



**SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
(preliminary)
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AUGUST 29, 2019**

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION

The work session of the City Council was held at 11:00 a.m. in the 2nd Floor Media Room at City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Eddie W. DeLoach, Presiding
Mayor Pro-Tem Carolyn H. Bell
Alderman Brian Foster, Vice-Chairman of Council
Aldermen Bill Durrence, Van R. Johnson, II, Tony Thomas,
John Hall and Dr. Estella E. Shabazz

ABSENT: Alderman Julian Miller, Chairman of Council

ALSO PRESENT:
Chief Infrastructure & Development Officer Heath Lloyd
Interim City Manager Patrick C. Monahan
Assistant to the City Manager Bret Bell
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Deputy City Attorney Jen Herman
Assistant City Attorney William Shearouse
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

AGENDA ITEMS

Upon calling the meeting to order, Mayor DeLoach recognized Chief Infrastructure & Development Officer Heath Lloyd who introduced Emergency Management Director David Donnelly. Mr. Donnelly began with an update of the tropical storm, Hurricane Dorian. Following the Hurricane Dorian presentation, the agenda followed as listed below.

1. Savannah Harbor Presentation. **(PRESENTED by E. Ray Michaels, Jr., Batson Cook Development Company, senior vice president of acquisitions and finance.)**
2. Arena Update. **(PRESENTED by Bret Bell, assistant to the city manager, Bridget Lidy, director of urban planning and urban design, Manny**



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Dominguez, office of business opportunity. Also presenting from Perkins & Will were Jeff Sherman, architect, and Ernest Joyner, principal, operations director.)

- 3. Special Events Ordinance and Application Update. (PRESENTED by Susan Broker, director, special events, film and tourism, and Eddie (Edward) Grant, administrator.)**
- 4. 2020 One Year Action Plan. (PRESENTED by Kerry Reid, director of human services, and Martin Fretty, director of housing & neighborhood services.)**
- 5. 2nd Quarter Capital Projects Update. (PRESENTED by Christy Lawrence, director, capital projects management, and her team: Christian Shellman, Byron Stiles, Dan Reel, Leif Blomberg, Douglas Patten and Carol Moon.)**
- 6. Executive Session. (HELD)**

Alderman Durrence moved to recess the Work Session to conduct a closed Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel, Alderwoman Shabazz seconded. Hearing no objections, the motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Johnson moved to amend the motion and conduct a closed Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel and litigation, Mayor Pro-Tem Bell seconded. Hearing no objections, the motion carried unanimously.

The executive session began at 1:14 p.m.

Alderman Durrence moved to adjourn the executive session, Alderman Johnson seconded. Hearing no objections, the executive session was closed.

There was no action taken in the Executive Session.

The executive session ended at 1:43 p.m.



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The Mayor adjourned the work session.

CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Following the Pledge of Allegiance which was recited in unison, Mayor Pro-Tem Carol Bell offered the invocation.

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ABSENT: Alderman Julian Miller, Chairman of Council

OTHERS PRESENT:
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APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. A. Motion to Authorize the Mayor to execute an affidavit and sign a resolution indicating that an Executive Session was held for the purpose of discussing personnel and litigation for which no action was taken. **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY)**

- 1B. Motion to Adopt the Agenda for the August 29, 2019 City Council Regular Meeting. **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY)**



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CONSENT AGENDA - This section shall include all routine items for which it is anticipated there will be no debate or requests for public input. Any Alderman can remove consent items for discussion or separate consideration.

2. Approval of Minutes for the Work Session & City Manager's Briefing on August 15, 2019. **(APPROVED #2, #3 and #5 UNANIMOUSLY)**
3. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting on August 15, 2019. **(APPROVED #2, #3 and #5 UNANIMOUSLY)**
4. Confirmation of Memorandum of Understanding for Intersection Improvements at Benton Boulevard and Spring Lakes Boulevard. **(APPROVED #4 UNANIMOUSLY)**
5. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Revenue Neutral Contract with Southeast Corrections for Probation Services in the Recorder's Court (Event No. 7365). **(APPROVED #2, #3 and #5 UNANIMOUSLY)**

PURCHASING ITEMS

6. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Renew and Execute Contract Modification No. 2 with Southern Champion Construction for On-Call Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Line Repair in an Amount Not to Exceed \$3,500,000 (Event No. 5512). **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY)**
7. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Ruby Collins, Inc. for a New Water Reclamation Facility at Travis Field in the Amount of \$39,355,812 (Event No. 7169). **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY)**
8. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract with Savannah River Utilities for Heavy Equipment Rental in the Amount of \$300,000 (Event No. 7209). **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY)**



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9. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Pioneer Construction, Inc. for Barnard Street Ramp Repairs in the Amount of \$191,071 (Event No. 7091). **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY)**
10. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Georgia Power to Repair Switches at the President Street Plant in the Amount of \$113,714.29 (Event No. 7360). **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY)**
11. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Baker Tilly Virchow Krause; Developmental Associates; The Mercer Group; and Ralph Andersen & Associates for Executive Recruitment Services on an As Needed Basis in an Amount Not to Exceed \$100,000 (Event No. 7198). **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY)**
12. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Procure 80 Portable Replacement Radios from Motorola Solutions in the Amount of \$460,723.30 (Event No. 7367). **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY)**
13. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Procure a Front Loader Truck from Wastebuilt c/o New Way in the Amount of \$268,262.92 (Event No. 7322). **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY)**

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

14. Motion to Approve a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Mases Vera Jr. of Oh! Mexico Bar and Grill at 492 Jimmy Deloach Parkway, Suite 103 (Aldermanic District 1). **(HEARING CONDUCTED and LICENSE APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY)**
15. Motion to Approve a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Pravin Patel of Abercorn BP at 7202 Abercorn Street (Aldermanic District 4). **(HEARING CONDUCTED and LICENSE APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY)**



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16. Motion to Approve a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License for Shaun M. O'Keefe of ALDI #88 at 14070 Abercorn Street (Aldermanic District 6). **(HEARING CONDUCTED and LICENSE APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY)**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

17. Public Hearing and Second Reading of the Downtown Savannah Authority Bond Application for Approximately \$10 million to Fund the West River Street Parking Garage. **(HEARING CONDUCTED and APPROVED, with Alderwoman Shabazz voting no.)**
18. Public Hearing and Second Reading of the Downtown Savannah Authority Bond Application for Approximately \$45 million to Partially Fund the New Savannah Arena. **(HEARING CONDUCTED and APPROVED, with Alderwoman Shabazz voting no.)**

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING

19. Motion To Approve Annexation of 661.3 acres off Old River Road near Interstate 16. **(FIRST AND SECOND READINGS HEARD and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY, with contingency that municipal services to be paid for in lieu of taxes)**
20. Motion to Provide a Zoning Designation for 661.3 Acres on I-16 and Old River Road (Petitioner: James Gerard for the Morgan Family and Thomas Gray for Savannah Economic Development Authority). **(FIRST AND SECOND READINGS HEARD and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY)**

RESOLUTIONS

21. Motion to Adopt a Resolution Supporting Locally Established Building Design Standards for Residential Dwellings. **(CONTINUED FOR TWO WEEKS)**



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AGREEMENTS

22. Motion to Accept PY2019 WIOA Adult and Dislocated Worker Grant Awards in the Amount of \$507,067. **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY, #22, #23 and #26 through #29, per City Manager's recommendation)**
23. Motion to Accept PY2019 WIOA Youth Grant Awards in the Amount of \$1,365,219. **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY, #22, #23 and #26 through #29, per City Manager's recommendation)**
24. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with OVG Facilities Inc. for Civic Center Management Services. **(APPROVED, with Alderwoman Shabazz and Alderman Thomas voting no. Mayor Pro-Tem Bell recused herself from the discussion and vote.)**
25. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Competitor Group for the Rock n' Roll Savannah Marathon. **(APPROVED, with Alderman Durrence voting no.)**
26. Motion to Approve a Water and Sewer Agreement with Land Pros Southeast, LLC. for Highland Falls Phase 6. **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY, #22, #23 and #26 through #29, per City Manager's recommendation)**
27. Motion to Approve a Water and Sewer Agreement with North Godley Industrial Park, LLC. for Spring Lakes Phase V. **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY, #22, #23 and #26 through #29, per City Manager's recommendation)**
28. Motion to Approve a Water and Sewer Agreement with Enmark Stations, Inc. for Two New Enmarket Corporate Office Facilities. **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY, #22, #23 and #26 through #29, per City Manager's recommendation)**



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29. Motion to Approve a Water and Sewer Agreement with Bradley Lot Developers, LLC. for Bradley Point Phase 6. **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY, #22, #23 and #26 through #29, per City Manager's recommendation)**

REAL ESTATE ITEMS

30. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Lease with Tenenbaum Inc. for 0 West Gwinnett Street (PIN: 2-0046-03-011). **(APPROVED, with Alderwoman Shabazz and Alderman Thomas voting no.)**
31. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with Chatham County for the Use of Jenkins High School Pool at 1800 DeRenne Avenue. **(AGENDA ITEM #31 WITHDRAWN, as requested by staff. Agreement is no longer needed.)**
32. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a 5-Year Lease Extension with Galaxy Café, Inc. for the Olympia Café at 210 East Bay Street. **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY)**
33. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement with Chatham Steel for an Easement at 0 West Gwinnett Street (PIN 20046 03013). **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY)**

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

34. Personnel Action #1.
Motion to execute an amended and restated employment agreement between the Mayor and Alderman of the City of Savannah and Patrick C. Monhahan. **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY)**



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35. Litigation Action #1.

Motion to direct the City Attorney to serve notice on Marathon Gas Station (Dharnisthaben Patel) at 1816 Montgomery Street (District 2) to show cause for why the alcohol beverage license should not be revoked. **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY)**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor DeLoach announced Alderman Julian Miller was not with us, so he could attend a family wedding.

Mayor DeLoach also read into the record two letters from a Summer 500 participant (Reuel J. Allen) and the parents (Matthew and Nadine Allen), thanking the City for the program.

Alderman Thomas indicated he had one issue which he is requesting the City Manager's assistance. Georgia Power is cutting and butchering trees in the Windsor Forest community and throughout the southside, and causing them to die. He would like the City Manager to contact Georgia Power and have a meeting before this goes any farther. Alderman Hall indicated that it is happening all over the City. He requested that they just take the damaged and dying trees down.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bell asked Heath Lloyd to check into a request for speed bumps on Amaranth Avenue. Alderwoman Shabazz indicated that she, members of Heath Lloyd's team and citizens in the area of Hopkins and Amaranth have been working on this issue. She requested Heath Lloyd to give them additional information on the resident related to the request.

Alderman Johnson announced there is a Special Called Meeting (to authorize the use of eminent domain) later today at 5:30 p.m.

With no further business coming before the assembly, Mayor DeLoach adjourned the meeting at 3:13 p.m.