



## WORK SESSION & MANAGER'S BRIEFING

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The work session of the City Council was held at 10:01 a.m. in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Media Room at City Hall.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding  
Alderman Kesha Gibson-Carter  
Alderman Alicia Miller Blakely  
Alderman Bernetta B. Lanier  
Alderman Detric Leggett  
Alderman Linda Wilder-Bryan  
Alderman Nick Palumbo  
Alderman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz  
Alderman Kurtis Purtee

**ALSO PRESENT:**

City Manager Pat Monahan  
Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd  
Interim Chief Operating Officer Bret Bell  
Assistant to City Manager Daphanie Williams  
City Attorney Bates Lovett  
Deputy City Attorney Jen Herman  
Clerk of Council Mark Massey  
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

### AGENDA ITEMS

1. Council Organizational Items Discussion. **(Presented by Mayor Van R. Johnson, II)**

**Mayor Johnson welcomed everyone to the work session and he briefly mentioned that the organizational items have previously been discussed, including the officer positions of Mayor Pro-Tem, Chair of Council and Vice-Chair of Council. He also indicated that he requested the City Manager, City Attorney and Clerk of Council to prepare a draft of procedural rules for meetings that can be considered by the Mayor and Aldermen. Mayor Johnson then requested the Clerk of Council to introduce the next presenter.**



2. Robert's Rules of Order Presentation. **(Presented by Carol Johnson Davis, CP-T, PRP)**
  
3. 2020 Legislative Priorities. **(Presented by Joseph Shearouse, Acting Assistant to the City Manager)**
  
4. 2020 Operating and Capital Budget Update. **(Presented by Melissa Carter, Sr. Director of Budget and David Maxwell, Finance Director)**
  
5. Litigation, Real Estate, and Personnel. **(HELD)**

**Alderman Lanier moved to recess the meeting for a closed executive session regarding real estate, Alderman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**

**The executive session began at 12:59 p.m.**

**Alderman Miller Blakely moved to close the executive session regarding real estate, Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion carried unanimously.**

**The executive session ended at 1:50 p.m.**

6. Review of City Council Agenda. **(HELD)**

**Mayor Johnson adjourned the work session at 1:59 p.m.**



## CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

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The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:08 p.m. in the City Council chambers at City Hall. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order and introduced The Reverend Joseph Kwong-Ho Wong, Pastor of Chinese Baptist Church of Savannah (formerly Ardsley Park Chinese Mission), who offered the Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding  
Alderswoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, Chair of Council  
Alderswoman Alicia Miller Blakely  
Alderswoman Bernetta B. Lanier  
Alderman Detric Leggett  
Alderswoman Linda Wilder-Bryan  
Alderman Nick Palumbo, Vice-Chairman  
Alderswoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Alderman Kurtis Purtee

**ALSO PRESENT:**  
City Manager Pat Monahan  
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Interim Chief Operating Officer Bret Bell  
City Attorney Bates Lovett  
Deputy City Attorney Jen Herman  
Assistant City Attorney William Shearouse  
Clerk of Council Mark Massey  
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret F. Fox

### AGENDA ITEMS

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Motion to Adopt the Agenda for the January 16, 2020 City Council Regular Meeting. **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY)**

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session & City Manager's Briefing on December 19, 2019. **(APPROVED #2, #3 and #4 UNANIMOUSLY)**



3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular City Council Meeting on December 19, 2019. **(APPROVED #2, #3 and #4 UNANIMOUSLY)**
4. Approval of the Minutes for the Special City Council Meeting on December 19, 2019. **(APPROVED #2, #3 and #4 UNANIMOUSLY)**
5. Approval of the Minutes for the Inauguration on January 2, 2020. **(APPROVED #5 UNANIMOUSLY)**

### ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

6. Election of Mayor Pro Tem, Council Chair and Council Vice Chair.
  - a. **Alderman Miller Blakely nominated Alderman Dr. Shabazz to be elected as Mayor Pro-Tem, Alderman Gibson-Carter seconded. The motion was adopted unanimously. (PASSED)**
  - b. **Alderman Miller Blakely nominated Alderman Gibson-Carter to be elected as Chair of Council, Alderman Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion was adopted unanimously. (PASSED)**
  - c. **Alderman Wilder-Bryan nominated Alderman Palumbo to be elected as Vice-Chairman of Council, Alderman Leggett seconded. After motion d. was made, the motion was adopted 5-4-0, with Aldermen Gibson-Carter, Miller Blakely, Lanier, and Gibson-Carter voting no. (PASSED)**
  - d. **Alderman Dr. Shabazz nominated Alderman Miller Blakely to be Vice-Chair of Council. Mayor Johnson ruled that the body will first handle motion c. which is already on the floor. (No vote was taken on this motion)**

### PRESENTATIONS

7. Appearance by the St. Joseph's/Candler Smart Senior Program to Announce the 2020 Smart Living Expo and Health Fair. **(PRESENTED by Ms. Jenny Koch, program manager)**



8. Appearance and Recognition of Memorial Health University Medical Center's \$30,000 donation to the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund. **(PRESENTED by Mr. Israel Small, Board Member and Mr. Shayne George, President and CEO)**
9. A Formal Invitation to the Mayor and Alderman to Attend the 31st Annual Savannah Black Heritage Festival. **(PRESENTED by Dr. Sametria McFall, Savannah State University Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs, and Mrs. Shirley Barber James, The Savannah Tribune Publisher)**

**9B. Mayor Johnson exercised a point of personal privilege in recognition of Mr. Barry Baker for his 2nd retirement from the Recreation and Leisure Services department.**

**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.**

10. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 with Beers Housing, Inc. for Securing Structures in the Amount of \$40,000 (Event No. 6913). **(APPROVED #10 UNANIMOUSLY)**
11. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 with Johnson-Laux Construction for Summerside Park in the Amount of \$24,717.08 (Event No. 7381). **(APPROVED #11 UNANIMOUSLY)**
12. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 with Dabbs-Williams General Contractors, LLC for the Industrial and Domestic Water Laboratory in the Amount of \$24,188.19 (Event No. 6047). **(APPROVED #12, #16-18 and #20 UNANIMOUSLY)**
13. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 with Astra Construction Services, LLC for the Cann Park Sidewalk Project in the Amount of \$20,352.23 (Event No. 6423). **(APPROVED #13 UNANIMOUSLY)**
14. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 2 with Myrick Marine for the Eastern Wharf Dock Repairs in the Amount of \$14,335



(Event No. 6767). **(APPROVED #14, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no.)**

15. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 with Johnson-Laux Construction for the Savannah Police Department's Forensic Garage in the Amount of \$11,478.83 (Event No. 6814). **(APPROVED #15 UNANIMOUSLY)**

16. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 5 with Watkins Associates Architects for Savannah Fire Training Facility in the Amount of a Reduction of \$1,150 (Event No. 2618). **(APPROVED #12, #16-18 and #20 UNANIMOUSLY)**

17. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 2 with Johnson-Laux Construction for Streetscapes Improvements for Cedar Street in the Amount of a Reduction of \$215.58 (Event No. 7035). **(APPROVED #12, #16-18 and #20 UNANIMOUSLY)**

18. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Procure Two Tilt Gooseneck Trailers from Econoline Trailers, Inc. in the Amount of \$26,330 (Event No. 7584). **(APPROVED #12, #16-18 and #20 UNANIMOUSLY)**

19. Notification of Emergency Procurement of Repair Services for an Eroded Slope Paving and Piling on the Jimmy DeLoach Bridge with CSX Transportation, Inc. in the Amount of \$34,309 (Event No. 7647). **(APPROVED #19 UNANIMOUSLY)**

20. Motion to Approve a Resolution Accepting a \$30,000 Donation from Memorial Health University Medical Center for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund. **(APPROVED #12, #16-18 and #20 UNANIMOUSLY)**

#### **PURCHASING ITEMS**

21. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the First Renewal of an Annual Contract with In Depth, Inc. for Water Tank Inspections and Washout in the Amount of \$160,900 (Event No. 6690). **(APPROVED #21 and #22 UNANIMOUSLY)**



22. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Second Renewal of an Annual Contract with SOS Radial Tire for Passenger Tires in the Estimated Amount of \$140,093.15 (Event No. 5292). **(APPROVED #21 and #22 UNANIMOUSLY)**
23. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Second Renewal of an Annual Contract for Legislative Services with Connect South in the Amount of \$60,000 (Event No. 5348). **(APPROVED #23, with Alderwomen Gibson-Carter, Miller Blakely, Lanier and Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz voting no.)**
24. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 with Beers Housing, Inc. for the Lot Clearing Annual Contract in the Amount of \$200,000 (Event No. 7071). **(CONTINUED/HELD #24 to February 13, 2020 meeting)**
25. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Amendment No. 5 with Thomas & Hutton for DeLesseps/LaRoche Avenue Corridor Improvements in the Amount of \$20,650 (Event No. 716). **(APPROVED #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**

#### **ALCOHOLIC LICENSE HEARINGS**

26. Motion to Approve Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Alton Brecker of Mint To Be Mojito Bar and Bites at 12 W. State Street (Aldermanic District 2). **(HEARING CONDUCTED and APPROVED #26 UNANIMOUSLY)**
27. Motion to Approve Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Convenience Store Alcohol License for NehalKumar M. Patel of Jasmine Food Mart #3 at 9602 White Bluff Road. (Aldermanic District 4). **(HEARING CONDUCTED and APPROVED #27 UNANIMOUSLY)**
28. Motion to Approve Class C (Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) License with Sunday Sales to Laura T. Wester of Sly's Sliders and Fries at 1710 Abercorn Street. (Aldermanic District 2). **(HEARING CONDUCTED and APPROVED #28 UNANIMOUSLY)**

#### **ZONING HEARINGS**



29. Motion to Deny the Request to Amend the Future Land Use Map Category from General Residential to Commercial Neighborhood or Civic/Institutional for 10614 and 10816 Middleground Road (Petitioner: Harold Yellin as agent for Gail Waters and Danny Nelson). **(HEARING CONDUCTED and CLOSED for #29 through #31)**
  
30. Motion to Deny the Request to Rezone 10614 and 10816 Middleground Road from RMF-2-10 to RMF-2-25 and O-I (Petitioner: Harold Yellin for Gail Waters and Danny Nelson). **(HEARING CONDUCTED and CLOSED for #29 through #31)**
  
31. Motion to Approve the Metropolitan Planning Commission's Alternative Recommendation for 10614 & 10816 Middleground Road (Petitioner: Harold Yellin as agent for Gail Waters and Danny Nelson). **(HEARING CONDUCTED and CLOSED for #29 through #31)**
  
32. Motion to Rezone 317, 319, 321, 323, and 325 East 32nd Street from TN-2 to TC-1 (Petitioner: Josh Yellin for Gordon Development Group LLC). **(HEARING CONDUCTED and CLOSED for #32 and #33)**
  
33. Motion to Amend the Future Land Use Map Category for 317, 319, 321, 323, and 325 East 32nd Street from Traditional Neighborhood to Traditional Commercial (Petitioner: Josh Yellin for Gordon Development Group LLC). **(HEARING CONDUCTED and CLOSED for #32 and #33)**
  
34. Motion to Amend the Zoning Code to Allow for Alternative Historic Preservation Commission until Appointments are Finalized by City Council. **(HEARING CONDUCTED and CLOSED for #34)**

#### **ORDINANCES – FIRST AND SECOND READING**

35. Motion to Amend the Code of the City of Savannah, Part 7-1091, Appendix I, Section 219. Stopping, Standing and Parking Prohibited. **(FIRST AND SECOND READINGS HEARD and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY, as amended)**
  
36. Motion to Approve the Metropolitan Planning Commission's Alternative Recommendation to Rezone 10614 & 10816 Middleground Road from RMF-2-10



to RMF-2-25. **(FIRST AND SECOND READINGS HEARD and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY)**

37. Motion to Rezone 317, 319, 321, 323, and 325 East 32nd Street from TN-2 to TC-1 (Petitioner: Josh Yellin for Gordon Development Group LLC). **(FIRST AND SECOND READINGS HEARD and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY)**
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#### **MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

40. Adoption of the 2020 City of Savannah Legislative Agenda. **(APPROVED AS AMENDED UNANIMOUSLY, with the expectation to discuss these matters again at the February 13, 2020 meeting)**
- a. **Public Comment Speakers:**
- i. **Ms. Veronique Thomas, representing GREEN**
  - ii. **Mr. Quan Cutter, representing GREEN**
  - iii. **Dr. Christine Wacta, representing GREEN**
  - iv. **Ms. Ida Scott, representing GREEN**
- Additional Speakers:**
- v. **Ms. Yvonne Pryor, representing Inner City Night Shelter pertaining to a request for property needed to house homeless individuals.**
  - vi. **Mr. Rick Ellison, representing RUFF (Retirees Unite for the Future)**
    1. **Concerned about the last two sessions – Broughton Street funding too much.**
    2. **Concerned about moving the Waving Girl.**



**Mayor Johnson thanked attendees and staff for attending the meeting and he recessed the meeting to debrief on Robert's Rules of Order at 4:36 p.m.**

41. Robert's Rules of Order Debriefing. **(HELD IN THE MEDIA ROOM)**

**Mayor Johnson reconvened the meeting at 4:51 p.m.**

**After discussion, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 5:23 p.m.**