



**SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
ACTION MEETING MINUTES
July 19, 2018**

The regular meeting of Council was held this date at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison followed by the invocation by Mayor Eddie W. DeLoach.

PRESENT: Mayor Eddie W. DeLoach, Presiding
Mayor Pro-Tem Carolyn H. Bell
Alderman Julian Miller, Chairman of Council
Alderman Brian Foster, Vice-Chairman of Council
Aldermen Bill Durrence, Van R. Johnson, II, Tony Thomas, John Hall, and Dr. Estella E. Shabazz

City Manager Rob Hernandez
Assistant to the City Manager Bret Bell
Deputy City Attorney Jen Herman

ABSENT: City Attorney W. Brooks Stillwell
Assistant City Attorney William Shearouse

Upon motion of Alderwoman Bell, seconded by Alderwoman Shabazz, unanimous approval was given for the Mayor to sign an affidavit and resolution on Litigation and Personnel for an Executive Session held today where no votes were taken. (**SEE RESOLUTIONS**)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to Approve the Summary/Final Minutes for the City Council Work Session and City Manager's Briefing of July 5, 2018 – **APPROVED**
2. Motion to Approve the Summary/Final Minutes for the City Council Meeting of July 5, 2018 – **APPROVED**

Upon motion of Alderwoman Bell, seconded by Alderwoman Shabazz, unanimous approval was given to amend the agenda by: moving item 34 to item 3 as a substitute for item 3; continuing item 3 until the August 2, 2018 City Council meeting; and adding item 3a, a resolution to GoSouth – **APPROVED**

PRESENTATIONS

3. Presentation of a Resolution Honoring the Life of Ronnie Wayne Thompson – **Alderwoman Bell asked the family of Ronnie Wayne Thompson to come forward, led by Ms. Marcia Thompson, and stated that as a Council they were privileged to honor the life of a person**



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who exemplified the hospitality and all that makes Savannah great. Mayor DeLoach read the resolution and stated that they were also recognizing an institution, Mrs. Wilkes Boarding House, and the entire family for all that they had done in the community.

3. (a) Presentation of Proclamation Proclaiming July 19, 2018 GoSouth Day in Savannah – **Alderswoman Bell stated today they were honoring and paying tribute to students who have come to the community and have done good work. Jen Singeisen, Executive Director of StepUp Savannah, discussed the GoSouth program which represents a unique opportunity to partner with Yale students and alumni as they start a new nonprofit called GoSouth which brings interns to Savannah for the summer. Interns from StepUp and Georgia Historical Society were present. Chatham-Savannah Authority for the Homeless and Lutheran Services also hosted interns. Mayor DeLoach read the proclamation, proclaiming July 19, 2018 as GoSouth Day in Savannah.**

4. Appearance by Col. Edward Wexler (retired) to Recognize the Savannah Police Department for its Support of the National Guard and Reserve – **Col. Ed Wexler (Ret.) and Chuck Clark, volunteer, presented two awards to the City on behalf of the National Guard and Reserve in recognition of an employer with favorable personnel policies that allow men and women to serve in the armed forces. The first award was presented to the Savannah Police Department for favorable personnel practices and accepted by Chief Mark Revenew. The second award was presented to the City of Savannah for meritorious leadership and accepted by City Manager Rob Hernandez. Chief Revenew thanked Col. Wexler on behalf of the Savannah Police Department, and stated that they are proud of their partnership with the military, and they currently have several officers serving. City Manager Hernandez stated as a City they are very proud to support our nation’s military and that the message to those serving is that they do not need to worry, the City will take care of them when they come off active duty.**

**LEGISLATIVE REPORTS
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE HEARINGS**

5. Motion to Approve Alcohol License to Jacquelyn F. Sankawski of Better Than Sex - A Dessert Restaurant – **APPROVED (Yes-Durrence, Johnson, Thomas, DeLoach, Miller, Foster, Shabazz; No-Hall; Abstain-Bell)**

6. Motion to Approve Alcohol License for Susan Lingenfelser of Quick Shop #5 – **CONTINUED TO AUGUST 2, 2018 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

ZONING HEARINGS



7. Motion to Rezone 2824 and 2830 Dixie Ave from R-6 to B-C (Petitioner: Robert L. McCorkle for Patrick All) – **CONTINUED TO SEPTEMBER 13, 2018 CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
8. Motion to Rezone 0 W 32nd St and 0 MLK Jr Blvd from B-G to TC-2 (Petitioner: Harold and Josh Yellin for Montgomery Street Partners, LLC) – **APPROVED**

PETITIONS

9. Motion to Approve Lease Amendment with Verizon at 100 James B. Blackburn Drive – **APPROVED**
10. Motion to Approve the Naming of Windsor Park – **APPROVED**
11. Motion to Approve the Naming of Veterans Memorial Park – **APPROVED**

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

12. Motion to Adopt the Final 2018 Property Tax Millage Rate, Adopt the Special Service District Tax Rate for the Water Transportation District, and Amend the 2018 Revenue Ordinance – **ADOPTED AND APPROVED JULY 19, 2018 (Yes-Johnson, Thomas, Bell, DeLoach, Miller, Foster, Hall; No-Shabazz; Absent-Durrence)**

RESOLUTIONS

- A Resolution of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah Authorizing the Mayor to Sign Affidavit of Executive Session – **ADOPTED AND APPROVED: JULY 19, 2018**
13. Motion to Adopt Resolution Approving the Issuance of Bonds and Authorizing a Contract with the Resource Recovery Development Authority (RRDA) – **APPROVED**

BIDS AND CONTRACTS

14. Motion to Award Contract Amendment No.1 for Design of Interchange Court to Hussey, Gay, Bell, & DeYoung (Event No. 5001) – **APPROVED**
15. Motion to Award Annual Contract for East Lot Clearing to Family Lawn Care, LLC (Event No. 5893) – **APPROVED**
16. Motion to Award Annual Contract for West Lot Clearing to Family Lawn Care, LLC (Event No. 6137) – **APPROVED**



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17. Motion to Award Contract for Colonial Drive Drainage Improvements to E&D Contracting Services, Inc. (Event No. 6043) – **APPROVED**
18. Motion to Award Design and Construction Contract for Bolton Street Brick Line Cured-in-Place Pipe to Lanzo Lining Services, Inc., (Event No. 5257) – **APPROVED**
19. Motion to Award Construction Contract for Industrial and Domestic Laboratory to Dabbs-Williams General Contractors, LLC (Event No. 6047) – **APPROVED**
20. Motion to Award Construction Contract for Miscellaneous Water lines to McLendon Enterprises, Inc. (Event No. 6098) – **APPROVED**
21. Motion to Award Construction Contract for East Savannah Waterline Replacement to Southern Champion Construction, Inc. (Event No. 6106) – **APPROVED**
22. Notification of Emergency Repair of 48-Inch Pipeline by BRW Construction (Event No. 6330) – **APPROVED**
23. Motion to Procure Replacement Computer Equipment from New Century (Event No. 6303) – **APPROVED**
24. Motion to Procure ShoreTel Hardware Upgrade from CNP Technologies (Event No. 6311) – **APPROVED**
25. Motion to Procure Network Equipment for the Cultural Arts Center from Layer 3 Communications (Event No. 6305) – **APPROVED**
26. Motion to Renew Lawson Annual Maintenance Agreement with Infor Global Solutions (Event No. 6290) – **APPROVED**
27. Notification of Emergency Procurement of Barracuda Message Archive Upgrade from New Cyber Source (Event No. 6310) – **APPROVED**
28. Motion to Renew Annual Contract for Fiber Optic Cabling with TurnKey Fiber Network (Event No. 4570) – **APPROVED**
29. Motion to Renew Emergency Notification System Annual Maintenance Agreement with SwiftReach (Event No. 6301) – **APPROVED**
30. Motion to Renew Annual Maintenance Agreement for GPS Services with Zonar Systems (Event No. 6302) – **APPROVED**



31. Motion to Renew Annual Contract for City-Wide HVAC Maintenance with Edge Air Conditioning and Refrigeration (Event No. 4836) – **APPROVED**
32. Notification of Emergency Procurement of Flooring for the Savannah Police Department Northwest Precinct Facility from Culver Rug (Event No. 6319) – **APPROVED**

ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

33. Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Authorities – **THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS WERE APPROVED:**

- **Coastal Workforce Investment Board: Leigh Acevedo; Earline Wesley Davis; Chavis Ferguson; Candace Mims; William (Bill) Stankiewicz; Paul Teague**
- **Ethics Board: Thomas Hersch**
- **Grater Savannah International Alliance (GSIA): Lynn Pitts**
- **Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizens Advisory Committee CORE MPO – CAC: Christopher Middleton; Deborah Sieg-Bowen**
- **Savannah Resource Recovery Development Authority: Ty Stone**
- **Chatham County/City of Savannah Landbank Authority: Dick Evans**
- **Chatham Area Transit Authority (CAT): Alderman Bill Durrence**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rick Ellison, President of R.U.F.F., announced the official dedication of the Philly J. Meyers Bridge that will take place on Monday, July 23, 2018 at the Southwest Library Auditorium. The bridge being renamed is at the intersection of Highway 204 and Highway 17. Mr. Ellison also announced “Living Long, Safely, and Well in Georgia: A Community Conversation” taking place on Wednesday, August 1, 2018 at the Coastal Georgia Center for older adults, individuals with disabilities, caregivers, pre-retirees, veterans, and service providers. He encouraged City Council to share the information with their constituents.

Taffanye Young, Chief Community Services Officer, reminded everyone about the upcoming Connecting the Dots Poverty Summit, with the first of three events taking place at the Civic Center on July 31, 2018. She invited social service agencies and faith based organizations to participate.

Alderwoman Carol Bell invited everyone to the culminating event of the Summer 500 program on Friday, July 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Civic Center ballroom.



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Alderman Van Johnson extended City Council's condolences on the passing of Mr. Fred Foster, the first African American director of the Chatham County Department of Family and Children Services.

Alderman Van Johnson asked City Council for consensus on directing the City Attorney to look at repealing the section of the charter that allows for the establishment of fees. City Council directed Deputy City Attorney Jen Herman to have the City Attorney's Office bring something back to City Council in two weeks for review on this matter.

Mayor DeLoach invited incoming Police Chief Roy Minter and his wife, Ramona, to come forward and speak. Alderman Johnson reminded everyone that tomorrow at 10:00 a.m. the City would be holding a ribbon cutting at the new Northwest Precinct on Lathrop Avenue. Chief Minter thanked City Council for their support and gracious welcome, and stated it was humbling to be accepted as part of Mr. Hernandez's team. He talked about his three goals, to reduce crime, build partnerships, and operate the department with maximum efficiency. Chief Minter spoke about Chief Revenew and the outstanding job he has done leading the department through some tough times. He stated that while he has a lot of great ideas, he does not have all the answers, and this will be a team effort between the department, the community, and City leadership.

The Mayor reminded everyone that there would be a special meeting of City Council tonight at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Mayor DeLoach declared this meeting of Council adjourned.

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Acting Clerk of Council