



SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL  
ACTION MEETING MINUTES  
December 6, 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  
Assistant City Attorney William Shearouse

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

Upon motion of Alderwoman Bell, seconded by Alderwoman Shabazz, unanimous approval was given to amend the agenda by moving item 44, Public Hearing to Receive Comment on the 2019 Service Program and Budget, to item 12a, and by adding Item 4a, an appearance by the Rape Crisis Center.

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, Litigation, 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 2019 Budget Retreat of November 15-16, 2018 – **APPROVED**
2. Motion to Approve the Summary/Final Minutes for the City Council Work Session and City Manager's Briefing of November 20, 2018 – **APPROVED**
3. Motion to Approve the Summary/Final Minutes for the City Council Meeting of November 20, 2018 – **APPROVED**



#### PRESENTATIONS

4. Appearance by West Savannah Community President Ronald Williams and Hudson Hill Community President Bernetta Lanier to Invite the Public to the Greater West Savannah Christmas Parade – **West Savannah Community President Ronald Williams introduced Bernetta Lanier, President of the Hudson Hill Community. Ms. Lanier announced the 2018 Parade Grand Marshal, Mrs. Pamela Howard Oglesby. Mrs. Oglesby said she was honored to be recognized by her own in the community, and stated that this honor means the most to her because it comes from within and from the people that she works with and that she tries to do her best for. The Greater West Savannah Christmas Parade will be held on December 15<sup>th</sup> and will step off at 10:00 a.m. from the Hudson Hill Park and will walk to the Moses Jackson Center.**
  
- 4a. Appearance by the Rape Crisis Center to invite the Public to the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Reindeer Run – **Doris Williams, Executive Director of the Rape Crisis Center, invited City Council and the public to the Rape Crisis Center’s second largest fundraiser, the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Reindeer Run, December 15<sup>th</sup> at Hutchinson Island. Registration will begin at 7:00 a.m., the Kiddie Run will be at 8:30 a.m., and activities include a cookie contest, costume contest, and pet adoption sponsored by the Humane Society. The fundraiser supports their prevention education department and more information can be found on their website at: [www.rccsav.org](http://www.rccsav.org).**

#### ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE HEARINGS

5. Motion to Approve Alcohol License for Dhaval Patel of Broughton Market #2 – **CONTINUED TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 20, 2018**
  
6. Motion to Approve Alcohol License for Mark A. Mokren of Long Branch Saloon – **APPROVED**
  
7. Motion to Approve Alcohol License for Cheryl McVay of Board and Brush of Savannah – **APPROVED**

#### ZONING HEARINGS

8. Motion to Amend the Future Land Use Category for 401 Carolan Street and 0 Cleland Street (Petitioner: MPC Staff) – **APPROVED**
  
9. Motion to Rezone 401 Carolan Street and 0 Cleland Street with Approval of a GDP/Site Plan (Petitioner: Joshua Yellin for 401 Carolan LLC) – **APPROVED**



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10. Motion to Amend the Zoning Ordinance Regarding the New Hampstead PUD (Petitioner: Robert Brannen for Figure 8 LLC) – **CONTINUED TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 20, 2018**

11. Motion to Rezone the New Hampstead Properties (Petitioner: Robert Brannen for Figure 8 LLC) – **CONTINUED TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 20, 2018**

**PETITIONS**

12. Motion to Approve an Honorary Street Designation for a Section of Windsor Road between White Bluff and Juniper Circle to 'Jackie Haberman Way.' – **APPROVED**

**ORDINANCES – FIRST AND SECOND READING**

13. Motion to Approve the 2019 Revenue Ordinance – **APPROVED AND ADOPTED DECEMBER 6, 2018**

**ORDINANCES – SECOND READING**

14. Motion to Approve the 2019 Service Program and Budget Ordinance – **APPROVED AND ADOPTED DECEMBER 6, 2018**

15. Motion to Adopt Amendments to the Charter of the City of Savannah Implementing Certain Pension Plan Changes – **APPROVED AND ADOPTED DECEMBER 6, 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 DECEMBER 6, 2018**

16. Motion to Adopt Resolution Authorizing Certificate of Removal from the Industrial Area, and Annexation of a Portion of the Truman Parkway and Parcel Containing the President Street Water Reclamation Plan – **APPROVED AND ADOPTED DECEMBER 6, 2018**



17. Motion to Adopt Resolution Directing the City Manager to Implement a Level I Freeport Tax Exemption at the Rate of 80% to be Effective January 1, 2019 – **APPROVED AND ADOPTED DECEMBER 6, 2018**
18. Motion to Adopt Resolution Directing the City Manager to Implement a Level I Freeport Tax Exemption for Fulfillment Centers at the Rate of 20% to be Effective January 1, 2019 – **APPROVED AND ADOPTED DECEMBER 6, 2018**
19. Resolution to Impose a Temporary Stay on the Issuance of Alcoholic Beverage Licenses within a Portion of Aldermanic District 5 – **APPROVED AND ADOPTED DECEMBER 6, 2018**

**SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS**

20. Motion to Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Woolpert, Inc. for Phase 2 of Unmanned Aircraft Systems Integration – **APPROVED**
21. Motion to Approve Purchase of Titlemax Aviation, Inc. Hangar – **APPROVED**
22. Motion to Approve Change Order No. 4 with EE Reed Construction for the Federal Inspection Services Facility – **APPROVED**

**BIDS AND CONTRACTS**

23. Motion to Procure Handheld Water Meter Readers and Accessories from Badger Meter (Event No. 6720) – **APPROVED**
24. Motion to Renew Annual Contract for Multi-Function Copier Equipment and Maintenance with Automated Business Resources, Inc. (Event No. 5399) – **APPROVED**
25. Motion to Renew Annual Contract for Warning Devices, Equipment, and Installation with West Chatham Warning Devices (Event No. 5526) – **APPROVED**
26. Motion to Award Annual Contract for Well Maintenance Services to Rowe Drilling Co. (Event No. 6409) – **APPROVED**
27. Motion to Award Annual Contract for External Auditing Services to Mauldin & Jenkins (Event No. 6648) – **APPROVED**



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28. Motion to Procure Lighted Bollards for Sylvan Terrace from Johnson-Laux Construction, LLC (Event No. 6770) – **APPROVED**
29. Motion to Procure Elevator Modernization Services from Johnson-Laux Construction, LLC for the East Elevator at the Civic Center (Event No. 6773) – **APPROVED**
30. Motion to Procure Mobile Wall Panels for the Cultural Arts Center (Event No. 6634) – **APPROVED**
31. Motion to Procure One Additional Tractor with an Enclosed Cab from Hendrix Machinery (Event No. 5946) – **APPROVED**
32. Motion to Procure One Ford Pursuit Interceptor for Savannah Fire Rescue from Woody Folsom Ford (Event No. 6598) – **APPROVED**
33. Motion to Renew Annual Contract for Critical Workforce Facility Provisions with the Guardian Centers, LLC (Event No. 5452) – **APPROVED**
34. Motion to Renew Annual Contract for Geotechnical Engineering Services with Terracon Consultants, Inc. (Event No. 3587) – **APPROVED**
35. Motion to Renew Annual Contract with Dothan Security, Inc. for Security Services at the Industrial and Domestic Water Supply Plant (Event No. 4286) – **APPROVED**
36. Motion to Renew Annual Maintenance Agreement with Tyler Technologies for EnerGov Software (Event No. 6764) – **APPROVED**
37. Motion to Approve Contract Modification No. 1 to McWaters, Inc. for Cultural Arts Center Administrative Furniture (Event No. 6209) – **APPROVED**
38. Motion to Approve Contract Modification No. 2 for the Mills B. Lane Bridge Rehabilitation Project to Massana Construction (Event No. 5053) – **APPROVED**

**AGREEMENTS**

39. Motion to Amend the Development Agreement with North Point Hospitality Group, Inc. for Project on East River Street – **APPROVED WITH AMENDMENT TO EXTEND AGREEMENT TO DECEMBER 31, 2020**



**MISCELLANEOUS**

- 40. Motion to Grant Portions of International Drive and Wayne Shackelford Boulevard to the State of Georgia, and Authorization for the City Manager to Execute Associated Deeds and Closing Documents – **APPROVED**
- 41. Motion to Approve Highland Falls Phase 6 Major Subdivision – **APPROVED**
- 42. Motion to Approve Major Subdivision at Whitaker and West 35th Streets – **APPROVED**
- 43. Motion to Approve Naming of 201 Montgomery Street the 'Savannah Cultural Arts Center' – **APPROVED**

**ADDED AGENDA ITEMS**

- 44. Public Hearing to Receive Comment on the 2019 Service Program and Budget – **NO PERSONS CAME FORWARD TO SPEAK**
- 45. Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Authorities – **THE FOLLOWING APPOINTMENTS WERE APPROVED:**
  - Chatham Savannah Authority for the Homeless (CSAH)**
    - Alderman John Hall
  - Civil Service Board**
    - Rhonda Berrien
    - David Messner
  - Coastal Workforce Development Board (CWDB)**
    - Dr. Kathy Love
    - Rudolph Quarterman
  - Cultural Affairs Commission**
    - Eddie Edenfield
    - Jan Kramer
    - Courtnay Papy
    - Anne Westbrook
    - Debra Zumstein
  - Ethics Board**
    - Jose de Arimateia da Cruz
    - Christian J. Steinmetz, III
  - Greater Savannah International Alliance (GSIA)**
    - Doris Cope



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- **Dr. Nalanda Roy**
- **Benn Bongang**
- **Jose de Arimateia da Cruz**
- **Edwin “Pete” Hodges**
- **Mark Linsky**
- **Mindy Shea**
- **Molly Swagler**

**Historic District Board of Review (HDBR)**

- **Kellie Fletcher**
- **Rebecca Lynch**
- **Ellie Isaacs**
- **Stan Houle**

**Housing Authority of Savannah (HAS)**

- **Wanda Parrish**

**Keep Savannah Beautiful (KSB)**

- **Jenna Bower**
- **Amanda Burns**
- **Patrick Daley**
- **Stacey Fuller**
- **Melissa Jackson**
- **Rachelle Jares**
- **Charlotte Landon**
- **Rocco McDonald**
- **Karen Miracky**
- **Kody Salzburn**
- **Jadon Whipple**

**Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC)**

- **Travis Coles**
- **Joseph Ervin**

**Park and Tree Commission**

- **Nicole Greenwood**
- **James Parker**

**Pilotage Commission**

- **William Van Puffelen**

**Savannah Airport Commission**

- **Lowell Kronowitz (for unexpired term ending March 31, 2019)**

**Savannah-Chatham Council of Disability Issues**

- **Sharon Aikens**
- **Dr. Frank Lala**



- **Andrea Weldon**  
**Savannah Recreation Commission**
- **Todd Rhodes, Jr.**  
**Savannah Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)**
- **Stephen Glenn Merriman, Jr.**  
**Traffic Calming Committee**
- **Patrick Longstreth (District 4 appointment)**
- **Mable Hudson (District 5 appointment)**  
**Chatham Environmental Forum**
- **John Sawyer**  
**Savannah Resource Recovery Development Authority**
- **David Maxwell**  
**United Way Board of Trustees**
- **Alderwoman Carol Bell**  
**Savannah Economic Development Authority (SEDA)**
- **Cheri Dean**

46. Settlement of Claim – **CONTINUED TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF DECEMBER 20, 2018**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Alderman Miller announced that a celebration of the reduction in the poverty rate in Savannah recently announced would be held on December 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the Civic Center. All organizations involved in this effort would be invited to participate and celebrate in this amazing success story, as well as rejuvenate their efforts, because we need to keep working and work even harder now.

Alderwoman Shabazz discussed the various efforts of City Council over the past few years that have contributed to this success, including the job fairs sponsored by the Mayor, the Summer 500 program for our youth, and her work with the Connecting the Dots initiative to bring services and those in need together. She applauded the efforts of Council, staff, local agencies, and persons in the community, and asked them not to set back on these efforts, but to continue this work to lower the percentage rate as Savannah's is still higher than the state's, which is 16%.

Alderwoman Bell thanked all of the agencies across the county, including organizations, clubs, churches, and universities, as this has been a collaborative approach. It was really gusty to put it in the City's strategic plan that we wanted to reduce our poverty rate by 1% each year, so this reduction is awesome. She would like to do a roll call at the celebratory event.



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Mayor DeLoach reminded everyone that one in five are still in poverty and we need to keep working on that.

Mayor DeLoach reminded everyone that tomorrow is December 7<sup>th</sup>, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, and asked everyone to thank a military person out there for what they do to keep us moving forward as a country.

Alderwoman Bell invited the public to attend the ribbon cutting of The Front Porch, formerly called the MARC, on December 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. at 2203 Abercorn Street. The Front Porch is geared toward keeping our youth out of the criminal justice system.

Alderman Thomas invited everyone to the ribbon cutting of the Sweetwater Fire Station tomorrow at 2:00 p.m. at which our new Director of Fire Services Mark Renew will be present.

Alderman Thomas announced Alderman Van Johnson has been named Chairman of the National League of Cities Advisory Council

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

*Luciana M. Spracher*

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Acting Clerk of Council