



SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL  
ACTION MEETING MINUTES  
January 17, 2019

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 Pro-Tem Carolyn Bell.

**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  
Glenn Hull, Special Projects Coordinator, City Manager's Office  
Interim City Attorney Jen Herman  
Assistant City Attorney William Shearouse

***[The breakdown of votes that were not unanimous will be specified in the final meeting minutes.]***

Mayor DeLoach acknowledged the passing of Dr. Abigail Jordan on January 9, 2019. Dr. Jordan was instrumental in getting the African American Family Monument erected on River Street. Her memorial service will be held on January 26<sup>th</sup> at St. Philip's AME Church. Upon motion of Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderwoman Shabazz, unanimous approval was given to pass a resolution recognizing the significant accomplishments of Dr. Abigail Jordan to the Savannah community. Alderman Johnson also expressed his desire to find some way to acknowledge her role in the African American Monument through the installation of a plaque of some sort.

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

Upon motion of Alderwoman Bell, seconded by Alderwoman Shabazz, unanimous approval was given to amend the agenda by: adding item 37, City Attorney Settlements; and adding item 38, Personnel regarding the appointment of the Clerk of Council.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Motion to Approve the Summary/Final Minutes for the City Council Work Session and City Manager's Briefing of January 3, 2019 – **APPROVED**



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2. Motion to Approve the Summary/Final minutes for the City Council Meeting of January 3, 2019 – **APPROVED**

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE HEARINGS**

3. Motion to Approve an Alcohol License for Amy L. Nelsen of Brewed Brews, LLC – **APPROVED**
4. Motion to Approve an Alcohol License for Vinaybhai D. Patel of Orale Tacos – **APPROVED**
5. Motion to Approve an Alcohol License for Loan Tran of Shuga Girl – **APPROVED**
6. Motion to Approve an Alcohol License for Loan Tran of CoCo & Moss – **APPROVED**

**ZONING HEARINGS**

7. Motion to Amend the Zoning Ordinance Regarding Inns (Petitioner: City of Savannah) – **APPROVED**
8. Motion to Amend the Zoning Ordinance to Allow Certain Savannah Historic District Exceptions Outside of the Historic District (Petitioner: Harold Yellin for Standard Southeast LLC) – **APPROVED**
9. Motion to Rezone 19, 23, 25 & 101 East 40th Street (Petitioner: Harold Yellin for Donna Pagliarullo/Swamp Kitty LLC) – **WITHDRAWN AT PETITIONER'S REQUEST**
10. Motion to Rezone 1150 Fort Argyle Road with Approval of a GDP/Site Plan (Petitioner: Chad R. Zittrouer for Lewis Commercial Properties, LLC) – **APPROVED**

**ORDINANCES – FIRST AND SECOND READING**

11. Motion to Amend the Zoning Ordinance Regarding the CIV Zoning District as an Alternative Amendment (Petitioner: MPC Staff) – **APPROVED AND ADOPTED JANUARY 17, 2019**
12. Motion to Amend the Future Land Use Category for 1932 East Montgomery Cross Road (Petitioner: Harold Yellin for Geyer Morris Company and City of Savannah) – **APPROVED AND ADOPTED JANUARY 17, 2019**



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13. Motion to Amend the Future Land Use Category for 1220, 1222, and 1224 Wheaton Street (Petitioner: Harold and Josh Yellin for Montgomery Street Partners, LLC and City of Savannah) – **APPROVED AND ADOPTED JANUARY 17, 2019**
14. Motion to Amend the Zoning Ordinance Regarding the Mid-City District Boundaries and Other Sections of Article K (Petitioner: City of Savannah) – **APPROVED AND ADOPTED JANUARY 17, 2019**
15. Motion to Rezone 1932 East Montgomery Crossroad from P-RM-25 to B-N (Petitioner: Harold Yellin for Geyer Morris Company) – **APPROVED AND ADOPTED JANUARY 17, 2019**
16. Motion to Rezone 1220, 1222, and 1224 Wheaton Street from I-L/R-M-25 to R-M-40 (Petitioner: Harold and Josh Yellin for Montgomery Street Partners, LLC) – **APPROVED AND ADOPTED JANUARY 17, 2019**

**ORDINANCES – SECOND READING**

17. Motion to Amend Section 2-4154 of the Code of Ordinances to Allow for the Use of Contracts Competitively Procured by other Governmental Agencies – **APPROVED AND ADOPTED JANUARY 17, 2019**
18. Motion to Approve Municipal Sponsorship Ordinance to Create Rules and Guidelines for Soliciting and Receiving Sponsorship Opportunities – **APPROVED AND ADOPTED JANUARY 17, 2019**

**RESOLUTIONS**

- A Resolution of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah Authorizing the Mayor to Sign Affidavit of Executive Session – **APPROVED AND ADOPTED JANUARY 17, 2019**

**SPLOST PROJECTS**

19. Motion to Amend the Contract with Dabbs-Williams General Contractors, LLC. for Construction Services at the Sweetwater Fire Station (Event No. 4889) – **APPROVED**
20. Motion to Amend the Contract with National Office Systems for Cultural Arts Center Performance Furniture (Event No. 6211) – **APPROVED**



**PURCHASING**

21. Motion to Renew Annual Contract for Employee Assistance Program with Deer Oaks EAP Services, LLC (Event No. 5046) – **APPROVED**
22. Motion to Renew Annual Contract for Lighting System Repair and Maintenance with Hoffman Electric Company and Aiken-Harper Electrical Services (Event No. 5280) – **APPROVED**
23. Motion to Renew Annual Contract for Thermoplastic Pavement Markings with Peek Pavement Markings, LLC and RoadSafe Traffic Systems (Event No. 5326) – **APPROVED**
24. Motion to Renew Annual Contract for Traffic Paint Pavement Markings with Peek Pavement Marking, LLC (Event No. 4483) – **APPROVED**
25. Motion to Amend Contract with EMC Engineering Services, Inc. for Georgetown Sewer Improvements (Event No. 5906) – **APPROVED**
26. Motion to Award Annual Contract for Water Tank Inspections and Washout Services to In Depth, Inc. (Event No. 6690) – **APPROVED**
27. Motion to Procure Construction Services from Red Cloud Services for Renovations to the Savannah Police Department Forensics Garage (Event No. 6814) – **APPROVED**
28. Motion to Procure Miscellaneous Waterline Replacement Services from BRW Construction Group, LLC (Event No. 6708) – **APPROVED**
29. Motion to Procure an Auxiliary Power for Well No. 10 from Aiken-Harper Electrical Services (Event No. 6691) – **APPROVED**
30. Motion to Rescind the Award to Jansen Industries for Replacement Curtains for the Johnny Mercer Theater (Event No. 6225) – **APPROVED**
31. Motion to Procure Replacement Curtains for the Johnny Mercer Theater from Rose Brand Wipers, Inc. (Event No. 6225) – **APPROVED**



**AGREEMENTS**

32. Motion to Approve the Water and Sewer Agreement for Cumberland Point Phase IV – **APPROVED**

**REAL ESTATE**

33. Motion to Reinstate and Extend the Lease for YouthBuild Savannah Program Headquarters located at 6555 Abercorn Street – **APPROVED**
34. Motion to Approve Contract for Services with Coastal Heritage Society – **APPROVED**
35. Motion to Approve Short-Term Lease Agreement of the Gamble Building by The Glorias, LLC Production Company – **APPROVED**

**ADDED AGENDA ITEMS**

36. Motion to Rezone Certain Properties to the Mid-City Zoning Districts (Article K) (Petitioner: City of Savannah) – **APPROVED AND ADOPTED JANUARY 17, 2019**
37. City Attorney Settlements:
- a. Claim of Lester Seabrook, recommended settlement of \$45,000 – **APPROVED**
  - b. Workers compensation claim of Nathaniel Bowles, recommended settlement of \$175,000 – **APPROVED**
  - c. Claim of Memorial Hospital for sign variance, recommendation to allow sign rotation no more than once every 25 minutes – **APPROVED**
38. Personnel regarding appointment of the Clerk of Council: Appointment of Mark Massey as Clerk of Council – **APPROVED**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Alderwoman Bell discussed the Multi-Agency Resource Center (The Front Porch), of which the City of Savannah is one of several agencies collaborating together to serve juveniles. The City provided the facility on the corner of Abercorn and 34<sup>th</sup> streets. They had their first board meeting this week and to date the MARC as served over seventy young people through referrals and walk-ins at The Front Porch. This means that seventy plus people are not engaged in the criminal justice system. She thanked Chief Gavin and Chief Minter for their help. The



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referral process with the Savannah Police Department will start soon. They are developing protocols and procedures and will start with Precinct 3, before going City-wide. She expressed that this is good news and a game changer for the community. Alderwoman Bell stated that she had never seen this many agencies working together under one roof. The Annie Casey Foundation is using the MARC as a model of best practices.

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

*Luciana M. Spracher*

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