiana**
9. **Newport News, Virginia**
10. **Orlando, Florida**
11. **Raleigh, North Carolina**
12. **State of Georgia**
13. **Tampa, Florida**
14. **Wilmington, North Carolina**
15. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)
16. Comp Analyst
17. Economic Research Institute (ERI)
18. Payfactors

Market Assessment: Cost of Labor Differentials

Where cost of living is a measurement of goods and services in each area, the cost of labor is a measurement of compensation paid.

Cost of labor can be impacted by the cost of living but is mainly influenced by the supply and demand of labor in each area (rate of unemployment and number of qualified laborers).

Date Pulled	Client Name	Location	Geo Adjust	Client Avg Base
8/8/2024	Savannah, Georgia	Savannah, GA	94.9	$ 62,505.43

Peer #	Peer Organization	Locality Used	ERI Indicator	GeoDiff %
1	Atlanta, Georgia	Atlanta, GA	102.1	-7.2%
2	Charleston, South Carolina	Charleston, SC	93.7	1.2%
3	Charlotte, North Carolina	Charlotte, NC	99.8	-4.9%
4	Chatham County, Georgia	Savannah, GA	94.9	0.0%
5	Cobb County, Georgia	Marietta, GA	100.6	-5.7%
6	Fort Lauderdale, Florida	Fort Lauderdale, FL	100.0	-5.1%
7	Jacksonville, Florida	Jacksonville, FL	94.6	0.3%
8	New Orleans, Louisiana	New Orleans, LA	96.0	-1.1%
9	Newport News, Virginia	Newport News, VA	98.4	-3.5%
10	Orlando, Florida	Orlando, FL	93.0	1.9%
11	Raleigh, North Carolina	Raleigh, NC	100.3	-5.4%
12	State of Georgia	State of Georgia	95.7	-0.8%
13	Tampa, Florida	Tampa, FL	95.0	-0.1%
14	Wilmington, North Carolina	Wilmington, NC	92.7	2.2%
15	Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)	State of Georgia	95.7	-0.8%
16	Comp Analyst	State of Georgia	95.7	-0.8%
17	Economic Research Institute (ERI)	State of Georgia	95.7	-0.8%
18	Payfactors	State of Georgia	95.7	-0.8%

Cost of labor differentials collected from Economic Research Institutes Geographic Assessor tool.

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External Equity

Market Assessment: Results

- In total, 367 benchmark positions were included in the market survey.
- Overall, the study yielded market values for 92.9% of Savannah's benchmark positions.

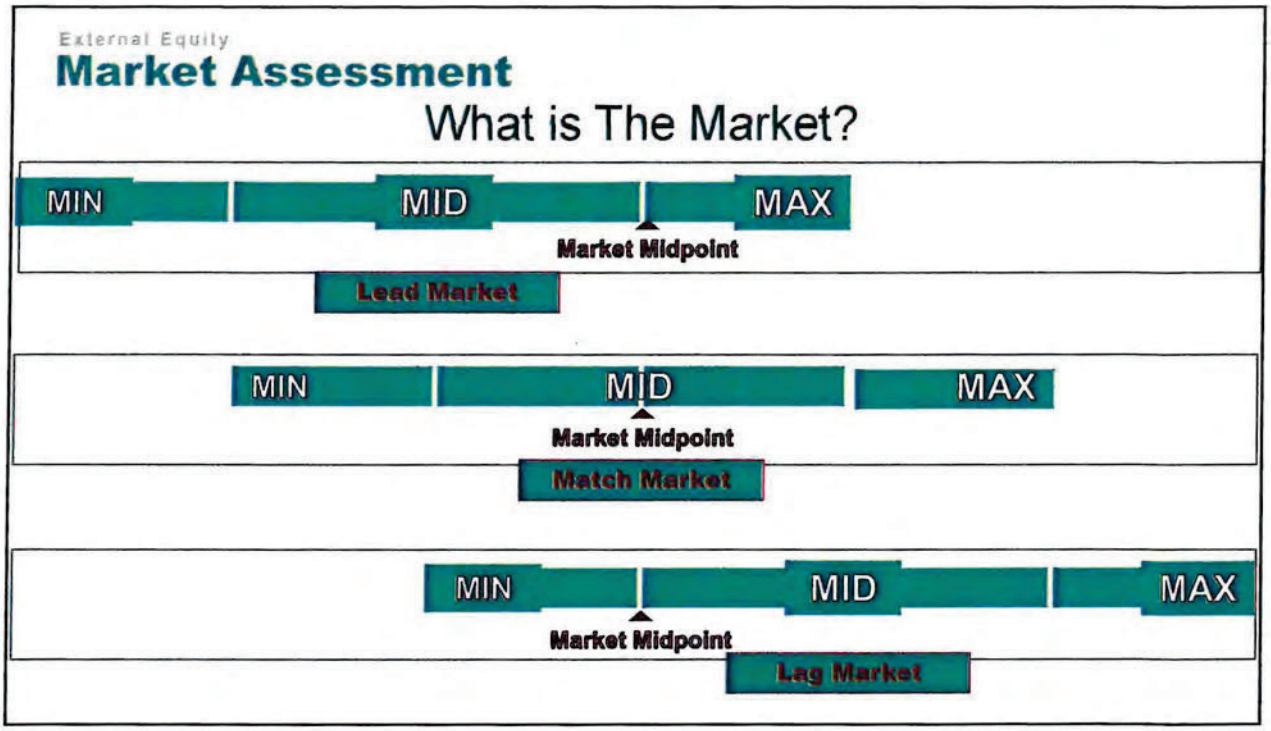
- **Average minimum, midpoint, and maximum results were prepared for the 341 benchmarks with sufficient data.**
  - Benchmark positions had 9 matches, on average.
- Based on the draft market results, on average, the City of Savannah is:
  - 0.7% above market at the minimum
  - 1.8% **below** market at the midpoint
  - 4.0% **below** market at the maximum

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External Equity

Market Assessment

What is The Market?



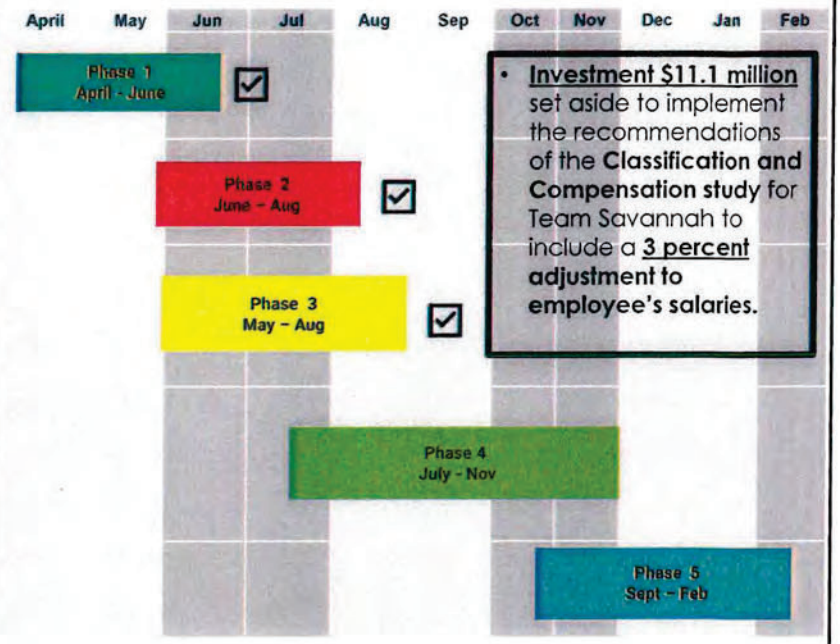
City of Savannah
Minimum Wage
Increase

from **$15.37/hr.**
to **$18.00/hr.**



Project Timeline by Phase

Phase/Tasks
Data Collection
- Planning Meetings
- Data Request
- Kickoff/Communication Meetings
- PAQ Coordination
- City-Wide Comms
Position Review
- Data Conversion and JE Set Up
- SAFE Job Evaluation, review and Training
- FLSA Analysis
- Career Ladders
- City-Wide Comms
Market Assessment
- Market Campaign, Peers and Benchmark Positions, Field Survey
- Benefits Comparison
- Market Analysis, Matching, Quality Control, Market Review
- City-Wide Comms
Pay Design
- Pay Plan Set Up and Research
- Pay Plan Development
- Implementation Cost Analysis
- Pay Policy
- Preview/Soft Roll Out with Directors/Chiefs, pass back, meetings, committee review
- City-Wide Comms
Project Completion
- Final Report
- Final Presentation/Communication
- Training
- Comp/Data 101 new processes, structure



- **Investment $11.1 million** set aside to implement the recommendations of the **Classification and Compensation study** for Team Savannah to include a **3 percent adjustment to employee's salaries.**



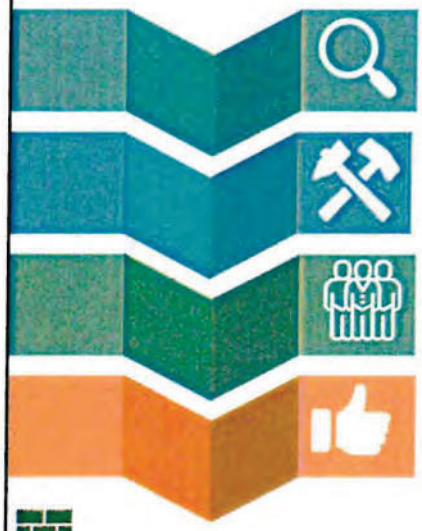
MANAGEMENT SERVICES OVERVIEW

Melissa D. Carter, *Interim Chief Operating Officer*

Management Services

- Financial Services
- Management & Budget
- Human Resources
- Internal Auditing
- Real Estate Services
- Capital Project Delivery
- Risk Management
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Accessibility

2024-2025 Core Objectives



Sound Financial Management	Enhance efficiency and control costs; financial transparency and compliance; pay-as-you-go CIP
Sustainable Infrastructure	Asset Management; Maintain and improve Facilities; capital construction delivery
Talented & Experienced Workforce	Human capital; maintain an educated Workforce; recognize innovation and Creativity; recruit and retain talent; enhance diversity and inclusion
Performance Excellence	Enhance communication, transparency, innovation, and continuous improvement

FY25 Service Enhancements

Department	Request	Total
Office of Human Resources	25 Paid Interns	$50,073.46
Office of Human Resources	Fitness Reimbursement Enhancements	$50,000.00
Office of Human Resources	HR Ticketing System	$15,000.00
Purchasing	Purchasing Division Small SUV non-4wd	$7,374.00
Utility Services	New Utility Software	$ 1,200,000.00
Utility Services	Work Order Coordinator	$85,782.56

Financial Services

- Budget optimization and cost efficiency
- Revenue forecasting and diversification
- Financial transparency and compliance

Initiatives:

- Implementation of advanced financial management tools
- Enhancing reporting and analytics.





Internal Auditing

- Strengthening internal controls
- Ensuring regulatory compliance
- Enhancing reporting and analytics

Initiatives:

- Expansion of real-time audit capabilities
- Training program on governance and ethics



Assets & Facility Management

Prime Objectives in FY2025:

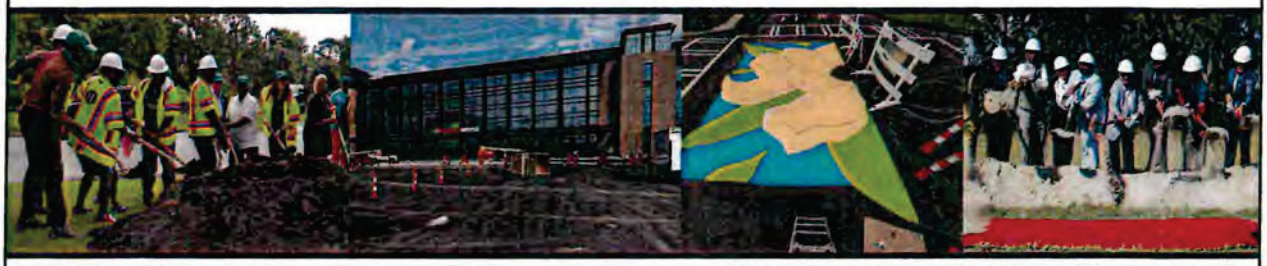
- Portfolio optimization
- Strategic acquisition and disposition of assets
- Sustainability integration in property management
- Ensuring operational efficiency and safety
- Implementing preventive maintenance schedules
- Reducing downtime and maintenance cost
- Automation of maintenance workflows
- Energy-efficient upgrades to existing facilities

Initiatives:

- Close on sale of Ph II at Fairgrounds to P3JV LLC for development of 64 senior rental apartment units
- Acquire ROW/property rights needed for upcoming stormwater projects
- Partner with Sustainability to employ Energy Savings Performance Contracting to cure deferred maintenance and low energy consumption at City facilities
- Demolish Arena at Civic Center to prepare land for redevelopment in accordance with the Oglethorpe plan, and retain an architect to commence design of a renovated theater

Budget Highlight: Approximately **$2 million capital investment** to address **space planning and deferred facility maintenance**

Capital Construction Delivery



2024 Successes, Highlights, Accomplishments:

- Tide to Town Truman Trail Phase 2B and Middleground Road
- Asphalt Art Project in Cloverdale
- Eastside Gym Addition at the Pennsylvania Avenue Resource Center (PARC)
- Phase I of the City Hall Restoration project
- Wetland Park
- Water Works Building Stabilization project
- Fairgrounds Housing Infrastructure
- Splash pads at Forest Hills, Avondale, Victory Heights, Tatemville, Live Oak, and Crossroads.
- Arena Parking Lot

2025 Work Plan consists of:

- Public Safety Facilities
- Housing Spaces
- Recreation Spaces
- Municipal Office Space
- Civic Center Arena Removal and Restoration



Risk Management

2024 Accomplishments

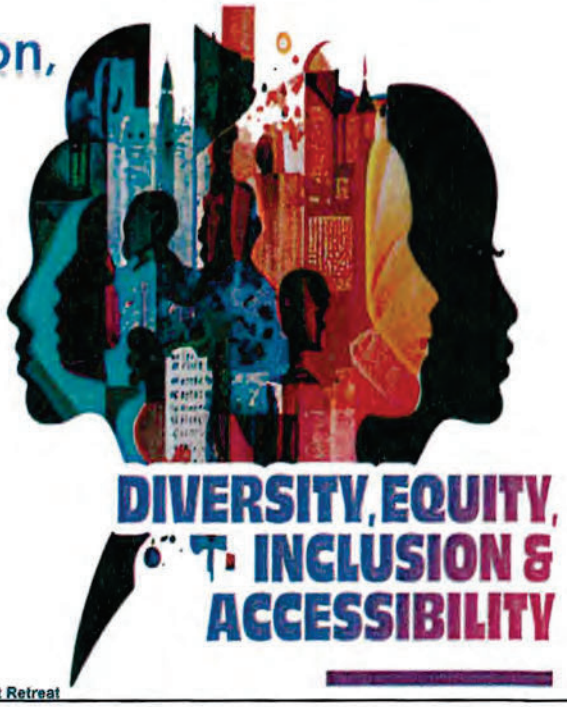
- Below the 10 year "new claim average" for the 3rd year in a row. Despite multiple storms and significant construction projects
- Retained our Self-Insured Retention (SIR) of $750,000 pertaining to Workers Compensation Excess Insurance (less than 10% of Self-Insured entities in the country are still able to maintain this level) most are in excess of $1,000,000 per claim
- Settled 42 litigated claims to agreeable settlements
- Deployment of 300 AED devices across city facilities

2025 Initiatives

- Comprehensive risk identification and mitigation
- Crisis management readiness
- Continue refining electronic reporting mechanisms
- Possibly select a new Third-Party Administrator through RFP process. (Big Deal) Gallagher Bassett has been our TPA for 15 years.
- Continue resolve claims as quickly as possible when in the best interest of the City
- Shift 20% of our staff time towards prevention and continue to reduce overall claims by targeted trainings across the City
- Finalize Risk Management Supervisor Development Course
- Become a more forwarding facing department with important data by utilizing web-based platforms



Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Accessibility (DEIA)



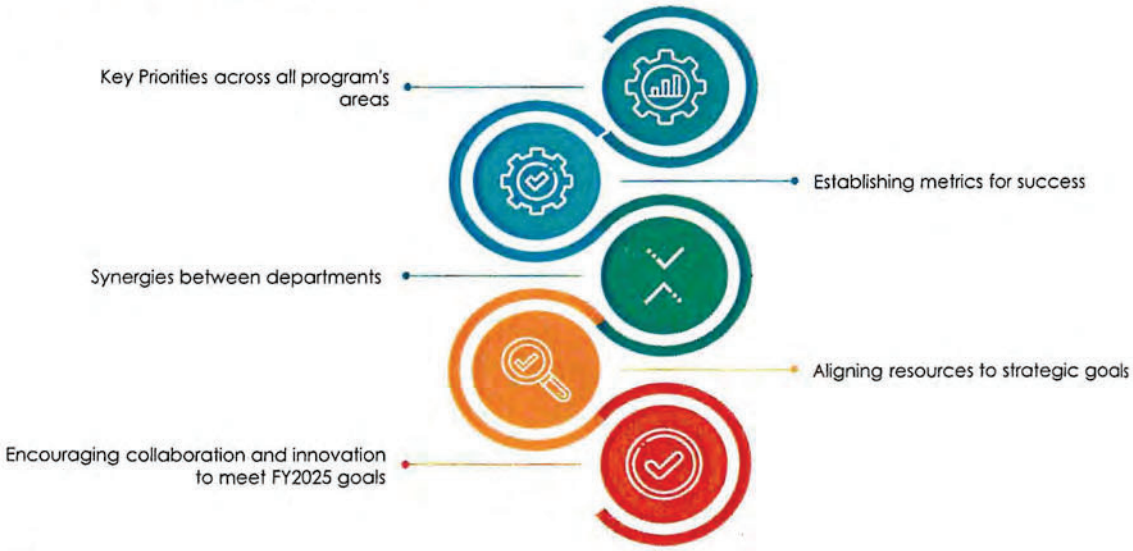
Goals for FY2025:

- Embedding DEIA principles into organizational practices.
- Increasing representation and equity.
- Fostering a culture of belonging.

Initiatives:

- Launching mentorship and sponsorship programs.
- Conducting DEIA impact assessments for major projects.

Tenor and Tone



Community Services Overview

Taffanye Young, Chief of Community Services

KEY STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

- **Celebrate Savannah's unique and diverse art, history and cultures**
- **Promote and advance individual, family and community health, safety and well-being**
- **Improve social cohesion, civic responsibility and community resilience**
- **Develop and provide world-class recreation programs and amenities**
- **Create, preserve and expand access to quality affordable housing**

Investing in ART & CULTURE

2023

- 258 City instructional arts programs serving 2,212 participant
- 52 City produced performances and events reaching 5,064 participants
- 63 Art and culture rental events serving 10,129 participants

2024

- 334 City instructional arts programs serving 2,857 participants
- 64 City produced performances and events reaching 5,255 participants
- 48 Arts and culture rental events serving 10,831 participants

+20% in programs

+8% in participation


Performing Arts Camp


Youth Beginning Ballet class


Black Art Expo 2024

Coming in 2025!


Cleloy Tiarra gallery opening

Public Art Master Plan

- The plan will be presented to City Council for approval in Fall 2025.
- $60K is proposed in 2025 to support initial public art installations

The plan process will include:

- extensive conversations with residents throughout Savannah
- identification of public art locations in every aldermanic district
- Public art policies, practices and programs to support a robust, inclusive and enriching public art experience in Savannah





Thank you, City Council, for supporting $658,000 in awards to local art organizations

From 2020 to 2024, the City awarded **$3,277,400** in arts and cultural grants, helping to increase access to a wide variety of visual and performing arts, cultural events & inclusive experiences for over **1 million** diverse participants.



Investing in

HUMAN SERVICES

Return on Investment FY 2024

YOUTH

- **135** youth and **45** parents attended the 2024 Youth Summit: Speak Up, Speak Out!
- **434** youth participated in out-of-school learning and enrichment programs

FAMILIES

- **207** persons earned industry recognized job certifications with **97** obtaining a new job, a promotion, or a raise.
- **2,285** persons received neighborhood-based services at City Resource Centers.

NEIGHBORHOODS

- **48** Residents participated in three 501 3 C Trainings.
- **67** Neighborhood leaders engaged in training, networking events and cross-neighborhood collaboration activities.


2024 YOUTH SUMMIT


EMERGE CNA GRADUATION


MJAC CAMP @ MEMORIAL HOSPITAL


501 C (3) TRAINING

Investing in HUMAN SERVICES

2024 Non-Profit Grants: City awarded $2,355,394 in federal and local funds to 48 grant recipients, providing aid and opportunities to 32,531 persons.

- Free medical services, nutritious meals & wellness activities
- Education classes, work readiness, and information fairs
- Aid to victims and vulnerable populations
- Care and enrichment for senior populations
- Youth enrichment classes and activities

Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH)

- **22%** decrease in the Annual Homeless Point in Time Count from 2024
- ICH approves first County-wide Five-Year Strategic Plan to End Homelessness
- ICH partners with local court system to create a Homeless Court Program

Homeless System of Care (2023 – 2024)

- Expanded street outreach and resources for **3,305** unsheltered citizens
- Three Day Centers served **1,634** persons experiencing homelessness
- Shelter and wrap-around services for **14** youth experiencing homelessness and **3,161** adults experiencing homelessness
- Permanent housing and supportive services for **110** persons living with HIV Aids.
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance and supportive services for **303** persons living with mental health, substance use disorders.
- Short-term rental and utility assistance for **856** persons at risk of homelessness.

2025 INVESTMENTS

- **$1 million** in planned spending through the Community Partnerships Program benefiting citizens through local nonprofit organization programs and services.
- **$500,000** in contributions to homelessness support services grants, including expanded street outreach and day centers that provide day-time shelter and services for people experiencing homelessness.

Office of Neighborhood Safety & Engagement (ONSE)

OUR GOAL: Reducing Youth Gun Violence and Increasing Youth Safety

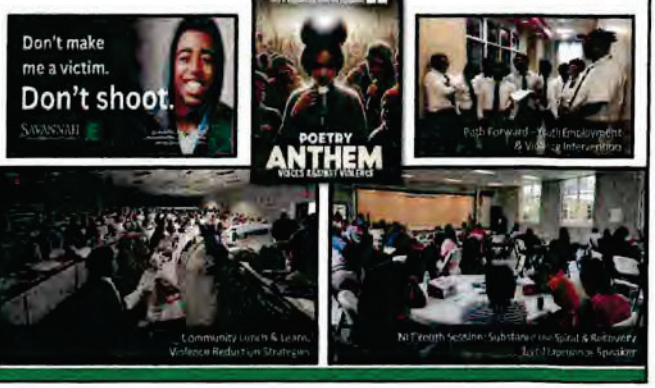
OUR ROLE:

- **BUILD** Community Awareness & Community Action
- **INCREASE** Identification and Referral of High-Risk Youth to ONSE
- **ENGAGE** with Youth & Families to Deter and Interrupt Violence
- **CONNECT** Youth & Families to Programs & Supports Leading to Better Outcomes
- **STAY** Connected to Help Youth Continue to Navigate Away from Trouble

2024 ACTIVITIES & OUTCOMES

- **62** Neighborhood, school and community meetings and events completed reaching **1,497** attendees as of Oct 2024
- **6** Violence reduction grants engaged **815** youth in **938** awareness and skill building activities, with 730 (89%) pledging against gun-violence
- Over **5,500** youth engaged in positive summer programs via ONSE, Recreation, Human Services and Cultural Resources
- Neighborhood Improvement Teams expanded from **7** teams and **45** youth employed in 2023 to **10** teams and **62** youth employed in 2024 (37% increase)

  Hudson Hill, Woodville, Cuyler-Brownville, Ben Van Clark, Liberty City, West Savannah, Leeds Gate, Windsor Forest, Kayton Homes, Frazier Homes
- **11** youth participated in Path Forward – a high-intensity youth employment & violence intervention program



ONSE

Response to incidents, threats or concerns of possible conflicts among youth ages 2-25 involved in or most at risk of gun violence.

ONSE Violence Intervention Activities Year-to-Date: October 2024	# of Interventions	# Persons Reached	# Accepting Help/Aid	# Services Received	# (%) Continuing Engagement	# (%) Known to Re-Engage in Violence
Hospital-Based Interventions	14	19	8	12	8	0
Community/Parent-Based Interventions	7	16	13	17	13	0
School-Based Interventions	7	21	19	21	17	0
Police-Referred Interventions	21	37	22	17	21	3
Total	49	93	62	67	59 (95%)	3 (5%)

2025 ACTIVITIES & INVESTMENTS ($1.3M)

- **$834,106** in **Violence Reduction Grants & Contracts** including 6 grants providing critical services to *high-risk* youth (crisis intervention, trauma services, gang prevention, mediation, counseling, long-term youth and family services
- **$700K in Youth Programs & Services** – Path Forward, Neighborhood Improvement Teams, Summer Programs, Youth and Community Outreach Activities, Intervention Programs & Crisis Services, Internships, Program Fees
- **ONSE Expansion** – Improve ONSE office space; fill director and 3 (repurposed) positions to provide long-term leadership, expand rapid response team and improve analytics
- **Expand Community Outreach and School Mentoring**
- **Pilot NEW Young Artist of Savannah United (YASU)** to attract and engage young people in theater, detour them from violence, and reach a broader youth and community audience



Can we get ONSE to attempt intervention? These subjects were in the Highlands and are likely involved in entering autos. – SPD

I am emailing to see if we can meet to speak with the parties involved. The ongoing issues between two youths allegedly stemming from "striker gang" These juveniles involved in the fight last night beefing with each other. – SPD

I have learned how to give back to the community and how to make the best of the opportunities that the city has to offer. – ZC

Path Forward taught me about making a change in my life. I see now that I need to work on me and make sure I can have a better life in the future. – KB

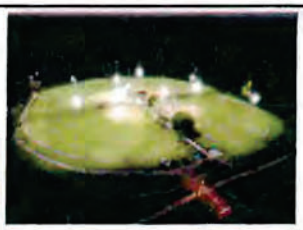
I am glad that we were able to get together with the parents and really get this out in the open because I don't want either of these boys hurt. – Parent

I just wanted to thank you and all your help today. Before my son went to school, he sang Amazing Grace and hugged me and told me we're going to be okay. – Parent

Investing in RECREATION

2024 OUTCOMES BENEFITTING THE COMMUNITY

- 18 Capital Improvement Projects totaling more than $3M completed
- Connectivity and safety enhancements at 25 parks and playgrounds
- 40% Increase in Pool attendance
- 37% Increase in Youth program participants
- 13% Increase in Senior meals served

















Coming in 2025!

$1.57M in Recreation Improvements

- Athletic Court Resurfacing
- Playground Improvements
- Trail Rehabilitation

Expanded Programs & Services

- City Facilitated Athletic Leagues
- Increased Special Events
- Expanded Community Center Hours

We are hiring!

- Activity Coordinators
- Recreation Leaders
- Lifeguards

Recreation Reimagined Signature Playground



Already Underway!

- ✓Wilshire Playground
- ✓Summerside Shelter
- ✓Tatemville
- ✓Crossroads Villa
- ✓Live Oak Splashpads
- ✓WW Law
- ✓Moses Jackson Community Center Improvements

Investing in HOUSING

Increasing Access to Quality Housing that is Affordable



SAVANNAH AFFORDABLE HOUSING FUND

Housing Savannah Action Plan (HSAP)

- **FY2020** – Housing Savannah Task Force appointed
- **FY2021** – Housing Savannah Action Plan adopted
- **FY2022** – Housing Plan implementation began

2022-2024 HSAP Goals & Results

- Household Goal 1,650 / Actual 2,041 — **124% of Goal**
- Investment Goal $96M / Actual $125M — **130% of Goal**
- SAHF Goal $7.5M / Actual $20.4M — **272% of Goal**
  - City Goal $4.5M / Actual $11.5M — **255% of Goal**
  - Private Goal $3.0M / $8.9M — **297% of Goal**

SAHF Major Contributors

- $11.5M City of Savannah
- $6M Georgia Ports Authority ($750K 8-Year Commitment)
- $1M Galvan Foundation
- $400K Landmark 24 Homes

HSAP HOUSING RESULTS!

2,000+ households (3,000+ residents) have benefitted from HSAP housing investments from 2022-2024



Demographics

- 96% of homeowners receiving repair assistance are minorities
- 82% of homeowners receiving repair assistance are women
- 92% of homebuyers receiving assistance are minorities
- 81% of homebuyers receiving assistance are women



All in the family! Longtime homebuilder and developer Willie Dasher Sr., of Dasher Construction LLC, prepares his son, Willie, Jr., to follow in his footsteps with help from the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund and HSAP.

- 70% of contractors making home repairs are minorities
- 98% of contractors building new infill houses are minorities

2025 Major City Investments in Housing & Homelessness

- **$2.5 million** into the **Savannah Affordable Housing Fund**
- **$2.5 million** from a State OneGeorgia Workforce Housing Initiative Grant for construction of infrastructure in support of **Fairgrounds** housing development
- **$1.9 million** SAHF investment for construction of Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) senior housing at **Fairgrounds**
- **$5.5 million** SAHF investment for construction of **916 MLK Jr. Blvd** apartments for households exiting homelessness
- **$2.4 million** infrastructure investment to improve **Dawes Avenue** for new housing.
- **$500,000** to fund **homelessness support services**

Dundee Cottages



Opening in 2025

916 MLK, Jr. Blvd.



Construction in 2025

Dawes Avenue



Infrastructure in 2025

Government Operations

Gene Prevatt, Chief of Government Operations

Improve Quality of Life by Raising Municipal Service Standards

- Deliver basic city services more efficiently and equitably
- Provide access to well-maintained parks, recreation and cultural facilities
- Strengthen code compliance and neighborhood cleanliness

Fleet Services







Scope of Operations

- 1, 962 vehicles and equipment units
- 4 Shops
- 41 Total employees

Areas of Responsibility

- Fleet Availability /Service to Departments
- Systematic Preventative Maintenance
- Vehicle Replacement Management
- Contracted Repair Management
- Fueling System Management

Fleet Services







FY24 Accomplishments

- Replaced 160 vehicles by lease or purchase
- Contract for spare parts management
- Completed 5,031 repairs and 1,831 Preventive Maintenance Services
- Managed over $2.6M in fuel

FY25 Initiatives

- Adopt APWA fleet standards
- Comprehensive preventive maintenance program
- Complete customer service enhancements
- Adopt technician training and certification standards
- Optimize fleet utilization
- Workflow efficiency upgrade

Sanitation





Scope of Operations

- Residential Refuse Collections
- Refuse Disposal
- Street Cleaning
- Commercial Refuse Collections
- Recycling and Litter Abatement
- Education and Outreach - KSB

Areas of Responsibility

- 50,000+ Households Weekly / 3 Work Programs
- Municipal Landfill and Convenience Centers
- Residential and Commercial Recycling
- ROW Litter Abatement
- Illegal Dumpsites Abatement
- Solid Waste Environmental Compliance

Sanitation




FY24 Accomplishments

- 5.3 M On Time Collections Completed
- Equal Street Cleanliness Standard Met City-Wide
- Environmental Compliance Standard Met (100%)
- Great Savannah Clean-up
- Hurricane(s) Response and Recovery

FY25 Initiatives

- Complete 10 Year Solid Waste Management Plan
- Sustainable Glass Recycling Program
- Reduce Recycling Contamination
- Enhance Neighborhood Communications
- Identify Operations Improvements and Efficiencies
- Expanded Truck Mounted Sweeper Application (**SER**)
- Expanded Residential Refuse Collection Teams (**SER**)

Park & Tree






Scope of Operations

Parks Maintenance
Trash collection, pressure washing, landscape and turf management, lake maintenance.

Urban Forest Management
Inspections, inventories, hazard tree removal, tree pruning, planting, ordinance enforcement

ROW Vegetation
Routine mowing of designated public rights-of- way, lanes, canals, ditches and FEMA lots.

City Cemeteries
Interments, perpetual care agreements, conservation, and grounds maintenance

Area of Responsibility

- 36 Passive Parks, 25 Squares, 49 Public Monuments, 8 Fountains, Hutchinson Island and the Riverfront.
- 65 Neighborhood and Recreational Parks, 17 Athletic Fields, 6 Lakes and the Truman Trail.
- Over 60,000 Public Trees on a 5-7 Year Inspection Cycle and a 24-Hour Emergency Tree Response.
- 360 miles of ROW, 60 miles of Medians, 83 miles of Lanes, 101 miles of Canals/Ditches and 446 Lots.
- Interments, Perpetual Care Agreements, Lot Conservation and 365 acres of Cemetery Grounds Maintenance

Park & Tree






FY24 Highlights

- Accountability - Improved Services / Deliverables
- Conservation - BMP's / Pest Management
- Operations - Workforce Development / Agronomics
- Technology - Asset Management / Tree Inventory

FY25 Return on Investments

- Historic Parks - Improved Infrastructure Maintenance
- Neighborhood Parks - Higher Quality Playing Conditions
- Urban Forestry - Sustainable Urban Forest Management
- Greenscapes ROW - Quality Assurance / Quality Control
- Cemeteries - Reduce Costs and Increase Revenue

Code Compliance





Scope of Operations

- International Property Maintenance & Housing Code Enforcement
- Residential Parking
- Short term vacation rentals
- Zoning
- 45 Employees

Areas of Responsibility

- City Code Enforcement
- Unsafe Building Abatement
- Zoning Enforcement
- Public Education on Code Requirements
- Beautification and Graffiti Abatement

Code Compliance






FY24 Accomplishments

- STVR Enforcement Upgrade
- Beautification Program: Graffiti, Carts, Illegal Dumping
- Completed **36,091** inspections
- Voluntary Compliance **3,122** Cases
- Towed **275** derelict vehicles
- **133** Structures Secured

FY25 Initiatives

- Officer Safety Upgrades: Body-worn Cameras and Vehicle GPS Locator Devices (**SERs**)
- Enhance Code Compliance enforcement
- Enhance blight abatement and beautification efforts
- Monitor and assess neighborhood conditions
- Promote public engagement and education
- Review and recommend code updates



GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

The "GO!" in Let's Go, Team Savannah!



Water Resources

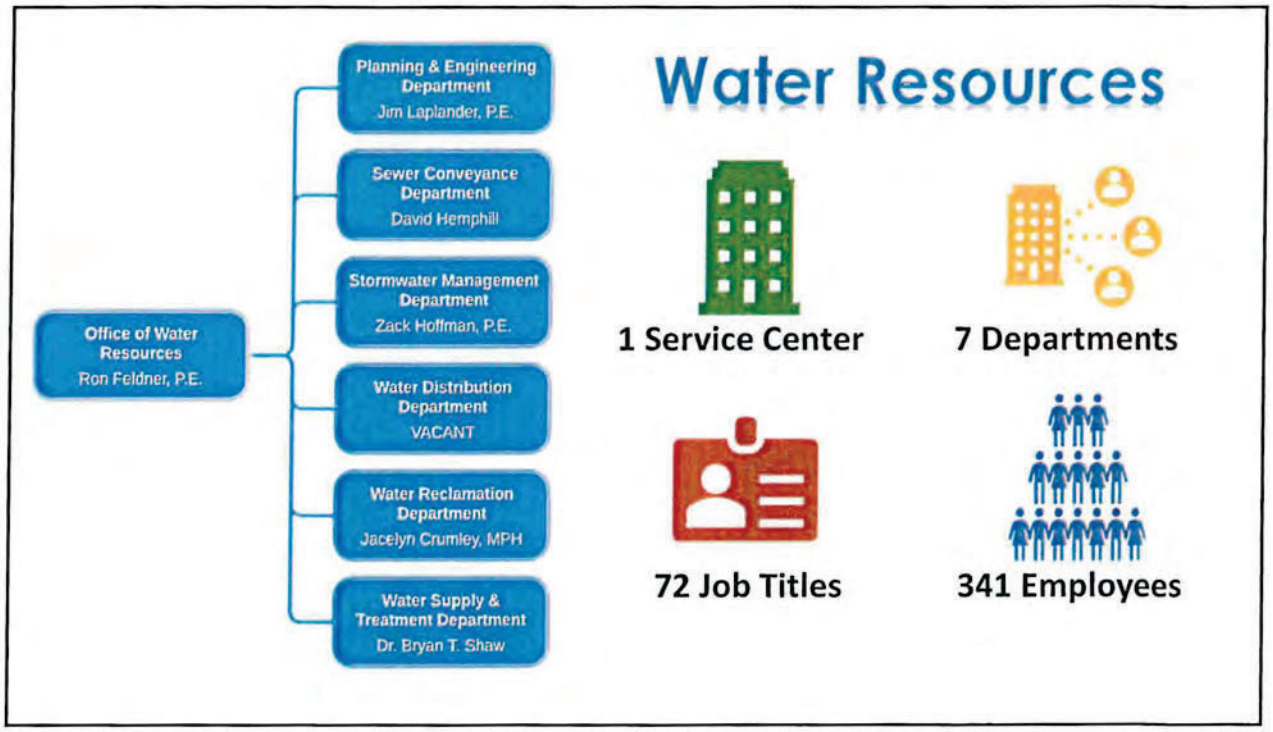
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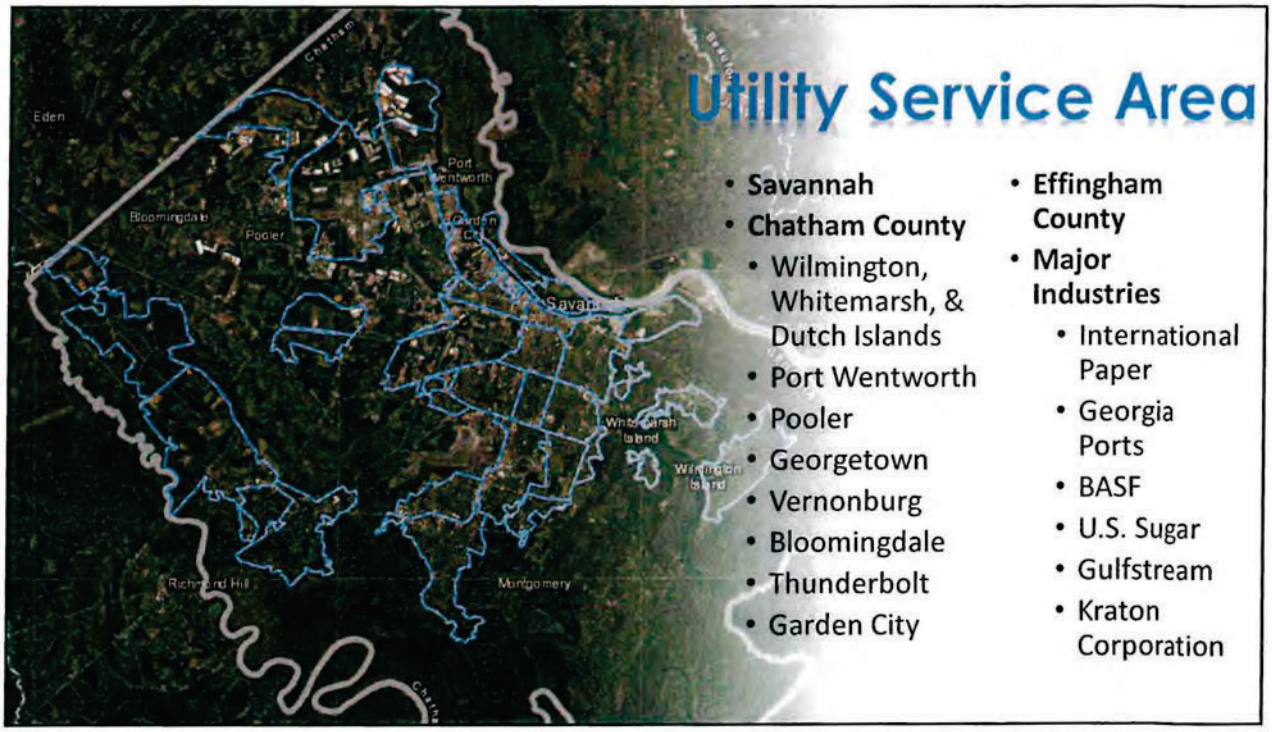
Water Resources Service Center

Key Responsibilities

- Water
- Wastewater
- Stormwater
- Planning & Engineering




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Zack Hoffman, P.E.
Water Distribution Department
VACANT
Water Reclamation Department
Jacelyn Crumley, MPH
Water Supply & Treatment Department
Dr. Bryan T. Shaw
Water Resources
1 Service Center
7 Departments
72 Job Titles
341 Employees


Utility Service Area
Savannah
Chatham County
Wilmington, Whitemarsh, & Dutch Islands
Port Wentworth
Pooler
Georgetown
Vernonburg
Bloomingdale
Thunderbolt
Garden City
Effingham County
Major Industries
International Paper
Georgia Ports
BASF
U.S. Sugar
Gulfstream
Kraton Corporation

OVERVIEW

Groundwater

6 Major Water Systems
20 MGD Production
47 Groundwater Wells
1,200 Miles of Water Mains
25,700 Hydrants & Valves
80,000 Meters (30,000 AMI)

Wastewater

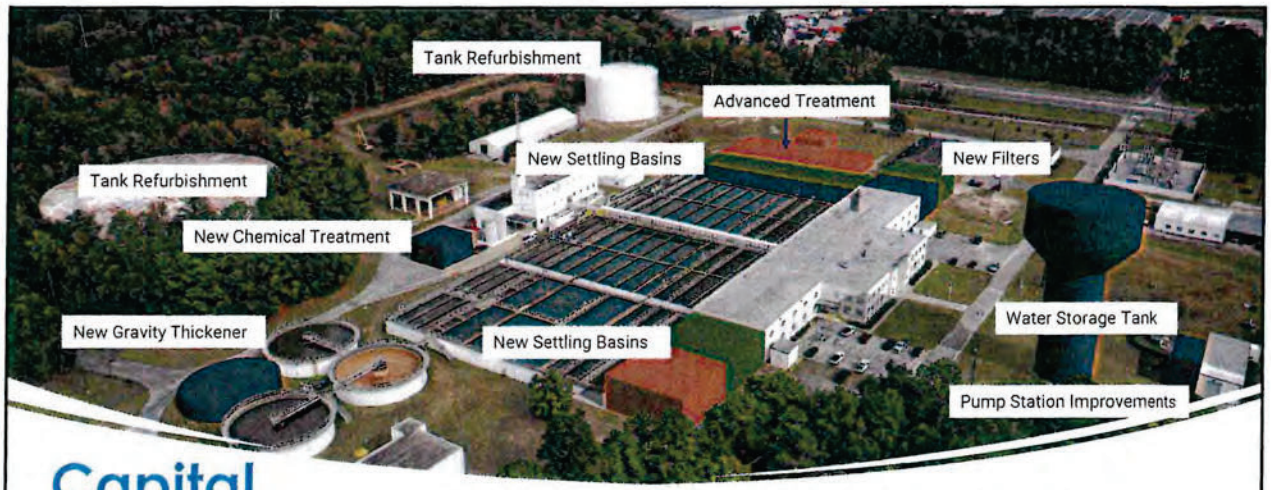
5 Wastewater Treatment Facilities
26 MGD Treated Sewerage
216 Sewer Lift Stations
934 Miles of Sewer Lines & Force Mains
17,000 Manholes
19,000 Force Main Valves

Surface Water

1 Surface Water Treatment Plant
1 Intake Facility at Abercorn Creek
1 Water Quality & Analysis Laboratory
4.5 & 10 Million Gallon Storage Tanks
55 MGD Production
90 Million Gallon Reservoir

Stormwater

7 Pump Stations
31 Tide Gates
147 Miles of Ditches & Canals
416 Miles of Pipes & Culverts
6,243 Manholes
14,620 Catch Basins



Capital Improvement Projects Water

- I&D Water Treatment Plant Upgrades & Expansion
- Phase 1: $85 Million
- Future Phases: >$500 Million

Capital Improvement Projects
Wastewater

President Street WRF



FACILITY UPGRADES

Georgetown WRF & SSA



CAPACITY EXPANSION

Travis Field WRF & SSA



CAPACITY EXPANSION

Wilshire & Crossroads WRFs



FACILITY UPGRADES

Capital Improvement Projects
Stormwater

Casey Drainage Basin - Tunnel Project



Future Construction Plans

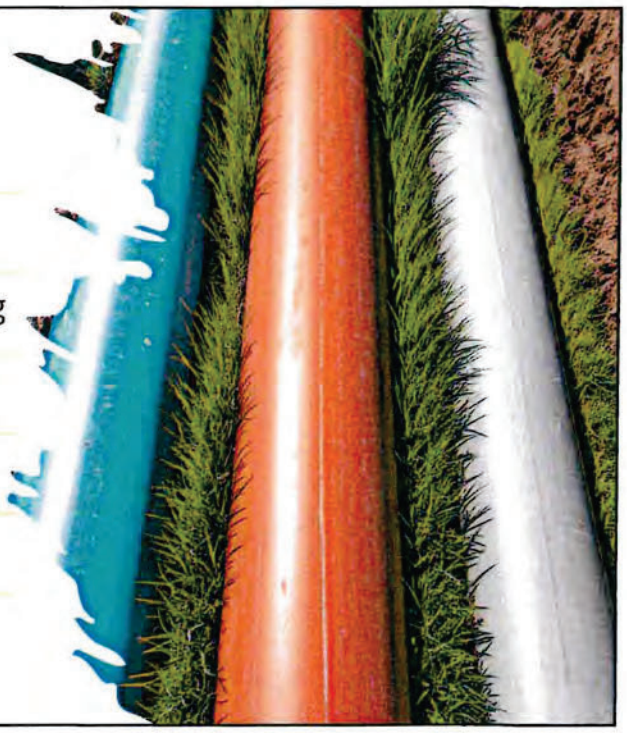
Springfield Drainage Basin



$30M BRIC Grant & $12M City Match

Challenges

- Dedicated Stormwater Funding
- Staffing/Hiring & Succession Planning
- Aging & Expanding Infrastructure
- Future Utility Capacity Management
- Asset Management & Data Analytics
- Customer Education & Outreach



Opportunities

- Engineering & Staff Management
- Operations Crews & Equipment
- Project Management
- Administrative Support



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Questions &
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FY25 Proposed Enterprise Funds & Debt Service

David Maxwell, Senior Director, Financial Services

City of Savannah Enterprise Funds

What are Enterprise Funds?

An **enterprise fund** is a self-supporting **government fund** that sells goods and services to the public for a fee.

Why do governments use Enterprise Funds?

Enterprise fund accounting is designed to accumulate the total cost (including depreciation) of providing a particular service and to indicate the extent to which user charges imposed upon service consumers are sufficient to cover those costs.

What **enterprise funds** does the City of Savannah have?

- Golf Course Fund
- Parking and Mobility Fund
- Civic Center Fund
- Sanitation Fund
- Water and Sewer Fund

Civic Center Fund
Major Revenue Streams
Through 10 Months

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Building Revenues	$ 1,353,445	$ 1,233,199	$ 203,899	$ 683,666	$ 791,003	$ 455,128
Hotel/Motel Taxes	584,678	251,246	690,818	989,291	906,819	-
Auto Rental Taxes	1,318,313	1,020,635	2,163,085	2,621,196	2,675,306	2,746,011
Net difference	$ 3,172,070	$ 2,421,282	$ 2,939,886	$ 4,294,152	$ 4,373,128	$ 3,201,139

Note: 1) Beginning in 2020, 100% of the auto rental taxes were applied to the Civic Center Fund.
2) Prior to the 2023 increase to 8% for hotel/motel taxes, the Civic Center Fund received a portion of the tax.

Civic Center Fund
2025 Debt Service Requirements

Bond Issue	Interest Rate	Purpose	Original Issue Amount	Balance at 12/31/2024	2025 Debt Service
2019 Downtown Savannah Authority Bonds	3.0/3.2	Arena Construction	$ 45,120,000	$ 42,030,000	$ 2,031,783

City of Savannah Enterprise Funds

Parking and Mobility Fund

- Operates on street parking and enforcement
- Operates off street parking through City owned garages and surface lots
  - State Street
  - Bryan Street
  - Robinson
  - Liberty Street
  - Whitaker Street
  - Eastern Wharf – now open
  - West River Street – now open
  - Arena District – now open
- Provides downtown mobility options such as shuttle services, bike lanes and certain pedestrian infrastructure



Parking Fund
Major Revenue Streams
Through 10 Months

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Parking Garages	$ 7,637,136	$ 5,646,907	$ 7,965,373	$ 10,090,696	$ 10,127,425	$ 10,058,276
On Street Meters	5,717,123	3,851,610	5,328,952	5,489,337	5,906,725	5,687,098
Citations	2,026,186	1,326,077	1,659,229	1,886,215	1,677,107	1,666,711
Total	$ 15,380,445	$ 10,824,594	$ 14,953,554	$ 17,466,248	$ 17,711,257	$ 17,412,085

Note: 1) The City began receiving revenues from the West River Street Garage in 2019.
2) The City began receiving revenues from the Eastern Wharf Garage in 2021.
3) The City implemented the Parking Matters study in 2018. Expanded on street enforcement and metering.



Parking Fund
2025 Debt Service Requirements

Bond Issue	Interest Rate	Purpose	Original Issue Amount	Balance at 12/31/2024	2025 Debt Service
2015 Downtown Savannah Authority Bonds	2.0/4.0	Whitaker Garage	$ 25,055,000	$ 16,455,000	$ 2,282,368
2016 Downtown Savannah Authority Bonds	2.6/4.05	West River Street Garage	33,060,000	30,385,000	2,086,387
2018 Downtown Savannah Authority Bonds	3.6/4.00	Passage Way Garage	30,205,000	26,495,000	2,362,829
2019 Downtown Savannah Authority Bonds	2.5/4.00	West River Street Garage	9,685,000	9,685,000	556,695
2020 Downtown Savannah Authority Bonds	2.00	Arena Garage	8,605,000	7,430,000	762,516
			$ 106,610,000	$ 90,450,000	$ 8,050,795

Sanitation Fund
Major Revenue Streams
Through 10 Months

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Sanitation Revenues	$ 18,738,055	$ 18,843,483	$ 16,182,035	$ 21,156,701	$ 18,685,132	$ 20,701,113
Interfund Fees	920,759	823,240	580,260	611,032	622,943	524,310
Host Fee - private landfills		1,017,500	1,160,704	1,502,771	1,366,182	1,299,455
Total	$ 19,658,814	$ 20,684,223	$ 17,922,999	$ 23,270,503	$ 20,674,257	$ 22,524,878

Note: 1) The City began receiving a Host Fee from Superior Landfill on Little Neck Road after it was annexed into the City.

Highlights

- The 2025 budget includes a 5.0% increase in sanitation rates.
- For 2025, monthly residential sanitation rates are budgeted to increase from $38.83 to $40.77 ($23.28 yearly).



Sanitation Fund
2025 Debt Service Requirements

Bond Issue	Interest Rate	Purpose	Original Issue Amount	Balance at 12/31/2024	2025 Debt Service
2018 Resource Recovery Development Authority Bonds	2.96	Landfill Expansion	$ 11,085,000	$5,950,000	$ 1,296,120

Water and Sewer Fund
Major Revenue Streams
Through 10 Months

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Water Revenues	$ 24,301,420	$ 24,565,840	$ 22,629,979	$ 30,111,962	$ 29,503,924	$ 30,932,737
Sewer Revenues	37,943,898	39,510,951	35,227,588	41,630,434	45,309,957	45,680,856
Total	$ 62,245,318	$ 64,076,791	$ 57,857,567	$ 71,742,396	$ 74,813,881	$ 76,613,593

Highlights

- Water and Sewer rates are budgeted to increase in 2025 by $2.70 per month (5.0%) for the average inside city customer.
- Base rates are budgeted to remain unchanged from 2024, only consumption rates will increase.
- The rate increases will support a $539.0 million capital plan.



Water and Sewer Fund Debt Service

Bond Issue	Interest Rate	Purpose	Original Issue Amount	Balance at 12/31/2024	2025 Debt Service
2014 Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds	2.0/3.0	System Improvements	$ 17,690,000	$ 5,245,000	$ 1,147,350
2016 Water and Sewer Revenue Bonds	2.15	System Improvements	21,255,000	6,840,000	1,543,327
Water State Revolving Loans	1.03	President Street Biosolids Facility	19,350,610	16,845,470	1,071,019
			$ 58,295,610	$ 28,930,470	$ 3,761,696

Notes:

1. System has the following bond ratings:
   - Moody's - Aa1
   - S&P - AA+
2. Current rate covenant requires debt service coverage of 1.25X
3. The 5 year Capital Plan includes 4 new bond issues totaling $411.0 million



Governmental Debt and Debt Service

Bond Issue	Interest Rate	Purpose	Original Issue Amount	Balance at 12/31/2024	2025 Debt Service
2014 Downtown Savannah Authority Bonds	2.0/4.0	Tax Allocation District Bonds Refinanced	$ 9,970,000	$ 970,000	$ 1,008,800
2015 Downtown Savannah Authority Bonds	2.0/4.0	Tax Allocation District Improvements	19,950,000	12,030,000	1,407,638
2016 Downtown Savannah Authority Bonds	2.03	Downtown Streetscape Improvements	8,000,000	4,200,000	890,260
2017 Downtown Savannah Authority Bonds	2.39	Gwinnett Street Widening	6,585,000	4,135,000	748,827
2018 Downtown Savannah Authority Bonds	3.00/5.00	Riverwalk Extension and Pedestrian Improvements	14,095,000	11,170,000	1,004,481
2019 Downtown Savannah Authority Bonds	2.75	Tax Allocation District Bonds Refinanced	8,440,000	8,315,000	253,663
2021 SEDA Bonds	2.00/5.00	Rockingham Farms Interchange	26,720,000	25,615,000	1,990,450
2022 SEDA Bonds	2.65	Rockingham Farms Interchange	6,095,000	5,805,000	448,832
2023 SEDA Bonds	4.94	Rockingham Farms Interchange	2,565,000	2,460,000	246,524
			$ 102,420,000	$ 74,700,000	$ 7,999,475

Governmental Debt and Debt Service

Bond Issue	Interest Rate	Purpose	Original Issue Amount	Balance at 12/31/2024	2025 Debt Service
2016 General Obligation Bond	1.97	Downtown Streetscape Improvements	$ 2,000,000	$ 350,000	$ 356,895
2017 General Obligation Bond	1.84	Downtown Streetscape Improvements	2,000,000	415,000	422,636
2018 General Obligation Bond	3.28	Downtown Streetscape Improvements	2,000,000	840,000	442,552
			$ 6,000,000	$ 1,605,000	$ 1,222,083

Note: The 2025 Proposed Budget does not include any new governmental debt issues for next year.

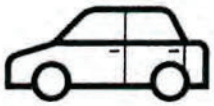
Planning & Economic Development

Faye DiMassimo, Chief of Planning & Economic Development

Planning and Economic Development
Key Responsibilities:



Parking & Mobility Services
Sean Brandon



Transportation Services
Stephen Henry



Development Services
Julie McLean



Environmental & Sustainability
Faye DiMassimo (Acting)



Planning & Urban Design
Bridget Lidy



Special Events & Tourism
Susan Broker



Economic Development
MarRonde Lumpkin-Lotson (Acting)

FY25 Efficiency Strategies

2% Efficiency Target	$598,248
Total	$647,867

Reallocation of Existing Personnel
Efficiently reallocating current personnel resources to optimize operational effectiveness and grant funding covering salaries for multiple positions. $351,740

SAVANNAH

Less Reliance on Outside Contractors
Increased scheduling of in-house pavement markings by staff and further reductions based on historical data.
$111,000

Additional Outside Services Efficiencies
Services including dues/fees, security guard services, outside printing and other transportation.
$20,500

Optimize External Technical Spending
Implement a policy to levy credit card transaction fees on customers for online payment transactions.
$164,627

Sustainability

2024 Accomplishments

- Completed Phase 1, Active Phase 2 of On-site City Solar
- Energy Efficiency Programs for the City and Residents

2025 Priorities

- Continue to Develop Partnerships with Community Based Organizations
- Effectively Serve our Community with Earned Grant Funding





Planning and Urban Design

2024 Accomplishments

- Implementation of the Impact Fee Program
- Hiring of City Preservation Officer
- Implementation of New Short-term Vacation Rental (STVR) Software

2025 Priorities

- Continuation of Impact Fee Program
- Review of NewZO as we approach 5-year anniversary
- Develop and implement citywide Preservation Strategy





Special Events, Film, & Tourism

2024 Accomplishments

- **Balancing Quality-of-Life with a Robust Tourism and Event-Centered Community**
- Build out of Tourism Compliance Team
- Management of Tourism Industry
  - Trolley Noise Abatement, Horse Carriage Tours
- Over 1,000 Permits Issued
  - Weddings, Festivals, Parades, Runs, Block Parties
- Project Revenue from Permit Fees - $246,390

2025 Priorities

- Collaboration with SPD on quality-of-life management through compliance
- Tour Service for Hire Ordinance Amendments
- Modify usage policies for better management and care of assets



Economic Development

2024 Accomplishments

- Successful implementation of **Launch Savannah**, Small Business and Minority Business Accelerator
- Implementation of the Business Innovation Group (BiG) Network
- Awarded $50K grant from Bloomberg Philanthropies



2025 Priorities

- Kick Off the Waters Avenue Area Wide Plan
- 2025 Business Climate Survey
- Hiring Small Business Opportunity Manager
- Implement Software for SBO Program Management

Mobility and Parking

2024 Accomplishments

- EV Charger Expansion
- Parking Matters Update Started



2025 Priorities

- Parking Matters Recommendations/Implementation
- Implement License Plate Recognition (LPR) system
- Construction starts on two new garages
  - Eastern Wharf
  - Forsyth Park



Transportation Services

2024 Accomplishments

- Vision Zero Initiatives
- Transportation Improvements
- Street and Sidewalk Maintenance/Repairs
- Storm Response

2025 Priorities

- Safe Streets for All (SS4A) Grant
  - 37th Street Safety Improvements
- New Sidewalks
  - Installation of new sidewalks at prioritized locations for each district
- Lower Speed Limits
  - Updated signs will be installed, allowing for enforcement of reduced speed limits.



Development Services

2024 Accomplishments

- Supporting record levels of private development:
  - **Residential** (Single Family & Townhomes)
    - **2024 Through 3rd Quarter – 717 units ($181M)**
    - 2023 Year End – 638 units ($164M)
    - 2022 Year End – 411 units ($98M)
  - Multifamily Apartments
    - **2024 Through 3rd Quarter – 541 units ($66M)**
    - 2023 Year End – 627 units ($91M)
    - 2022 Year End – 1,772 units ($275M)
- Positions added to support record levels of development (Building Plans Examiner, Permit Technician, Site Inspector)
- Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance Amendment – Increased freeboard from 1 foot to 2 feet

2025 Priorities

- Improve Career Advancement Paths & Personnel Retention
  - Classification & Compensation Study
- Request for Proposals (RFPs):
  - Enterprise Permitting & Licensing Software (EPLS) to help streamline permitting process for city personnel and customers
  - 5-Year update to FEMA's Floodplain Management Plan and Repetitive Loss Area Analysis







Annual Construction Cost of Total Permits Issued



Planning & Economic Development

KEY HIRES AND STRENGTHENING MANAGEMENT DELIVERY - RESULT FOCUSED

STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS INTERNAL & EXTERNAL

SAVANNAH MOVES MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN

SSU ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INTERNSHIP

PUBLIC SAFETY COLLABORATION ON KEY CORRIDORS AND SEFT ACTIVITIES

FOCUS ON EQUITY, GROWTH, AND PRESERVATION

New Program Initiatives

SERs & ROI

Planning and Urban Design

SER: Grant Writing Services
Investment: $100,000
ROI: Leverage resources to secure external funding & advance project implementation
Benefit: Access critical funding more efficiently & maximize financial resources for organizational growth and success

SER: Upgrade enCode to include ArcGIS Urban
Investment: $51,450
ROI: Improved planning capabilities & informed decision-making processes
Benefit: Enhanced mapping capabilities with 3D visualization for improved planning, transparency, & collaboration among community stakeholders







New Program Initiatives

SERs & ROI

Economic Development

SER: Program Manager and New Software to manage the growth of the City's Local/Disadvantaged Business Enterprise programs and maintain compliance with all local, state, and federal requirements
Investment: $173,676
ROI: Improve accuracy in L/DBE project management and compliance and efficiently meeting the workload demands of expanding program.
Benefit: Improve Compliance



SAVANNAH FIRE DEPARTMENT

Elzie Kitchen, Fire Chief

Vision, Mission & Values



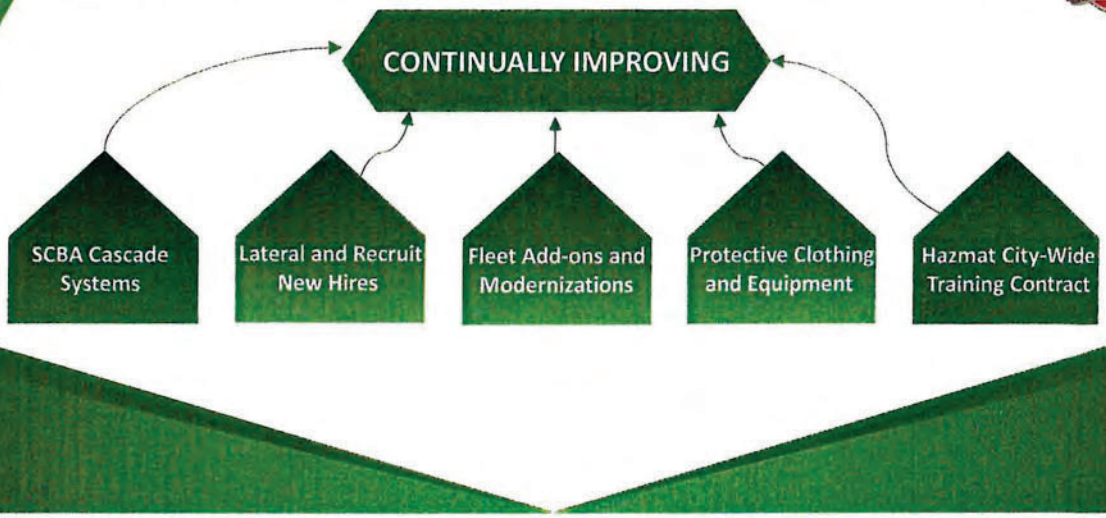
Vision

We are ***committed*** to serving our community while preserving life and property.

Mission

We are committed to serving Savannah by continuously improving with a culture that encourages innovation, professionalism, and inclusion.

FY24 Achievements/Investments



Public Safety Strategic Initiatives

The City of Savannah will enable Savannahians to live, work, and play in safe neighborhoods and have a strong sense of community safety.

1. Strengthen community trust and engagement
2. Utilize technology to enhance crime and fire prevention and improve response times.
3. Equip personnel with tools and resources.
4. Recruit and retain a diverse, qualified public safety workforce.

FY25 Request Alignment with Strategic Priorities

1/4	A robust succession planning initiative. Strengthen community trust and engagement	Assistant Chief Shift Commander
3	Equip personnel with tools and resources. (effectively manage OT cost)	Timekeeping Software
1	Recruit and retain a diverse, qualified public safety workforce.	Administrative Service Director (Reclassification of vacant position)
1	Recruit and retain a diverse, qualified public safety workforce.	Implement New Entrance With Revamped Hire Process

FY25 Mission and Goals

- Bridge the Gap Regarding Diversity / Establish a new Trng Center
- Increase unit availability and manage response times within the Fire and Medical Services Divisions
- Ensure all citizens receive the same level of service
- Require all FF to be EMT Certified by 2030 / Update or Remodel Facilities
- Expand Camp Ignite there is no hero without her.....

Bridging the Gap

HIRE ANALYSIS

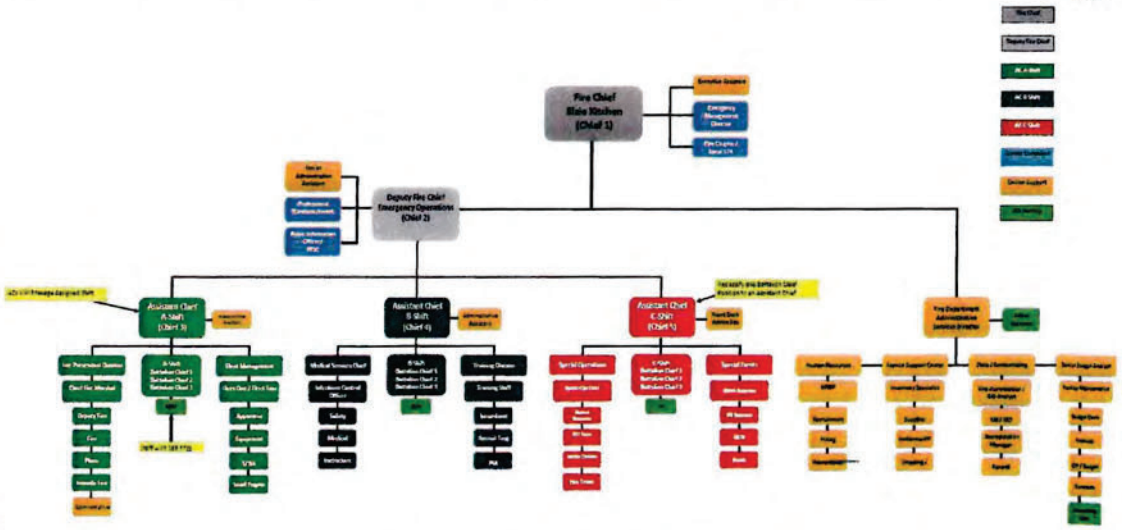
- Vision, Mission, and Values
- Communication
- Policy
- Training and Development
- Hiring Practice and Procedures

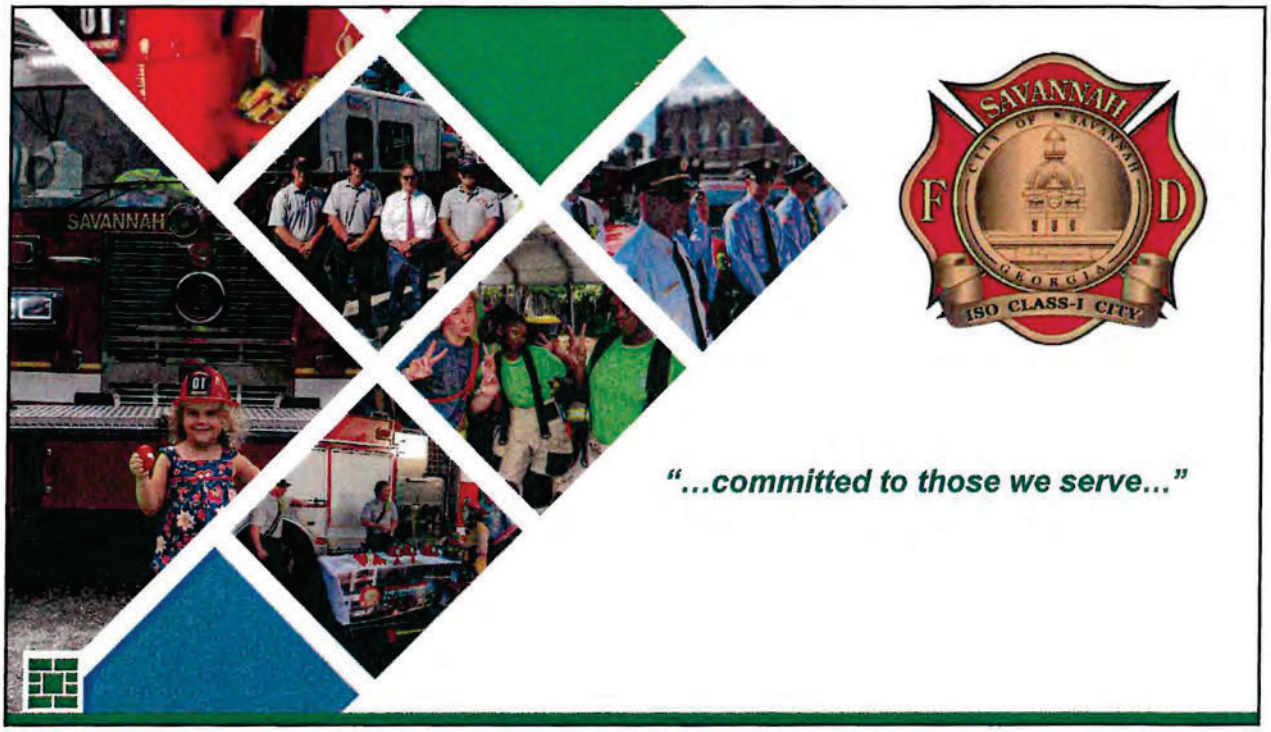
CHANGES

DESIRED STATE

- Demographics Reflect the City of Savannah

FY25 Organizational Chart




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CITY OF SAVANNAH
GEORGIA
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"...committed to those we serve..."

Savannah Police

Lenny B. Gunther, Police Chief

SPD Mission, Vision, & Four Pillars

Vision: SPD will be the global standard for relationship-based policing while achieving service excellence.

Mission: The Savannah Police Department (SPD) is committed to partnering with the community to ensure a high quality of life and safety, maintain community trust, and preserve life and property.

Crime Reduction & Prevention
- Holistic Approach to Addressing Crime
- Real-Time Crime Center

Community Relationships & Partnerships
- SIP
- Community Engagement Events
- SPD Volunteer Program

Transparency & Accountability
- ArcGIS
- FUSUS
- SPD App

Workforce Development
- Training
- Teaching
- Coaching
- Mentoring
- Operational Efficiency

Strengthening our Foundation through People-Power and Civic Infrastructure

SERVE HARD	CARE	ACCOUNTABILITY	THOUGHT PARTNERSHIP
Data-driven Strategies. *Actionable data converted to information for education and law-enforcement.*	***Savannah Impact Program.*** *Integration of community-based policing through community engagement and volunteerism.*	***Leveraging Technology.*** *Acquisition and integration of hardware and software for real-time crime data.*	*Recruiting, Retention, & Training. Focused efforts on recruiting and retaining talent through world-class training and workforce planning.*

Part One Crimes YTD 11-09-24

Savannah Police Department
Total Part One Crimes
YTD through November 9th

	YTD 2024	YTD 2023	YTD 2022	Change 23 to 24	Change vs. 2022
HOMICIDE	22	22	25	0	-3
RAPE (Carnal) *	47	48	60	-1	-13
RAPE (Other Penetration) *	8	6	20	2	-12
COMMERCIAL ROBBERY	15	19	20	-4	-5
STREET ROBBERY	89	135	160	-46	-71
RESIDENTIAL ROBBERY	18	31	25	-13	-7
AGG ASSAULT w/GUN NON-DOM	263	304	282	-41	-19
AGG ASSAULT w/GUN DOMESTIC	37	45	42	-8	-5
AGG ASSAULT w/o GUN NON-DOM	138	207	244	-69	-106
AGG ASSAULT w/o GUN DOMESTIC	201	257	238	-56	-37
TOTAL VIOLENT	838	1,074	1116	-22%	-25%
COMMERCIAL BURGLARY	183	140	155	43	28
RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY	332	358	404	-26	-72
SUDDEN SNATCHING	31	91	78	-60	-47
SHOPLIFTING	695	812	877	-117	-182
THEFT FROM VEHICLE	979	1,210	1230	-231	-251
THEFT FROM YARD	440	430	473	10	-33
THEFT FROM BLDG	289	300	350	-11	-61
OTHER LARCENY	245	172	198	73	47
AUTO THEFT	383	473	510	-90	-127
AUTO THEFT, OTHER VEHICLE	160	111	170	49	-10
TOTAL PROPERTY	3737	4097	4445	-9%	-16%
TOTAL PART I	4575	5171	5561	-12%	-18%

2024 in Review

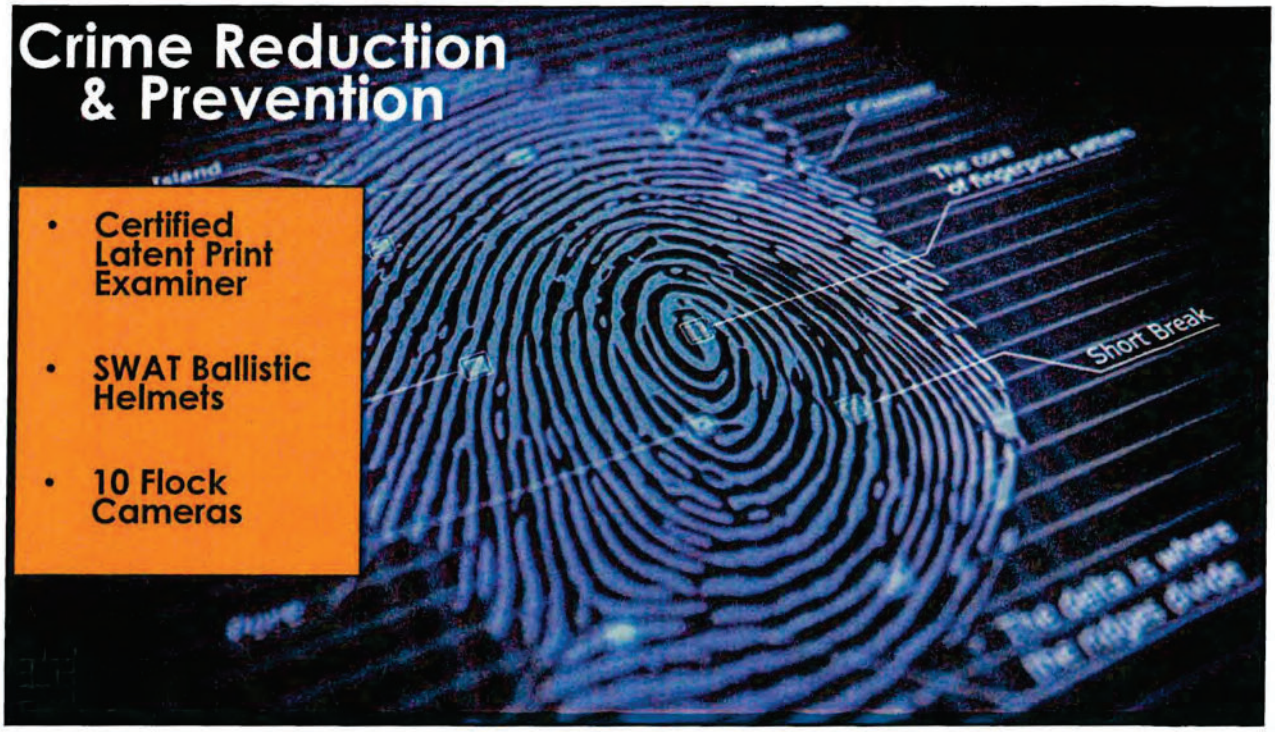
- Increased focus on retention and recruitment
- Increased the usage of technology to help combat crime and increase transparency.
- Final Phases of launching ESRI/ArcGIS and the full integration of FUSUS Camera Technology

$977K Proposed Investments for FY 2025 for SPD



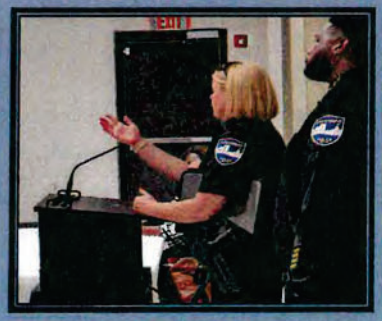
Crime Reduction & Prevention

- Certified Latent Print Examiner
- SWAT Ballistic Helmets
- 10 Flock Cameras



Community Relationships & Partnerships

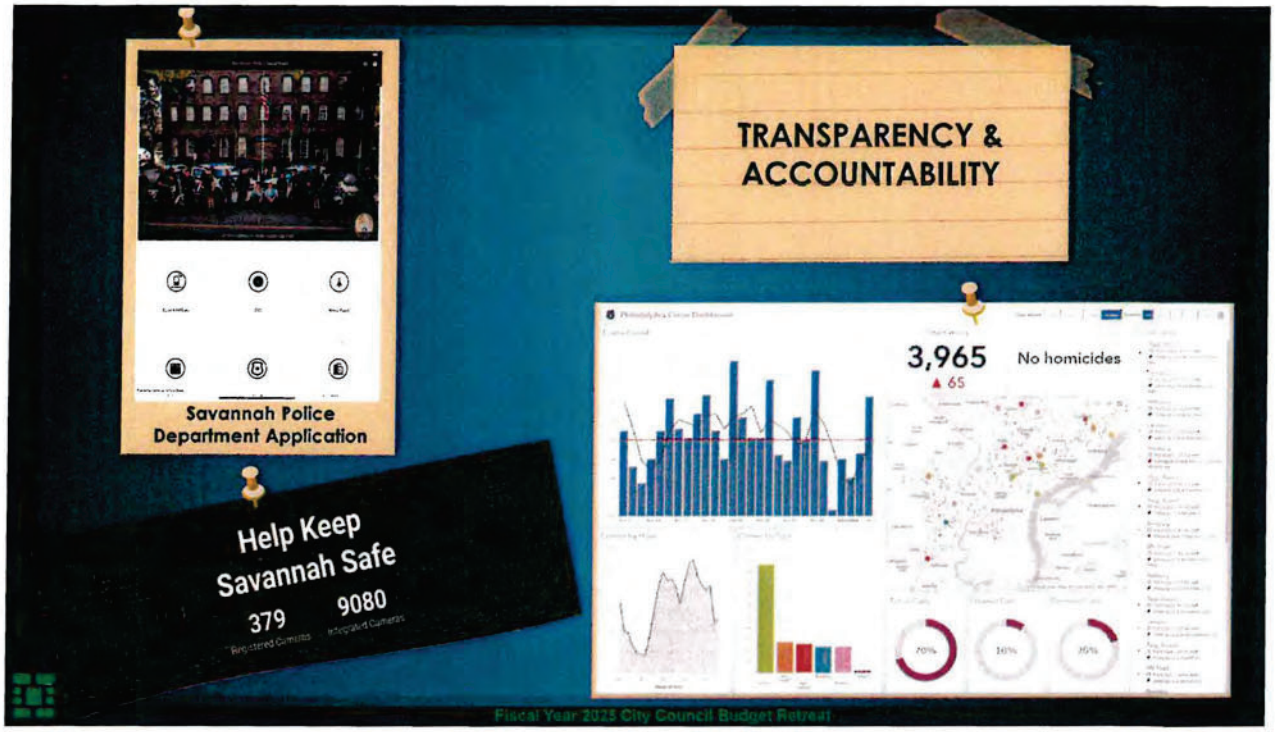
10 new Community Resource Officer Positions

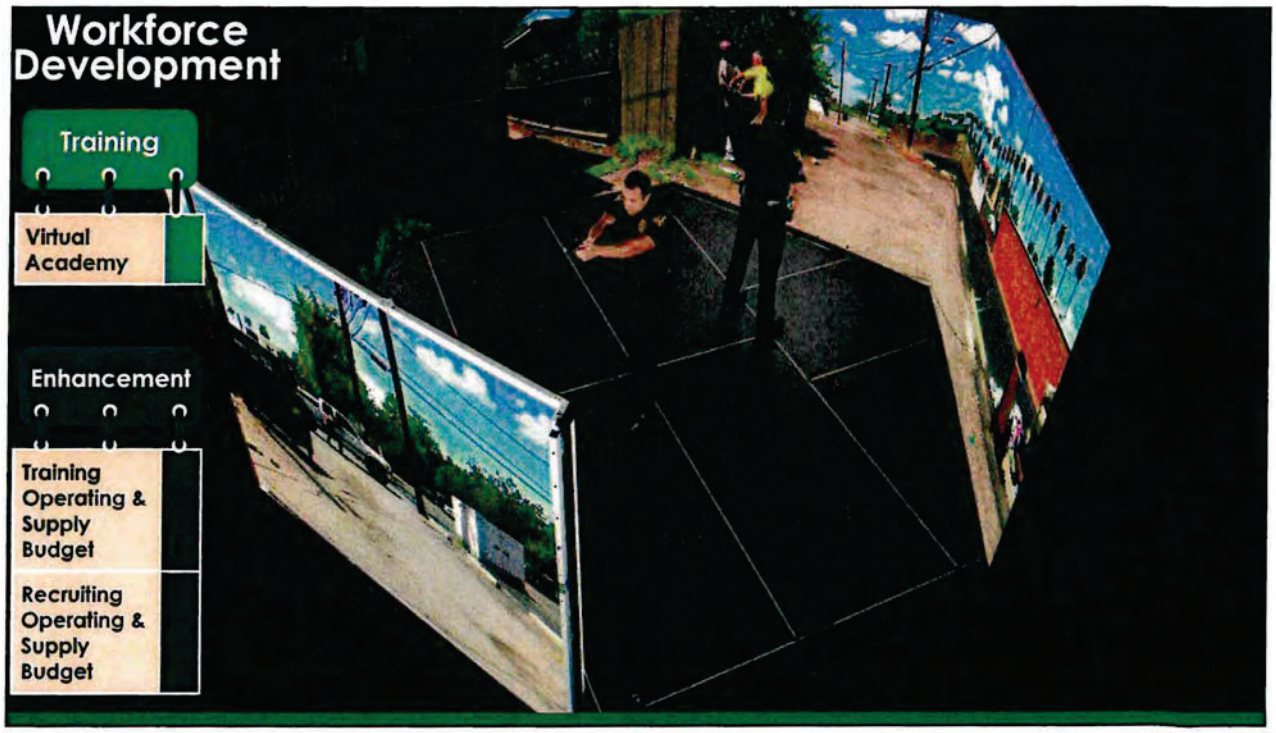




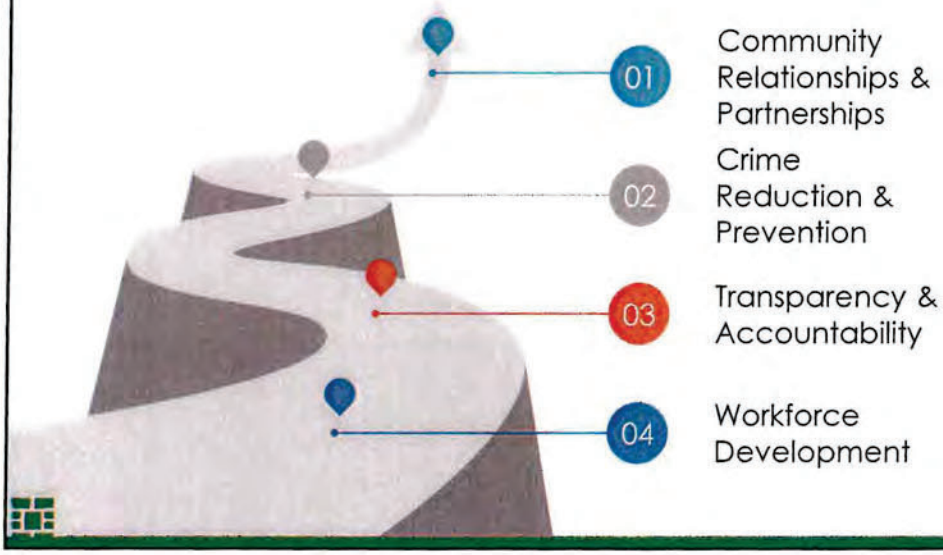





TRANSPARENCY & ACCOUNTABILITY
Savannah Police Department Application
Help Keep Savannah Safe
379
9080
3,965
No homicides
▲ 65
Fiscal Year 2025 City Council Budget Retreat


Workforce Development
Training
Virtual Academy
Enhancement
Training Operating & Supply Budget
Recruiting Operating & Supply Budget

2025 Outlook & Priorities



01 Community Relationships & Partnerships

02 Crime Reduction & Prevention

03 Transparency & Accountability

04 Workforce Development









On Behalf of the Men and Women of the Savannah Police Department

Thank You!

Information & Public Affairs Overview

Joe Shearouse, Chief of Information and Public Affairs

Information and Public Affairs



Innovation + Technology Services



Communications



311 Action Center



Savannah-Chatham Recorder's Court



Municipal Archives



Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs

ITS

Connecting the Dots...

Igniting Innovation Through Technology



2024 Successes

- 30% **FEWER** Help Desk Tickets
- 1,075% **MORE** Project Hours
- Verizon **5G** on every device
- **STVR** Implementation
- 100% **RETENTION** of IT Staff



2025 Priorities

- Utilize 3 new IT Business Partners to:
  - Connect Technology with Operational Needs
  - Proactive Improvements
  - Training + Security
  - Drive Efficiencies with Technology
- Utility Billing
- Revenue
- ERP
- Electronic Records Management
- Permitting & Licensing
- Windows 11 Rollout

Communications







2024 Successes

- **20 million** post views, **2 million** post interactions across all social media platforms
  → **27% increase** in engagement over 2023
- **17,000** news stories mentioning the City of Savannah
  → **140% increase** over 2023
- **14.2 million** visits to the City's website
- Launched the SPD mobile app
- Hosted 100+ media events

2025 Priorities

- **Revamped, Customer-Focused** city website
- Re-Imagined media events with **community centric** approach
- Expanded **real-time response** to emerging community concerns on social media
- Increased investment in **printed communications** to reach individuals without digital access

311 Action Center

2024 Successes

- 4,000 SAV311 Mobile App Downloads

→ **167% increase** over 2023

- Launched Language Line Services, providing live translation to callers who speak Spanish as their primary language



LanguageLine Solutions®

2025 Priorities:

- Increase SAV311 mobile app downloads to 8,000
- Plan for expansion of Language Line Services (to include Korean)
- Explore implementation of Live Chat website feature

RECORDER'S COURT

"Administering justice with fairness, equality, and integrity..."

- **2024 Highlights**
- E-citations with Georgia State Patrol
  - Cuts time needed to enter citations in half!
- Delinquent accounts **DOWN** from $3.8 million in 2020 to $640,000
- 52% Increase In Spanish Interpreter Requests
  - Welcomed Full Time Spanish Interpreter
- **2025 Workplan**
- Transitioning CCPD to E-citations
- Upgrading Credit Card Processing Accountability
- Kiosk Court Check-In & Efficiency Improvements
- Spanish Interpreter Licensing



Municipal Archives

2024 HIGHLIGHTS

Documenting & Sharing History:

- Markers: Bryan School; Taylor Square
- Community Collecting: District 5; Springfield Terrace (Pearl Lee Smith) School; Proud Savannah
- Youth Outreach: 450% increase in youths reached through educational programs since 2022

Records Preservation, Compliance, & Public Access:

- Archives Storage improvements completed
- Records Management Program improvements implemented (rolling transfers; site visits; upgraded online resources for staff)

Protecting our Historic Assets:

- City Hall Interior Restoration (design completed; construction commenced)

2025 PRIORITIES

Documenting & Sharing History:

- Markers: "Negro Burial Ground"
- Community Collecting: District 4; Faith in Action Residency release; Memory Partners training; Everyone Has a Story Partnership

Records Preservation, Compliance, & Public Access:

- **Electronic Records Management System (ERMS)** - City-wide solution; increasing efficiency, productivity, legal compliance, accountability, and transparency; decreasing risk of data loss and litigation; establishing infrastructure to support electronic business processes

Protecting our Historic Assets:

- City Hall Interior Restoration (complete construction, design exhibits)
- Springfield Terrace (Pearl Lee Smith) School (conditions assessment, restoration plan, construction drawings)





Policy and Intergovernmental Affairs

- Advance Legislative and Policy interest
  - Local, State, and Federal
  - Unified Voice
  - Prioritize and execute a targeted approach
- Increase Cooperation and Partnerships between Agencies, Governments, and NGOs
- Pursue and Secure Funding for Major priorities

"Over **$60M** in Competitive Awards over last 3 years"



Data +Innovation Governance Group (DIGG)

2024 Achievements:

What Works Cities:

We met the **22 criteria** required to achieve silver certification, indicating our commitment to high performance and data-driven governing

City-wide Data Strategy:

Developing a comprehensive strategy for data management, capacity building, data sharing, and problem-solving/analytics

Bloomberg Harvard City Hall Fellow:

Successfully applied for and matched with a 2-year Bloomberg-funded City Hall Fellow



New Programming Initiatives for FY25:

Cultivating a Data-Driven Culture

Goal: Foster high performance by encouraging program evaluation and developing innovative performance metrics

Impact: Supports data-driven decision-making, accountability, innovation, and high performance

Department Data Ambassador Program

Goal: Break down silos and enhance collaboration across departments

Impact: Stronger cross-departmental partnerships, increased efficiency, improved data sharing and transparency

Data Dashboards

Goal: Create interactive dashboards to provide real-time insights to public and internal stakeholders

Impact: Fosters transparence and accountability

Organizational Development

GREAT PUBLIC SERVICE

Director Connector
UPDATES FOR COS LEADERS

2024 Achievements

- ✓ Conducted **Internal Communications** Study
- ✓ Launched **New Director's Academy**
- ✓ Introduced **two new internal communication methodologies**
  - ✓ CM's **Communication & Decision-Making** Platforms
  - ✓ **Online Suggestion Box**
- ✓ **Expanded** City Manager's Emerging Leaders Academy
  - ✓ Cohort 3
  - ✓ 30 Participants
  - ✓ ICMA Recognition



2025 Focus

- ✓ Launch Additional **Internal Communications** Platforms
  - ✓ Centralized **Citywide Survey Management**
  - ✓ **Director Connector** Newsletter & Training Hub
- ✓ Launch **Data Informed Program Evaluation Process & Policy**
- ✓ Develop **Data Ambassador Outreach, Communication, Education, & Training program**
- ✓ Increase **continued education and professional development for leadership alumni programs.**

FY25 Proposed Budget Framework

Sancia Joseph-Jarvis, Interim Senior Director, Office of Management & Budget

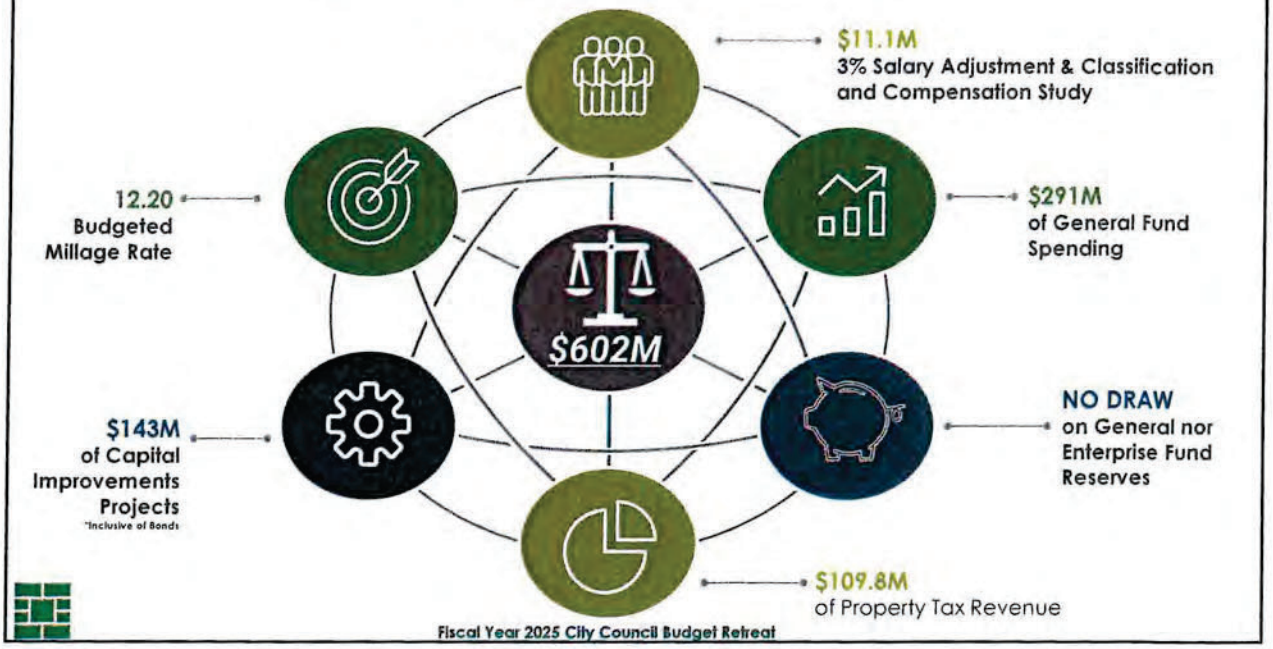


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Budget Priority Goals

- Invest in Equitable Community Development & Resiliency
- Improve Quality of Life by Raising Municipal Service Standards
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- Expand Economic Access, Opportunity, & Vitality for All
- Plan & Build World Class Livable Environments & Infrastructure
- Always Be a High-Performing Government

Budget by the Numbers



City-Wide Revenues

Revenue Source	FY23 Actual	FY24 Projected	FY25 Proposed	% Change 2024 - 2025
Taxes	228,645,480	252,179,191	259,223,755	2.8
User Fees	49,483,171	48,922,671	49,164,235	0.5
Civic Ctr Revenue	2,252,447	1,342,647	1,594,000	18.7
I&D Revenue	10,736,660	11,673,383	13,413,314	14.9
Parking Service Rev	20,060,997	22,309,512	23,054,808	3.3
Sanitation Revenue	27,034,659	28,780,090	29,242,406	1.6
Water Service Rev	38,218,038	37,857,652	39,110,060	3.3
Sewer Serv Revenue	56,440,271	54,745,218	58,663,870	7.2
Other Enterprise Rev	(306,394)	(50,000)	(50,000)	-
Interfund	55,264,857	60,734,436	69,865,350	15.0
Grants	19,850,164	19,798,042	19,824,149	0.1
Interest	15,001,638	18,241,710	6,712,500	(63.2)
Other	33,130,077	27,199,713	28,162,926	3.5
SUBTOTAL	**555,812,065**	**583,734,265**	**597,981,373**	**2.4**
Draw/(Contribution)	(14,698,582)	31,344,064	3,651,234	(88.4)
Total Revenues	**$541,113,483**	**$615,078,329**	**$601,632,607**	**(2.2)**

FY25 Revenue Highlights

2.2% Total decrease over FY25 projected collections

Taxes represent 43.4% of total revenues

Business Activity Revenues represent 27.4% of total revenues

- *Parking Fund*
- *Water and Sewer Fund*
- *Sanitation Fund*
- *Civic Center Fund*
- *I&D Water Fund*

FY25 Expense Highlights

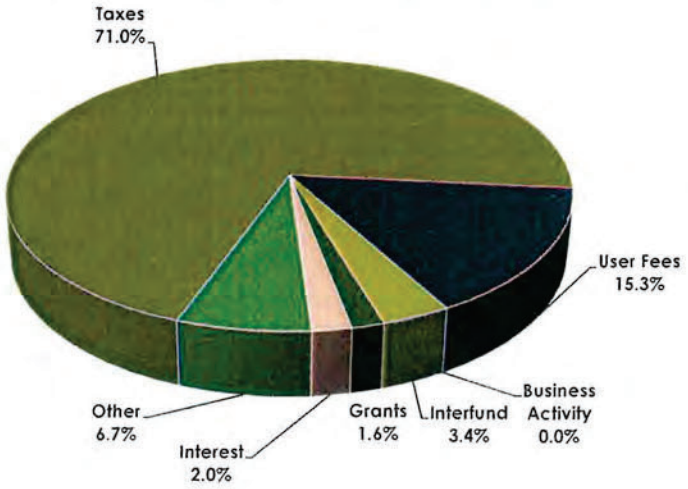
- **2.2% Total decrease** over FY25 projected expenditures
- **4.9% Total Decrease** in Enterprise Fund
- **2.2% Increase** in Special Revenue Fund
- **17.9.% Decrease** in Internal Services Funds

City-Wide Expenses

Expenditures by Fund	Actual 2023	Projected 2024	Proposed 2025	%Change 2024 - 2025
General Fund Total	$273,046,077	$285,994,916	$290,544,556	1.6
Special Revenue Funds				
Hazardous Material Services	715,018	905,482	803,933	(11.2)
Recorder's Court Technology	341,814	68,000	75,000	10.3
Grant	6,713,961	10,625,988	11,121,037	4.7
Community Development	9,624,945	10,925,585	10,629,737	(2.7)
Hotel Motel Tax	39,101,330	48,000,000	49,440,000	3.0
Per Occupied Room	1,852,060	1,700,000	1,751,000	3.0
Motor Vehicle Rental	3,202,762	3,328,000	3,361,280	1.0
Special Revenue Fund Total	$61,551,890	$75,553,055	$77,181,987	2.2
Enterprise Funds				
Sanitation Services	39,018,167	51,063,165	43,086,357	(15.6)
Civic Center Services	5,710,318	5,415,495	5,725,422	5.7
Water & Sewer Services	99,377,490	105,042,087	101,469,735	(3.4)
I&D Water Services	10,442,438	11,970,023	13,659,770	14.1
Parking Services	27,250,961	24,313,741	24,211,405	(0.4)
Enterprise Fund Total	$181,799,374	$197,804,511	$188,152,689	(4.9)
Internal Services Funds				
Internal Services	19,330,932	20,834,845	22,445,201	7.7
Computer Purchase	1,699,264	1,525,369	1,255,330	(17.7)
Vehicle Purchase	3,433,647	33,161,172	21,865,344	(34.1)
Radio Purchase	252,299	204,461	187,500	(8.3)
Internal Services Fund Total	$24,716,142	$55,725,847	$45,753,375	(17.9)
Total Expenditures	$541,113,483	$615,078,329	$601,632,607	(2.2)

General Fund Revenues

Where Does the Money Come From?



Fiscal Year 2025 City Council Budget Retreat

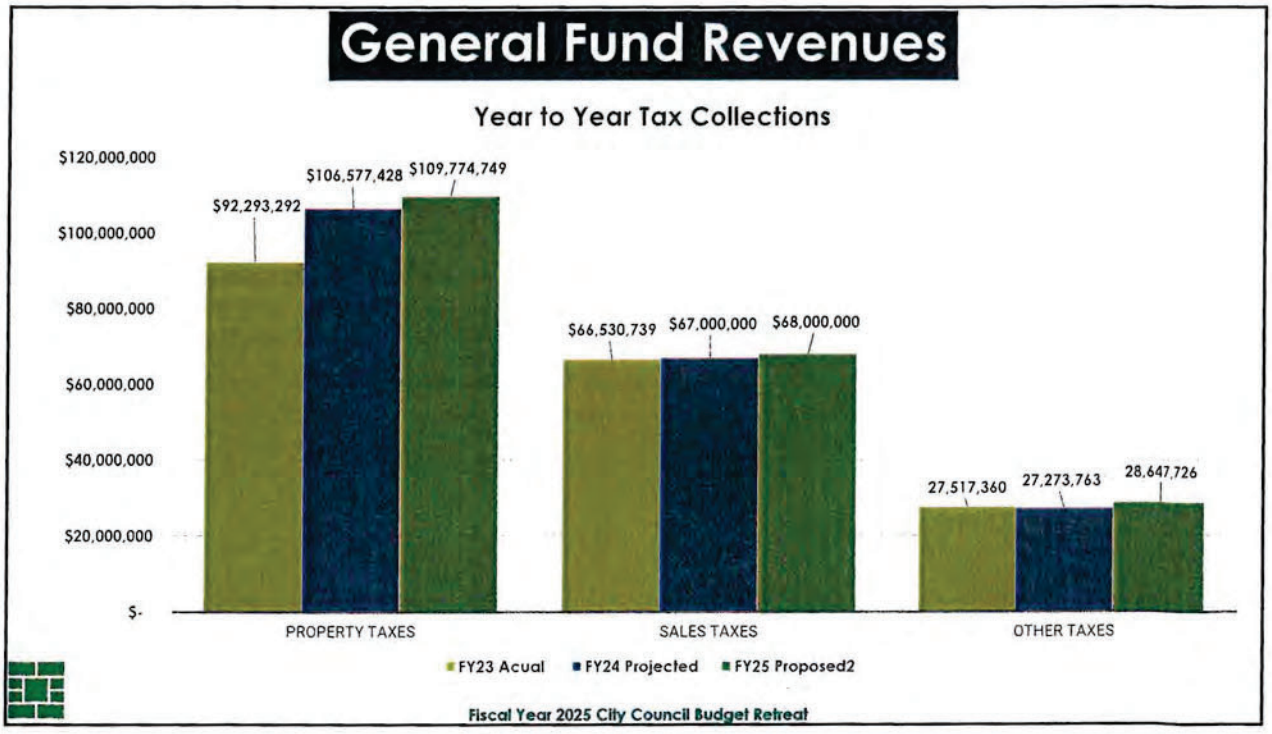
FY25 Revenue Highlights

- **Revenue Proposed to Increase by 1.6% compared to FY24** Projected Collection
- **3.0% Tax Revenue Increase**
  - *Millage rate remains the same at 12.20*
  - *Steady Growth in property tax digest*
- **2.8% Increase in Taxes**
  - *City's Share of LOST will decrease to 52.2%*

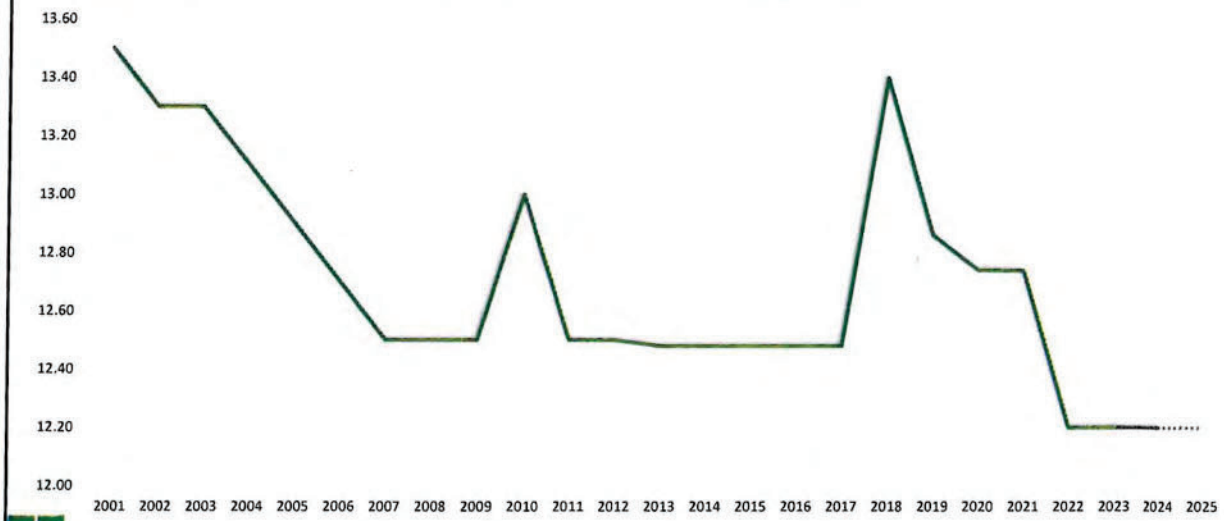
General Fund Revenues

Revenues	FY23 Actuals	FY24 Projected	FY25 Proposed	%Change 2023 – 2024
Taxes	186,341,391	200,851,191	206,422,475	2.8
User Fees	44,918,819	43,330,546	44,398,606	2.5
Business Activity	56,652	30,980	15,000	(51.6)
Interfund	6,545,596	7,813,314	9,896,949	26.7
Grants	6,943,357	4,612,751	4,671,526	1.3
Interest	8,145,361	10,481,134	5,700,000	(45.6)
Other	24,834,723	18,875,000	19,440,000	3.0
Draw/(Contribution)	4,739,822	-	-	-
Total	**277,785,899**	**285,994,916**	**290,544,556**	**1.6**

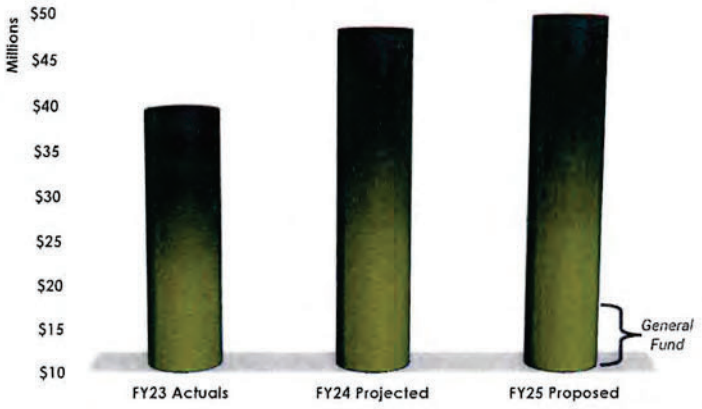
General Fund Revenues



Property Tax Rate History



Hotel/Motel Revenues



FY25 Revenue Highlights

3% Total Increase over FY25 Projected Collection

Full Year tax collection at 8%

Hotel/Motel tax is collected at 8.0% by the City of Savannah as authorized by state law. The City's General Fund receives 37.5% of the revenue generated by the tax. The remaining revenue supports the trade center and convention/tourism marketing and development.

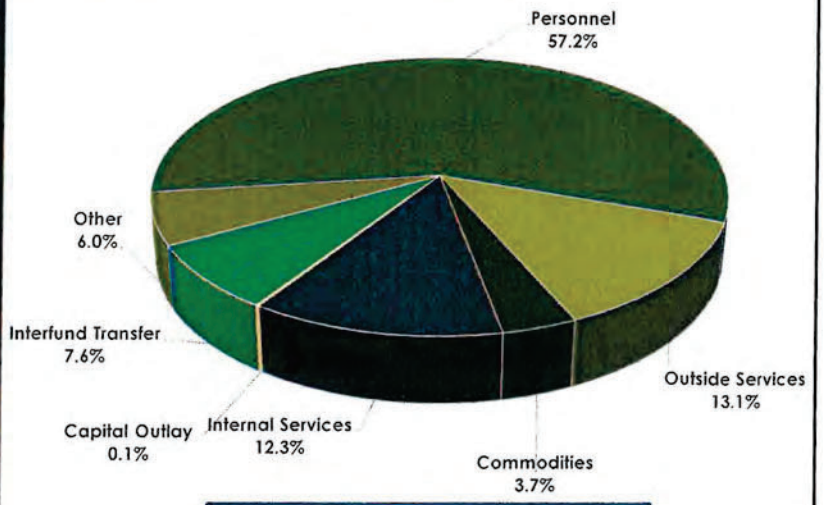
General Fund Expenses

FY25 Expense Highlights

Salary Adjustment/ Classification and Compensation Study

1.5M Increase in Internal Services

51.3% Decrease in Interfund Transfers



Where Does the Money Go?

Fiscal Year 2025 City Council Budget Retreat

General Fund Operating Cost

	FY23 Actual	FY24 Projected	FY25 Proposed	%Change 2024 – 2025
Personnel	131,300,384	147,619,698	166,064,376	12.5
Outside Services	32,553,714	37,790,402	37,939,723	0.4
Commodities	8,407,990	9,940,705	10,641,795	7.1
Internal Services	29,891,439	31,111,058	35,769,098	15.0
Capital Outlay	316,077	810,238	435,576	(46.2)
Interfund Transfer	56,660,180	45,556,023	22,189,694	(51.3)
Other	13,916,293	13,166,792	17,504,294	32.9
Grand Total	**$273,046,077**	**$285,994,916**	**$290,544,556**	**1.6**

FY25 Expense Highlights

1.6% overall increase

Personnel represent 57.2% of total General Fund expenses

Conservative Budgeting as the economic climate is uncertain

Additional Resources

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Proposed FY25-FY29 Capital Improvement Program

Melissa D. Carter, Interim Chief Operating Officer

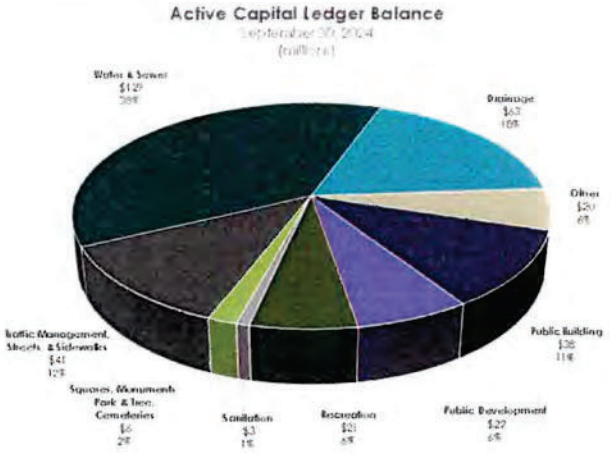
Key Discussion

- Active Ledger
- 5-year Plan by Fund
- FY25 Detail

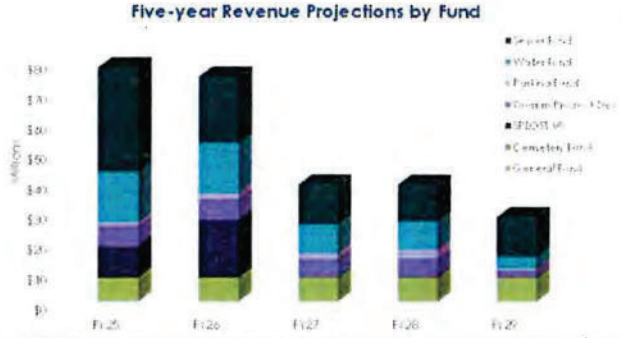


Active Ledger

- **271 Active Projects**
- **>$340M Balance**
  - $63M – Drainage
  - $41M – Mobility
  - $21M – Recreation
- **savannahga.gov/**
  - 2450/Capital-Projects-Management
  - 3635/Capital-Projects-Semi-Annual-Reports
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FY25-FY29 Capital Improvement Plan

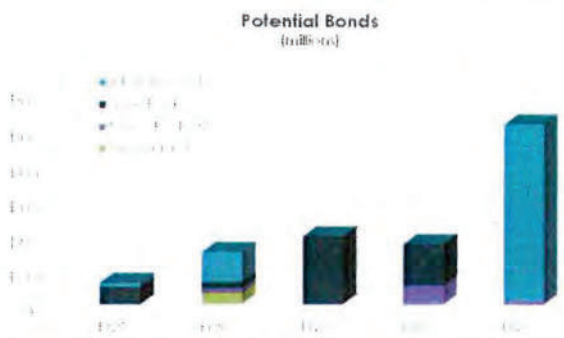


Funding Source	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	5-year Total
General Fund	7,870,000	7,840,000	7,840,000	7,840,000	7,855,000	39,245,000
Cemetery Fund	230,000	260,000	260,000	260,000	245,000	1,255,000
SPLOST VII	10,450,000	19,226,612	-	-	-	29,676,612
Tourism Product Dev	6,813,450	7,017,854	6,265,479	6,482,331	2,372,588	28,951,702
Parking Fund	1,150,000	1,715,000	1,735,000	2,920,000	525,000	8,045,000
Water Fund	16,745,000	16,800,000	9,610,000	9,360,000	4,035,000	56,550,000
Sewer Fund	34,996,000	22,226,000	13,421,000	12,296,000	13,316,000	99,255,000
Total	$78,254,450	$75,085,466	$39,131,479	$39,158,331	$28,348,588	$259,978,314

5-year Highlights

- **5-year pay-go** plan totals $260M
- **General Fund** contribution set at $8.1M
- **SPLOST VII** authorization expires in FY26
- Significant **bond** issuances projected

FY25-FY29 Capital Improvement Plan



Funding Source	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29	5-year Total
General Fund	-	32.5	-	-	-	$32.5M
Tourism Product Dev	-	12.0	-	53.7	11.6	$77.3M
Sewer Fund	50.0	20.0	195.0	120.0	-	$385.0M
I&D Water Fund	12.0	85.0	-	-	500.0	$597.0M
Total	$62.0M	$149.5M	$195.0M	$173.7M	$511.6M	$1,091.8M

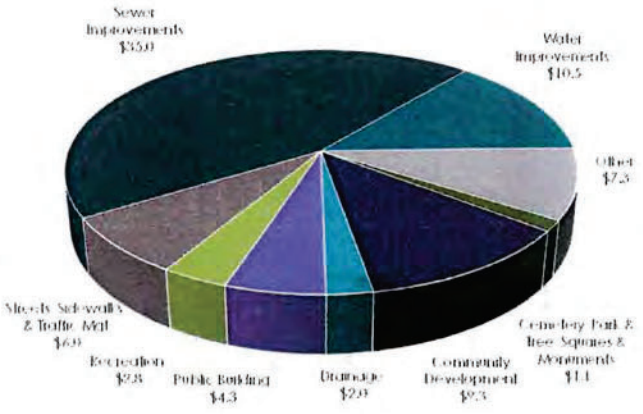
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- **5-year pay-go** plan totals $260M
- **General Fund** contribution set at $8.1M
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- Significant **bond** issuances projected
  - 89.9% Water & Sewer
  - General Fund – Municipal Space Planning
  - TPD
    - Tide to Town
    - Savannah Waterfront Redevelopment
    - Waterworks Building Redevelopment

FY25 Detail

- **78 Projects**
- **$78.3M**
- **Project Descriptions**
  - Improvement Category Overview p. 293
  - Fund Descriptions & Project Listings p. 295
  - Project Pages p. 297

FY25 Proposed by Improvement Category
(millions)



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NOVEMBER 26, 2024 - 11:00 a.m. - WORKSHOP and CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at **11:01 a.m.**, in the SCCPSS Board of Education Room located at the Eli Whitney Administrative Complex, 2 Laura Avenue, Building G. **Mayor Johnson** called the meeting to order, then recognized **Alderman Kurtis Purtee** to offer a prayer.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 - Vice Chair

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 - Chairman

Alderwoman 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

Assistant to Clerk of Council Renee Osborne

Workshop Agenda Items

1. FY25 Proposed Budget Framework/Proposed Five-Year Capital Plan Overview

Exhibit 1: FY25 Proposed Budget Framework and Capital Plan.pptx

FY25 Proposed Budget Framework/Proposed Five-Year Capital Plan Overview

The Mayor stated that one of the major responsibilities of the Savannah City Manager is to present for consideration a budget proposal that is ultimately approved by the Savannah City Council. The budget deadline is December 31st, 2024, and will go into effect January 1, 2025. Today is part 2 of this workshop and the purpose is to finish the budget meeting presentations from November 20th. The Mayor asked the budget team to stand to be recognized.

City Manager, Melder, wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and thanked the Mayor and Council for a fruitful, informative and meaningful Budget Meeting Retreat. He handed it over to the Budget Team to finish up their presentations around the Framework and Capital Plan by Budget Director Sansia Joseph-Jarvis, Capital Projects Manager Victoria Keller, and joined by Chief Operating Officer, Melissa Carter. The City Manager believes that the proposed budget of $602M is balanced

and offers high quality and improved services for our residents. This budget has no tax rate increases or planned draws from the General or Enterprise Fund Reserves with a millage rate of 12.20% (lowest since 1987). For FY25 there is $78.3M in planned capital spending and other active capital projects. The budget also includes $5.3M in budget cuts and efficiencies - each year we go through the budget and find where we can save and cut to reduce costs in the organization as well as for tax and rate payers. Sansia Joseph-Jarvis began by stating the 6 priorities which are (feel free to view the entire Workshop online City Council Workshop 11-26-24):

1) Invest in Equitable Community Development
2) Increase Public Safety
3) Planned in Livable Environments
4) Improve Quality of Life by Raising Municipal Service Standards
5) Expand Economic Access, Opportunity, & Vitality for All
6) Always be a High-Performing Goverment

The team also sought information from the public and launched a survey over the summer months. Citizens top priorities were Stormwater infrastructure designed to mitigate the impact of rainwater; Housing to ensure safe, affordable housing, and Human Services to support the social needs and well-being of our residents. Ms. Joseph-Jarvis thanked the citizens for engaging and making their voices heard. With the budget being $602M, it is the largest budget to date. $11.1M has been set aside for COLA(?). The 2025 budget conservatively projects overall growth despite other revenue sources remaining volatile. The presentation next addressed where the money comes from. The General Fund revenue is $291 million and taxes are $206M of the general fund revenue (71%). Property taxes are the largest and most stable revenue source at about 37.8% of the total general fund revenues. Other taxes have an increase of about 5% and are leveling out for the coming year. Ms. Joseph-Jarvis discussed the expenses of the general fund with 52.7% being paid in personnel costs. This equates to about $166M in personnel services from the general fund.

City Manager Melder stated that the budget decreased this year from last year due to emergency spending due to the hurricanes and storms. Most of those funds will be reimbursed from FEMA and reimbursed close to 100%. As a note he mentioned that the City is expecting modest growth in property tax and sales tax growth is plateauing.

The presentation was turned over to Victoria Keller, Principal Budget Analyst, who stated that the capital plan is looking at new allocations. The City currently has 271 active projects with an available balance of over $340M but these projects can take several years to complete. In order to get active project status go to the Capital Projects Management site on savannahga.gov where you can navigate under Government, then Management Services. The first link goes to a semi-annual report, and the third link goes to the Capital Projects Liaison Christie Lawrence. This current plan will also be presented to Council as we progress. Additional resources for FY25 Proposed Budget available at http://www.savannahga.gov/budget. For a print version that is available to view in person please visit the Clerk of Council's Office in City Hall, the Bull Street Library, or West Chatham Library. Individuals may also visit the active capital site at https://savannahga.gov/2450/Capital-Projects-Management. Citizens may submit inquiries to budgetga@savannahga.gov.

Before opening the floor for questions Mayor Johnson thanked City Manager Melder and the Budget Team. He clarified that the Clerk's Office has temporarily moved from the 1st floor to the 4th floor. He stated that although the City has had significant success in receiving federal funds they are not part of the general funds but are capital funds that are *capital specific* therefore, we are prohibited from using them to balance the budget. The Mayor had two issues- building up our bonding ability which should be used to create opportunities and move projects along. Secondly, he stated that we have managed project managment in-house in the past and feels that it a better use of our time and resources to move away form that practice especially with the 271 active projects that we currently have. He noted that the current City Council is very aggressive (with a capital "A") and expects to see movement on these projects. He asked that the City Manager keep that in consideration.

City Manager Melder shared that he completely agrees and that they are in the final stages of acquiring a company for project management services.

The Mayor asked if there were any questions from Council and addressed Ald. Wilder-Bryan.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan asked how we determine what the money can or cannot be used for. Also how do we determine what can be used in the interfund?

City Manager Melder responded by explaining that the interfund budget line is an internal budget accounting code. He used the example of Fire or Police using certain services and applying a formula to repay those services from a department account. We want departments to know how much it costs to do their work even if the City is supplying some of those services.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan asked if there was a specific timeline or if it was interest-bearing if we loan within the funds.

Sansia Joseph-Jarvis explained that there was no time attached but the Budget Team looks at it for that full year of services. The funds are paid for through the interfund transfer.

Ald. Bell asked about the 1.5M increase in internal services and a 51.3 decrease in interfund transfers. She wondered if security services was paid for from the fund. Ms. Jarvis agreed and explained that for efficiency reasons it would be beneficial to have the general fund managed by Risk Management Director, Bryan Hollis and can be redistributed accordingly to each of our funds within the city. Ald. Bell recalled something called revolving funds and thought that the process sounded like the costs are split over the operating departments.

City Manager Melder referred to the security costs specifically and said that they found that it was beneficial to the taxpayer and the operations to process it as one big operation and RFP. He also said that because it was similar to departments like Fleet, IT, and other internal services, the decision was made to pull it into the transfer fund and be able to divvy up the costs.

Melissa Carter added that Ald. Bell had recalled correctly that we did have the internal allocation service. She stated that basically this is a change in budgeting philosophy - over time our costs for security services has increased especially as we brought more facilities online as well as the cost to properly outfit security plans in our facilities.

Ald. Miller Blakely thanked the team for their presentation and had several questions. She inquired whether the City had anything in the fund in reference to the hurricane.

City Manager Melder said that there is a plan for disaster expenses in 2025; there are contracts and reserves that are able to pay for them if needed. In FY2024 we incurred significant costs due to the debris collection from tropical storms and hurricanes. However, all of that will be 100% reimbursable from the federal government because of the disaster declaration that the president made for our area.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked what the other 6% means? Sansia Joseph-Jarvis shared that "other" is usually for payments. For example, vehicles, computers are all considered "other" and have nothing to do with personnel costs.

Ald. Miller Blakey also asked where the 271 active projects can be found in the budget book. Victoria Keller suggested referring to the websites to view the semi-annual update that will have all the active projects listed. Ald. Miller Blakely asked the team to explain what is the active capital ledger balance for Sanitation at 1% (which is $3M of the pie chart). Victoria Keller stated that Sanitation does not have a lot of capital expenses at this time and the City has postponed those capital investments to keep rates lower for customers. Ald. Miller Blakely wanted to know where the Fiscal 25 details of the 78 projects can be found. Victoria Keller responded that they are shown in the table of contents; each of them have a marker and a description of each fund. Mayor Johnson stated that they be found on pages 293, 295, and 297. City Manager Melder said that following page 297 to the end of the book (page 385), each of those pages decribe in detail each capital project that is being funded.

Ald. Lanier thanked Sansia Joseph-Jarvis for her portion of the presentation and referred to the general fund expenses about drainage increase. City Manager Melder said that we have put revenue growth from the millage rate into both years. Ald. Lanier wondered if that was the reason we had an increase in the drainage expenses. City Manager Melder added that in the summer of 2023 we had $7M and a little less in 2024. All of this went to the Stormwater Fund and that is what is accounting for those increases. Ald. Lanier asked about facility space as they talked about the capital improvement plan and wanted to know if we would see these options come to us in the form of a workshop or how to get involved in the process.

City Manager Melder stated that 2025 is going to be a big year for municipal space planning. There are many things that the City needs to do and the things that they want to do will be brought forward in a workshop. We need to expand the public safety services out west and making a plan for our leased police precincts and get out of some of our leased spaces. There is also a need for general municipal office spaces. The Coastal Georgia Center at some point will no longer be available to the City of Savannah. Those are a few of the ideas that will be brought before Council in the future,

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz asked about the hurricane fund and whether or not those reimbursement funds will be moved over to FY25? City Manager Melder said that those funds that we incurred will be applied to FY24 - the year that we incurred the expense. The services are paid for up front and the federal governmet reimburses us back- due to the disaster declaration/FEMA and we apply that in our accounting to FY24. The projections are that our revenues will reach up to $615M for the current year and $601M for FY25 (including the reimbursement from the federal government).

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked the ladies of the budget team for doing a good job as well as Mrs. Carter for her leadership. She stated that she believes that when there are great leaders, leaders don't like just to be leaders themselves and just move on individually, but great leaders like to produce leaders themselves. With a proposed budget of $602M she asked if someone could expand on the economic growth piece.

City Manager Melder stated that our needs, expenses,and revenues are all tied to our economy - specifically to our local economy (how well our residents and businesses are doing). This also dictates whether we are growing. For example, new growth, new businesses being built, new homes being built property, old properties being restored will cause the valuations of those properties to go up. $109M is projected for FY25 in property tax revenue. In addition, a significant amount of revenue comes from sales tax. The more people who are visiting Savannah or the more money local residents have to spend, the more sales tax we will have to collect.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz asked, when do we start considering recommendations for SPLOST 8? City Manager Melder said very soon, especially if we want SPLOST 8 on the ballot. He stated that in early 2025 they would begin to develop that list. Past and current administrations have discussed the SPLOST dollars. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz said that her big thing is drainage and Stormwater, and having the focus of our thoughts be on drainage and stormwater.

Mayor Johnson stated that SPLOST goes beyond being an administrative feat, it's also a political feat. It has to pass by the majority of voters in this country. He thanked everyone including the budget team.

2. Daffin Park Signature Playground

Exhibit 1: Signature Playground Concept_Council.pptx

Daffin Park Signature Park

Mayor Johnson said that the City Manager had something exciting to discuss. Instead of Recreation Department he suggested naming it the *Department of Fun.* This would help to keep everyone engaged into what it's really about.

City Manager Melder spoke about what is in the capital budget for the recreation department and Re-Imagine for FY25 and beyond. He introduced Chief Taffanye Young and Director Roberts to share a presentation.

Chief Young stated that Recreation Re-Imagine was conceived in 2021 and after much research and surveys to determine why citizens were not coming to the facilities, they presented at a City Council meeting and a budget was approved. Numerous improvements were made to playgrounds, basketball courts, tennis courts, pool resurfacing, community centers, new play spaces, etc. Early on they talked about reimagining what a playground would look like in Savannah. The Chief shared some examples of what that looked liked across the country. They received some funding for a "signature playground" which means it has the city's autograph and a distinguishing style. She stated that a signature playground is unique because it serves the folks who live in Savannah. Her team noticed that a place that's inclusive was missing from our playgrounds. It is rare to find a playground that has equipment that every child regardless of their physical ability can enjoy. Typically young people with special needs have to use a separate play area or sit and watch other children have fun. The decision was made to use Daffin Park which has a large area available for a park that size, plus it is in a key location and easily identifiable. It also has interior roads which allow for drop-off and pick-up. They are hoping that it will be a place to bring the community back out. Recreation is not only about physical health, but social health as well.

Chief Young turned the presentation over to Mr. Roberts. He thanked the Mayor and City Council for the opportunity to present this exciting project that will enhance the recreation landscape in the City of Savannah. The signature playground will be a milestone project of the city's reimagined initiative which focuses on rethinking how recreation is delivered in Savannah with an emphasis on enriching the lives of residents and guests by providing high quality recreation experiences. Mr. Roberts outlined the details of the new playground and some of the features/benefits of the GameTime equipment. The city's first signature playground will be more than just a place to play - it will be a destination that exemplifies innovation, inclusivity, and excellence in recreational design. Play Core as the parent company of GameTime utilizes recreation industry best practices, as well as research to help develop products and play-based design. The specialized eqiuipment qualifies the park as a national demonstration site. This will promote physical activity, support healthier lifestyles, and address childhood obesity. The signature playground will also set a new standard for inclusivity and reflect our commitment to all children regardless of ability where all can participate in meaningful play. There will be zones designed for interaction between children with and without disabilities. Mr. Roberts asked the big question, "what will it look like"? This will be the city's first large-scale, multi-zone inclusive playground. The signature playground will be located at the northwest corner at Daffin Park. The slide show and video will show an overview of the concept of the park. Some of the other

playground features are: Fully ADA compliant surfacing, quiet time and storytelling zone, integrated musical components, a full fenced play area with gated entry, and public restrooms with adult changing tables.

Following the video a Council Member said, "that's awesome" and Mr. Roberts gave the thumbs up sign. He stated that the signature playground project not only elevates our park and recreation offerings, but also showcases the city as a leader in innovative and inclusive design and it's a chance to make a lasting impact in our community and beyond.

The project is expected to take about 9 months to complete with an anticipated completion date in Fall 2025. Mr. Roberts asked if there were any questions.

City Manager Melder thanked the team for the presentation and stated that there is a contract on the agenda later in the afternoon regarding the construction of the signature playground. The team also held an onsite engagement for the community that some of the Council Members attended.

The Mayor stated that he wanted to lift up two things: 1) In saying that Savannah will be a safe, environmentally healthy and economically thriving community for all, everyone is different and we should still strive to find ways to be inclusive. This is a big way of doing that. He thanked the team for their vision. 2) Who's going to stop him from going and enjoying the park (kidding)? He stated that they will have problems with the adults enjoying the park as much as the kids!

Ald. Leggett exclaimed, "Nick that was beautiful" and thanked him also for the event that they had onsite. He stated that he liked the circus theme and that it will be an awesome space for everybody to go out and have fun. He had a question stemming from an incident where a child slipped and had fallen into the lake and asked if there was anything to address the lake area.

Mr. Roberts responded by saying that the entire playground will be fenced around. The park will be a staffed park with security cameras to help deter some of those issues. "If you fund it, I will build it" was his response to Ald. Leggett and there was laughter in the room. He then recognized and gave credit to his staff who have worked very hard over the last year including Ricky Allison, Operations Manager and Peter Maierhofer, Assistant Director on the Community Services side.

Ald. Leggett thanked the team for building all of these different avenues for our children and as a championship football coach he has to make sure the kids start off in a great place.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan thanked them for a really awesome presentation and said that it warms her heart and she is happy to share the great news about Daffin Park with the alderman from the 4th district. She asked if the white building in the photos would be available as a rental space for parties or is where quiet time will be.

Mr. Roberts responded that the white building will be the restroom building and is a key feature that is missing at the park.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan also asked about the public restrooms with the adult changing tables feature. Chief Young responded to this by saying that as children grow, especially those that are wheelchair bound, they need a larger area for changing. Chief Young also shared that a parent who was at the open house was so excited that this feature would be available. The parent shared that it was a rarity and it makes it almost impossible for parents whose children are wheelchair bound to take them anywhere, as most facilities don't accommodate that. Chief Young said that they are very excited to be able to offer that.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan stated that she has been saying for the past 4 years that it's the little things that mean so much to our citizens - they are willing to wait for larger things. She said, "that's good government" and thanked the Chief for listening to that parent.

Ald. Palumbo thanked the team for their incredible work on the project and he is very proud of it. Even though it has a fence, it is truly *boundless.* Daffin Park is the people's park where everyone can come and enjoy. He hopes that this park becomes a model for each district. Ald. Palumbo also stated that the top feeback they received is for an adult playground. His young nieces give the playground their seal of approval.

Ald. Miller Blakely thanked the team for the presentation and for making this come to fruition. When she was first elected, recreation was her main concern and commented that they had done a phenomenal job. As an At-Large representative she is concerned that the signature park is over at Daffin Park. She asked whether Forsyth Park had the same capabilities on that playground as there are at Daffin Park, and how can we make Forsyth Park almost the same as what Daffin Park is going to be like, and what about the westside of Savannah and Highlands. She confirmed that the signature park cost is $1.1M and asked what could we do to put the same into Forsyth Park and Highlands.

City Manager Melder stated that we are calling it a signature park is not because it's going to be the only one but mark what we want to be building and providing for all of our communities in the future.

It's creating a new standard for how we want to think. There is a certain scale that Daffin has that can accommodate a large structure like this; the same is true for other parks as well. Playgrounds are important but so are courts, community centers, gymnasiums, and other types of investments. It's creating a new standard for how we want our amenities to serve everyone.

Ald. Miller Blakely understood that but wanted to know how soon the park could be set up at the other locations and what could be done to bring Forsyth Park to the same level. $1.1M is not a lot of money for our city and said that she was sure we could find the funds to upgrade Forsyth Park (put something like this in the Highlands and also West Savannah).

The Mayor responded that Recreation Re-Imagined is like a toddler and is evolving and finding its legs in terms of being able to provide innovative spaces in areas. Every area doesn't need, want, or deserve the same amenity. They have to be able to find ways of finding what different neighborhoods need and based upon available size and what the residents want and need. He feels that the administration should continue to fund as things come to them. In looking at the Westside he agreed with Ald. Palumbo in that even though this is a city-wide amenity District 4 doesn't have a community center, nor a gym. In District 1 we opened up a community center and a gym within the same year. Staff has to continue to be out working in those communities finding out what their desires are and their wishes for their community. Some of the citizens are regulars at City Council meetings who come forward with ideas and community input and we should be ready to fund them. The Mayor further agreed that $1.1M in the grand scheme of things is not a huge amount of money, but we should allow our professionals to determine what those needs are and he hopes to have Ald. Miller Blakely's support in funding them.

Ald. Miller Blakely stated to the Mayor that if we build it they will come (it's all about equity). He responded that if we build it with their support they will love it.

Ald. Bell thanked Chief Taffanye and Director Nick. She stated that this is awesome and a great beginning. Like her colleague she is concerned about the entire city too but is willing to see this first one built, giving the community an opportunity to see it. She concurred with Nick when he said that recreation facilities were built for our residents of the community and the residents need to be a part of the decision-making process when it comes to what is placed in their neighborhoods. It is beautiful! Let's plan to expand this kind of thing to other parts of the city.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked Chief Young, Director Roberts, the City Manager, and Ald. Palumbo on his oversight on this and everyone. She said that she sees it as a city-wide playground. The other key feature that caught her eye was the adaptive swing seats including the multi-generational dual swings to encourage families to play together.

Director Roberts shared that the swing has seats on both sides that can be pushed by a parent or caregiver while the child is on the other side. The team wanted to offer something unique and different from what is currently out there.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz stated that this was innovative and puts us, the City of Savannah, as a leader. She questioned the type of turf that will be used especially as kids fall during play as well as maintaining the current colors.

Director Roberts responded that the final selection of the color palette for all of the equipment has not been made yet. The signature park turf will be a poured-in-place rubberized surface that is a soft material. It drains well and is low maintenance vs. mulch which requires more upkeep.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz continued on that same subject with regard to the other playgrounds within the City of Savannah as well as with the turf and safety situation, would we look to transfer out the mulch?

Director Roberts stated that yes, they had already begun the process earlier in the year and changed the mulch to engineered wood fiber (which becomes a more stable ADA compliant surfacing).

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz's last concern was for benches at the park for individuals who want to sit and watch the children around the spaces. Director Roberts shared that there will be adequate seating that was not shown in this particular plan. The seating will be in shaded areas at the picnic tables as well as around the entire property in areas in the beautifully shaded tree canopy. She shared her excitement and credited them with a good job.

Ald. Lanier said she loved it and thanked them for the presentation. She addressed City Manager Melder and said that we will want it in every area of the city and continue to support these signature type playgrounds. "Ford' was supposed to be the equivalent of that type of area on the Westside and we will continue to have those converstions. She stated to Nick that we will also want to be sure to regulate the water around the splash pads. Nick replied that the issue has been worked out for next spring. Finally, she asked what the weight limit is for the zipline.

Director Roberts smiled and stated that he did not know off the top of his head but he will definitely check into that. She said that her grandson would love it and congratulated them on a great job.

May Johnson's final question was regarding Savannah's sometimes very challenging weather and how it affects thick surfaces, would we have to come back in a year or two to replace elements of the wear and tear? What is the warranty situation? And how do we talk about the maintenance of it?

City Manager Melder began by saying that this was a helpful question. We have to account for the recurring dollars that we need to maintain and repair those capital improvements. While $1.2M may sound like a small sliver of money and is expecially challenging within a finite budget.

Director Roberts said that the contract includes a 2-year warranty on labor, 10 years on the equipment and for servicing it is generally an 8-year usage; a lot of it is based upon traffic.

Mayor Johnson said kids are bigger now that they used to be. He speaks at middle school and high schools with kids and saw 12 yr. olds and 13 yr. olds that are larger than some adults. We have to account for the fact that someone might actually meet the age requirement but also having the bulk may make this a little challenging.

Chief Young stated that there will be signage throughout the park at each one of the zones that will clarify height limits, weight limits, etc. Safety information will also be available as you enter the park.

Mayor Johnson thanked them again and thanked City Manager Melder for supporting our vision for fun. He also noted that on behalf of Council let's find the best practices and see how we can make them work for Savannah.

Lastly, Chief Young clarified by saying that the item on the agenda for $1.1M was for the playground equipment and the play surface. There will be other agenda items coming with additional allocations for fencing, restrooms, etc. in the 2025 Budget.

The presentation was completed and the Mayor stated that there would be no Executive Session in lieu of the Thanksgiving holiday (per the City Attorney and City Manager).

The meeting was adjourned until 2 p.m. The Council Members then gathered for a photo.

3. Closed Executive Session: Litigation, Personnel, and Real Estate

4. City Manager's Agenda Review

There was no action taken during the Workshop.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the workshop/executive session at **12:46 p.m.**

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: December 19, 2024

Signature: Mark Massey

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NOVEMBER 26, 2024 - 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

CITY GOVERNMENT

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at **2:02 p.m.**, in the SCCPSS Board of Education Room located at the Eli Whitney Administrative Complex, 2 Laura Avenue, Building G. **Mayor Johnson** called the meeting to order, then introduced **Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely** who recognized **Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell** to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison. Then, Mayor Johnson asked to observe a moment of silence in honor of the memory and legacy of **Georgia Labor Commissioner Bruce Thompson,** who passed away at the age of 59 just months after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II

Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 - Vice Chair

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 - Chairman

Alderwoman 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

Assistant to Clerk of Council Renee Osborne

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for November 26, 2024.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to adopt/approve agenda item #1, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on November 7, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

Agenda Plus - WS DRAFT MINUTES_ November 7, 2024, City Council Workshop.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda item #2, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Special Meeting (Show Cause Hearing) Held on November 7, 2024, at 12:30 p.m.

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Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #3 and #4, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Lanier, and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

4. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on November 7, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

Agenda Plus - RM DRAFT MINUTES_ November 7, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #3 and #4, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Lanier, and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

PRESENTATIONS

5. Appearance by The Homeless Authority and Proclamation Declaring November as Homelessness Awareness Month.

Prior to the proclamation regarding Homelessness Awareness Month, Mayor Johnson and Ald. Leggett recognized the Oglethorpe Charter Academy Titans coaches (Derek Perry and Ald. Detric Leggett) and players for winning the Middle School Championship. Each player present introduced themselves stating the position they play. Ald. Leggett announced that Daphanie Williams' son plays on the team. Ald. Miller Blakely announced that her grandson and her nephew also play on their undefeated team of 33 players.

Mayor Johnson read and presented a joint proclamation (City/County) declaring November as Homelessness Awareness Month. City Manager Melder, Homeless Authority board members Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Purtee, and the Interagency Council on Homelessness Executive Director Stephanie Kaple joined the Mayor at the podium and accepted the proclamation.

6. Proclamation Declaring November 2024 as National Caregivers Month in Savannah, GA

Mayor Johnson read and presented a proclamation declaring November 2024 as National Caregivers Month in Savannah, GA. Also speaking were Hospice Savannah's Edel Caregiver Institute program coordinator Jill Costello with Marilyn Johnston, and Human Resources Jeff Grant. Mr. Grant recognized employees who are caregivers.

Ald. Bell added the name of Stacey Ferguson, who started 311. She left the city to provide full-time caregiver services for her mother.

Mayor Johnson lifted the name of Ald. Linda Wilder-Bryan who is a caregiver for her 92 years old mother.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked supervisors of Team Savannah for caring about employees who need to leave to see about their loved ones. She lifed up her niece's name, Sherry Mitchell, who is an expert caregiver for her sister.

Ald. Miller Blakely recognized and asked Renee Osborne to stand, who was a caregiver for her brother-in-law who passed away. Mayor Johnson recognized Renee for her birthday which will be on Thanksgiving Day.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan said for Natasha Butler and Kareem Hill at the PARC, there will be a Christmas Party for the senior babies.

Mayor Johnson announced there are resources to help, and he asked Mr. Zoller (Communications) to help get that word out.

7. Proclamation Declaring Saturday, November 30, 2024, as Small Business Saturday in Savannah, GA.

Mayor Johnson stated we want you to shop locally, and he read a proclamation declaring Saturday, November 30, 2024, as Small Business Saturday in Savannah, GA.

Also speaking/present were Stephen Plunk (South of DeRenne Avenue Association and TLC - Tourism Leadership Council), Somi Benson Jaja (Buy Local Savannah and Shots by Somi Studios), Bert Brantley (Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce), Tigerlity Harrington (The Creative Coast), Toby Browne (Savannah Downtown Business Association), Economic Development Interim Director MarRonde Lumpkin-Lotson, Leslie Cato (Small Business Assistance Corporation), Marianne Ganem-Poppell (ACE Women's Empowerment Center), and Dr. Zelonia Williams (Future Minds).

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

8. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Gretchen Holm for Aloft Savannah Downtown Historic District, A Hotel Located At 512 West Oglethorpe Avenue. The establishment is located between Ann Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard in Aldermanic District 2.

Checklist - Fairfield Inn & Suites

Density Map - Fairfield Inn & Suites

Alcohol Documents - Fairfield Inn & Suites

Measurement Report - Fairfield Inn & Suites

Security Plan - Fairfield Inn & Suites

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for agenda items #8 and #9.

a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearings for agenda items #8 and #9, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve agenda item #8, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

9. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Gretchen Holm for Fairfield Inn and Suites Savannah Downtown Historic District, a hotel located at 135 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The establishment is located between Oglethorpe Avenue and Alton Street in Aldermanic District 2.

Checklist - Aloft

Density Map - Aloft

Alcohol Documents - Aloft

Measurement Report - Aloft

Security Plan - Aloft Hotel

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for agenda items #8 and #9.

a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the alcohol hearings for agenda items #8 and #9, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve agenda item #9, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

10. First Public Hearing to Receive Comments on the 2025 Proposed Service Program and Budget.

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing open (agenda item #10) regarding the 2025 Proposed Service Program and Budget.

Speaker(s):

- Mr. Tre Singleton - IN SUPPORT of funding for violence prevention programming (UMA of Savannah) and request for a meeting
- Ms. Gerry Long - IN SUPPORT of funding for Crime Stoppers of Savannah-Chatham County
- Mr. Eduardo Delgado - IN SUPPORT of more funding for translation services (Migrant Equity Southeast)

ZONING HEARINGS

11. Petition of Joshua Yellin on Behalf of Jessica Glenn for Anderson & Waters, LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 0.14 Acres at 1105 East Anderson Street (PIN 20055 08014) from TR-2 (Traditional Residential-2) to Traditional Commercial-1 (TC-1) in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-005184-ZA). Continued from November 7, 2024.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for 1105 E Anderson (File No. 24-005184-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Map for 1105 East Anderson Street (File No. 24-005184-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for 1105 East Anderson Street (File No. 24-005184-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson noted the zoning hearing for agenda item #11 was closed at the previous meeting; however, he allowed public comment for the second reading/hearing. See related agenda item #15.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, representing the MPC
- Ardis Wood - OPPOSED
- Josh Yellin, representing the petitioner

Ald. Leggett advised that community engagement occurred with Live Oak Neighborhood Association and the petitioner at Holy Spirit Church, one neighborhood president was also present in the audience. He also went to see the property and he observed that there is nothing holding that property together but bricks. It is caved in. The 2nd property from the corner is missing a bathroom floor. In agreement with the neighborhood association, they wish to move forward.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked Ald. Leggett if all the neighborhood associations agreed with moving forward with the zoning change. He answered yes. If the property was salvagable, they would agree to keep it. He stated it should be blocked off. There is nothing holding it together, and at any point it can fall down. Ald. Miller Blakely asked if the property was going to be demolished. Ald. Leggett stated she wants to keep the property and restore it, if she can. Even an architect has told them that if they touch anything, it will fall. Ald. Leggett said when he looked inside, there is just a shell.

Ald. Lanier asked what is being planned for the property. Mr. Morrow responded that staff's understanding is they would like to do a mixed use development with a studio of some sort (non-residential) on the ground floor, with residential uses on top. Ald. Lanier asked about the property in the rear, on both sides of Waters Avenue which was recently rezoned. She asked Mr. Morrow how does that relate. He stated it generally indicates an intensification of use along Waters. The project she referenced is an apartment building intended to have ground floor parking, and three floors with four apartments, totaling twelve. This petitioner intends to recombine their property with one that is already TC-1, and then likely to develop those two parcels. Mr. Yellin added their proposal is for a two story building with parking to be similar to what is currently on the corner. They are not proposing a large building at this structure. The other project is seeking four stories, but they are not. Every parcel around this corner is zoned TC-1 right now.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked about a three story property/building at the corner of Anderson and Waters (old post office). Mr. Yellin stated that is a building (diagonal) that has already been rezoned TC-1. Ald. Miller Blakely stated she is concerned because she is seeing something different (highrises) in several other areas different than the two stories requested here (i.e. Montgomery, Victory, Anderson, and MLK Jr.). Mr. Yellin advised this project is a small building with two units upstairs, along with a studio space on the bottom. The twelve apartments are behind this property, an area that is now cleared.

Mayor Johnson asked the City Attorney about what the petitioner states is his intention and how that can be codified to address some of Council's concerns.

Ald. Lanier stated we are looking at this corner like "missing middle" and she wanted to know how we are going to impact the residents already in place on this circle.

Mayor Johnson asked about approving it contingent on --. City Manager Melder stated you have the ability to put conditions on a rezoning. As a reminder, the purpose of NewZo was to streamline and make simple our zoning districts. The petitioner is proposing a less intense development than what is here or allowed by right. Mr. Melder continued, absent Mr. Yellin's proposed project Council needs to decide whether or not TC-1 is appropriate if the building goes away in 10-20 years, but could Council live with that parcel being zoned TC-1 30-50 years from now.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan stated directly across the street Mr. Gross has some properties nicely fit for the community and elderly. He does a wonderful job with his projects. She would be remiss to not say to keep it housing. For Ald. Lanier, Mr. Yellin said they received a letter from the adjacent neighbor who was in support of the proposal.

City Manager Melder pointed out another policy connection to this corridor. Years ago City Council approved an enterprise and opportunity zone for this corridor. A streetscape was completed just a few years ago to increase neighborhood commercial activity. City Attorney Lovett dovetailed off of the City Manager's comments by saying yes, you could limit the zoning here, but once you pass the ordinance there is a decision that this City Council is making for 20-30 years down the road. You (City Council) cannot put the condition on the ordinance, like you can put on the zoning.

12. (ITEM POSTPONED TO DECEMBER 19, 2024 BY THE PETITIONER.) Petition of Robert McCorkle on Behalf of 1210 Drayton, LLC for a Future Land Use Map (FLUM) Amendment at 108 East Henry Street (20053 03018), 112 East Henry Street (20053 03005), and 1210 Drayton Street (20053 03017) to Change the FLUM Category from Traditional Neighborhood to Traditional Commercial in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-005524-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation (File No. 24-005524-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Zoning Map.pdf

Ald. Leggett moved to continue/postpone related agenda items #12, #13, #14, #16, and #17, as requested by the petitioner to the December 19, 2024 City Council Meeting, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Written comment(s):

- Carmen Kurdys - OPPOSED

13. (ITEM POSTPONED TO DECEMBER 19, 2024 BY THE PETITIONER.) Petition of Robert McCorkle on Behalf of 1210 Drayton, LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment of 0.14 acres at 112 East Henry Street (PIN 20053 03005) to Rezone from Traditional Neighborhood-1 (TN-1) to Traditional Commercial-1 (TC-1) in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-005471-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for 112 East Henry (File No. 24-005471-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Map for 112 East Henry (File No. 24-005471-ZA)

Ald. Leggett moved to continue/postpone related agenda items #12, #13, #14, #16, and #17, as requested by the petitioner to the December 19, 2024 City Council Meeting, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

14. (ITEM POSTPONED TO DECEMBER 19, 2024 BY THE PETITIONER.) Petition of Robert McCorkle on Behalf of 1210 Drayton, LLC for a Special Use Permit to Allow a Parking Facility at 108 East Henry Street (20053 03018), 112 East Henry Street (20053 03005), and 1210 Drayton Street (20053 03017) with Conditions in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-005474-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation (File No. 24-005474-ZA).pdf

Ald. Leggett moved to continue/postpone related agenda items #12, #13, #14, #16, and #17, as requested by the petitioner to the December 19, 2024 City Council Meeting, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

15. Petition of Joshua Yellin on Behalf of Jessica Glenn for Anderson & Waters, LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 0.14 Acres at 1105 East Anderson Street (PIN 20055 08014) from TR-2 (Traditional Residential-2) to Traditional Commercial-1 (TC-1) in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-005184-ZA). Continued from November 7, 2024.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation for 1105 E Anderson (File No. 24-005184-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Map for 1105 East Anderson Street (File No. 24-005184-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for 1105 East Anderson Street (File No. 24-005184-ZA).pdf

Ald. Leggett moved (to approve agenda item #15) that the first reading be considered the second and the ordinance placed upon its passage and passed, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Ald. Miller Blakely voted no.

16. (ITEM POSTPONED TO DECEMBER 19, 2024 BY THE PETITIONER.) Petition of Robert McCorkle on behalf of 1210 Drayton, LLC for a Future Land Use Map (FLUM) Amendment at 108 East Henry Street (20053 03018), 112 East Henry Street (20053 03005), and 1210 Drayton Street (20053 03017) to Change the FLUM Category from Traditional Neighborhood to Traditional Commercial in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-005524-ZA).

Exhibt 1: MPC Recommendation (File No. 24-005524-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Zoning Map.pdf

Ald. Leggett moved to continue/postpone related agenda items #12, #13, #14, #16, and #17, as requested by the petitioner to the December 19, 2024 City Council Meeting, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

17. (ITEM POSTPONED TO DECEMBER 19, 2024 BY THE PETITIONER.) Petition of Robert McCorkle on behalf of 1210 Drayton, LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment of 0.14 acres at 112 East Henry Street (PIN 20053 03005) to Rezone from Traditional Neighborhood-1 (TN-1) to Traditional Commercial-1 (TC-1) in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-005471-ZA).

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Ald. Leggett moved to continue/postpone related agenda items #12, #13, #14, #16, and #17, as requested by the petitioner to the December 19, 2024 City Council Meeting, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

18. Approval of the 2025 Revenue Ordinance. Each year, City Council adopts a Revenue Ordinance to authorize the collection of taxes and fees.

Water and Sewer Rates Memo for 2025 thru 2029

Sanitation Fund Memo for 2025

MEMO 2025 Revenue Ordinance Fee Changes and Modifications

Mayor Johnson read agenda item #18 into the record, noting this is just for first reading (HEARD).

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Repairs of a Bulldozer with Yancey Brothers in an Amount not to Exceed $54,634. The Bulldozer is Used for Waste Handling to Support the Operations at the Dean Forest Landfill. (Sanitation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Bulldozer Repair.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note -Bulldozer Repair.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #19 through #30, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Water Quality Analysis Agreement with Savannah State University (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed $96,654. This Agreement will Enhance the Understanding of Riverine Chemistries and Improve Management Strategies for Local Water Resources. (Public Works)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Water Quality Analysis.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - Water Quality Analysis.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #19 through #30, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Elevator Door Repairs from TK Elevator (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed $68,720. These Services are to Upgrade the Hardware and Software to the Door Lock Monitoring System of Nine (9) City-Owned Elevators. (Facility Maintenance)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Elevator Door Upgrade.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - Elevator Door Upgrade.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #19 through #30, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Five-Year Lease Agreement for a Mail Postage Machine and Software from Pitney Bowes in an Amount Not to Exceed $113,089. This agreement is for the City's mailing services and includes the machine, software, maintenance training, and full vendor support. (Facilities Maintenance)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Pitney Bowes.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - Pitney Bowes.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #19 through #30, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Multi-Station Playground Structures with GameTime c/o Dominica Recreation Products Inc., in an Amount Not to Exceed $1,147,692. This equipment will be used to create Savannah's first signature playground which will be located at Daffin Park, at the corner of East Victory Drive and Waters Avenue. (Recreation and Leisure Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification- Daffin Park Multi-Station Playground Structures.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Daffin Park Multi-Station Playground Structures.pdf

Exhibit 3: Daffin Park Signature Playground Concept Renderings.docx

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #19 through #30, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 For Sidewalk, Curb, and Cobblestone Repair With Savannah River Utilities Co. (Primary),(LOCAL) United Grounds Maintenance Services, Inc. (Secondary), and Savannah Paving Company (Tertiary) in the Amount Not To Exceed $1,900,000. The proposed increase will help account for the accelerated rate of sidewalk repairs by having three active contractors providing repair services. Additionally, this modification will continue to support permanent traffic table installations as part of the residential traffic calming efforts. (Transportation Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification- Modification No. 1 Sidewalk, Curb, and Cobblestone Repair.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes- Modification No. 1 Sidewalk, Curb, and Cobblestone Repair.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #19 through #30, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for Survey and Drafting Services with Coleman Company (Primary)(LOCAL) and EMC Engineering (Secondary)(LOCAL) in the Amount of $125,000. Various City of Savannah Departments have a critical need for general surveying services to supplement ongoing design, construction, or maintenance activities. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Surveying and Drafting.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Surveying and Drafting.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #19 through #30, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for One (1) 40ft Forestry Bucket Truck with Versalift C/O Fouts Bros, Inc., dba Smyrna Truck in the Amount of $182,900. The 40ft forestry bucket truck will be utilized by the Park and Tree Forestry Division. The truck will be used daily to perform routine tree maintenance. The forestry bucket truck will also be used to clear city streets for emergency response following storm events and to haul wood debris to the landfill. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - 40ft Forestry Bucket Truck.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - 40ft. Forestry Bucket Truck.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #19 through #30, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

27. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Upgrade of the City Fueling Locations at Sallie Mood and Police Headquarters with Central Industries (LOCAL) in the Amount of $166,339. New dispensers will provide faster transaction times, improved monitoring capabilities, and greater accuracy, leading to increased customer satisfaction and reduced wait times. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Fuel Site Upgrades.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Fuel Site Upgrades.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #19 through #30, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

28. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for the Purchase of Live Video Production and Caera System for City Hall with Stage Front (LOCAL) in the Amount of $94,479. The Marketing & Communications department will use the live video production system to replace the current inoperable system to ensure government transparency during live Council workshop and regular meeting sessions. (Public Communications)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Live Video Production City Hall.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Live Video Production City Hall.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #19 through #30, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

29. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Upgrade the Audiovisual System with Inter-Technologies in the Amount Not to Exceed $231,218. This is an audiovisual system upgrade for the media room and the council chamber to enhance communication and presentation capabilities and support effective government and public interaction. (ITS)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Council Chamber & Media Room Upgrades.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Council Chamber & Media Room Upgrades.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #19 through #30, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

30. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for City Hall Restoration Phase 2 with C.E. Garbutt Construction in an Amount Not to Exceed $1,999,508. Phase 2 will include the Bay Street entrance lobby, the rotunda first floor, and the building's main stairwell between the first and second floor. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - City Hall Restoration.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - City Hall Restoration.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #19 through #30, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

31. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Construction Contract for Liberty City Community Center Parking Lot Expansion with Lynn Construction in the Amount of $99,347. This project is to construct an additional 11 parking spaces along the western border of the existing parking lot at the Liberty City Community Center. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Liberty City Parking Lot.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Liberty City Parking Lot.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda item #31, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked City Manager Melder and Chief Young, and she asked to amplify the Liberty City Community Center Parking Lot Expansion.

32. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Construction Contract for Summerside Park Phase II with Johnson-Laux Construction, LLC (LOCAL) in the Amount of $173,359. This final phase will provide a picnic shelter with picnic tables, a water fountain, and landscaping. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Summerside Park.pdf

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Notes - Summerside Park.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda item #32, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz stated this is the final phase for Summerside Park, another project that has been in the books. She is thankful for this administration who is getting it done. Phase II includes a picnic shelter with picnic tables, a water fountain, and landscaping.

33. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Construction Contract for the New Hampstead West Modular Public Safety Facility with Johnson-Laux Construction, LLC (LOCAL) in the Amount of $3,591,375. The project provides a fire station and a police substation on presently undeveloped City-owned property at 3002 Highgate Boulevard, to provide adequate fire service delivery and a satellite police operations base in west New Hampstead while awaiting completion of future permanent public safety facilities in the New Hampstead area. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - New Hampstead Modular PS Facility.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - New Hampstead Modular PS Facility.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda item #33, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz asked the City Manager to expound a little more on this project in the New Hampstead Area, in order to keep the public safe with Fire and Police protection. City Manager Melder provided more information regarding the provisions of services, as the city expands and specifically regarding this purchasing item.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

34. Approval to Participate in Co-Op International Golf Marketing Events with the Hilton Head Island Chamber of Commerce, in the Amount of $160,000.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #34 through #40, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

35. Approval to Contract with Axtell's Pavement Solutions, LLC for Airfield Painting and Rubber Removal, in the Amount of $290,395.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #34 through #40, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

36. Approval of a Design Sprint Collaboration Agreement with the Savannah College of Art and Design, in the Amount of $55,000.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #34 through #40, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

37. Approval to Procure a VX216TB Video Surveillance Storage Server from ICE Automation Group, in the Amount of $43,575.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #34 through #40, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

38. Approval to Award Building Inspection Services to Bureau Veritas North America, Inc., in the Amount of $124,022.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #34 through #40, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

39. Approval to Execute a Contract with ECS Southeast, LLC for Special Inspections and Quality Assurance Testing for the Terminal Concourse Expansion, in the Amount of $292,975.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #34 through #40, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

40. Approval of Amendment No. 5 to Task Order No. 4 with Pond & Company for the Air Cargo Facility Project, in the Amount of $206,905.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #34 through #40, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

41. Approval of Task Work Order No. 5 with AECOM for the Construct Apron Phase 1B Project, in the Amount of $494,525.

Ald. Lanier moved to approve agenda items #41 and #42, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz recused herself from the vote for business purposes.

42. Approval of Task Work Order No. 12 with AECOM for the Reconstruct and Expand North Apron Project, in the Amount of $327,360.

Ald. Lanier moved to approve agenda items #41 and #42, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz recused herself from the vote for business purposes.

AGREEMENTS

43. Authorize the City Manager to approve the City of Savannah's Economic Development Department to partner with the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce and the Savannah Economic Development Authority to create and host a paid internship for a rising college senior at Savannah State University.

Economic Development Internship MOU.pdf

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve agenda item #43, seconded by Ald. Lanier, Ald. Miller Blakely, and Mayor Johnson. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Johnson noted Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce CEO Bert Brantley and SSU Executive Director for Governmental Relations LeAndrea Mikell were present in the audience.

44. Intergovernmental Agreement with Chatham County for Joint Improvements to Little Neck Road and the Orderly Annexation of 668 Acres off Little Neck Road.

Exhibit 1: Final IGA Agreement Little Neck Road Annexation.pdf

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve agenda item #44, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Johnson stated this is an opportunity for us to continue grow our footprint, as we need to be able to provide the services that the City of Savannah is reknowned for doing.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz stated they have been talking about areas (horizontal structure) that overlap with the County and the City, namely on the west side. She asked the City Manager to expound on this good thing (IGA) that we are talking about today. City Manager Melder thanked the City Attorney for his work as well and he offered additional explanation as requested, including the following:

- Share in the cost on infrastructure improvements;
- Widening of Little Neck Road from Ogeechee to the intersection at I-95;
- The County will manage the project;
- The City will reimburse the County for our share once the project is completed;
- Upon completion, the City of Savannah will take ownership of that road once the standards are upgraded;
- Maintain that road in the future, as long as 50% of the adjacent properties have annexed into the City;
- Along with a provision for improvement of the rest of Little Neck Road from the intersection of I-95 westward to the intersection of I-16 and the Bloomingdale line, requiring two bridges over two interstates with a hefty cost best shared between the City and the County; and,
- The orderly annexation of 668 acres off Little Neck Road (between I-95 and I-16) which will be able to support up to 1500 new homes and expanded neighborhoods westward.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

45. Authorize the City Manager to Declare Surplus and Available for Sale to the Adjoining Property Owner a 0.062-Acre at Weilville Avenue and a 0.094-Acre at Fair Street Parcel of Vacant Land at a Price of $63,000.

Exhibit 1 - Map - 2760 Louisville Rd.pdf

Exhibit 2 - PSA 2760 Louisville Road - Weilwill Avenue.pdf

Exhibit 3 - Exhibit A GDP Submittal 2_2760 Louisville Rd REAL ESTATE FIGURE_4-10-2024.pdf

Ald. Lanier moved to approve agenda item #45, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

46. Approval of a Major Subdivision: Savannah Highlands, Phase 9. This proposed property totals 29.770 acres and will consist of 104 lots with varying lot sizes. The property is in Alderman District 1 at Street Location: Telford Street and Orkney Road.

Exhibit 1: Plat: Major Subdivision Savannah Highlands Phase 9.pdf

Exhibit 2: MPC Decision.pdf

Ald. Lanier moved to approve agenda item #46, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

47. Approve of Major Subdivision Brookline Phase 4. The subject property is located within the Brookline Subdivision, which is a part of the Highlands Development in the North Godley PUD. This proposed phase totals 11.344 acres and will consist of 46 single family lots with varying lot sizes. Brookline Phase 4 is located along the northern

right-of-way line of Highlands Boulevard and Brookline Drive. Located in Aldermanic District 1.

Exhibit 1: Plat: Major Subdivision Brookline Phase 4.pdf

Exhibit 2: MPC Decision

Ald. Lanier moved to approve agenda item #47, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ald. Miller Blakely announced that on December 7th from 9am to noon, we are asking all of the neighborhood association presidents and other people in the community to join us at the Savannah Civic Center for the Creating a Collaborative Community Neighborhood Mini Conference. For people complaining in the community, this is your time to show up and give your input on what you want to see in your community. If you have debris from the hurricane in front of your house, please call 311 so we can come pick it up. Also if there is a street light out in your community, please call Georgia Power to have them come and replace the light bulb. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Ald. Wilder-Bryan thanked Lida Coleman and the City Manager. She is going to be doing a walkthrough on December 7th at Edgemere/Sackville with all the bells and whistles.

Mayor Johnson sent out condolences to the family of Mrs. Frances Dunham from West Savannah who passed away this week. She and her husband, Kenneth Dunham, were longstanding staples of the West Savannah community. She will certainly be missed. She buried her husband last year, so keep them in mind.

Ald. Lanier thanked Mayor Johnson for mentioning that. They (The Dunham's) were class parents from the 1st through 5th grades, and they were great.

City Manager Melder asked everyone to please join us Friday at 5:30pm for the annual Tree Lighting on Bull Street.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at **3:38 p.m.**

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: December 19, 2024

Signature: Mark Massey

The video recording of the Regular Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the link below in your url:

https://savannahgovtv.viebit.com/player.php?hash=a93tZBSWoJCowCgy

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DECEMBER 19, 2024 - 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at **2:02 p.m.**, in the SCCPSS Board of Education Room located at the Eli Whitney Administrative Complex, 2 Laura Avenue, Building G. **Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz** called the meeting to order, then introduced **Alderwoman Bernetta Lanier** to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT:

Mayor Van R. Johnson, II

Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, At-Large, Post 1

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 - Vice Chair

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 - Chairman

Alderwoman 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

Assistant to Clerk of Council Renee Osborne

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for December 19, 2024.

Ald. Palumbo moved to adopt/approve agenda item #1, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Johnson was away from the dais.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on November 26, 2024, at 11:00 a.m.

Agenda Plus - WS DRAFT MINUTES_November 26, 2024, City Council Workshop.pdf

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve agenda items #2 and #3, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Johnson was away from the dais.

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on November 26, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

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Ald. Palumbo moved to approve agenda items #2 and #3, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Mayor Johnson was away from the dais.

PRESENTATIONS

4. Appearance and Presentation by Hunter Army Airfield in Support of National Wreaths Across America Day on December 14, 2024.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz invited LTC Derik S. Taylor, Commander of US Army Garrison - Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, GA, to make the presentation.

Ald. Leggett asked for a moment of silence for those who served and lost their lives.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked LTC Taylor on behalf of Mayor Johnson.

5. Proclamation Honoring the Service of Lizann Roberts, Executive Director, of the Coastal Georgia Indicators Coalition, Inc. upon her retirement.

Chairman and Ald. Palumbo read and presented the proclamation to Ms. Lizann Roberts. He was joined by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Mayor Johnson who offered remarks.

Ald. Bell thanked Lizann for all the good things she has done for the city, including when she was a city employee and what she did to bring organizations together like the Front Porch.

Ms. Lizann Roberts spoke about working with the Behavioral Health unit and with providing assistance in the mental health community in a compassionate way.

*Mayor Johnson lifted activites of two projects where the city/staff were involved:

- 2024 United Way Campaign - raising $156,625.00
  - He thanked Campaign Chair Steven Maxwell and Deputy Fire Chief Jack McCutchen
- 10 Days of Giving Canned Food Drive - collecting 34,653 canned goods (highest amount ever collected and donated to the Second Harvest Food Bank)

*Ald. Wilder-Bryan announced that moments ago Mayor Johnson was unanimously voted in as the National League of Cities (NLC) new 2nd Vice President, by its board of directors. Former Mayor John Rousakis is the last mayor who held this position, in 1979 as its president. Mayor Johnson explained a vacancy was created by a loss of an election. NLC is the largest organization representing 19,000 cities, towns, and villages. In two years, Mayor Johnson will be the president of the NLC.

6. Recognition of the City of Savannah Celebrating 235 Years.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz invited Municipal Archives Director Luciana Spracher to provide an oral history. A flyer document was shared and filed within the Council Papers.

Ald. Lanier expressed her thanks and added her comments to the historical perspective, namely City history from 1733 to 1789.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

7. Approval of a Class D (Wine) (By the Package) and Class G (Wine) (Complimentary) Alcohol License to James Crotts for Limestone Wines, A Package Store Located at 513 E. Oglethorpe Avenue Ste G. The establishment is located between Price and Houston Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Exhibit 1: Check List - Limestone Wines

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Limestone Wines

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Limestone Wines

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Limestone Wines

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Limestone Wines

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for agenda items #7 and #8.

a. Ald. Purtee moved to close the alcohol hearings for agenda items #7 and #8, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve agenda item #7, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

8. Approval of Class D (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Shahil Patel for Bradley Liquor, a package store located at 1102 Bradley Blvd, Ste C. The establishment is located between US Highway 17 and Ristona Drive in Aldermanic District 6.

Exhibit 1: Check List - Bradley Liquor

Exhibit 2: Density Map - Bradley Liquor

Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Bradley Liquor

Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Bradley Liquor

Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Bradley Liquor

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings open for agenda items #7 and #8.

a. Ald. Purtee moved to close the alcohol hearings for agenda items #7 and #8, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Purtee moved to approve agenda item #8, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. Final Public Hearing to Receive Comments on the 2025 Proposed Service Program and Budget.

Mayor Johnson provided an overview of the budget process and Council priorities.

City Manager Melder thanked Melissa Carter and budget staff, and members of the City Council. He proposed adjustments to the fees charged for business types, rental spaces, and other fees, based on conversations and letters received. He proposed downgrading the alcohol licenses fees which were previously proposed (+40%), amongst/over eighteen (18) different fee types. Going forward they will strengthen their communications with those impacted by fee changes. City Manager Melder also spoke regarding the enhancements made within the umbrella of Recreation Reimagined.

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing open to receive comments on the 2025 Proposed Service Program and Budget, along with the proposed Revenue Ordinance.

Speaker(s):

- Mike Vaquer – OPPOSED to alcohol licensing fee increases
- Tom Worley – OPPOSED to alcohol licensing fee increases
- Matthew Britsch – IN SUPPORT of funding for Crime Stoppers of Savannah-Chatham County
- Tre Singleton – IN SUPPORT of funding for violence prevention programming for Urban Mentoring Academy of Savannah
- Alex Bender – OPPOSED to alcohol licensing fee increases
- Frank M. Rose – DID NOT SPEAK, had issues unrelated to the budget (Mayor Johnson connected the speaker with the City Attorney instead)
- Jeffrey Downey – OPPOSED to alcohol licensing fee increases

Ald. Palumbo moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Ald. Leggett, Ald. Lanier, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

The following comments from Council were made:

- Ald. Lanier - asked about the proposed increases to the alcohol license fees (The proposed increase in collections would have been 41.6% or $77,000 for the year for all 603, expected to be 630, license holders. The City Manager proposed an amendment to cut or adjust downward to 20.83% or $35,000.00 for the year.)
- Ald. Lanier - thanked the City Manager for hearing her concerns and requests for the 1st District, including the recreational amenities needed in the Highlands.
- Ald. Wilder-Bryan - suggested setting up the liquor licenses to be paid twice a year with deadlines to give them relief or a halfway mark, and she is pleased with the budget.
- Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz - thanked the City Manager for sitting down and talking to her, the details, and time spent to get their issues taken care of. Regarding the Urban Mentoring program, she suggested doing some more looking into it.
- Mayor Johnson - requested the City Manager personally evaluate the situation with the Urban Mentoring program.
- Ald. Palumbo - stated the importance of the budget process throughout the year, and described this budget as earnest/honest, incremental improvements. He agreed with the small businesses regarding the increases to licensing fees, and he appreciated them for coming to speak up. He extended kudos to Chief Carter and her team.
- Ald. Purtee - stated he hopes to see more transparency for the nonprofits, as well as an easier process. He also hopes for better customer service for our customers and neighbors, more employee retention, investing in our employees, more service with public safety, and infrastructure (back-to-basics).
- Ald. Miller Blakely - asked the City Manager about the proposed percentage for cost of living increases to employees (3% and $8 million to fund the comp and class study to be completed around the 2nd Quarter). Regarding the Urban Mentoring program, she wants to know if there is another agency providing those services, like HVAC, plumbing, citizenship, etc. We should not let that go and invest in it with this budget, given they serve at-risk youth and she has seen the program in operation. She asked about the summer youth employment program and what has increased. She stated she would like to see more equity when it comes to African Americans getting alcohol licenses. Pertaining to lifting the alcohol overlays, she would like to see that subject on an agenda and discussed. She thanked the City Manager and staff for taking their time out for having a tough conversation regarding the budget and the retreat. She asked the City Manager for the updated list of alcohol licenses.

- Mayor Johnson stated he refuses to believe that alcohol licenses in black or minority neighborhoods are the only economic drivers within minority communities. Directed to the City Manager, he stated that the context is important as well within your report, including who actually applied.
- Ald. Bell stated they have already talked about reducing alcohol licensing fees that were brought up in the introductory remarks. She cautioned her colleagues to make sure you have the full picture that staff uses for making grant funding to nonprofits, before drawing conclusions in isolation. Perhaps giving the City Council a more detailed report before the Council votes on the budget will be more helpful, including who was funded, who was not funded, and why. She does not want to second guess the budget team or staff who reviewed the grant requests, since she did not see everything that they saw.
- Mayor Johnson stated this is his 21st budget and 5th budget as Mayor, and all of the budgets were different, difficult, and combative in ways, but a necessary process. The budget is the result of dedicated folks who live and breathe this subject to get us to this day. Mayor Johnson asked Chief Carter and the budget team to stand and be recognized. And he thanked them.

See related agenda items #23 and #47.

ZONING HEARINGS

10. Petition of Robert McCorkle on Behalf of 1210 Drayton, LLC for a Future Land Use Map (FLUM) Amendment at 108 East Henry Street (20053 03018), 112 East Henry Street (20053 03005), and 1210 Drayton Street (20053 03017) to Change the FLUM Category from Traditional Neighborhood to Traditional Commercial in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-005524-ZA). The Petitioner continued this item from the November 26, 2024 City Council Meeting.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for FLUM Request (File No. 24-005524-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Zoning Maps.pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearings open for agenda items #10, #11, and #12. See related agenda items #16, and #17.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, representing the MPC
- Robert McCorkle, representing the petitioner
- James Hundsrucker – OPPOSED
- Debra Lewis – OPPOSED
- Ryan Madson spoke on behalf of Nancy Maia – modified SUPPORT
- Jason Combs – OPPOSED

Written comment(s):

- Michael Sharkey – OPPOSED
- Nancy Maia – IN SUPPORT
- Amy Johnson – OPPOSED

Ald. Leggett moved to close the zoning hearings for agenda items #10, #11, and #12, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

City Manager Melder and Mayor Johnson advised that a hotel is not allowed there by right, and will not be.

Ald. Palumbo asked MPC staff to offer a couple of clarifying points to address letters received from the public. He stated he has strong feelings about surface parking lots. Is surface parking allowed in the current zoning classification? Mr. Morrow responded yes. He asked staff to clarify the staff recommendation versus the MPC board members' recommendation (making the entire block consistent rather than mid-block). Ald. Palumbo stated he finds it very hard to stomach the thought that such valuable real estate right in the heart of the city would be best served by surface parking lot, which do more harm than good (impervious pavement), despite parking challenges in the area. It's hard to say how decisions made today will play out in the future. No one has called him to say, this is what I want to put here, to understand what the aim is pertaining to this request today. He cannot support this because he does not know what it is going to be. The neighborhood association brings up an excellent point, that they were there first to push something into motion a long time ago (proactively). That petition should be addressed first, before Council considers this item.

Ald. Miller Blakely stated she is very familiar with the area and believed that is an excellent location for a parking lot. Referring to a public comment speaker's concern, she asked Council to consider the parking lot to alleviate the speaker's concern.

Mayor Johnson asked staff to put the map up again, then stated he knows that is not the best and highest use for that space and he hates looking at it everytime he drives by it.

Ald. Leggett stated there is nothing there right now. If we approve, we can approve it with provisions spoken of earlier (no hotel there). By right, they can only have an inn there, and nothing with 75 or more people.

Mayor Johnson stated that although it is not allowed there, by right, we can articulate that. We are at the finishing point for getting this other overlay put in place. He asked Mr. McCorkle if he agreed to the three-year timeframe/limit.

Ald. Lanier pointed out that nothing we do here will be for the duration (of zoning). She asked for clarity: #10 is asking the change for the FLUM; #11 is asking for the change in zoning; and, #12 is a required request to do the parking lot. A good designer can make the space work for parking. She parked there during a recent parade, and it is used as a parking lot. If the neighboring community is working on something to protect them or to give them more time, we should consider that. We are only needing to rezone one.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz stated from River Street down to Henry and Anderson streets, we always talk about the parking being a problem. She agreed with what the Alderman of the district is recommending, and she thinks it is a good idea for anyone who is looking to add parking to that area.

Ald. Palumbo stated he knows we cannot bind a future Council. He asked the City Attorney if a hotel could be seen at this site after three years. The City Attorney stated there will still be the special use issue or need to come back before the City Council for a small hotel, but there is not the same requirement for an inn. A large hotel is not allowed in this zoning district. They will be able to build an inn, as a right. Ald. Palumbo asked how today's approval will intersect with an anticipated overlay which is in the works. He doesn't want the community to get a hotel, when they don't want one. The community presented their own petition (to address hotels in this neighborhood) in January, before this one was launched. The City Attorney advised that this should be getting/giving an extra blanket of comfort/protection to the neighborhood association.

With large hotels not being permitted here, Ald. Lanier asked about there being some other overlay in the works. City Manager Melder advised there are three neighborhoods who have joined together in a petition to extend the hotel overlay district within the boundaries of the historic district, in order to restrict large hotels in those three neighborhoods. An overlay is more tedious than a petition by a property owner. Work was done some months ago. The work group and the consultants have gotten back together. Sometime in the spring they will be able to present a hotel overlay petition to the MPC, then to Council. Ald. Lanier stated the work is on-going and the work done today (a three-year prohibition) will provide some protection to give the community what they need.

11. Petition of Robert McCorkle on Behalf of 1210 Drayton, LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment of 0.14 acres at 112 East Henry Street (PIN 20053 03005) to Rezone from Traditional Neighborhood-1 (TN-1) to Traditional Commercial-1 (TC-1) in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-005471-ZA). The Petitioner continued this item from the November 26, 2024 City Council Meeting.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for Rezoning (File No. 24-005471-ZA) .pdf

Exhibit 2: Zoning Maps.pdf

See related agenda items #10, #12, #16, and #17.

Ald. Leggett moved to close the zoning hearings for agenda items #10, #11, and #12, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

12. Petition of Robert McCorkle on Behalf of 1210 Drayton, LLC for a Special Use Permit to Allow a Parking Facility at 108 East Henry Street (20053 03018), 112 East Henry Street (20053 03005), and 1210 Drayton Street (20053 03017) with Conditions in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-005474-ZA). The Petitioner continued this item from the November 26, 2024 City Council Meeting.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for a Special Use Permit (FIle No. 24-005474-ZA).pdf

See related agenda items #10, #11, #16, and #17.

a. Ald. Leggett moved to close the zoning hearings for agenda items #10, #11, and #12, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

b. Ald. Leggett moved to approve the Special Use Permit for agenda item #12, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Purtee voted no.

13. Petition of Jeff Jepson, on Behalf of Seacrest Seven, LLC, 1015 Whitaker Street, LLC, and Portfolio Holdings, LLC, with agent Michael Garcia, for a Future Land Use Map (FLUM) Amendment for 0.97 acres located at 1001 Whitaker Street, 1015 Whitaker Street, 120 West Park Avenue, and 124 West Park Avenue (PINs 20044 25001, 20044 25002, 20044 24002, and 20044 24003) to Change the FLUM designation from Traditional Neighborhood to Traditional Commercial in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-005816-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for FLUM (File No. 24-005816-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Zoning Maps (File No. 24-005815-ZA and 24-005816-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearings open for agenda items #13 and #14. See related agenda items #18 and #19.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, representing the MPC
- Howard Yellin on behalf of Jeff Jepson, representing the petitioner
- Elaine Picard – OPPOSED
- Elaine Pullen – OPPOSED

- Dylan Wiliam – OPPOSED
- Monica Vernon – IN SUPPORT
- James Hundsrucker – OPPOSED
- Clara Greig – OPPOSED
- Garth Vernon – IN SUPPORT
- Ryan Madson on behalf of Nancy Maia – IN SUPPORT

Written comment(s):

- Katie Glusica – OPPOSED
- Nancy Maia – IN SUPPORT
- Elaine Pullen – OPPOSED
- Andree Patterson – OPPOSED
- James Fredericks – OPPOSED
- Clara Greig – OPPOSED
- Matt Williams – OPPOSED
- Mary E. Adams – OPPOSED

Ald. Palumbo moved to close the zoning hearing for agenda items #13 and #14, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Johnson stated for clarification the ownership of the garage determines the hours of operation for the garage. The City Manager stated yes, the City will operate the garage.

Ald. Leggett asked for the ordinances be heard for first reading only, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. Ald. Leggett asked if there is an opportunity for the neighborhood to have a conversation and develop a good neighbor agreement in the interim with Mr. Yellin, the petitioner, and surrounding neighborhoods. The City Manager agreed. Ald. Leggett stated that he doesn't want this opportunity to pass.

Mayor Johnson advised we were required to have a public hearing and we have done that. To take care of the first and second readings in one meeting, we all have to agree. Since Ald. Leggett opposes having both, today reverts to a first reading and we hold a second reading on January 9, 2025.

Ald. Bell asked who is the neighborhood (Victorian, Forsyth Park, and brand new neighbors who live around Howard Street). She asked to make it clear about what is expected to occur between now and the next reading. She has lived there for over 40 years and does not remember the area being anything but commercial. Ald. Bell said she thinks that was stated in the Victorian Neighborhood president's letter.

Ald. Leggett said it will be a lot work, and an opportunity for the At-Large Council members to work with him and the community to find out what works and get to the finish line. He plans to have conversations with the residents and report back what they come up with. He wants to give all parties the opportunity to speak with the elected officials.

Ald. Miller Blakely stated she does not agree with this particular project because of the way it is going to affect the community. She does not believe in the underground parking. Once it starts it is going to affect some of the homes in the area, and mess up the foundations. Several residents have spoke in disagreement with what is being done.

Ald. Lanier stated when the residents came up, she heard some things, like the 24-hour parking, bars and restaurants, parking concerns, preservation, history, and the character of the area as they work with the developers. She said a gentleman also spoke of a community benefit agreement, which makes sense to her. But we do not have community benefits ordinance (CBO) that will dictate what happens. An ordinance is not needed in order to work directly with a developer to create a legally binding agreement with the community. Good neighbor agreements are not legally binding (no teeth), but it shows our good intentions.

14. Petition of Jeff Jepson, on Behalf of Seacrest Seven, LLC, 1015 Whitaker Street, LLC, and Portfolio Holdings, LLC, with agent Michael Garcia, for Zoning Map Amendment for 0.97 acres located at 1001 Whitaker Street, 1015 Whitaker Street, 120 West Park Avenue, and 124 West Park Avenue (PINs 20044 25001, 20044 25002, 20044 24002, and 20044 24003) to Change the Traditional Neighborhood-1 (TN-1) to Traditional Commercial-2 (TC-2) in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-005815-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for Rezoning (File No. 24-005815-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Zoning Maps (File No. 24-005815-ZA and 24-005816-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearings open for agenda items #13 and #14. See related agenda items #18 and #19.

Ald. Palumbo moved to close the zoning hearing for agenda items #13 and #14, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

See related agenda items #13, #18, and #19.

15. Petition of Robert McCorkle on Behalf of Speir Property, LLC to Zone ~677 Acres Located on 420 Bush Road and 302 Bush Road (PINs 11026 01002C and 11026 01017) from R-A (Residential Agriculture) and PDR-SM (Planned Development Reclamation Surface Mining) to PD (Planned Development) (File No. 24-006311-ZA).

Exhibit 1: Staff Report for 302 and 420 Bush Rd (File No. 24-006311-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Final IGA for the Little Neck Road Annexation.pdf

Exhibit 3: Zoning Maps (File No. 24-006311-ZA).pdf

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for agenda item #15. See related agenda items #21 and #22.

Speaker(s):

- Bridget Lidy, representing the City of Savannah
- Robert McCorkle, representing the petitioner
- Kerrie Bieber – OPPOSED
- Bennie Warshaw – OPPOSED
- Michael Love – OPPOSED
- Leslie Sheehan – OPPOSED

Written comment(s):

- Kerrie Bieber – OPPOSED

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked Ms. Bieber for coming and she gave an overview of the project (great development/annexation) happening in the west part of the city. She will be present with the City Manager and his staff for the necessary meetings and conversations. Our housing inventory needs to be increased, and the west part of our area is where we are going to make it happen. She understands Ms. Bieber's interest is to be a part of the conversations and she agrees. People who own property out here can work together with others and not have any type of tension and arguments. This development and the IGA is for the good of everybody. She asked the attorneys, planning folks, City Manager, and others to include the people's voice, being at the table when doing this work. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz stated we are not leaving you (Ms. Bieber) out.

Mayor Johnson asked for an explanation regarding the obligation to notify to be investigated and reported back to Council. Following the last speaker, Mayor Johnson asked the City Attorney and City Manager if the petition meets the requirements for annexation. City Manager Melder replied yes, and the City Attorney replied yes.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for agenda item #15, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Ald. Lanier asked Ms. Lidy regarding her first slide, and the proximity to The Highlands. Ms. Lidy stated it is actually located near New Hampstead.

Ald. Miller Blakely asked Ms. Sheehan where she got her information from. Ms. Sheehan replied the IGA.

Mayor Johnson advised that the County had the responsibility to notify County residents when they approved the IGA on their end. The City Manager advised there were three parties, the County, the City, and the Petitioners who want to develop. We know this is a lawful petition for annexation because the City Attorney's office and City staff prepared for a lengthy opposition hearing from the County, which the County withdrew. The IGA which the Council approved dictates the shared cost for the widening and improvements of Little Neck Road, from Ogeechee to the intersection of I-95, which is not in front of this annexation. There is an intention in the provision that the City and County would share in the widening of Little Neck Road from I-95 to the Bloomingdale line at I-16. Right now, Little Neck Road is a County road and has been under-maintained only at the expense of the residents who use it there. The agreement is an important one and it sets out a path forward to improve that roadway. And the City of Savannah to take-on the ownership, operation, and maintenance of that roadway in the future.

Ald. Lanier spoke about incorporated and unincorporated areas being side-by-side in the past, with gaps in between. Because of the growth and development, we are closing these gaps. We are going to have to change how we operate, including the MPC, the City, and the County. The residents deserve better, as far as notification, even if we have to notify our counterparts. She requested the City Manager's assistance.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

16. Petition of Robert McCorkle on Behalf of 1210 Drayton, LLC for a Future Land Use Map (FLUM) Amendment at 108 East Henry Street (20053 03018), 112 East Henry Street (20053 03005), and 1210 Drayton Street (20053 03017) to Change the FLUM Category from Traditional Neighborhood to Traditional Commercial in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-005524-ZA). The Petitioner continued this item from the November 26, 2024 City Council Meeting.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for FLUM (File No. 24-005524-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Zoning Maps.pdf

Ald. Leggett moved (to approve agenda item #16, with a condition to place a three-year prohibition/limit on any inn, small or large hotel use) that the first reading be considered the second

and the ordinance placed upon its passage and passed, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Purtee voted no.

17. Petition of Robert McCorkle on Behalf of 1210 Drayton, LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment of 0.14 acres at 112 East Henry Street (PIN 20053 03005) to Rezone from Traditional Neighborhood-1 (TN-1) to Traditional Commercial-1 (TC-1) in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-005471-ZA). The Petitioner continued this item from the November 26, 2024 City Council Meeting.

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for Rezoning (File No. 24-005471-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Zoning Maps.pdf

Ald. Leggett moved (to approve agenda item #17, with a condition to place a three-year prohibition/limit on any inn, small or large hotel use) that the first reading be considered the second and the ordinance placed upon its passage and passed, seconded by Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Purtee voted no.

18. Petition of Jeff Jepson, on Behalf of Seacrest Seven, LLC, 1015 Whitaker Street, LLC, and Portfolio Holdings, LLC, with agent Michael Garcia, for a Future Land Use Map (FLUM) Amendment for 0.97 acres located at 1001 Whitaker Street, 1015 Whitaker Street, 120 West Park Avenue, and 124 West Park Avenue (PINs 20044 25001, 20044 25002, 20044 24002, and 20044 24003) to Change the FLUM designation from Traditional Neighborhood to Traditional Commercial in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-005816-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for FLUM (File No. 24-005816-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Zoning Maps (File No. 24-005815-ZA and 24-005816-ZA).pdf

HEARD FOR FIRST READING ONLY, see related agenda item #13.

19. Petition of Jeff Jepson, on Behalf of Seacrest Seven, LLC, 1015 Whitaker Street, LLC, and Portfolio Holdings, LLC, with agent Michael Garcia, for Zoning Map Amendment for 0.97 acres located at 1001 Whitaker Street, 1015 Whitaker Street, 120 West Park Avenue, and 124 West Park Avenue (PINs 20044 25001, 20044 25002, 20044 24002, and 20044 24003) to Change the Traditional Neighborhood-1 (TN-1) to Traditional Commercial-2 (TC-2) in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-005815-ZA).

Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for FLUM (File No. 24-005816-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Zoning Maps (File No. 24-005815-ZA and 24-005816-ZA).pdf

HEARD FOR FIRST READING ONLY, see related agenda item #14.

20. Adoption of the Stormwater Utility Enterprise Fund Ordinance. To establish a Stormwater Utility Enterprise Fund in order to track stormwater related expenses within the stormwater cost center and to provide a future revenue mechanism to fund the City of Savannah Stormwater Department.

Exhibit 1: Stormwater Utility Enterprise Fund Ordinance.pdf

Ald. Palumbo moved (to approve agenda item #20) that the first reading be considered the second and the ordinance placed upon its passage and passed, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Ald. Lanier voted no.

Mayor Johnson provided a brief overview of the agenda item.

Having been present during the infamous Fire Fee, Ald. Bell suggested they think about giving the business community and citizens an opportunity to be engaged in the decision-making process.

As a veteran of the Fire Fee, Mayor Johnson advised that is baked into what we do. We will not go through that (fire fee) again. This action just creates the utility/mechanism, and once the City Manager comes back we can talk about how we float this out to not only make the case for it, but to talk about how it is implemented, if it is implemented.

ORDINANCES - FIRST READING

21. Petition to Annex ~667 Acres Located at 420 Bush Road and 302 Bush Road (PINs 11026 01002C and 11026 01017) from Chatham County to the City of Savannah.

Exhibit 1: Annexation Petition #24-545.pdf

Exhibit 2: Final IGA for the Little Neck Road Annexation.pdf

HEARD FOR FIRST READING ONLY, see related agenda items #10 and #22.

22. Petition of Robert McCorkle on Behalf of Speir Property, LLC, to zone ~677 acres located on 420 Bush Road and 302 Bush Road (PINs 11026 01002C and 11026 01017) from R-A (Residential Agriculture) and PDR-SM (Planned Development Reclamation Surface Mining) to PD (Planned Development) (File No. 24-006311-ZA).

Exhibit 1: Staff Report for 302 and 420 Bush Rd (File No. 24-006311-ZA).pdf

Exhibit 2: Final IGA for the Little Neck Road Annexation.pdf

Exhibit 3: Zoning and Annexation Maps for 302 and 420 Bush Road (File No 24-006311-ZA).pdf

HEARD FOR FIRST READING ONLY, see related agenda items #10 and #21.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

23. Approval of the 2025 Revenue Ordinance. Each year, City Council adopts a Revenue Ordinance to authorize the collection of taxes and fees.

2025 Revenue Ordinance - Final.docx

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve agenda item #23, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Johnson provided a brief summary of the process implemented.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for The Design of a Single Lane Roundabout with Kimley-Horn & Associates, Inc. (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed $487,800. The Transportation Department and Traffic Engineering Division is requesting this service for the design of a single-lane roundabout at the existing intersection of

Windsor Road at Largo Drive. Kimley-Horn will provide project management/coordination, database preparation, environmental studies, and roadway plans. Kimley-Horn already has in-depth knowledge of this intersection as they provided the Intersection Control Evaluation Analysis and developed the roundabout concept earlier this year. (Transportation Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification- Design of Single Lane Roundabout.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes- Design of Single Lane Roundabout.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #24 through #39, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was away from the dais during the vote.

25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification No. 2 for Sewer Lift Station Parts and Pumps with Xylem, Inc. in an Amount not to Exceed $300,000. This contract is for Flygt Pumping Equipment and Component Parts in the City's Lift Station. (Public Works)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verificaton- Pump Modification.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes -Pump Modification.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #24 through #39, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was away from the dais during the vote.

26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for 13 Two and a Half (2.5) Ton Flatbed Dumping Trucks with National Automotive Fleet Group c/o Alan Jay Fleet in the Amount of $1,545,695. The two and a half (2.5) ton dumping trucks will be utilized by different departments within the City, including Water Distribution, Sewer Maintenance, I&D Water, Sanitation, and Street Maintenance. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - 2.5 Ton Dump Trucks.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - 2.5 Ton Dump Trucks.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #24 through #39, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was away from the dais during the vote.

27. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Two (2) Five (5) Cubic Yard Dump Trucks, One (1) 16 Cubic Yard Dump Truck, and One (1) Flatbed Truck Chassis with Mack Trucks c/o Vanguard Truck Center of Savannah in the amount of $503,730. The new trucks will be utilized by different departments within the City, including Sewer Maintenance, Street Maintenance, and Savannah Fire. (Fleet)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Dump Trucks & Flatbed Truck Chassis.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Dump Trucks & Flatbed Truck Chassis.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #24 through #39, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was away from the dais during the vote.

28. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for Azure Software Services (SPD PenLink) from Insight Public Sector in the Amount Not to Exceed $22,500. This contract will be used by the police department to maintain the Azure cloud storage environment that allows for cloud computing services created by Microsoft for building, testing, deploying, and managing applications and services through Microsoft managed data systems for PenLink. (ITS)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - SPD Azure Modification.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - SPD Azure Modification.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #24 through #39, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was away from the dais during the vote.

29. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with SL Development for a Digital Advertising Campaign for the Savannah Police Department (SPD) in the Amount Not to Exceed $99,996. SPD will use the services for a digital advertising campaign. The strategy for this campaign is to increase social media, digital, and print campaigns used in the recruitment of new police officers.

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Digital Advertising Campaign SPD.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Digital Advertising Campaign SPD.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #24 through #39, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was away from the dais during the vote.

30. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Design Services of Greenwich Columbarium with Greenline Architecture (LOCAL)(DBE) in an Amount Not to Exceed $79,900. This contract includes design revisions, permitting, and construction administration for the new columbarium at Greenwich Cemetery. (Capital Projects)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Greenwich Columbarium.pdf

Exhibit 1: Purchasing Notes -Greenwich Columbarium.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #24 through #39, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was away from the dais during the vote.

31. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Street Repair and Resurfacing With APAC- Atlantic, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed $4,400,000. The Streets Maintenance Division will use this to maximize the amount of resurfacing within the available budget and allow the contractor and subcontractors to mill and resurface asphalt streets that remain from 2024's list.

Exhibit 1- Funding Verification- Street Repair and Resurfacing.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes- Street Repair and Resurfacing.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #24 through #39, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was

away from the dais during the vote.

32. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification No. 1 for City-Wide HVAC maintenance and repairs to Boaen Mechanical (LOCAL) in the amount not to exceed $475,750. The Real Estate Services Department will use the contract to service and provide emergency repairs to all HVAC systems, chiller systems, ice machines, and commercial refrigerators in City facilities. (Real Estate)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification -City Wide HVAC.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes- City Wide HVAC.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #24 through #39, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was away from the dais during the vote.

33. Notification of an Emergency Purchase for Various Equipment with United Rentals in the Amount of $92,636. The emergency purchase was required due to a significant cave in of the main sewer line in the southwest corner of the Water Resources Facility. (Water Reclamation)

Exhibit1: Funding Verification - Equipment Rental.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - Equipment Rental.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #24 through #39, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was away from the dais during the vote.

34. Notification of An Emergency Purchase for a 60-Inch Main Repair with Ruby Collins, Inc. in the An Amount of $677,710. The Water Reclamation Plant utilized theses services to repair the main sewer line at enters into the Water Reclamation Facility. (Water Reclamation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - 60 in main.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - 60 in main.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #24 through #39, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was away from the dais during the vote.

35. Notification of An Emergency Purchase for Roll Off and Vactor Services with Badger in An Amount of $297,244. The Water Reclamation utilized these services to clean the gravity thickeners to resume the waste and removal of solids process. (Water Reclamation)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Roll Off Services

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note -Roll Off Services

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #24 through #39, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was away from the dais during the vote.

36. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Two Bar Screens from Cornerstone H2O in an Amount not to exceed $1,740,000. The bar screens remove debris from the stormwater pumping stations. (Stormwater)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Fell St Bar Screens.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Fell Bar Screens.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #24 through #39, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was away from the dais during the vote.

37. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Extension for Storm Debris Removal with Ashbritt, Inc. (Primary), Ceres Environmental Services (Secondary), and DRC Emergency Services Inc. (Tertiary) in an Amount that Will Vary Based on the Severity of the Natural Disaster. This contract will be used to prepare for and recovery from major debris generating disaster events. (Sanitation)

Exhibt 2: Purchasing Note - Storm Debris Removal Services

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #24 through #39, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was away from the dais during the vote.

38. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification No.1 for Debris Monitoring and Oversight Services from Goodwyn Mills Cawood (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed $600,000. This contract is for debris monitoring management, recovery, and consulting services to support the oversight and management of debris removal and processing contractors in preparation and following a declared emergency event. (Sanitation)

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note- Debris Montioring & Oversight Services

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #24 through #39, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was away from the dais during the vote.

39. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Design, Manufacture, and Install a Prefabricated Restroom Building from Restroom Facilities Ltd. in an Amount Not to Exceed $264,927. This building will be installed at the Signature Playground which will be located at Daffin Park, at the corner of East Victory Drive and Waters Avenue. (Recreation and Leisure Services)

Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Prefabricated Restroom Installation.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Prefabricated Restroom Installation.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #24 through #39, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was away from the dais during the vote.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

40. Approval to Renew Out-of-Home Advertising on Hwy 278 and Hwy 170 with Adams Outdoor Advertising, in the Amount of $279,903.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #40 through #45, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Lanier, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

41. Approval to Procure 13 Mobile Data Terminals from ProLogic ITS, LLC in the Amount of $43,691.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #40 through #45, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Lanier, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

42. Approval to Execute a 5-Year Contract with Bonfire Interactive Ltd. for Sourcing Software for Electronic Bidding, in an Amount Not to Exceed $145,000.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #40 through #45, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Lanier, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

43. Approval to Procure One 15 Passenger Van from O.C. Welch Ford Lincoln, in the Amount of $58,635.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #40 through #45, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Lanier, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

44. Approval to Execute a Contract with Seimitsu for the Airways Fiber Installation, in the Amount of $180,000.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #40 through #45, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Lanier, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

45. Approval to Award Fountains "N" Such, Inc., for the Fountain Electrical Room Refurbishment Project, in the Amount of $73,933.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #40 through #45, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, Ald. Lanier, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan thanked the staff from the airport for inviting and taking good care of the elected officials when visiting the clubhouse. She wished them a Merry Christmas.

Mayor Johnson called them the Greatest Airport in the World. They were rated the #1 Airport by the Condé Nast magazine (Traveler Readers' Choice Awards). We are proud of our Airport and Mayor Johnson thanked them for all they do.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

46. Request to Join Bee City USA Membership. Bee City USA is a program that recognizes, supports, and encourages pollinator conservation in cities, towns, and counties.

Exhibit 1: Memo Regarding Bee City USA Membership Request and Resolution.pdf

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve agenda items #46, seconded by Ald. Purtee. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was away from the dais during the vote.

47. Adoption of the 2025 Service Program and Budget, Five-Year Capital Plan.

Ald. Palumbo moved to approve agenda item #47, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

48. Authorize the Transfer of Four City Owned Lots and the use of up to $5,500,000 from the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund (SAHF) to Help Provide Development and Permanent Financing to Create 16 Affordable 2-Bedroom Apartments and a Supportive Services Facility for Persons and Families Experiencing Homelessness, Exiting Homelessness and/or At Risk of Becoming Homeless Due, In Part, to Rising Housing Costs.

Exhibit 1: Resolution

Exhibit 2: Map of "916 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd" lots

Ald. Leggett moved to approve agenda items #48, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was away from the dais during the vote.

AGREEMENTS

49. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Clayton Properties Group, Inc. dba Mungo Homes and Developer's Capital Fund, LLC for Hopeton Landing West. This is for a development consisting of 275 single family homes off Little Neck Road in the Travis Field Service Area in Aldermanic District 5.

Exhibit 1 : Water & Sewer Agreement - Hopeton Landing West.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #49 through #53, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Purtee was away from the dais during the vote.

50. Approval of the Fifth Amendment to the 2001 Water Service Agreement with the City of Port Wentworth to provide adequate water supply.

Exhibit 1 : Fifth Amendment to 2001 Water Service Agreement.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #49 through #53, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Purtee was away from the dais during the vote.

51. License Agreement Between the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah and 33 Bull Street, LLC, a Limited Liability Company, 4 Triple Eight, LLC, a Limited Liability Company, and 150 Lissner, LLC, a Limited Liability Company for the purpose of accessing electricity for the Holiday Tree.

City of Savannah Licensing Agreement.SWB.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #49 through #53, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Purtee was away from the dais during the vote.

52. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Great Dane for Great Dane Engineering Technology Center. This is for a development consisting of an office building, a research & development center and a simulator in the Crossroads Service Area on Technology Drive in Aldermanic District 1.

Exhibit 1 : Water & Sewer Agreement - Great Dane.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #49 through #53, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Purtee was away from the dais during the vote.

53. Development Agreement between the Savannah Wildlife Rescue Center, Inc. and the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah

Development Agreement_COS-Savannah Wildlife Center.pdf

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve agenda items #49 through #53, seconded by Ald. Lanier and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Purtee was away from the dais during the vote.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

54. Authorize City Manager to Acquire Two Parcels Containing +/- 25.08 acres located Adjacent to the Dean Forest Landfill.

Exhibit 1: Map Attachement.pdf

Exhibit 2: Purchase and Sale Agreement.pdf

Exhibit 3: Funding Verification.pdf

Ald. Lanier moved to approve agenda items #54 through #58, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

55. Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Sale of a Utility Easement at a Price of $6,000 to Facilitate Water and Sewer Service to 1807 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Exhibit 1 - Map - 1807 MLK Jr Blvd.pdf

Exhibit 2 - Exhibit A - 1807 MLK Jr .pdf

Exhibit 3 - 1807 MLK Blvd - Utility Easement.docx

Ald. Lanier moved to approve agenda items #54 through #58, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

56. Authorize City Manager to Execute a Development Agreement with the Declarant and Homeowners Association of The Reserve at Savannah Harbor on Hutchinson Island.

Exhibit 1 - Development Agreement - Reserve at Hutchinson Island -FINAL.pdf

Ald. Lanier moved to approve agenda items #54 through #58, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

57. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Grant a Utility Easement to Georgia Power Company for Electrical Distribution Lines and Equipment at Daffin Park – 1401 E. Victory Drive (PIN 20076 29001).

Exhibit 1 - Daffin Park - Street Map.pdf

Exhibit 2 - Daffin Park - Easement Agreement.pdf

Exhibit 3 - Daffin Park - Easement Exhibit A.pdf

Ald. Lanier moved to approve agenda items #54 through #58, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

58. Authorize the City Manager for Approval of a Sale of a Surplus Lot Located at 1425 West Gwinnett Street (PIN 20050 16022) to JW Moore Properties, LLC in the amount of $21,101. The 1425 West Gwinnett Street (PIN 20050 16022) property was declared surplus and available for sale during the regularly scheduled City Council meeting on August 8,2024 (Real Estate)

Exhibit 1 - 1425 W Gwinnett - Agenda Item Pictures.pdf

Exhibit 2 - Purchase & Sale Agreement - JWMoore Properties LLC - Partially Executed.pdf

Ald. Lanier moved to approve agenda items #54 through #58, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

59. Settlement #1

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to (approve agenda item #59) authorize the City Attorney's Office to settle the claims of Sahirah Buchanan, Nasir Williams, and Nazirah Buchanan for a combined $55,000.00, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

60. Approval of the City of Savannah's 2025 State Legislative Agenda.

Exhibit 1. State Legislative Agenda 2025 DRAFT.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan moved to approve agenda item #60, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

61. Approval for an Honorary Street Designation for "Rev. Matthew Southall Brown, Sr. Way" Located on East Broad Between Hartridge and Nicoll Streets.

Exhibit 1. Rev Southall Brown Street Application Packet

Mayor Johnson welcomed Ms. Brown and family to the podium and offered a brief history of the project.

Reverend Matthew Southall Brown's oldest son, Matthew Southall Brown, Jr. spoke on behalf of the family. He was joined by Maxine, his sister, Leonard, his brother, and others. City representative Joe Shearouse was also present and recognized for his involvement.

Mayor Johnson moved to approve agenda item #61, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan, Ald. Lanier, Ald. Leggett, and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Also offering remarks were Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Leggett.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Johnson acknowleded the passing of former District 5 Alderman Clifton Jones.

Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz provided the funeral details for former Alderman Clifton Jones. Monday, December 23rd at 11am, Second African Baptist Church. Burial services at Greenwich Cemetery and the Repass at the Liberty City Community/Neighborhood Center.

Ald. Leggett acknowleded the passing of Ms. Clara Horton Hodge, mother of Rev. Guy and Africa Hodge, with services being held on Monday, December 23rd, 11am at St. Paul CME Church on Barnard.

Ald. Lanier acknowledged the passing of Ms. Nelease Feggins, owner of the Rib Hut and a relative and grandmother of Rev. Andre Osborne, with services being held on Saturday, December 21st, 11am at First Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church.

Mayor Johnson acknowledged the passing of singer Ms. Sadie (Lee Walker) Perkins with services being held Saturday, December 21st, 10am at Temple of Glory Community Church.

Mayor Johnson thanked all members of Council for the work they do. He also thanked the City Manager, the City Attorney and the City Clerk for their work. Lastly, he thanked his team, Marty Johnston, Sharonte Turner, Dee Jackson, and Detective (Patrick) Skinner. He asked the City Manager, City Attorney, and City Clerk to be flexible with team members to spend time with their team (family) and self-care.

Ald. Miller Blakely announced the activities of the Kwanzaa Krawl being celebrated nightly from December 24 through January 1, participating restaurants to be announced on social media. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mayor Johnson announced that Hannukkah is being celebrated late this year (Dec 25 - Jan 2). Locally on Dec 29 at 3:30pm, more information to come.

Ald. Wilder-Bryan announced the first formal Christmas Party being held at the PARC on Friday, and she congratulated Magnolia Park for receiving their long awaited historic designation. She thanked Team Savannah for the walk-through at Edgemere/Sackville Park, and the ongoing cleanup and moving of items near Bee Road. Regarding celebrations that occur during the holidays, she stated that should be done throughout the year. Lastly, she thanked the staff and the Mayor, and congratulated him again on the recent NLC appointment.

Ald. Purtee offered a short benediction -- life is short -- Be swift to love and make haste to be kind, and God Bless you all.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Regular Meeting at **6:14 p.m.**

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: January 9, 2025

Signature: Mark Massey

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