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### **SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL ACTION MEETING MINUTES January 4, 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 Pro-Tem Carol Bell.

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

City Manager, Rob Hernandez  
City Attorney W. Brooks Stillwell  
Deputy City Attorney Jen Herman

### **MINUTES**

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

Upon motion of Alderman Bell, seconded by Alderman Shabazz, and unanimously carried the Summary/Final minutes for the City Council Work Session and City Manager's Briefing of December 21, 2017 were approved.

Upon motion of Alderman Bell, seconded by Alderman Shabazz and unanimously carried the Summary/Final Minutes for the City Council Meeting of December 21, 2017 were approved.

### **LEGISLATIVE REPORTS**

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**Public Hearing and Motion to Authorize Downtown Savannah Authority (DSA) Series 2018 Bond Issue** The City of Savannah has requested the assistance of the Downtown Savannah Authority by the issuance of bonds to provide funding for the acquisition and construction of pedestrian improvements in the vicinity of West River Street to include a river walk extension, public elevator and other streetscape/hardscape improvements. The City will enter into a contract with the DSA under which it will pledge to pay all interest and principal for the bonds. As

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required by State statute, the Authority in turn has made application to the City requesting the City Council's expressed approval for the issuance of such bonds. The approximate amount of the new bond issue is \$14 million. Under State statute, the Authority's application to the City to issue such bonds must receive two readings and a public hearing before City Council. The first reading took place at the meeting of December 21, 2017. After City Attorney Brooks Stillwell provided a brief review of the background of this project and a summary of the bond issue, the public hearing was opened. Upon motion of Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Thomas, City Council authorized the Downtown Savannah Authority (DSA) Series 2018 bond Issue. **Approved [Opposed by Alderman Shabazz]**

### **ZONING HEARINGS**

Marcus Lotson, Metropolitan Planning Commission appeared to briefly describe the zoning items before Council:

**Petitioner Harold Yellin, for JLL, Inc. (File No. 17-006664-ZA)** is requesting a zoning map amendment for 10421 Abercorn Street and 215/0 West Magnolia Avenue to rezone from PUD-B-C to B-C. **Approved**

**Petitioner Harold Yellin, for JLL, Inc. (File No. 17-006664-ZA)** is requesting approval of a zoning map amendment for 207 and 210 West Magnolia Avenue to rezone from PUD-IS-B to B-C. **Approved**

**Petitioner Harold Yellin, for JLL, Inc. (File No. 17-006664-ZA)** is requesting approval of a zoning map amendment for 10501 Abercorn Street to rezone from P-I-P to B-C. **Approved**

**Petitioner MPC Staff (File No. 17-006200-ZA)** has proposed text amendments to the Historic District Ordinance (Sec. 8-3030) that will serve to provide clarity, correct errors and strengthen design standards in the Savannah Historic District. **Continued to the meeting of February 14, 2018**

### **PETITIONS**

**Dana Braun, attorney representing the Housing Authority of Savannah, and Thomas Hollis, attorney representing Atlantic Housing Foundation, Inc. (Foundation)**, is requesting to declare surplus and make available for sale to the adjoining property owner a 2.323-acre section of Gateway Boulevard West. The Foundation is the sole property owner adjacent to this section of right of way and has acquired all the properties at the terminus of the road for redevelopment. **Approved [Opposed by Aldermen Thomas and Durrence]**

### **ORDINANCES**

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### **FIRST READINGS**

Ordinances read for the first time in Council January 4, 2018.

**Abandoned Shopping Cart Ordinance** City staff has been researching national standards and best practices, as well as working with stakeholders to craft an ordinance that will address abandoned shopping carts. During a public hearing, representatives of the retail industry expressed their concern that retailers not be penalized for theft of their property. City Council directed them to continue to work on their own loss prevention programs, as well as to continue to communicate with City staff on a mutually beneficial ordinance. **No action required**

**Amend Article A, Chapter 1, Part 7 of the Code of Ordinances to Add Section 7-1031 A to Restrict Deliveries by Large Trucks Within Parts of the Historic District** The intent of this Code Amendment is to regulate the use of large commercial vehicles utilizing the public rights of way within the downtown area of the City, largely comprised of the Historic Landmark District. This regulation is essential to preserve the architecturally significant infrastructure, protecting the historic tree canopy, reducing hazardous traffic conditions and promoting the general health, safety and welfare of Savannah's residents and visitors. This Code amendment prohibits trucks or other vehicles totaling greater than 34 feet in length, including but not limited to all tractor-trailer rigs and all vehicles with more than three axles, on any public right of way within the area bounded by and including River Street on the north, East Broad Street on the east, Gaston Street on the south and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard on the west. **No action required**

### **ORDINANCES**

#### **FIRST and SECOND READINGS**

Ordinances read for the first time in Council January 4, 2018, then by unanimous consent of Council read a second time, January 4, 2018, placed upon its passage.

**Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to allow a craft distillery (Sec. 8-3025(b) use 93) as a permitted use in the B-B and B-C Zoning Districts, subject to conditions (File No. 17-006721-ZA).**

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED: January 4, 2018**

**Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to allow certain residential uses by-right and to increase residential density, Alternate Planning Commission Recommendation (File No. 17-004803-ZA).**

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED: January 4, 2018**

**An Ordinance to rezone 313 West Anderson Street (PIN 2-0066 -05-007) from the Victorian District's 3-R Zoning District to the 3-B Zoning District (File No. 17-004805-ZA).**

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ADOPTED AND APPROVED: January 4, 2018

An Ordinance to rezone 1410 Montgomery Street and 314 West 31st Street from B-C to TC-2 (File No. 17-004805-ZA).

ADOPTED AND APPROVED: January 4, 2018

Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance Regarding the Alcoholic Density Overlay District (File No. 17-004803-ZA).

ADOPTED AND APPROVED: January 4, 2018

Amendment to the Zoning Map Regarding the West Bay Street Alcohol Density Overlay District (File No. 17-005887-ZA).

ADOPTED AND APPROVED: January 4, 2018

Amendment to the Zoning Map Regarding the Montgomery Street Alcohol Density Overlay District (File No. 17-005884-ZA).

ADOPTED AND APPROVED: January 4, 2018

Amendment to the Zoning Map Regarding the Ogeechee Road Alcohol Density Overlay District (File No. 17-005885-ZA).

ADOPTED AND APPROVED: January 4, 2018

Amendment to Part 7-1009(a), Appendix I, Sec. 201, of the Code of Ordinances to Allow for Enforcement of New Traffic Signals

ADOPTED AND APPROVED: January 4, 2018

### SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS

The Savannah Airport Commission recommends approval of a contract with Holland and Holland, Inc. for \$160,800.00 to install an automated car wash. **Approved**

The Savannah Airport Commission recommends approval of a contract with Infax, Inc. for \$137,241.96 for baggage claim display upgrades. **Approved**

The Savannah Airport Commission recommends approval of a contract with HVAC Armor (ECM Holding Group) in the amount of \$84,990.00 to refurbish air handler units. **Approved**

**BIDS, CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS**

**Contract for Information Technology Assessment Services from Elert and Associates (Event No. 5187)** Recommend approval to procure a contract for assessment services from Elert and Associates in the amount of \$62,800.00. These services will be used to appraise existing information technology services. The information technology assessment will be used in conjunction with the City-wide strategic plan to develop an information technology strategic plan that will support City initiatives and goals. The services will include an assessment of existing information technology services, including a review of current infrastructure, staffing, and an evaluation of current use of technology to identify any gaps in services. Recommendations and action steps to move toward improvements and efficiencies will also be provided. **Approved**

**Notification of Emergency Procurement of Network Equipment and Installation Services from Layer 3 (Event No. 5766)** Notification of the emergency procurement of network equipment and installation services from Layer 3 in the amount of \$30,462.81. The equipment and services are being used by the Information Technology Department to outfit the new Downtown Precinct located at 602 E. Lathrop Avenue. This is an emergency purchase because the equipment must be ordered and installed to ensure that the new precinct can be opened to police and the public once the Savannah Police Department is operational. Due to the immediate need to order and install the equipment in advance of the February 1, 2018 separation of SCMPD, the City's current network equipment contractor, Layer 3, was selected to perform the work because it was able to respond immediately. **Approved**

**Award Annual Contract for Gate and Tapping Valves to Consolidated Pipe & Supply, Core & Main, and Ferguson Waterworks (Event No. 5491)** Recommend approval to award an annual contract for gate and tapping valves to Consolidated Pipe & Supply in the amount of \$78,132.40 and to Core & Main (formerly HD Supply Waterworks, Ltd.) in the amount of \$30,802.00, and to Ferguson Waterworks in the amount of \$13,904.89, for a total contract amount of \$122,839.29. The gate and tapping valves are required throughout the existing water distribution system and are used by the Water Distribution Department to control water flows. The gate and tapping valves allow connections for new developments without having to interrupt services already being provided to citizens and commercial customers. **Approved**

**Award Annual Contract for Towing of Class II and Class VII Vehicles to Jackson Brothers Car Care Center (Event No. 5562)** Recommend approval to award an annual contract for towing services to Jackson Brothers Car Care Center in the amount of \$49,325.00. The contract will be used to provide towing services of various types of medium and heavy duty vehicles and equipment on an as-needed basis. The contract also includes after-hours towing services and weekend tire repair services. **Approved**

**Award Annual Contract for Weed Control Chemicals to BWI Companies and Crop Production Services (Event No. 5599)** Recommend approval to award an annual contract for weed control chemicals to BWI Companies in the amount of \$13,308.00 and to Crop Production Services in the amount of \$38,548.50, for a total contract amount of \$51,856.50. The

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Stormwater Management Division uses these chemicals to kill unwanted vegetation in ditches, canals, and associated rights of way. The chemicals are maintained in inventory at the Central Warehouse and at the Stormwater Management Division. **Approved**

**Award Construction Contract for Bacon Park Bridge Replacement to Southeastern Site Development (Event No. 5543)** Recommend approval to award a construction contract to Southeastern Site Development, Inc. in the amount of \$605,206.95. These services will be used to replace Service and Legends II Bridges on the Bacon Park Golf Course that were damaged during Hurricane Matthew. The Legends II Bridge is currently unusable and the Service Bridge weight capacity has been severely reduced. This project will replace both bridges with a new steel beam structure with a wood surface. The bridges have been designed to reduce future damage to them in the event of another storm. This project will include reimbursements from FEMA. **Approved**

**Award Construction Contract for Bryan Street Garage Office Renovations to Johnson-Laux Construction (Event No. 5546)** Recommend approval to procure construction services from Johnson-Laux Construction in the amount of \$281,338.00. These services will be used for renovations to the Bryan Street Garage office. The interior renovation will include demolition of select partitions, construction of new partitions, demolition and replacement of finish systems and casework, replacement of plumbing fixtures, and reworking of the existing HVAC system to accommodate the new layout. **Approved**

**Procure Two Dump Trucks from Roberts International Trucks (Event No. 5493)** Recommend approval to procure two dump trucks from Roberts International Trucks in the amount of \$202,680.00. These trucks will be used by the Street Cleaning Division to haul debris from the street sweepers to the landfill and from the landfill to other locations. The trucks will replace two units that have reached the end of their useful lives and are no longer cost effective to maintain. **Approved**

**Procure Jet-Vac Combination Sewer Truck from Adams Equipment Company, LLC (Event No. 5625)** Recommend approval to procure a jet-vac combination sewer truck from Adams Equipment Company, LLC. in the amount of \$331,050.00. This truck will be used by the Sewer Maintenance Division for sewer pipe cleaning operations. This truck will replace a unit that is no longer cost effective to maintain. **Approved**

**Renew Annual Contract for Natural Gas with Mansfield Power and Gas (Event No. 3571)** Recommend approval to renew an annual contract for natural gas service with Mansfield Power and Gas in the amount of \$66,262.00. The City currently has approximately 60 meters at various facilities. **Approved**

**Renew and Modify Annual Contract for Drug Abuse and Substance Education with Coslick Recovery Group, LLC (Event No. 3789)** Recommend approval of Contract Modification No. 2 and the renewal of an annual contract with Coslick Recovery Group, LLC in the amount of \$61,160.00. This contract is used by WorkSource Coastal for drug and substance abuse education for youth, drug testing, guidance counseling, performance evaluations, and staff workshop sessions. This renewal includes a contract modification that is needed due to an



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increase in enrollment. Also included in the modification are more individual counseling sessions, group sessions, and parental involvement sessions to meet the new demands associated with increased enrollment. **Approved**

**Renew Annual Contract for Architectural and Technical Support Services with Greenline Architecture, Inc. (Event No. 4501)** Recommend approval to renew an annual contract for architectural and technical services with Greenline Architecture, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00. These services will be used for miscellaneous architectural and technical support services for projects of limited scope to be performed on a non-exclusive, indefinite quantity basis. The firm will provide basic architectural services, programming, conceptual design, building assessment, plan review, construction administration, project management, drafting, rendering and presentation drawings, historical research, and other services. **Approved**

**Renew Annual Contract for Civil Design Engineering Services with Wolverton & Associates (Event No. 4486)** Recommend approval to renew an annual contract for civil design engineering services with Wolverton & Associates in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00. These services will be used for various construction projects on an as-needed basis. **Approved**

**Renew Annual Contract Surveying and Drafting Services with Brewer Land Surveying (Event No. 3154)** Recommend approval to renew an annual contract for surveying and drafting services with Brewer Land Surveying in the amount of \$30,600.00. The surveying and drafting services will be used by various departments to survey properties throughout the City. **Approved**

**Renew Annual Contract for Elevator Servicing and Maintenance with Georgia Elevator Company (Event No. 5273)** Recommend approval to renew an annual contract for elevator servicing and maintenance with Georgia Elevator Company dba Oracle in the amount of \$122,560.00. The contract will be used to provide maintenance to City-owned elevators to ensure that elevators in City facilities are in good working order for the safety of City staff and customers. **Approved**

**Renew Annual Contract for Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing Design Services with Sebring Engineering, LLC and RWP Engineering (Event No. 3599)** Recommend approval to renew an annual contract for mechanical, electrical, and plumbing design services with Sebring Engineering, LLC (primary) and RWP Engineering (secondary) in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00. This contract will provide limited-scope engineering services for heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, elevators, fire sprinklers and alarms, switch gears, and other systems in existing City facilities, including critical systems assessments for emergency management use. **Approved**

**Renew Annual Contract for Medical Fitness Exams for Savannah Fire and Emergency Services Staff with St. Joseph's/Candler (Event No. 4952)** Recommend approval to renew an annual contract for medical fitness examinations, testing, and evaluations for Savannah Fire and Emergency Services staff with St. Joseph's/Candler in the amount of \$162,969.23. Savannah Fire and Emergency Services implemented its established health and wellness program over 15 years ago, and works constantly to maintain the National Standard for the Comprehensive

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Occupational Medical Program. This program identifies physicians who provide direction and advisement for the department regarding their health and medical status. **Approved**

**Renew Annual Contract for Microfilm Services with Tameran Graphic Systems (Event No. 3272)** Recommend approval to renew an annual contract for microfilm services with Tameran Graphic Systems in the amount of \$60,240.00. The microfilm services will be used by the Development Services Department for records management. The State of Georgia Archives requires the transmittal by microfilm of our building plans for permanent records. **Approved**

**Renew Annual Contract for Water and Wastewater Sampling Analysis with Florida Spectrum Laboratories (Event No. 5106)** Recommend approval to renew an annual contract for water and wastewater sample analysis with Florida Spectrum Laboratories in the amount of \$83,320.00. These services will be used by the Industrial and Domestic Water Department and the Dean Forest Landfill to provide sample analysis to maintain compliance with Environmental Protection Agency standards. **Approved**

**Award Annual Contract to Procure Sod for Turf Renovation to Green Acres Turf Farm (Event No. 5542)** Recommend approval to award an annual contract for sod for turf renovation to Green Acres Turf Farm in the amount of \$30,390.00. The Park and Tree Department will use the sod for the renovation of turf in various locations around the City, including rights of way, medians, historic squares, and neighborhood parks. **Approved**

**Procure Event Management Software for the Civic Center from Ungerboeck Software (Event No. 5383)** Recommend approval to procure event management software from Ungerboeck Software in the total amount of \$144,800.00. The cost for the first year will be \$38,000.00 for software and installation. The cost for annual maintenance, support, and upgrades will be \$26,700.00 per year for four additional years. The Civic Center will use this software to book, track, plan, and close current and future events. The software will increase efficiency, workflow, and communication throughout the Civic Center on all events. **Approved**

**Approve Water and Sewer Agreement for Homewood Suites** Mulberry Hospitality, LLC has requested a water and sewer agreement for Homewood Suites. The water and sewer systems have adequate capacity to serve this 37.33 equivalent residential unit development at 149 Mulberry Boulevard. The agreement is consistent with policy directives given by the Mayor and Aldermen and has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney for legal format. **Approved**

**Approve Water and Sewer Agreement for Turner's Point** Pulte Home Company, LLC has requested a water and sewer agreement for Turner's Point. The water and sewer systems have adequate capacity to serve this 33-equivalent residential unit development off Bryan Woods Road. The agreement is consistent with policy directives given by the Mayor and Aldermen and has been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney for legal format. **Approved**



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### CITY ATTORNEY ACTION ITEMS

**Announcement of Intent to Issue Bonds by the Downtown Savannah Authority** The Downtown Savannah Authority (DSA) intends to issue bonds to assist the City of Savannah in financing the acquisition and construction of pedestrian improvements to West River Street, which will include extending the river walk, a public elevator, and other streetscape/hardscape improvements. This announcement is a legal requirement. **No action required**

**Acknowledgement of Annexation Petition #170478, for 0.570 Acres on Chevis Road near Wild Heron Road** The City received an annexation petition for a parcel with an aggregate of approximately 0.570 acres located on Chevis Road near Wild Heron Road. The parcel is owned by Vallambrosa Plantation, LLC. The land under petition is contiguous to existing City territory and therefore can be annexed by ordinance adopted by City Council. As required by State law, the County has been informed of receipt of this petition. Annexation is being sought by the owner to gain access to the municipal utilities provided by the City. The owner desires to gain access to these services on in-city terms. The cost of providing water and sewer service to the parcel will be fully covered by connection fees and service fees levied by the City for providing service. **Acknowledged by Council**

### MISCELLANEOUS

**Approve a Tour Stand on the West Side of Fahm Street between Bay Street and Indian Street** Section 6-1533 of the Tour Service for Hire Ordinance states that persons desiring to have a place designated as a regular stand for tour service vehicles in the city shall make application by written petition to the Mayor and Aldermen. Ghost Coast Distillery submitted a request for a local tour stand in the 600 block of Indian Street. A stand in the area will accommodate existing trolley activity, possibly alleviate trolley traffic in the City Market area on both Jefferson Street and Montgomery Street, and accommodate future tour activities as the area redevelops. Traffic Engineering and Mobility and Parking Services reviewed the request and recommended an alternate, more centralized location to service all businesses on the west side of Fahm Street between Bay Street and Indian Street. The Tourism Advisory Committee (TAC) reviewed the recommendation and supported the request. **Approved**

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



Luciana M. Spracher  
Acting Clerk of Council