



SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL  
ACTION MEETING MINUTES  
January 31, 2019

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 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  
Interim 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)**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Motion to Approve the Summary/Final Minutes for the City Council Work Session and City Manager's Briefing of January 17, 2019 – **APPROVED**
2. Motion to Approve the Summary/Final Minutes for the City Council Meeting of January 17, 2019 – **APPROVED**

**PRESENTATIONS**

3. A Proclamation Designating February 1, 2019 as "National Wear Red Day" in Savannah – **Mayor DeLoach read a proclamation declaring February 1, 2019 as National Wear Red Day in Savannah and urged all Savannahians to show their support for women in their fight against cardiovascular disease. Cardiovascular disease is the number one killer of women in the United States, with risk factors including high blood pressure, smoking, and lack of**



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physical activity. National Wear Red Day encourages women to meet with their healthcare providers, raises awareness of their five health numbers, and empowers women to reduce their risk so that we can save thousands of lives each year. Ms. Kathy Levitt, representative of the American Heart Association, thanked City Council for their support and encouraged “go red for men” too. Alderwoman Shabazz thanked Ms. Levitt for bringing attention to this issue, and stated that sometimes women take care of everyone else and forget to take care of themselves.

4. A Formal Invitation to the Mayor and Alderman to Attend the 30th Annual Savannah Black Heritage Festival – **Rebecca Brown, Cultural Affairs Coordinator with the City of Savannah Cultural Resources Department, Shirley James and Amanda Holloway, of the Black Heritage Festival, and Dr. Cheryl Dozier, President of Savannah State University,** invited the community to attend the Savannah Black Heritage Festival with events starting on February 1<sup>st</sup> and running through February 22<sup>nd</sup>. This year’s festival is the thirtieth year celebration and will serve as a tribute to W. W. Law, the founder and organizer of the festival. The festival poster features the posters of the past twenty years, as well as the first poster from 1989. Ms. James thanked the City for their support through the arts and cultural investment program which allows this program to be open to the public. Dr. Dozier stated Savannah State is proud to be a primary sponsor of the event and help celebrate the legacy of their founding president R. R. Wright at National Freedom Day. Ms. James highlighted some of the events, including a tribute to W. W. Law at the Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum, Council with the Elders sponsored by the Shinhoster Leadership Group, the W. W. Law Lecture, the History and Health Walk tracing the footsteps of W. W. Law’s postal route in the Cuyler-Brownville neighborhood, and the Grand Festival. She noted the concert on February 15<sup>th</sup> at the Georgia Southern Armstrong Campus featuring the Brothers Maestro, classically trained violinists. The end of the Festival will be on February 22<sup>nd</sup> with the dedication of historical markers in the White Bluff/Coffee Bluff area commemorating African Americans who settled there. More information can be found at [www.savannahblackheritagefestival.com](http://www.savannahblackheritagefestival.com).

Alderwoman Bell added that an additional event was added this year to engage middle school students who will participate in the first black scholars’ history bowl which will be held at the Beach Institute. This will be an opportunity to engage our students and learn about the history and contributions made by African Americans, particularly in Savannah. Alderman Johnson thanked all of the presenters for their work. He stated he has had the opportunity to attend all thirty years of the Festival, which started as a partnership with the City and Savannah State. He also took the opportunity to thank Dr. Dozier for all that she has done for Savannah State. Alderman Thomas thanked Ms. James for her leadership through the years, and stated he was extremely pleased with the upcoming dedication of the markers on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and the work the Crusader organization has done with getting those markers ready. Alderwoman Shabazz stated that Ms. James has



**modeled leadership perfectly for the team coming up behind her and thanked her for her work.**

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE HEARINGS**

5. Motion to Approve Alcohol License for Christopher L. Green of Chili's Grill & Bar – **APPROVED**
6. Motion to Approve Alcohol License for Eddie Collins of Flajaes III Package Store – **APPROVED**
7. Motion to Approve Alcohol License for Phalania D. Williams of Walgreens #05368 – **APPROVED**
8. Motion to Approve Alcohol License for Colleen H. Lyons of The Olive Garden Italian Restaurant #1529 – **APPROVED**
9. Motion to Approve Alcohol License for Christopher Dickerson of Squirrel's Pizza – **APPROVED**
10. Motion to Approve Alcohol Licenses for Juan T. Fernandez of The Desoto Hotel – **APPROVED**
11. Motion to Approve Alcohol License for Arpitbhai K. Patel of A-1 Food Corner – **APPROVED**
12. Motion to Approve Alcohol License for Sonia H. Greene of Courtyard by Marriott – **APPROVED**

**ZONING HEARINGS**

13. Motion to Amend the Zoning Ordinance By Creating the Cohen's Retreat PUD Zoning District (Petitioner: Joshua Yellin for HTIMS, LLC) – **APPROVED**
14. Motion to Rezone 5715 Skidaway Road from PUD-IS-B to Cohen's Retreat PUD (Petitioner: Joshua Yellin for HTIMS, LLC) – **APPROVED**
15. Motion to Rezone 3811 Bull Street and 3813 Bull Street from B-G-1 to RIP (Petitioner: Teresa Coleman) – **CONTINUED TO CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 14, 2019**



**ORDINANCES – FIRST AND SECOND READING**

16. Motion to Amend the Zoning Ordinance Regarding Inns (Petitioner: City of Savannah) – **APPROVED AND ADOPTED JANUARY 31, 2019**
17. Motion to Amend the Zoning Ordinance to Allow Certain Savannah Historic District Exceptions Outside of the Historic District (Petitioner: Harold Yellin for Standard Southeast LLC) – **APPROVED AND ADOPTED JANUARY 31, 2019**
18. Motion to Rezone 1150 Fort Argyle Road with Approval of a GDP/Site Plan (Petitioner: Chad R. Zittrouer for Lewis Commercial Properties, LLC) – **APPROVED AND ADOPTED JANUARY 31, 2019**

**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 JANUARY 17, 2019**
19. Motion to Adopt a Resolution for the 2019 City of Savannah Municipal Elections, Setting the Qualifying Fee and Authorizing Staff to Contract with the Chatham County Elections Board to Conduct the Elections – **APPROVED AND ADOPTED JANUARY 31, 2019**
  20. Motion to Adopt a Resolution in Support of the Grant Application to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources to Complete the Cuyler-Brownville Historic Resource Survey – **APPROVED AND ADOPTED JANUARY 31, 2019**

**SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS**

21. Motion To Renew the Air Service Development Consulting Services Agreement with Ailevon Pacific Aviation Consulting – **APPROVED**
22. Motion to Procure Services from Belfor Property Restoration for Site Remediation at the Leased Area of PSA Airlines – **APPROVED**
23. Motion to Approve a One (1) Year Executive Professional Services Agreement with Steven Baldwin Associates, LLC – **APPROVED**
24. Motion to Approve a Travel and Leisure Promotional Campaign Partnership with the Hilton Head Island – Bluffton Chamber of Commerce – **APPROVED**



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**PURCHASING ITEMS**

26. Motion to Renew Annual Contract for Soft Drink Concessions for the Civic Center with Coca-Cola Bottling Company (Event No. 5947) – **APPROVED**
27. Motion to Renew Annual Contract for Grounds Maintenance for Public Rights of Way with J Corbett Enterprises, Inc. (Event No. 5860) – **APPROVED**
28. Motion to Renew Annual Contract for Conservation Services for City Cemeteries with Landmark Preservation, LLC and Savannah Construction and Preservation (Event No. 5349) – **APPROVED**
29. Motion to Renew Annual Contract for Grounds Maintenance Services with Venson Lawn and Landscapes for Laurel Grove South Cemetery (Event No. 5446) – **APPROVED**
30. Motion to Renew Annual Contract for Grounds Maintenance Services with J Corbett Enterprise, Inc. for Laurel Grove North Cemetery (Event No. 4442) – **APPROVED**
31. Motion to Renew Annual Contract for Water Meters with Badger Meter, Inc. (Event No. 5396) – **APPROVED**
32. Motion to Renew Annual Contract for Autodialers with Raco/EH Solutions (Event No. 3201) – **APPROVED**
33. Motion to Procure Point of Sale System for the Savannah Civic Center from Appetize Technologies, Inc. (Event No. 6011) – **APPROVED**
34. Motion to Procure Professional Engineering Design and Construction Overview Services for the Travis Field Water Reclamation Facility from Thomas & Hutton Engineering, Co. (Event No. 6688) – **APPROVED**
35. Motion to Procure Engineering Services from Thomas & Hutton Engineering Co. for the Industrial and Domestic Raw Waterline Replacement (Event No. 6636) – **APPROVED**
36. Motion to Procure Annual Maintenance Agreement for Variable Frequency Drives from Siemens Industry, Inc. (Event No. 6875) – **APPROVED**



37. Motion to Procure Software Services from Infor Global Solutions to Upgrade the Lawson System (Event No. 6870) – **APPROVED**
38. Motion to Procure Kiteworks Annual Maintenance Agreement from Accellion, Inc. (Event No. 6864) – **APPROVED**
39. Motion to Procure Annual Maintenance Agreement with MS Govern for the Govern Revenue Applications and Software (Event No. 6863) – **APPROVED**
40. Motion to Procure Annual Maintenance Agreement for the Motorola Radio Equipment to Motorola Solutions, Inc. (Event No. 6803) – **APPROVED**
41. Motion to Procure Training Services (Leadership in Police Organizations) from the International Association of Chiefs of Police (Event No. 6868) – **APPROVED**
42. Motion to Award Annual Contract for Various Tools to Millworks & Supply, Inc. and MSC Industrial Supply (Event No. 6607) – **APPROVED**

#### **REAL ESTATE ITEMS**

43. Motion to Approve Third Amendment of Sale Contract with Geyer Morris Company to Purchase Property at Oglethorpe Avenue and Habersham Street – **APPROVED**
44. Motion to Approve Utility Easement for Georgia Power at Wheaton Street – **APPROVED**
45. Motion to Declare Surplus and Available for Sale or Lease Property Located at 740 Chevis Road – **APPROVED**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Alderwoman Bell announced that she had been asked to serve on a focus group with GMA to establish a 501c3 nonprofit for GMA to provide funds to member cities to initiate new projects.

Alderwoman Shabazz invited citizens of the Fifth District to two town hall meetings in February: February 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Mosaic Church, 7 Canebrake Road; and February 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Liberty City Center, 1401 Mills B. Lane Boulevard.

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



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