



SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
ACTION MEETING MINUTES
February 28, 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 Father Patrick O'Brien, Chaplain for the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee.

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

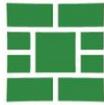
City Manager Rob Hernandez
Assistant to the City Manager Bret Bell
Interim City Attorney Jen Herman
Assistant City Attorney William Shearouse

[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 and Litigation 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 February 14, 2019 – **APPROVED**
2. Motion to Approve the Summary/Final Minutes for the City Council Meeting of February 14, 2019 – **APPROVED**
3. Motion to Approve the Summary/Final Minutes for the City Council Work Session of February 20, 2019 – **WITHDRAWN BY CLERK OF COUNCIL**
4. Motion to Approve the Summary/Final Minutes for the Mayor's State of the City Address of February 19, 2019 – **APPROVED**



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Upon motion of Alderwoman Bell, seconded by Alderwoman Shabazz, unanimous approval was given to amend the agenda by: adding Item 42 Resolution in Opposition of HB-302 and SB-172; and adding Item 4b Presentation to Recognize Georgia Power.

PRESENTATIONS

- 4b. Presentation by Georgia Power of Annual Franchise Check – **Swann Seiler, Manager of External Affairs for Georgia Power Southeast, presented the City their annual franchise check in the amount of \$8,493,689.43, and increase of 4.96%. She stated that Georgia Power appreciates the spirit of cooperation that exists between the City and their company. Alderman Johnson noted that this is not a donation, but a reimbursement of funds. Ms. Seiler explained that the franchise fee allows Georgia Power to do work in the City's right-of-way.**
5. Recognition of a \$6,250 Donation by Bank OZK to the Savannah Affordable Housing Solutions Fund – **Lisa Tolliver and representatives of Bank OZK presented a donation to the Savannah Affordable Housing Solutions Fund. Ms. Tolliver stated they believe in building communities one relationship at a time and the Department of Housing is doing just that through this program by offering hardworking people the dream of home ownership. She said they wanted to say thank you and that they are proud to be part of the impact. Martin Fretty, Director of the City Housing Department, expressed his appreciation for all the participation by banks and other partners. He explained the Savannah Affordable Housing Solutions Fund is a locally designated fund created in 2012 that came about as federal funding, which comes with many regulations, continued to dwindle. This fund helps the City leverage money from the private sector.**
6. Recognition of a \$2,500 Donation by the Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. to the Savannah Affordable Housing Solutions Fund – **Martin Fretty, Director of Housing, said the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund partnership could not take place without CHSA, and noted that this donation is coming from a private citizen with a request that it be used in the second district. Darrel Daise, with the Community Housing Services Agency, noted the donation is directed to the minor home repair program for the second district.**
7. Appearance by the Board of Keep Savannah Beautiful to Recognize them as a 2019 Recipient of the Governor's Circle Award – **Representatives from the City's Sanitation Department, including Carliss Bates, Gene Prevatt, and Q Andrews, along with members**



of the Keep Savannah Beautiful Board came forward to discuss their recent recognition by the Keep Georgia Beautiful organization. They were the recipients of a Governor's Circle Award for 2018 accomplishments, including a litter index survey. Board Chair LaToya Brannen thanked City Council for their support of the Board and announced the City Employee Service Day tomorrow, followed by the Great Savannah Litter Pickup on Saturday. Over 500 employees would be conducting cleanup at 33 different areas around the City on Friday, while 81 organizations are registered to participate on Saturday in a second cleanup day. Carliss Bates was also recognized by Council for her work with the Keep Savannah Beautiful Board.

8. Presentation of the 2019 St. Patrick's Day Parade Permit to Members of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee by Mayor Eddie W. DeLoach – **APPROVED**

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE HEARINGS

9. Motion to Approve a Class C Alcohol License for Rajendra A. Patel of Sai Octane located at 35 Whitaker Street (Aldermanic District 2) – **APPROVED**
10. Motion to Approve a Class C Alcohol License for Myong K. Heritage of Big Bon Bodega at 2011 Bull Street (Aldermanic District 2) – **APPROVED**
11. Motion to Approve a Class E Alcohol License for Myong K. Heritage of Big Bon Bodega at 2011 Bull Street (Aldermanic District 2) – **APPROVED**

ZONING HEARINGS

12. Motion to Amend the Zoning Ordinance Regarding Upper-story Residential as an Alternative to the Rezoning of 415 East Oglethorpe Avenue (Petitioner: Planning Commission) – **WITHDRAWN BY PETITIONER**
13. Motion to Deny the Rezoning Request of 415 East Oglethorpe Ave from RIP-C to B-C (Petitioner: Harold Yellin for Bryson-Read, LLC) – **WITHDRAWN BY PETITIONER**
14. Motion to Amend the Future Land Use Category for 703 Louisville Road (Petitioner: MPC staff) – **APPROVED BASED ON PRESENTED REVISED PLAN**
15. Motion to Rezone 703 Louisville Road from P-RIP-D with a GDP and I-H to P-RIP-D with a GDP (Petitioner: WEDP Fund I, LLC) – **APPROVED BASED ON PRESENTED REVISED PLAN**



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16. Motion to Amend the Zoning Ordinance Regarding the Creation of a Conservation Overlay District for Daffin Park and Parkside (Petitioner: Parkside Neighborhood Association) – **CONTINUED TO CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 28, 2019**
17. Motion to Amend the Zoning Map to Designate Daffin Park and Parkside as a Conservation Overlay District (Petitioner: Parkside Neighborhood Association) – **CONTINUED TO CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 28, 2019**
18. Motion to Deny the Request to Amend the Zoning Ordinance Regarding the Historic District Height Map (Petitioner: River Street Hotel LLC, d.b.a. HOS Management) – **APPROVED**
19. Motion to Rezone 317 and 323 East Broughton Street from the RIP-A to BC-1 (Petitioner: Rob Brannen for Davenport House Endowment Fund (D.H.E.F.), Lisa Van Dusen, William H. Morrison, and Nancy Macaluso) – **APPROVED**

PETITIONS

20. Motion to Approve Petition #180280 for Encroachment of Building Footings, Stoops, and Stairs at 701 Montgomery Street – **WITHDRAWN BY CITY MANAGER**
21. Motion to Approve an Honorary Street Designation for “Clifton & Ernestine J. Jones Street” on a Section of Stuyvesant Street from Liberty Parkway East to Harvest Avenue – **APPROVED**
22. Motion to Approve the Naming of the City-Owned Facility at 425 Pennsylvania Avenue – **APPROVED**

ORDINANCES – FIRST AND SECOND READING

23. Motion to Approve Modifications to the Quadricycle Ordinance, Article F: Bicycle, Moped, and Skateboards – **WITHDRAWN BY CITY MANAGER**
24. Motion to Approve Modifications to the Pedicab Ordinance (Article DD - Pedicabs) – **WITHDRAWN BY CITY MANAGER**
25. Motion to Approve the Clean Community Ordinance – **ADOPTED AND APPROVED FEBRUARY 28, 2019**



RESOLUTIONS

A Resolution of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah Authorizing the Mayor to Sign Affidavit of Executive Session (for February 20, 2019 session) – **ADOPTED AND APPROVED FEBRUARY 28, 2019**

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26. Motion to Approve a Resolution Accepting a \$6,250 Donation from Bank OZK for the Savannah Affordable Housing Solutions Fund – **ADOPTED AND APPROVED FEBRUARY 28, 2019**

27. Motion to Approve a Resolution Accepting a \$2,500 Donation from Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. for the Savannah Affordable Housing Solutions Fund – **ADOPTED AND APPROVED FEBRUARY 28, 2019**

28. Motion to Approve a Resolution Extending a Temporary Stay on the Issuance of Alcoholic Beverage Licenses within Portions of Aldermanic District 1 and 5 – **ADOPTED AND APPROVED FEBRUARY 28, 2019**

29. Motion to Approve a Resolution Allowing Alcohol Sales on Sunday, March 17, 2019– **ADOPTED AND APPROVED FEBRUARY 28, 2019**

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION ACTION ITEMS

30. Motion to Procure Services from Altel Systems Group, Inc. – **APPROVED**

31. Motion to Approve an Engagement Letter with Dentons US, LLC for Legal Assistance Related to Airport Certification Under the Safety Act of 2002 – **APPROVED**

32. Motion to Approve a Co-Op Brand USA Multi-Channel Marketing Campaign with the Hilton Head Island – Bluffton Chamber of Commerce – **APPROVED**

PURCHASING ITEMS

33. Motion to Amend a Contract with Goodwin, Mills, and Cawood for Engineering Services for the Industrial and Domestic Water Laboratory (Event No. 4415) – **APPROVED**



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34. Motion to Award Annual Contract for Grounds Maintenance and Mulching Services for Various City-Wide Locations to Family Lawn Care, Inc. (Event No. 6789) – **APPROVED**
35. Motion to Award Annual Contract for Surveying and Drafting Services to Coleman Company (primary contractor), EMC Engineering (secondary contractor), and Brewer Land Surveying (tertiary contractor) (Event No. 6782) – **APPROVED**
36. Motion to Award Construction Contract for Eastern Wharf Dock Repairs to Myrick Marine Contracting Corporation (Event No. 6767) – **APPROVED**
37. Motion to Award Contract for Interior Rehabilitation Services for the River Street Visitor Center to the Basin Company (Event No. 6713) – **APPROVED**
38. Motion to Award Annual Contract for Roadside, Canal, and Aquatic Vegetation Maintenance to NaturChem, Incorporated (Event No. 6833) – **APPROVED**

AGREEMENTS

39. Motion to Approve a Water and Sewer Agreement for Warehouse A of the Highlands Industrial Park – **APPROVED**
40. Motion to Approve a Water and Sewer Agreement for The Palms Subdivision Phase 1A – **APPROVED**
41. Motion to Approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Chatham Area Transit (CAT) for Public Transportation during the 2019 St. Patrick's Day Festival – **APPROVED**

ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

42. Motion to Approve a Resolution in Opposition to HB-302 and SB-172 – **APPROVED**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor DeLoach recognized Acting Clerk of Council Luciana Spracher for her work with City Council as this is her last City Council meeting as Clerk.



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Alderman Thomas confirmed with City Manager Hernandez that a public meeting regarding horse drawn carriages would be held after St. Patrick's Day.

Alderman Johnson asked everyone to keep Ronald Williams in their thoughts and prayers as he is under the weather.

Alderman Hall wished Alderman Foster a Happy Birthday tomorrow. Alderman Foster wished Alderman Hall a Happy Birthday today.

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

Luciana M. Spracher

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Acting Clerk of Council