



SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL  
ACTION MEETING MINUTES  
April 26, 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 Dr. Estella E. Shabazz.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Eddie W. DeLoach, Presiding  
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  
Deputy Assistant to the City Manager Bret Bell  
City Attorney W. Brooks Stillwell  
Assistant City Attorney William Shearouse

Absent: Mayor Pro-Tem Carolyn H. Bell

Upon motion of Alderman Johnson, 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**)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Motion to Approve the Summary/Final minutes for the City Council Work Session and City Manager's Briefing of April 12, 2018 – **APPROVED**
2. Motion to Approve the Summary/Final minutes for the City Council Meeting of April 12, 2018 – **APPROVED**

**PRESENTATIONS**

3. Appearance by Representatives of Keep Savannah Beautiful to Announce the Great Savannah Cleanup **Taffanye Young, Chief Community Services Officer, appeared with**



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representatives of Keep Savannah Beautiful, several neighborhood associations (including from the Victorian, Liberty City, Mid-Town, and Ardsley Park neighborhoods), and the Sanitation Department to announce the kickoff of the Great Savannah Cleanup in May. Ms. Young announced that currently thirty-five neighborhoods have registered to participate and provided information on how additional neighborhoods can sign up.

3. Appearance by Representatives of the Ardsley Park/Chatham Crescent Garden Club and Neighborhood Association to Donate Funding for Lighting in Theus Park **Gordon Denney, Director of the City of Savannah's Greenscapes Department, introduced representatives from the Ardsley Park/Chatham Crescent Garden Club and Neighborhood Association and explained that their donation would support the completion of a lighting project in Theus Park. Representatives present included Nick Palumbo, Ardsley Park/Chatham Crescent Neighborhood Association, Judy Miller, Project Chair for the Garden Club Beautification Committee, Ardis Wood, a member of the Beautification Committee, and Randy Tate, Park and Tree Liaison for the Ardsley Park Community Association.**

Ricky Boyd's mother, Jameillah Smiley, spoke before City Council requesting the release of the police body camera video from the incident resulting in her son's death. City Attorney Brooks Stillwell informed the family that the City cannot release the footage since it is a matter of a pending investigation with the District Attorney's Office.

**LEGISLATIVE REPORTS  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE HEARINGS**

5. Motion to Approve Transfer of Alcohol License from Milin Patel to Dipen Patel of Quick Stop #92 – **APPROVED**
6. Motion to Approve Transfer of Alcohol License from Milin Patel to Dipen Patel of Quick Stop #71 – **APPROVED**
7. Motion to Approve Transfer of Alcohol License from Yash Desai to Hetalen Patel of Savannah Mart – **APPROVED**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

8. Public Hearing on Amendment 1 to the Savannah Gardens Urban Redevelopment Plan – **PUBLIC HEARING ONLY, NO ACTION**



### ZONING HEARINGS

9. Motion to Amend the Zoning Ordinance Regarding the Savannah Historic District (Petitioner: Planning Commission) – **APPROVED**
10. Motion to Amend the Historic District Zoning Ordinance Regarding Materials on Buildings 5 Stories or Greater (Petitioner: Phillip McCorkle, for 7 Drayton Hotel, LLC – **CONTINUED TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 10, 2018**
11. Motion to Amend the Zoning Ordinance Regarding the Mid-City Design Review Process (Petitioner: Planning Commission) – **CONTINUED TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MAY 24, 2018**
12. Motion to Amend the Zoning Ordinance Regarding STVRs in the Victorian District (Petitioner: City of Savannah) – **APPROVED**
13. Motion to Approve the Inn Special Use Request at 5715 Skidaway Road (Petitioner: Harold Yellin for Colleen Smith) – **APPROVED**
14. Motion to Rezone 1300 Wheaton Street, 0 Helmken Street, and 0 Mastick Street from I-L/R-M-25 to B-N (Petitioner: Robert L. McCorkle, III for Parth Patel) – **APPROVED**
15. Motion to Rezone 110 Ann Street and 111, 113, 119, & 125 Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard from B-C/P-B-G-1 to BC-1 (Petitioner: Harold Yellin for Emily and William Kehoe) – **APPROVED**
16. Motion to Rezone 111 Ann Street from P-B-G-1 to the Alternative B-C Zoning District (Petitioner: Harold Yellin for Emily and William Kehoe) – **APPROVED**

### ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READINGS

17. Motion to Amend the Zoning Ordinance Regarding Food Truck Courts (Petitioner: Douglas Kaufman) – **ADOPTED AND APPROVED: APRIL 26, 2018**
18. Motion to Amend the Zoning Ordinance Regarding the East Broad Market Lofts PUD (Petitioner: Robert Isaacson) – **ADOPTED AND APPROVED: APRIL 26, 2018**
19. Motion to Rezone 613 E 39th St to the East Broad Market Lofts PUD (Petitioner: Robert Isaacson) – **ADOPTED AND APPROVED: APRIL 26, 2018**



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20. Motion to Amend the Zoning Ordinance Regarding the Savannah Gardens PUD (Petitioner: Harold Yellin for CHSA Development, Inc.) – **ADOPTED AND APPROVED: APRIL 26, 2018**
21. Motion to Rezone 0 and 2021 E Gwinnett Street from P-R-B-1/P-B-C to the Savannah Gardens PUD – **ADOPTED AND APPROVED: APRIL 26, 2018**
22. Motion to Approve Supplemental Amendments to the 2017 Budget Ordinance – **AMENDMENTS TO CITY MANAGER’S RECOMMENDATION-\$600,000 SET ASIDE IN A WAGE ADJUSTMENT RESERVE AND \$1 MILLION EARMARKED IN A CONTINGENCY FUND FOR 60 DAYS PENDING AN MOU AGREEMENT FOR AN EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM (NO-JOHNSON, THOMAS; YES-DURRENCE, DELOACH, MILLER, FOSTER, HALL, SHABAZZ; ABSENT-BELL); FIRST READING**
23. Motion to Approve Supplemental Amendments to the 2018 Budget Ordinance – **FIRST READING**
24. Motion to Amend Article R of the 2018 Revenue Ordinance to Amend Golf Course Fees at Bacon Park – **FIRST READING**
25. Motion to Amend Article X of the 2018 Revenue Ordinance to Implement Banner & Kiosk Program Fees – **ADOPTED AND APPROVED: APRIL 26, 2018**
26. Motion to Amend Article X of the 2018 Revenue Ordinance to Implement Honorary Street Designation Fees – **ADOPTED AND APPROVED: APRIL 26, 2018**

**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: April 26, 2018**
27. Motion to Adopt Resolution Accepting Donation of \$7,000.00 from the Ardsley Park/Chatham Crescent Garden Club – **ADOPTED AND APPROVED: APRIL 26, 2018 (RECUSED: ALDERMAN MILLER)**
  28. Motion to Adopt Resolution Accepting Donation of \$7,000.00 from the Ardsley Park/Chatham Crescent Neighborhood Association – **ADOPTED AND APPROVED: APRIL 26, 2018 (RECUSED: ALDERMAN MILLER)**



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29. Motion to Adopt Resolution Approving Amendment 1 to the Savannah Gardens Urban Redevelopment Plan – **ADOPTED AND APPROVED: APRIL 26, 2018**
30. Motion to Adopt Resolution Authorizing Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. to Loan \$500,000.00 from the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund to Mercy Housing SouthEast, Inc. – **ADOPTED AND APPROVED: APRIL 26, 2018**
31. Motion to Adopt Resolution Supporting the Mercy Housing Southeast, Inc. 2018 Savannah Gardens Phase-VI Housing Tax Credit Application – **ADOPTED AND APPROVED: APRIL 26, 2018**

### **BIDS AND CONTRACTS**

32. Motion to Award Sale of Surplus Property at 0 E Park Avenue (Event No. 5735) – **APPROVED**
33. Motion to Award Sale of Surplus Property at Cleland Street (Event No. 5743) – **APPROVED**
34. Motion to Approve Contract Modification No. 2 for Elevator Servicing with Oracle (Event No. 5273) – **APPROVED**
35. Motion to Award Annual Contract for Personal Paper Products to VIP Office Furniture and Supplies (Event No. 5871) – **APPROVED**
36. Motion to Procure Alum Sludge Pond Dredging from Press Rentals (Event No. 5654) – **APPROVED**
37. Motion to Procure Quality Assurance Services from Atlantic Coast Consulting Inc. (Event No. 5382) – **APPROVED**
38. Motion to Renew Annual Contract for Painting Materials for Summer Home Repair Program with Sherwin Williams (Event No. 3107) – **APPROVED**
39. Motion to Renew Annual Contract for Roofing Materials for Summer Home Repair Program with Southern Roof Center (Event No. 3088) – **APPROVED**
40. Notification of Emergency Procurement of Data Center Firewalls from Layer 3 (Event No. 5990) – **APPROVED**



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- 41. Notification of Emergency Procurement of Malwarebytes Endpoint Protection from Layer 3 (Event No. 5989) – **APPROVED**
- 42. Notification of Emergency Procurement of Palo Alto TRAPS Intrusion Protection from Layer 3 (Event No. 5989) – **APPROVED**
- 43. Motion to Approve Contract Modification No. 1 for Civil Design Services with Wolverton and Associates (Event No. 4486) – **APPROVED**
- 44. Motion to Procure Zero Turn Mowers from Morige Mfg. Inc. (Event No. 6052) – **APPROVED**
- 45. Motion to Renew and Modify Annual Contract for Temporary Labor for Summer 500 Program with Chatham Personnel (Event No. 4800) – **APPROVED**
- 46. Motion to Award Contract for Purchase and Installation of Flagpole and Flag to ConServ Flag Company (Event No. 5965) – **APPROVED**

### **AGREEMENTS**

- 47. Motion to Approve Water and Sewer Agreement for Walmart Neighborhood Market at 10530 Abercorn Street – **APPROVED**
- 48. Motion to Approve Encroachment Agreement with RTS Property Holding LLC for Factors Walk Parking Spaces – **APPROVED**

### **CITY ATTORNEY ACTION ITEMS**

- 49. First Reading of Downtown Savannah Authority Bond Application – **FIRST READING**
- 50. Motion to Approve Settlement of Claim – **APPROVED**

### **COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Alderman Hall inquired about assistance available to citizens with questions regarding the fire fee and applying for discounts, and he commented on this morning's announcement regarding assistance available at the Moses Jackson Center. The City Manager discussed that most



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questions can be answered by 311 staff, and more detailed questions will go to the Finance department. The City will also be taking the show on the road to assist citizens. Alderman Hall asked for the June 1<sup>st</sup> deadline to be attached to the water bills and that citizens be informed about where their money is going. He stressed that we have to keep talking about this.

Alderman Thomas raised the issue of maintenance of the medians, particularly south of DeRenne Avenue, bringing attention to those on Windsor and Largo. Alderman Shabazz also pointed out the medians on West 44<sup>th</sup> Street and Abercorn Street near Montgomery Crossroad. There was discussion with the City Manager regarding the change from a six week cycle to a four week cycle to the current three week cycle. The City Manager said they would do their best to commit to a two week cycle between the growing season, between April and October, for the medians, with medians being a priority of all the right-of-ways.

Alderman Miller pointed out that when they mow they need to complete the job, not leaving behind trash and weeds, otherwise it doesn't do any good. He also pointed out there have been a lot of noise complaints lately and he would like the Police Department to start looking into those complaints. The City Manager said that between the Police Department and the Code Compliance Department they would start addressing these quality of life issues. Alderman Thomas asked for a workshop on the Code Compliance Department and what they do. The City Manager said they would arrange that and they were working on a mail out on the Compliance Department, as well.

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

*Luciana M. Spracher*

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