



SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
ACTION MEETING MINUTES
November 5, 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 Carolyn H. 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
Assistant to the City Manager Bret Bell
City Attorney W. Brooks Stillwell
Assistant City Attorney William Shearouse

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to Adopt a Resolution for the Executive Session held on October 25, 2018 for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel – **APPROVED (SEE RESOLUTIONS)**
2. Motion to Approve the Summary/Final Minutes for the City Council Work Session and City Manager's Briefing of October 25, 2018 – **APPROVED**
3. Motion to Approve the Summary/Final minutes for the City Council Meeting of October 25, 2018 – **APPROVED**
4. Motion to Approve the Summary/Final Minutes for the Special Council Work Shop of October 30, 2018 – **APPROVED**



PRESENTATIONS

5. Appearance by Bishop Matthew M. Odum Sr. to Receive a Proclamation Recognizing his Appointment as Vice President Bishop of Global United Fellowship – **Bishop Odum and members of his congregation came forward to receive a proclamation declaring October 25, 2018 Bishop Matthew M. Odum, Sr. Day in Savannah. Alderman Van Johnson read the proclamation thanking Bishop Odum for over thirty-three years of service in Savannah and wishing him many more years of success. Mayor DeLoach congratulated Bishop Odum and thanked him for his service. Bishop Odum thanked the Mayor and Council for this recognition for which he was humbled by and stated he was thankful for the privilege of serving people.**
6. Appearance by Savannah Teen Rapper Flau'Jae to Receive a Proclamation Recognizing her Accomplishments – **Flau'Jae Johnson and her mother came forward to receive a proclamation declaring November 5, 2018 Flau'Jae Johnson Day in Savannah. Mayor Pro-Tem Bell read the proclamation recounting Flau'Jae's accomplishments and determination to start her career. Flau'Jae thanked the City and the community for supporting her through her ups and downs and discussed what was next in her career.**
7. Appearance by Memorial Health University Medical Center to be Recognized for its Donation of \$30,000.00 to the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund – **Representatives of Memorial Health, including Israel Small, from the Board of Directors, and Shane George, CEO of Memorial Health, presented the City with a donation of \$30,000 for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund. Mr. George expressed that they looked forward to continuing to be a great community partner.**
8. Appearance by the Savannah Philharmonic and Greenbriar Children's Center to Invite the Public to Philharmonic in the Streetz, 1-4 p.m. November 18 at 3709 Hopkins Street – **Terri O'Neil, Executive Director of the Savannah Philharmonic, and Gena Taylor, Executive Director of Greenbriar Children's Center, invited the community to attend the Philharmonic in the Streetz on November 18 at the Greenbriar Children's Center. This is the second year the event will be held at the Greenbriar and it is a great opportunity for the community to come together.**



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9. Appearance by Office of Business Opportunity Director Manny Dominguez and Ammie Dover of Buy Local Savannah to Receive a Proclamation Declaring November 24, 2018 as Small Business Saturday – **Manny Dominguez announced that Small Business Saturday will be the Saturday immediately after Black Friday and is an opportunity to support the local business community. Ammie Dover, from Shop Local, said that 68 cents of every dollar spent locally stays local and it is incredibly important to support local businesses. This is the third year of the Small Business Saturday event and they will be providing free marketing for businesses, many of which have very tight budgets. There will be a hub in Ellis Square with shopping bags and coupons, and Old Savannah Tours will be providing a special tour of shops. Alderwoman Shabazz read the proclamation declaring November 24, 2018 Small Business Saturday stressing the importance of small businesses to the economy of Savannah and encouraging citizens to participate by supporting local businesses.**

10. Appearance by the Veterans Council of Chatham County to Introduce the Veteran of the Year, the 2018 Parade Grand Marshal, and Receive the 2018 Veterans Day Parade Permit – **Doug Andrews, along with members of the Veterans Council of Chatham County, announced that Sergeant First Class Nathaniel Howard, Jr. has been selected as Veteran of the Year by the twenty-seven member organizations. Upon motion of Alderman Durrence, seconded by Alderman Thomas, and unanimously approved by City Council, the permit for the 2018 Veterans Day Parade was granted to the Veterans Council. John Parker will serve as the Parade Marshal. Mike Brady, Veterans Day Parade Adjutant, announced that the parade on November 12, 2018 will be the largest since its inception in 1946 with 110 units including 15 bands and 15 Doberman pinchers. Doug Andrews recognized all veterans in the room.**

11. Presentation of Proclamation in Remembrance of Those Who Served in World War I – **Alderwoman Bell read a resolution in honor of those who served and sacrificed in World War I and called upon organizations across Savannah to ring their bells on November 11, 2018 at 11:00 am in honor of the Armistice that ended World War I in 1918. Luciana Spracher, Director of the Municipal Archives, announced that City Hall's bells would ring on November 11th at 11:00 am in honor of Savannahians who made the ultimate sacrifice. Doug Andrews announced that at the same time a series of 21 buglers would be playing taps staged between City Hall and the World War I Memorial at Daffin Park.**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

12. Second Public Hearing to Receive Comments Concerning the City's 2019 One Year Action Plan to Address the Needs of Low and Moderate Income Persons – **PUBLIC HEARING; NO ACTION**



13. Public Hearing to Receive Comments on the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds for Downtown Streetscape Improvements – **PUBLIC HEARING; NO ACTION**

ZONING HEARINGS

14. Motion to Amend the Special Use Ordinance for 5715 Skidaway Road to Allow Construction of a Pavilion (Petitioner: Josh Yellin for Colleen Smith/Cohen's Retreat) – **APPROVED**
15. Motion to Rezone 1602 Bull Street from TN-2 to TC-1 (Petitioner: Josh Yellin for 1602 Bull, LLC) – **APPROVED**
16. Motion to Deny the Request to Rezone 7035 Hodgson Memorial Drive from P-I-P to B-C (Petitioner: Duke Dang) – **APPROVED**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

17. First Reading of Amendments to the Stormwater Management Ordinance to Update Language to Match State Regulations and to Codify Existing Policies – **FIRST READING; NO ACTION**
18. First Reading of Amendments to the Code of Ordinances to Address Parking on Residential Properties – **FIRST READING; NO ACTION**
19. First Reading of Amendments to the Code of Ordinances to Address Abandoned and Derelict Motor Vehicles – **FIRST READING; NO ACTION**
20. First Reading of Amendments to Section 8-1004 of the Code of Ordinances to Adopt Exterior Property Maintenance Standards – **FIRST READING; NO ACTION**
21. First Reading of Amendments to the Code of Ordinances Pertaining to Maintenance of Tree Lawns and Keeping Streets and Sidewalks Free of Litter – **FIRST READING; NO ACTION**

ORDINANCES – FIRST AND SECOND READING

22. Motion to Conditionally Allow Certain Special Uses on 1650 E. Victory Drive (Petitioner: Richard Mopper for Tafina LLC) – **APPROVED AND ADOPTED NOVEMBER 5, 2018**



23. Motion to Amend the Zoning Ordinance Regarding the Mid-City District Boundaries and Other Sections of Article K to Allow for Development of College Facilities (Petitioner: Planning Commission) – **APPROVED AND ADOPTED NOVEMBER 5, 2018**
24. Motion to Rezone 1 W. Victory Drive, 2714 Montgomery Street, and Other Properties to the Alternative TC-2 Zoning District to Allow for Development of College Facilities (Petitioner: Planning Commission) – **APPROVED AND ADOPTED NOVEMBER 5, 2018**

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

25. Motion to Amend the City Charter to Eliminate Collection of a Fire Services Fee – **APPROVED AND ADOPTED NOVEMBER 5, 2018**

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 NOVEMBER 5, 2018**
26. Motion to Approve Resolution Adopting the City’s 2019 One Year Action Plan – **APPROVED AND ADOPTED NOVEMBER 5, 2018**
27. Motion to Adopt Resolution Accepting a \$30,000.00 Donation from Memorial Health University Medical Center for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund – **APPROVED AND ADOPTED NOVEMBER 5, 2018**

SPLOST PROJECTS

28. Motion to Amend a Contract with Cogdell Mandrala for Phase 1.5 of Design Services for the Savannah Children's Museum (Event No. 6722) – **APPROVED**

BIDS AND CONTRACTS

29. Motion to Procure Bicycle Lane Painting Services from Angco, Inc. (Event No. 6344) – **APPROVED**
30. Motion to Renew Annual Contract for Print, Insertion, and Mailing Services with Sure Bill (Event No. 3273) – **APPROVED**



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31. Motion to Award Contract for Downtown Worker Alternative Transportation Pilot Program to Downtowner (Event No. 5816) – **APPROVED**
32. Motion to Extend an Annual Contract for Voice and Data Leased Lines with AT&T (Event No. 4586) – **APPROVED**
33. Motion to Renew Annual Contract for Low Voltage Cabling with NetPlanner Systems, Inc. (Event No. 3747) – **APPROVED**
34. Motion to Procure Design Services for Lift Station 23 Upgrade and Force Main from Hussey, Gay, Bell, and DeYoung, Inc. (Event No. 6356) – **WITHDRAWN**
35. Motion to Procure Williamson Street Stairwell Repairs from Savannah Construction and Preservation (Event No. 6506) – **APPROVED**
36. Motion to Renew and Modify Annual Contract for Water, Sewer, Stormwater Line Repair with Southern Champion Construction (Event No. 5512) – **APPROVED**
37. Motion to Renew Annual Contract for Directional Boring with D&C Directional Boring LLC (Event No. 4195) – **APPROVED**
38. Motion to Award Annual Contract for Barricades, Lights, and Safety Equipment to Safety Products, Inc. (Event No. 6452) – **APPROVED**
39. Motion to Renew Annual Contract with Advanced Door Systems, Inc. for Overhead Door Maintenance and Repair for Savannah Fire Stations (Event No. 3391) – **APPROVED**
40. Motion to Procure Employee Compensation and Classification Study from Management Advisory Group (Event No. 6336) – **APPROVED**

AGREEMENTS

41. Motion to Approve Intergovernmental Agreement Concerning E-911 Backup Center at Savannah Civic Center – **APPROVED**
42. Motion to Approve Emergency Shelter Agreement with St. Joseph's/Candler Hospital System – **APPROVED**



REAL ESTATE

43. Motion to Approve Encroachment Agreement with Plant Riverside, LLC for Parking Spaces in the 500 Block of West River Street – **APPROVED**

MISCELLANEOUS

44. Motion to Approve Supplemental Budget Adjustments to the Capital Improvement Fund – **APPROVED**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor DeLoach thanked all the businesses that participated in the job fair at the Civic Center today, including organizations like the U.S. Army, local hospitals, and the Savannah Police Department. He announced that so far about four-hundred people have gone through the job fair which is still going on.

Alderman Johnson announced the passing of Reverend Dr. Wilson Scott, Jr. of Bethlehem Baptist Church and expressed condolences on behalf of the City. He also encouraged all citizens to exercise their fundamental responsibility as citizens tomorrow and go out and vote.

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

Luciana M. Spracher

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Acting Clerk of Council