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SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL ACTION MEETING MINUTES January 18, 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 Alderman 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
Assistant City Attorney William Shearouse

MINUTES

Upon motion of Alderman Bell, seconded by Alderman Shabazz, unanimous approval was given for the Mayor to sign an affidavit and resolution on Litigation, Real Estate and Personnel 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 January 4, 2018 were approved.

Upon motion of Alderman Bell, seconded by Alderman Shabazz and unanimously carried the Summary/Final Minutes for the City Council Meeting of January 4, 2018 were approved.

PRESENTATIONS

The Mayor recognized Police Officers Barrett Hood, Kevin Tolliver, Shaquille Brown and Board of Education Officer Arthur Bryant for rescuing a citizen from a burning home on the early morning of Friday, January 12, 2018.

Mr. Martin Fretty, Housing and Neighborhood Services Director, introduced donors of the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund (SAHF). The SAHF is a local fund that helps leverage private investment to address local workforce and affordable housing needs and opportunities. Carver State Bank's President and CEO, Mr. Robert E. James, presented a check for \$1,000 to the Mayor and Aldermen for a deposit into the SAHF. This is Carver State Bank's first year

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investing in the SAHF. Synovus Mortgage Corporation's Mortgage Loan Originator, Mr. Jason Brown, presented a check for \$5,000 to the Mayor and Aldermen for deposit into the SAHF. This is Synovus Mortgage Corporation's first year investing in the SAHF. BB&T Bank's Savannah Market President, Mr. Bill Lynch, presented a check for \$20,000 to the Mayor and Aldermen for deposit into the SAHF. This is BB&T Bank's third contribution to the SAHF since 2015.

The Memorial Day School Football Team appeared and was recognized for their 6th GISA AA State Championship.

Organizers of Geekend appeared to invite the community to Savannah's Tech and Innovation Showcase on February 2-3, 2018. Geekend is a two-day conference where Savannah's hackers, hustlers, designers and makers converge. It has been held annually since 2009 and showcases the best and brightest innovators from tech, education, design, engineering and business in Savannah and beyond.

A resolution celebrating the legacy and accomplishments of Phillip "Philly" J. Meyers, who passed away on January 5, 2018, was presented to members of the RUFFians. Phillip "Philly" J. Meyers relocated to Savannah in 2006, where he continued advocating on behalf of labor, income equality, civil rights, and the environment, among other concerns. The Mayor and Aldermen offered their appreciation for Mr. Meyers' service and the impact his life contributed to the City of Savannah, especially to the senior retiree community.

Mayor DeLoach presented a proclamation to Police Chief Jack Lumpkin declaring January 18, 2018 "Chief of Police Jack Lumpkin Day" in Savannah. City Council then thanked Chief Lumpkin for his service and wished him well in his new job in DeKalb County.

Ms. Tom Ella McBeth, Director of the Economic Opportunity Authority, presented the EOA's Annual Report. The EOA for the Savannah-Chatham County area was established in 1964 by a joint resolution of the City of Savannah, Chatham County Commission, and the Board of Public Education. The agency's charter was approved on January 6, 1965. Each year members of the Authority appear before public officials at these three organizations in order to present their annual report.

LEGISLATIVE REPORTS **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE HEARINGS**

As advertised, the following alcoholic license petitions were heard. No one appeared in objection to the issuance of these licenses.

An Lin Ruan for Taberu Japan, Inc. t/a Asian River requesting beer and wine (drink) license with Sunday sales at 1100 Eisenhower Drive to 318 Mall Boulevard Suite 500B, which is located between Abercorn Street and Hodgson Memorial Drive in District 4. **Approved**

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Seshu Kotcherlakota for Entraventure, LLC t/a Naan on Broughton requesting liquor, beer and wine (drink) license with Sunday sales at 114 East Broughton Street, which is located between Drayton Street and Abercorn Street in District 2. **Approved**

Jonathan Tsoi for Below Zero Rolled Ice Cream, Inc. t/a Below Zero requesting liquor (drink) license with Sunday sales at 10 Barnard Street, which is located between West Bay Street and West Bryan Street in District 2. **Approved**

PETITIONS

Alan Lipsitz, property owner (Petition No. 170359) is requesting that the City of Savannah formally abandon, release, and quitclaim 10 feet of a 20-foot prescriptive drainage easement located behind his residence at 401 Wheeler Street (PIN 2-0142-11-018). **Approved**

Jeff Heinel, of Socius Property Management, has petitioned the City of Savannah (Petition No. 170456) to declare City-owned property located at 763 E. Gwinnett Street (PIN 2-0043-09-023) as surplus and available for sale. **Approved**

Acquisition of a lot located at E. 58th Street (PIN: 2-0097-38-003) in support of a park development in the Sackville Neighborhood. This acquisition is one of several lots targeted to expand a park site. The subject property is a 40' x 105' residential vacant lot located on the E. 58th just east of Cedar Street, in Sackville Wilkins Ward, further identified by the Chatham County Board of Assessors as Property Identification Number (PIN) 2-0097-38-003. **Approved**

ORDINANCES **FIRST READINGS**

Ordinances read for the first time in Council January 18, 2018.

An Ordinance to amend the Zoning Map of the City to establish zoning for 0.57 acres of land to be annexed into the City The property being better described as Lot 1, Chevis Estates, Burroughs Subdivision, 6th G.M. District, Chatham County, Georgia and having a current parcel identification number of 1-1003-01-021. The zoning classification assigned to the parcel will be RA-CO, which is equivalent to the classification currently assigned by the County. **No action required**

Amend the Purchase Ordinance to Include Definitions for Savannah Business and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Currently, the City of Savannah's Purchasing Ordinance (Section 2-4042) does not contain definitions for Savannah Business Enterprises (SBE) or Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE). Programs for both SBEs and DBEs were recently adopted by Council and went into effect on January 1, 2018. The proposed changes to the ordinance would include the following definitions for both SBEs and DBEs and would be added as Sections 2-4042(36) and 2-4042(37) of the Purchasing Ordinance:

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2-4042(36) Savannah Business Enterprise (SBE). An entity certified as an SBE by the City of Savannah. SBEs are small, Savannah-based companies that meet the income and employee requirements set by the Savannah Business Opportunity Program policy. Entities must also demonstrate a continuous operating presence in the City of Savannah.

2-4042(37) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE). An entity certified as a DBE by any federal or state agency. To become certified, a company must be a for-profit small business concern where socially and economically disadvantaged individuals own at least a 51% interest and also control management and daily business operations. Further, companies must meet all other eligibility requirements as set by the U.S. Department of Transportation. **No action required**

ORDINANCES **FIRST and SECOND READINGS**

Ordinances read for the first time in Council January 18, 2018, then by unanimous consent of Council read a second time, January 18, 2018, placed upon its passage.

Revision to Section 3-1001 of the City Code to Provide for Disposition of Unclaimed Bicycles by the Police Department and Public Auction of Other Unclaimed Personal Property To facilitate and in furtherance of the police department's crime reduction initiatives, in particular its community orienting policing philosophy, revision to Section 3-1001 of the General Code is proposed. Under the current ordinance, all unclaimed personal property (with the exception of weapons) must be transferred to the City Marshal for sale at public auction. Consistent with the practice in other Georgia jurisdictions, the police department would like the ability to donate unclaimed bicycles to worthy persons and organizations within the community, which the current ordinance does not allow. In addition, the proposed revisions will streamline the public auction procedure by eliminating the superfluous requirement that the city marshal be involved in the disposition process.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED: January 18, 2018

An Amendment of the City Code by Addition of Section 6-1596A to the Horse-Drawn Carriage Ordinance to Address Operation during Adverse Weather Conditions The current horse-drawn carriage ordinance does not address operation of horse-drawn carriages and the care of horses during adverse weather conditions. The proposed amendment prohibits carriage operation during cold or otherwise dangerous winter weather conditions, including sleet, freezing rain, snow and icy public rights-of-way. In addition, when temperatures fall below 35 degrees Fahrenheit, stabled horses and animals awaiting passengers, must be covered with equine blankets. **Amended: Remove line that states In addition, when temperatures fall below 35 degrees Fahrenheit, stabled horses and animals awaiting passengers, must be covered with equine blankets.**

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Rezone 10421 Abercorn Street and 0 West Magnolia Avenue from PUD-B-C to B-C (Petitioner: Harold Yellin for JLL, Inc.)

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Rezone 10501 Abercorn Street from P-I-P to B-C (Petitioner: Harold Yellin for JLL, Inc.)

ADOPTED AND APPROVED: January 18, 2018

Rezone 207 and 210 West Magnolia Avenue from PUD-IS-B to B-C (Petitioner: Harold Yellin for JLL, Inc.)

ADOPTED AND APPROVED: January 18, 2018

An Annexation of 0.570 Acres on Chevis Road near Wild Heron Road

ADOPTED AND APPROVED: January 18, 2018

ORDINANCES **SECOND READINGS**

Ordinances read for the first time in Council January 4, 2018, then by unanimous consent of Council read a second time, January 18, 2018, placed upon its passage.

Adopt Section 8-1003 of the Code of Ordinances to Restrict the Placement of Certain Vehicles on Residential Properties

ADOPTED AND APPROVED: January 18, 2018

Adopt Abandoned Shopping Cart Ordinance Amended: Reduce the fee from \$375 to \$250 for the first shopping cart.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED: January 18, 2018

RESOLUTIONS

A Resolution for The Mayor and Aldermen of The City of Savannah Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Affidavit of Executive Session

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Resolution to Close Woodley Road between Deerfield and Windsor Roads and Lindwood Road west of Woodley Road

ADOPTED AND APPROVED: January 18, 2018

Resolution Accepting \$1,000 donation from Carver State Bank for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund

ADOPTED AND APPROVED: January 18, 2018

Resolution Accepting \$5,000 Donation from Synovus Mortgage Corporation for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund

ADOPTED AND APPROVED: January 18, 2018

Resolution Accepting \$20,000 Donation from BB&T Bank for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund

ADOPTED AND APPROVED: January 18, 2018

BIDS, CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

Award Amendment No. 2 for Downtown Streetscapes Design Services to EDSA (Event No. 4348) Recommend approval of Amendment No. 2 for the downtown streetscapes design services to EDSA in the amount of \$10,000.00. **Approved**

Award Annual Contract for Auctioning Services to Liberty Auction Company (Event No. 5450) Recommend approval to award an annual contract for auctioning services to Liberty Auction Company. **Approved [Alderman Thomas abstained]**

Award Annual Contract for Polygraph Testing Services to Southeastern Resolution Group, LLC (Event No. 5411) Recommend approval to award an annual contract for polygraph testing services to Southeastern Resolution Group, LLC in the amount of \$52,500.00. **Approved**

Award Annual Maintenance Agreement for Kiteworks to Accellion, Inc. (Event No. 5795) Recommend approval to procure an annual maintenance agreement for Kiteworks from Accellion, Inc. in the amount of \$29,700.00. **Approved**

Procure 117 Police Utility Interceptors from Wade Ford, Inc. (Event No. 5133) Recommend approval to procure 117 Ford Police Utility Interceptors from Wade Ford, Inc. in the amount of \$3,282,084.00. **Approved**

An Agreement with Chatham County Settling Outstanding Issues Concerning Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police **Approved [Alderman Johnson recused himself]**

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The intergovernmental agreement for the Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department will terminate on February 1, 2018, after which the City and County will operate separate police departments. City and County staff have negotiated a settlement to resolve outstanding issues concerning SCMPD, as follows:

- The County will pay the City \$2,109,560.00 for police services in the County during 2016 and 2017;
- The County will pay the City \$1,179,564.00 for police services in the County during the month of January 2018; and
- The County will take over operations of E911 Emergency Communications from the City effective July 1, 2018.

An Intergovernmental Agreement with Chatham County Pertaining to E-911 Center The City of Savannah is currently operating a countywide E-911 Center, which has interoperability among Chatham County and all municipalities in the County except Tybee Island. While the City receives all E-911 fees collected by telephone and cellular service providers in the County to offset E-911 Center costs, that fee revenue historically has not covered the cost of E-911 operations. **Approved [Alderman Johnson recused himself]**

Accept Transferred PY2017 and FY2018 Dislocated Worker Grant Funds to Adult Grant Funds in the amount of \$1,200,000.00 The City of Savannah has received two “Statement of Grant Awards” for Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act PY2017 Dislocated Worker Program funds in the amount of \$200,000.00 and FY2018 Dislocated Worker Program funds in the amount of \$1,000,000.00. The Georgia Department of Economic Development, Workforce Division has transferred these funds to the Adult Program to provide year-round adult worker services for the period of October 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019 to adults who are unemployed and/or seeking training. **Approved**

Contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation to Receive a Grant for the Jumbo Georgia Federal Inspection Services Facility The Savannah Airport Commission recommends approval of a contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) to receive a grant for the Jumbo Georgia Federal Inspection Services Facility in the amount of \$243,720.00. GDOT has presented a contract offer to the Commission, which represents a maximum 5% funding of the Airport Improvement Program-eligible portion of the Jumbo GA Federal Inspection Services Facility project (APO18-9000-31 (051)). This project is also funded by the Federal Aviation Administration - (AIP) and Passenger Facility Charge (PFC) Program. **Approved**

MISCELLANEOUS

Supplemental Budget Appropriations to the 2017 Budget During the fiscal year, supplemental budget adjustments are necessary to maintain the adopted legal level of control set forth in the Budget Ordinance. **Approved**

This adjustment will move funding between existing capital projects only in order to:

- 1) Account for varying cost realized through work completed towards the City's Capital Improvement Program;

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- 2) Provide funding for immediate needs; and
 - 3) Align capital investments with strategies and initiatives and Council priorities.
- The Fiscal Year 2018 Budget was approved by the City Council on December 21, 2017.

City Attorney Action Items

Grant City Attorney Stillwell permission to conduct a Show Cause Hearing For Overtime Sports & Grill Approved

Announcements

Ms. Tia Brightwell, the President of Frasier Homes, came forward to invite the public to a Vocational Town Hall Meeting, Friday January 19 at 4:30pm at Susie King Taylor at Bull Street. They will discuss voting and government. Linda Wilder-Bryant spoke in support of Ms. Brightwell and invited City departments to come if the Mayor and Alderman are unable to attend.

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



Luciana M. Spracher
Acting Clerk of Council