



SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
ACTION MEETING MINUTES
December 20, 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 Bishop Willie Ferrell, of Royal Church of Christ, Inc., and a Savannah Fire Chaplain.

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
Deputy City Attorney Jen Herman
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 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)**

Upon motion of Alderwoman Bell, seconded by Alderwoman Shabazz, unanimous approval was given to amend the agenda by moving item 64 to become item 3a, item 23 to become item 4a, item 24 to become item 5a, items 21 and 22 to become items 7a and 7b.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to Approve the Summary/Final Minutes for the Special City Council Work Session of December 4, 2018 – **APPROVED**
2. Motion to Approve the Summary/Final Minutes for the City Council Work Session and City Manager's Briefing of December 6, 2018 – **APPROVED**
3. Motion to Approve the Summary/Final Minutes for the City Council Meeting of December 6, 2018 – **APPROVED**



PRESENTATIONS

4. Appearance and Recognition of St. Joseph's/Candler Health Systems' \$15,000 donation to the Savannah Affordable Housing Solutions Fund – **Paul Hinchey, President and CEO of St. Joseph's/Candler, and representatives of St. Joseph's/Candler presented a check for \$15,000 for the Savannah Affordable Housing Solutions fund. Mr. Hinchey said this was celebratory in nature as homeownership is a very big deal and they have had 14 coworkers who have gone through this program due to the partnership. He introduced Ms. DeLorme, who spoke about her personal experience with the program. She said the program made it possible to achieve her dream of home ownership and she thanked the City and St. Joseph's/Candler for helping to make her dreams become a reality. Alderwoman Bell thanked St. Joseph's/Candler for being the corporate citizens that they are. Alderman Miller noted that their pride in this community shows through in their actions. Alderwoman Shabazz thanked them for bringing the human touch to their work and for changing lives. Alderman Johnson noted that illness and wellness are not all about the physical, and thanked them for being what they say they are about, rooted in God's love.**
5. Appearance and Recognition of Wells Fargo Bank's \$5,000 donation to the Savannah Affordable Housing Solutions Fund – **Sheri Butler, District Manager with Wells Fargo, presented a check on behalf of Wells Fargo for the Savannah Affordable Housing Solutions Fund. Martin Fretty, Director of Housing and Neighborhood Services, noted that Wells Fargo recently donated \$25,000 to the Community Housing Services Agency (CHSA). Alderman Johnson thanked Wells Fargo for being a great corporate partner.**
6. Appearance and Presentation by Leaders from Hunter Army Airfield in Support of National Wreaths Across America Day – **Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth Dwyer and Command Sergeant Major LaVander Wilkerson presented a wreath to the City of Savannah in honor of the 468, soon to be 469, soldiers from Hunter Army Air Field and Fort Stewart who have sacrificed their lives since 9/11. Wreaths Across America's motto is to "Remember, Honor, and Teach." City Council recognized all military for their service, as well Colonel Dwyer and Sergeant Wilkerson, and Steve Hart for his work exposing young people to military service.**
7. Appearance by Representatives from the Center for Jubilee, Reconciliation and Healing to Receive a "Jubilee Freedom Day" Proclamation – **Patt Gunn discussed the 2018 Jubilee Freedom Day celebration events, including an exhibit called "Many Generations Gone" and artists presenting in the Cluskey Stores tomorrow. She stated the story of slavery is a very difficult one, but they want Savannah to be a model for reconciliation and healing. She introduced historians Eric Saul and Dr. Amy Fiske, co-curators of the exhibit. Dr. Fiske is the third generation grandniece of General Slocum who came into Savannah with the**



Union troops. Dr. Fiske talked about General Slocum who was an abolitionist. Paulita Bennett-Martin discussed a commemorative bell ringing across the community at 11:15 a.m. on Friday to recognize Jubilee Freedom Day. Mayor DeLoach read a proclamation recognizing Jubilee Freedom Day in Savannah on December 21, 2018.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE HEARINGS

8. Motion to Approve Alcohol License for Dhaval Patel of Broughton Market #2 – **WITHDRAWN BY PETITIONER**
9. Motion to Approve Alcohol License for Christopher Clarke of The White Rabbit – **APPROVED**
10. Motion to Approve Alcohol License for Dharmisthaben R. Patel of Maruti Montgomery – **APPROVED**
11. Motion to Approve Alcohol License for Charles Youles of Ships of the Sea Maritime Museum – **APPROVED**
12. Motion to Approve Alcohol License for Randolph J. Gosyne of Mercato Leoci – **APPROVED**
13. Motion to Approve Alcohol License for Vrundaben Patel of Savannah Beverage Mart – **APPROVED**
14. Motion to Approve Alcohol License for Crystal Willis of Totally Awesome Bar – **APPROVED**

ZONING HEARINGS

15. Motion to Amend the Zoning Ordinance Regarding the New Hampstead PUD (Petitioner: Robert Brannen for Figure 8 LLC) – **APPROVED**
16. Motion to Rezone the New Hampstead Properties (Petitioner: Robert Brannen for Figure 8 LLC) – **APPROVED**
17. Motion to Rezone 1150 Fort Argyle Road with Approval of a GDP/Site Plan (Petitioner: Chad R. Zittrouer for Lewis Commercial Properties, LLC) – **CONTINUED TO THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 17, 2019**



ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

18. Motion to Amend the Soil Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Ordinance – **FIRST READING, NO ACTION**

ORDINANCES – FIRST AND SECOND READING

19. Motion to Amend the Future Land Use Category for 401 Carolan St and 0 Cleland St (Petitioner: MPC Staff) – **APPROVED AND ADOPTED DECEMBER 20, 2018**
20. 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 AND ADOPTED DECEMBER 20, 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 20, 2018**

21. Motion to Approve a Resolution Accepting a \$5,000 Donation from the Georgia Police K9 Foundation – **APPROVED AND ADOPTED DECEMBER 20, 2018**
22. Motion to Approve Resolution Adopting the 2019 Savannah Affordable Housing Solutions Fund Policy Guidelines and Work Program, and Authorize the City Manager to Contract with the Community Housing Services Agency – **APPROVED AND ADOPTED DECEMBER 20, 2018**
23. Motion to Adopt Resolution Accepting \$15,000.00 Donation from St. Joseph's/Candler Health Systems for the Savannah Affordable Housing Solutions Fund – **APPROVED AND ADOPTED DECEMBER 20, 2018**
24. Motion to Adopt Resolution Accepting a \$5,000.00 Donation from Wells Fargo Bank for the Savannah Affordable Housing Solutions Fund – **APPROVED AND ADOPTED DECEMBER 20, 2018**



SPLOST PROJECTS

- 25. Motion to Procure Interior Renovation Services for Fire Station No. 7 from CPPI of Georgia, LLC (Event No. 6605) – **APPROVED**
- 26. Motion to Procure Construction Services from Johnson-Laux Construction for Phase 2 Waters Avenue Streetscape Improvements (Event No. 6801) – **APPROVED**
- 27. Motion to Approve Contract Amendment No. 2 for Design-Build Services for the Pennsylvania Avenue Neighborhood Resource Center with Rives E. Worrell a JE Dunn Company (Event No. 4151) – **APPROVED**

BIDS AND CONTRACTS

- 28. Motion to Procure Design Services for Lift Station 23 Upgrade and Force Main from Hussey, Gay, Bell, and DeYoung, Inc. (Event No. 6356) – **APPROVED**
- 29. Motion to Approve Contract Modification No. 1 for Roadway Condition Assessment Services with Roadbotics, Inc. (Event No. 6201) – **APPROVED**
- 30. Motion to Award Annual Contract for Roofing Design Services to Raymond Engineering (Event No. 6406) – **APPROVED**
- 31. Motion to Procure Roof Replacement Services from Tera-Systems for the President Street Water Reclamation Plant Administration Building (Event No. 6676) – **APPROVED**
- 32. Motion to Procure Exterior Repair Services for the State Street Parking Garage from Restocon Corporation (Event No. 6542) – **APPROVED**
- 33. Motion to Procure Critical Incident Training Services for Savannah Police Department from BowMac & RSI, Inc. (Event No. 6783) – **APPROVED**
- 34. Motion to Procure Camera Equipment for Police Transport Vans from COBAN Technologies, Inc. (Event No. 6800) – **APPROVED**
- 35. Motion to Procure Construction Services from Astra Groups, Inc. for Rousakis Plaza Electrical Improvements (Event No. 6657) – **APPROVED**



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36. Motion to Procure Environmental Consulting Services from Cardno, Inc. (Event No. 6539) – **APPROVED**
37. Motion to Renew Annual Contract for Architectural and Technical Services with Greenline Architecture, Inc. (Event No. 4501) – **APPROVED**
38. Motion to Procure Painting Services from Full Throttle Lawn Service for the Interior of the W.W. Law Center (Event No. 6668) – **APPROVED**
39. Motion to Approve Lease Agreement for Two Parking Services Plug-In Electric Vehicles and Maintenance from Acme Auto Leasing, LLC (Event No. 6335) – **APPROVED**
40. Motion to Renew Annual Sole Source Contract for Medical and Pharmacy Stop Loss Insurance Services with International Assurance of Tennessee, Inc. (Event No. 6816) – **APPROVED**
41. Motion to Renew Annual Contract for Medical Fitness Examinations and Testing with St. Joseph's/Candler for Savannah Fire Rescue Staff (Event No. 4952) – **APPROVED**
42. Motion to Renew Annual Contract for Uniforms for the Savannah Fire Rescue Department with Galls, Inc. (Event No. 5393) – **APPROVED**
43. Motion to Renew Annual Contract for Natural Gas Firm Service with Mansfield Power and Gas (Event No. 3571) – **APPROVED**
44. Motion to Correct the Record Regarding Renewal of Annual Contract for Critical Workforce Provisions with the Guardian Centers, LLC (Event No. 5452) – **APPROVED**
45. Motion to Renew Annual Contract for Water Level Monitoring Equipment with Siemens Industry, Inc. (Event No. 3955) – **APPROVED**
46. Motion to Renew Annual Contract for Polymer with Polydyne, Inc. (Event No. 3624) – **APPROVED**
47. Motion to Award Annual Contract for Horticultural Products to BWI Companies and Howard Fertilizer and Chemical (Event No. 6599) – **APPROVED**
48. Motion to Award Annual Contract for Recyclable Materials Processing Services to Pratt Recycling, Inc. (Event No. 6407) – **APPROVED**



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49. Motion to Renew Annual Contract for Yard Waste Management with ELP Landscape Services, Inc. (Event No. 5464) – **APPROVED**
50. Notification of Emergency Procurement of Bridge Repair Services from TIC (Event No. 6798) – **APPROVED**
51. Motion to Procure Annual Maintenance Agreement for the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) System to Emerson Process Management (Event No. 6803) – **APPROVED**
52. Motion to Procure Multi-Factor Authentication Licensing from DUO Security, Inc. (Event No. 6784) – **APPROVED**
53. Motion to Procure Annual Maintenance Agreement for the Fleet Fuel Consumption Software from Gilbarco, Inc. (Event No. 6781) – **APPROVED**
54. Motion to Award Annual Contract for Third Party Administrator Adjusting Services for Workers' Compensation and Auto Liability Claims to Gallagher Bassett (Event No. 6452) – **APPROVED**
55. Motion to Approve Memorandum of Agreement and Cost Share with Lowcountry Land Trust to Procure a Conservation Easement on the Savannah River – **APPROVED**
56. Motion to Accept FY2019 WIOA Adult and Dislocated Worker Grant Awards in the amount of \$2,426,284.00 – **APPROVED**
57. Motion to Accept Additional PY2017/FY2018 WIOA Adult and Dislocated Worker Grant Awards in the amount of \$106,421.00 – **APPROVED**

CITY ATTORNEY ACTION ITEMS

58. Motion to Approve Settlement of Claims:
 - **Settlement of Workers' Compensation Claim of Walterella McNear (dec. Ellison McNear) – APPROVED**
 - **Settlement of Workers' Compensation Claims of Jimmie Martin – APPROVED**



REAL ESTATE

59. Motion to Approve the Sale of Surplus Property Located at 6 West Henry Street to Inman Park Properties, Inc. (Event No. 6470) – **APPROVED**
60. Motion to Approve Lease Agreement for 15 Parking Garage Spaces with 7 Drayton Street Hotel, LLC – **APPROVED**
61. Motion to Approve New Contract with Coastal Heritage Society to Use, Operate and Manage Tricentennial Park Complex – **WITHDRAWN BY CITY MANAGER**
62. Motion to Approve Lease Amendment with T-Mobile at 400 Airport Road (Travis Field) – **APPROVED**

ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

63. Motion to Adopt Proclamation Declaring December 20, 2018 – **Mayor DeLoach announced that this was both a good and sad day for Savannah. Chief Middleton gets to go out in style, but sad because the City is losing a strong leader. He has known Chief Middleton for a long time, since they were in high school together, and stated that he is one of the finest men he has ever met. Mayor DeLoach said that it has truly been a blessing to have known him all these years. He then read the proclamation which discussed Chief Middleton's experience prior to coming to the City of Savannah Fire Department, as well as his accomplishments while serving as Fire Chief. Chief Middleton retires on January 1, 2019, after twelve years of dedicated and meritorious service. Mayor DeLoach declared December 20, 2018 as Fire Chief Charles G. Middleton Day in Savannah. Chief Middleton thanked everyone who came out today, especially the Fire Department employees. He stated he had the opportunity to go away and then come back and hopefully he did his best work here. Throughout his tenure, they pushed the envelope and strived to be the best. As the City moves forward they still have difficult tasks ahead of them, and he hopes that City Council continues to be supportive of the Fire Department and all public safety, including police, fire, water and sewer, payroll, and everyone in the City that supports safety. He stated he has been very honored and privileged to have led the Fire Department and have been a part of the Savannah community. As he walks out the door, he feels like he helped make it better, and he thanks them for the opportunity. Mayor DeLoach invited everyone to join them for punch and cake in the Rotunda after the meeting.**
64. Recognition of the Coaches and Players from the City of Savannah Youth Football League Championship Teams Who Recently Participated in the State Playoffs – **Alderman Miller**



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announced that in the past year, the City of Savannah produced three teams that have gone to the state playoffs, the Hurricanes, the Pitbulls, and the Savannah Stars. The Hurricanes, 12 and under, were state runner ups with a 9-2 record and were recognized though the team was not present. Barry Baker, Parks and Recreation Director, reviewed the City's Youth Football Program for ages 6-12. The program certifies coaches, provides sports medicine to care for the players, and police security. He noted that they could not have the number of teams that participates, about thirty, without the volunteer coaches. The Pitbulls, led by founder Kevin Richards, finished with a perfect 17-0 record and won the state 8 and under championship. The team came forward to be recognized by City Council and Coach Richards thanked Mayor DeLoach for the opportunity to recognize the children. He introduced the coaches and noted they sacrifice time with family and work. Alderman Miller stated these coaches pull these kids together, pick them up, drive them home, sometimes buy them meals, and do a lot of it out of their own pockets. Coach Richards introduced each athlete and stated these are the product and future of Savannah. They have to maintain a B+ average to be on the team and all 23 members that started with the team stayed with the team all season. Coach Herman Washington came forward with the 10 and under Savannah Stars football team. They have won the state championship three years in a row and this year had an undefeated 13-0 season. Coach Washington said Stars stands for Striving Towards Academic and Recreation Success and if their grades are not where they should be they don't play. He thanked the City for helping them, and then their team mom introduced each student athlete and Coach Washington named all of the coaches. Alderman Thomas recognized Barry Baker for all of his efforts and hard work over the decades on behalf of Savannah's children.

65. Motion to Amend the Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance to Allow the Sale of Alcohol by the Package on Thanksgiving and Christmas – **APPROVED**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor DeLoach announced that Police Chief Roy Minter's swearing in ceremony will be next Friday, December 28th at 1:00 p.m. at the Forsyth Park Fountain. The alternate location in case of rain will be the Civic Center Ballroom.

Alderman Thomas invited everyone to the naming ceremony for the honorary Jackie Haberman Way tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. at the intersection of Windsor Road and White Bluff Road.

Alderman Thomas recognized Bonnie Walden and Jessica Walden, owners of Bay Street Blues, for their continued efforts to raise money for toys for children through the "Toys for Shots" program. For years they have raised thousands of dollars for toys, and this year over 125 children received toys through their efforts, including children at Urban Hope. Bonnie and her



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daughter do this program every year, and he wants to both congratulate them and thank them for what they have done for our children.

Alderman Hall thanked Savannah Bike Walk for their efforts last Sunday at Savannah Gardens where they distributed 50 to 75 bicycles to the children. He said you could feel the excitement in the air as the children got to stand by their new bikes and get their pictures taken. Alderman Hall wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

City Manager Hernandez reminded everyone that City Council would meet again tonight for a special meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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

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Acting Clerk of Council