



SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
ACTION MEETING MINUTES
May 10, 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 Rev. Dr. Wilson Scott, pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church on May Street.

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
Deputy Assistant to the City Manager Bret Bell
City Attorney W. Brooks Stillwell

Upon motion of Alderwoman Bell, seconded by Alderwoman Shabazz, unanimous approval was made to amend the agenda by adding Item 47, and moving items 45, 46 and 47 to presentations.

Upon motion of Alderwoman Bell, seconded by Alderwoman Shabazz, unanimous approval was made to amend the agenda by moving Item 18 after Item 3, and adding Item 3.1 to presentations.

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 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 26, 2018 – **APPROVED**
2. Motion to Approve the Summary/Final minutes for the City Council Meeting of April 26, 2018 – **APPROVED**

PRESENTATIONS

3. Appearance by Representatives of The Trustees' Garden Club to Donate \$3,000.00 for Improvements to Forsyth Park – **Brent Boyd, Administrator of the Greenscapes division,**



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introduced members of the Trustees' Garden Club to present a donation for Forsyth Park which will be used towards numerous damaged trees from Hurricane Matthew. Terry Pindar spoke on behalf of the Trustees' Garden Club and introduced the members standing with her. Ms. Pindar reviewed the history of the club, its mission, and partnerships to fulfill their mission, of which the City partnership is the most longstanding and one of their greatest success stories. They are currently working on ways to protect and steward Forsyth Park for future generations. Today they are presenting a check for \$3,000 received from a National Disaster Grant to go towards restoration efforts in the park and they intend to assist the City in these efforts personally. They look forward to returning with a second disaster grant from the Garden Club of America.

18. Motion to Adopt Resolution Accepting Donation of \$3,000.00 from the Trustees' Garden Club – **ADOPTED AND APPROVED: MAY 10, 2018**

45. Motion to Proclaim May 6-12 National Travel and Tourism Week in Savannah – **Mayor DeLoach read a proclamation declaring May 6-12 National Travel and Tourism Week in Savannah, surrounded by many representatives of the Savannah tourism industry. Michael Owens, President of the Tourism Leadership Council, and Joe Marinelli, President of Visit Savannah, thanked Council for recognizing the service and sacrifice of those working in the tourism industry 365 days of the year.**

46. Appearance by Terri O'Neil and the Savannah Philharmonic to Invite the Public to Philharmonic in the Streetz – **Mayor Pro-Tem Bell introduced Terri O'Neil, Executive Director of the Savannah Philharmonic, who announced the upcoming Philharmonic in the Streetz event on May 20th from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Edgemere/Sackville during which students from DeRenne and Myers middle schools will be brought to the new park site in the neighborhood. Neighborhood representative Cynthia Hopson and Aldermen Hall encouraged all to come and enjoy the music.**

47. Boards, Commissions & Authorities Appointments: Savannah Resources Recovery Development Authority Council Member Appointment – **ALDERMAN BRIAN FOSTER APPOINTED**

3.1 Appearance by Joseph Irvin, Chair of MPC to introduce Melanie Wilson, new Executive Director – **Joseph Irvin introduced Melanie Wilson as the new Executive Director of the Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission. Ms. Wilson comes with over thirty years of experience spanning municipalities and cooperative partnerships. She was recently honored as a trailblazer and leader in planning. Ms. Wilson stated she looked forward to working with all of City Council in partnership and thanked them for having her there. Mayor DeLoach thanked her and stated they looked forward to working with her.**



**LEGISLATIVE REPORTS
PUBLIC HEARINGS**

4. Public Hearing and Motion to Approve Second Reading of Downtown Savannah Authority Bond Application – **APPROVED**

ZONING HEARINGS

5. Motion to Amend the Zoning Ordinance Regarding Materials on Buildings 5 Stories or Greater in the Savannah Historic District (Petitioner: Phillip McCorkle, for 7 Drayton Hotel, LLC – **CONTINUED TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 21, 2018**

PETITIONS

6. Motion to Approve Honorary Street Designation as Rev. and Mrs. Lexcie E. Aiken Way – **APPROVED**

7. Motion to Declare Property Located at 601 E 66th Street as Surplus and Available for Sale – **APPROVED**

8. Motion to Approve Quit Claim Deed on Property Located at 24 Norton Street (PIN 2-0019-07-006) – **APPROVED**

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING

9. Motion to Amend the Zoning Ordinance Regarding the Savannah Historic District (Petitioner: Planning Commission) – **CONTINUED TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JUNE 7, 2018**

10. Motion to Amend the Zoning Ordinance Regarding STVRs in the Victorian District (Petitioner: City of Savannah) – **ADOPTED AND APPROVED: MAY 10, 2018 (Absent from the vote-Johnson)**

11. Motion to Approve the Inn Special Use Request at 5715 Skidaway Road (Petitioner: Harold Yellin for Colleen Smith) – **ADOPTED AND APPROVED: MAY 10, 2018 (Absent from the vote-Johnson)**



12. 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) – **ADOPTED AND APPROVED: MAY 10, 2018 (Absent from the vote-Johnson)**

13. 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) – **ADOPTED AND APPROVED: MAY 10, 2018 (Absent from the vote-Johnson)**

14. 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) – **ADOPTED AND APPROVED: MAY 10, 2018**

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

15. Motion to Approve Supplemental Amendments to the 2017 Budget Ordinance – **ADOPTED AND APPROVED: MAY 10, 2018 (YES-Durrence, Bell, DeLoach, Miller, Foster, Hall, Shabazz; NO: Johnson, Thomas)**

16. Motion to Approve Supplemental Amendments to the 2018 Budget Ordinance – **ADOPTED AND APPROVED: MAY 10, 2018 (YES-Durrence, DeLoach, Miller, Foster, Hall, Shabazz; NO-Thomas; Absent from the vote-Johnson, Bell)**

17. Motion to Amend Article R of the 2018 Revenue Ordinance to Amend Golf Course Fees at Bacon Park – **ADOPTED AND APPROVED: MAY 10, 2018 (Absent from the vote-Durrence, Johnson, Shabazz)**

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: May 10, 2018**

19. Motion to Adopt Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Release the Deed to Secure Debt and Security Agreement Associated with a \$1,500,000 CDBG CHSA Development, Inc. Real Property Acquisition Loan – **ADOPTED AND APPROVED: MAY 10, 2018 (Absent from the vote-Durrence, Johnson, Shabazz)**



SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS

20. Motion to Approve Amendment No. 1 with Woodward & Associates for Professional Consulting Services – **APPROVED (Absent from the vote-Durrence, Johnson, Shabazz)**
21. Motion to Approve Participation in the 2018 Visit Savannah Advertising Campaign – **APPROVED (Absent from the vote-Durrence, Johnson, Shabazz)**
22. Motion to Approve Recruitment Services and Fees to Steve Baldwin & Associates – **APPROVED (Absent from the vote-Durrence, Johnson, Shabazz)**
23. Motion to Approve Contract Renewal with Hurt Norton & Associates – **APPROVED (Absent from the vote-Durrence, Johnson, Shabazz)**

BIDS AND CONTRACTS

24. Motion to Award Contract Amendment No. 6 for Bilbo Canal Improvements Design (Event No. 5891) – **APPROVED (YES-Durrence, Bell, DeLoach, Miller, Foster, Hall; NO-Thomas; Absent from the vote-Johnson, Shabazz); Alderman Thomas asked for all contracts the City has with this company, as well as the original contract and all amendments related to this item, before the next City Council meeting**
25. Motion to Award Annual Maintenance Agreement for Fleet Anywhere Software to AssetWorks (Event No. 6073) – **APPROVED (Absent from the vote-Durrence, Johnson, Shabazz)**
26. Motion to Procure Emergency Standby Equipment from Cummins Power South LLC (Event No. 5910) – **APPROVED (Absent from the vote-Durrence, Johnson, Shabazz)**
27. Motion to Procure Tractor with Enclosed Cab from Hendrix Machinery (Event No. 5946) – **APPROVED (Absent from the vote-Durrence, Johnson, Shabazz)**
28. Motion to Procure Six Rear Loader Refuse Truck Bodies from Consolidated d.b.a. Wastebuilt (Event No. 6074) – **APPROVED (Absent from the vote-Durrence, Johnson, Shabazz)**
29. Motion to Procure Six Rear Loader Refuse Truck Chassis from Crane Carrier Company (Event No. 6072) – **APPROVED (Absent from the vote-Durrence, Johnson, Shabazz)**
30. Motion to Procure Small Meter Test Bench from Mars Company (Event No. 5872) – **APPROVED (Absent from the vote-Durrence, Johnson, Shabazz)**



31. Motion to Renew and Modify Annual Contract for Savannah Police Digital Advertising with WSAV/Lin Digital (Event No. 4497) – **APPROVED (Absent from the vote-Johnson, Shabazz)**

32. Motion to Renew Annual Contract for Bioxide with Evoqua Water Technologies, LLC (Event No. 3941) – **APPROVED (Absent from the vote-Durrence, Johnson, Shabazz)**

33. Motion to Renew Annual Contract for Traffic Sign Faces with Osburn Associates (Event No. 4078) – **APPROVED (Absent from the vote-Durrence, Johnson, Shabazz)**

34. Motion to Renew Annual Contract for Trash Compactors with Stribling Systems (Event No.3531) – **APPROVED (Absent from the vote-Durrence, Johnson, Shabazz)**

35. Motion to Renew Annual Contract for Ammunition with Precision Delta Corporation and Gulf State Distributors (Event No. 3443) – **APPROVED (Absent from the vote-Durrence, Johnson, Shabazz)**

36. Motion to Procure Zero Turn Mowers from Morige Mfg. Inc. (Event No. 6132) – **APPROVED (Absent from the vote-Durrence, Johnson, Shabazz)**

AGREEMENTS

37. Motion to Approve Water and Sewer Agreement for Madison Park Apartment Complex – **APPROVED (Absent from the vote-Shabazz)**

38. Motion to Approve Water and Sewer Agreement for Highland Commercial Park – **APPROVED**

39. Motion to Approve Right of Way Work and Reimbursement Agreement with Kessler Armstrong, LLC – **APPROVED**

MISCELLANEOUS

40. Motion to Approve the Transfer of a Small Parcel (PIN 2-0039-02-087) to the Landbank Authority – **APPROVED**

41. Motion to Approve Reinstallation of Historical Marker to John Wesley at 27 Abercorn Street – **APPROVED**



42. Motion to Approve a Major Subdivision of Savannah Highlands Phase 4 – **APPROVED**

43. Motion to Approve a Major Subdivision of Savannah Highlands Phase 5 – **APPROVED**

ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

44. Motion to Approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with Chatham County for the Multi-Agency Resource Center – **APPROVED (Johnson recused himself as a Chatham County employee; Absent from the vote-Hall)**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brother Richard Law, Sr., invited City Council and members of the community to the Dawes Avenue-Ogeecheeton Community Reunion this Saturday, May 12th, from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. There will be a lot of young people, with singing and dancing. He would like City Council to come out and encourage the youth. Brother Law also mentioned issues with a road that needed a turning lane. Alderman Johnson pointed out that the road in question is a state road. Brother Law showed a copy of his book, *Some Things Never Change*, which features many individuals, including Alderman Johnson, and will be on sale at the reunion.

Alderman Johnson wished all mothers a Happy Mother's Day.

Alderman Hall informed residents in the 3rd District that there are a series of town hall meetings coming up, including: May 15th at Eli Whitney; May 16th at Whitefield United Methodist Church; May 17th at Myers Middle School; and May 21st at Eastside Neighborhood Center. The topic of discussion will be the hardship fund and discounts for the fire fee. Alderman Hall informed the City Manager that though Alderman Thomas had provided a member for the police chief search committee from the 3rd District, he reserved the right to still get one from his district.

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

Luciana M. Spracher
Acting Clerk of Council