



WORK SESSION & MANAGER'S BRIEFING

The work session of the City Council was held at 4:01 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Media Room at City Hall.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Alderman Kesha Gibson-Carter, Post 1, Chairman
Alderman Alicia Miller Blakely, Post 2
Alderman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2
Alderman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice Chairman
Alderman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem
Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO PRESENT:

City Manager Pat Monahan
Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd
Chief Community Services Officer Taffanye Young
Interim Chief Operating Officer Bret Bell
Assistant to City Manager Daphanie Williams
Special Projects Coordinator Glenn Hull
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

1. Discussion - Board Appointments. **(Facilitated by Mayor Johnson)**
2. Discussion – Special Work Session Schedule. **(Presented by Mayor Johnson and City Manager Monahan)**
3. 2020 Legislative Update. **(Presented by Joseph Shearouse, Jr., Interim Assistant to the City Manager)**



4. St. Patrick's Day Presentation. **(Presented by Susan Broker, Director, Special Events, Film & Tourism)**
5. ~~Special Events Ordinance Presentation. **(Presented by Susan Broker, Director, Special Events, Film & Tourism)**~~
6. ~~Housing Savannah. **(Marty Fretty, Director, Housing & Neighborhood Services)**~~
7. Executive Session regarding Litigation and Real Estate. **(HELD)**

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to recess the meeting for a closed executive session regarding litigation and real estate, Alderwoman Miller Blakely seconded. Hearing no objections, the motion carried unanimously.

The work session ended at 5:32 p.m.

The executive session began at 5:48 p.m.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the executive session at 6:00 p.m., thereby ending the work session.

8. ~~Review of Agenda. **(City Manager Monahan)**~~



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:08 p.m. in the City Council chambers at City Hall. Mayor Johnson requested Alderwoman Lanier to introduce Reverend Nathan Saunders, Pastor of Friendship Baptist Church. Pastor Saunders then offered the Invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance which was recited in unison.

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City Attorney Bates Lovett
Deputy City Attorney Jen Herman
Assistant City Attorney William Shearouse
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AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Motion to Authorize the Mayor to sign an affidavit and a resolution indicating that an Executive Session was held for the purposes of discussing Litigation and Real Estate for which no action was taken. **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY)**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Agenda for the February 27, 2020 City Council Regular Meeting. **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY)**



APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the City Council Regular Meeting on February 13, 2020. **(APPROVED #2, #3 and #4 UNANIMOUSLY)**
3. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session & City Manager's Briefing on February 13, 2020. **(APPROVED #2, #3 and #4 UNANIMOUSLY)**
4. Approval of the Minutes for the City Council Special Meetings on January 13 & 14, 2020 (Visioning Sessions). **(APPROVED #2, #3 and #4 UNANIMOUSLY)**

PRESENTATIONS

5. Appearance and Recognition of the 2019 Georgia Recreation and Parks Association State Tournament Winners for Youth Football. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson, with APPEARANCES by Director of Recreation and Leisure Services Kelly Ledbetter; Coaches: Torri Worlds, Charles Barnwell, and Lemeuel Loadhold; and the players)**
6. Appearance by Savannah Multiple Sclerosis Community Council to Receive a Proclamation Designating March as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Month. **(PRESENTED by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, with APPEARANCES by Virginia Morris, Geneva Golden, Virginia Clark, and Fran McCarey)**
7. Appearance by the Georgia Research Environmental Economic Network, Inc. (GREEN) to Receive a Proclamation Recognizing the Organization's 31st Anniversary. **(PRESENTED by Alderman Palumbo, with APPEARANCES by Quan Cutter, Dr. Wacta, Veronique Thomas, Anita Moore-Cutter, Ida Scott, Georgia Thomas, Julia Cutter-Myles, and Reverend Vernell Cutter)**

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.

8. Authorize the City Manager to Execute the First Renewal of an Annual Contract for Lawn and Leaf Bags with Paper Chemical Supply, Inc. in the Amount of \$84,370 (Event No. 6526). **(APPROVED #8 UNANIMOUSLY)**



9. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 with Johnson-Laux Construction, LLC for the Replacement of the MLK Visitor Center Fire Alarm System in the Amount of \$15,306.93 (Event No. 7515). **(APPROVED #9, #10, #12, #14, #16, #17, #18 and #19 UNANIMOUSLY)**

10. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 2 for Time Only with Kapsch TrafficCom North America for the DeRenne Stormwater Pump Station's Electronic Controls Upgrade in the Amount of \$0 (Event No. 6420). **(APPROVED #9, #10, #12, #14, #16, #17, #18 and #19 UNANIMOUSLY)**

11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for Towing Services with Yarbrough Enterprise, Inc. in the Amount of \$90,750 (Event No. 7486). **(APPROVED #11 UNANIMOUSLY)**

12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for Odor Controlling Chemicals with Allied Universal Corporation as the Primary Contractor and Colonial Chemical Solutions as the Secondary Contractor in the Amount of \$62,656.63 (Event No. 7569). **(APPROVED #9, #10, #12, #14, #16, #17, #18 and #19 UNANIMOUSLY)**

13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for Portable and Flush Toilet Rental Services with Blu-Site Solutions in the Amount of \$60,000 (Event No. 7364). **(APPROVED #13 UNANIMOUSLY)**

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for Asphaltic Concrete with Preferred Materials, Inc. in the Amount of \$40,000 (Event No. 7501). **(APPROVED #9, #10, #12, #14, #16, #17, #18 and #19 UNANIMOUSLY)**

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for Catering Services for the St. Patrick's Festival and Parade Days with Barnes Catering in the Amount of \$30,000 (Event No. 7687). **(APPROVED #15 UNANIMOUSLY)**

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a One Time Purchase with GameTime c/o Dominica Recreation Products, Inc. for the Barjan Terrace Park Playground Equipment in the Amount of \$77,833.07 (Event No. 7670). **(APPROVED #9, #10, #12, #14, #16, #17, #18 and #19 UNANIMOUSLY)**



17. Authorize the City Manager to Procure 17 Variable Frequency Drives from Goforth Williamson in the Amount of \$51,523 (Event No. 7715). **(APPROVED #9, #10, #12, #14, #16, #17, #18 and #19 UNANIMOUSLY)**
18. Authorize the City Manager to Procure a Small Steam Sterilizer from Steris Corporation in the Amount of \$39,501.06 (Event No. 7720). **(APPROVED #9, #10, #12, #14, #16, #17, #18 and #19 UNANIMOUSLY)**
19. Authorize the City Manager to Procure Roller Head Assembly Equipment from Huber Technology in the Amount of \$39,121.07 (Event No. 7714). **(APPROVED #9, #10, #12, #14, #16, #17, #18 and #19 UNANIMOUSLY)**

PURCHASING ITEMS

20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute the First Renewal of an Annual Contract for Late Night Alternative Transportation with Downtowner in the Amount of \$588,000 (Event No. 5816). **(HELD, no action taken)**
21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Fourth Renewal of an Annual Contract for Network Managed Services with Layer3 Communications in the Amount of \$881,953.36 (Event No. 3886). **(APPROVED #21, #23, #24, #27, #28, #29 and #31 UNANIMOUSLY)**
22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Renewal of an Annual License and Maintenance Agreement for ShotSpotter Gunfire Location Services with ShotSpotter, Inc. in the amount of \$148,837.50 (Event No. 5991). **(APPROVED #22 UNANIMOUSLY)**
23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 with TQ Constructors for the Construction of the Facilities at Interchange Court in the Amount of \$876,913 (Event No. 7056). **(APPROVED #21, #23, #24, #27, #28, #29 and #31 UNANIMOUSLY)**
24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 with GoForth Williamson for Pump Repair for the President Street and Regional Plants in the Amount of \$200,000 (Event No. 7070). **(APPROVED #21, #23, #24, #27, #28, #29 and #31 UNANIMOUSLY)**



25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for Street Repair and Resurfacing Services with Savannah River Utilities in the Amount of \$2,218,699.67 (Event No. 7496). **(APPROVED #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**
26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for Grounds Maintenance for Public Rights-of-Way with J. Corbett Enterprises, Inc. and SamJay Services, Inc. in the Amount of \$1,572,203 (Event No. 7452). **(APPROVED #26 UNANIMOUSLY)**
27. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for Brass Distribution Fittings with Ferguson Waterworks in the Amount of \$273,526.79 (Event No. 7346). **(APPROVED #21, #23, #24, #27, #28, #29 and #31 UNANIMOUSLY)**
28. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for Crushed Stone with Martin Marietta Materials in the Amount of \$120,000 (Event No. 7500). **(APPROVED #21, #23, #24, #27, #28, #29 and #31 UNANIMOUSLY)**
29. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Parking Access and Revenue Control System with Carolina Time & Aspis Parking in the Amount of \$1,987,426 (Event No. 7330). **(APPROVED #21, #23, #24, #27, #28, #29 and #31 UNANIMOUSLY)**
30. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for City Hall Third Floor Renovations with Landmark Preservation, LLC in the Amount of \$892,624.73 (Event No. 7438). **(APPROVED #30 UNANIMOUSLY)**
31. Notification of the Emergency Replacement of the City Hall Fire Alarm System by Johnson-Laux Construction, LLC in the Amount of \$143,013.23 (Event No. 7723). **(APPROVED #21, #23, #24, #27, #28, #29 and #31 UNANIMOUSLY)**



BOARD APPOINTMENTS

32. Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Authorities.

Mayor Johnson announced the following nominations, as discussed during the Work Session:

- a. Alderman Detric Leggett to serve on the Chatham Area Transit Authority (CAT);
- b. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Purtee to serve on the Chatham-Savannah Authority for the Homeless;
- c. Mayor Johnson/Heath Lloyd, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, and Alderman Palumbo to serve on the Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization Board (CORE MPO);
- d. Alderman Palumbo to serve on the Pension Board;
- e. Alderwoman Miller Blakely to serve on Visit Savannah (Savannah Convention and Visitors Bureau); and,
- f. Alderwoman Lanier to serve on the Savannah Resource Recovery Development Authority.

(APPROVED a. through f. UNANIMOUSLY)

Mayor Johnson then presented the two nominations for the United Way Board of Trustees. Whereupon, Alderman Palumbo made a motion to appoint Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, seconded by Aldermen Purtee and Leggett. The motion passed, 5 yeas (Johnson, Leggett, Wilder-Bryan, Palumbo and Purtee) and 4 nays (Gibson-Carter, Miller Blakely, Lanier and Shabazz).

ALCOHOLIC LICENSE HEARINGS

Public hearings conducted and closed for #33 through #39.

33. Approval to Add Sunday Sales to Existing Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License to Patrick Zimmerman of The Black Rabbit at 1215 Barnard St. (Aldermanic District 2). **(HEARINGS CONDUCTED for #33 through #39 and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY)**



34. Approval to Add Sunday Sales to Existing Class C (Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License to Jennifer Jenkins of Henny Penny Cafe at 1514 Bull Street. (Aldermanic District 2). **(HEARINGS CONDUCTED for #33 through #39 and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY)**
35. Approval to Add Sunday Sales to Existing Class C (Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Jennifer Jenkins of The Coffee Fox at 102 West Broughton St. (Aldermanic District 2). **(HEARINGS CONDUCTED for #33 through #39 and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY)**
36. Approval of Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License to Krishna Patel of Aloft Savannah Downtown at 512 West Oglethorpe Avenue. (Aldermanic District 1). **(HEARINGS CONDUCTED for #33 through #39 and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY)**
37. Approval of Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Wenzhen Chen of TA CA Restaurant at 513 East Oglethorpe Avenue. (Aldermanic District 2). **(HEARINGS CONDUCTED for #33 through #39 and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY)**
38. Approval of Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Loan Tran of Madame Butterfly at 110 West Congress Street. (Aldermanic District 2). **(HEARINGS CONDUCTED for #33 through #39 and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY)**
39. Approval of Class D (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Teejal Patel of Prime Fine Liquor and Cigars at 5500 Abercorn Street, Suite 20 (Aldermanic District 4). **(HEARINGS CONDUCTED for #33 through #39 and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY)**
40. Approval of Class C (Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Theodore Darnell of Whitman Mansion at 611 Whitaker St. (Aldermanic District 2). **(HEARING CONDUCTED for #40 and APPROVED 6-3-0, with Alderwomen Gibson-Carter, Miller Blakely and Lanier)**

ZONING HEARINGS

41. Rezone 2818 Bee Road from the B-N (Neighborhood Business) and B-C (Community Business) Zoning Districts to the TC-1 (Traditional Commercial)



Zoning District (Petitioner Jay Maupin on behalf of Bee Hive Studios).
(HEARINGS CONDUCTED for #41 and #42)

42. Amend the Future Land Use Map Category for 2818 Bee Road from Commercial Suburban to Traditional Commercial (Petitioner Jay Maupin on behalf of Bee Hive Studios). **(HEARINGS CONDUCTED for #41 and #42)**

43. Amend the Zoning Ordinance to Create a Conservation Overlay District for Historic Carver Village and Flatman Village. **(HEARINGS CONDUCTED for #43 and #44)**

44. Amend the Zoning Map to Create Historic Carver Village and Flatman Village Conservation Overlay District. **(HEARINGS CONDUCTED for #43 and #44)**

45. Amend the Eastern Wharf Planned Development to Include a Sign Ordinance (Petition of Harold B. Yellin on behalf of SRL Land Venture, LLC). **(HEARING CONDUCTED for #45)**

ORDINANCES – FIRST AND SECOND READING

46. Rezone 2818 Bee Road from the B-N (Neighborhood Business) and B-C (Community Business) Zoning Districts to the TC-1 (Traditional Commercial) Zoning District (Petitioner Jay Maupin on behalf of Bee Hive Studios). **(CONTINUED/POSTPONED #46 and #47 to March 26, 2020)**

47. Amend the Future Land Use Map Category for 2818 Bee Road from Commercial Suburban to Traditional Commercial (Petitioner Jay Maupin on behalf of Bee Hive Studios). **(CONTINUED/POSTPONED #46 and #47 to March 26, 2020)**

48. Amend the Zoning Ordinance to Create a Conservation Overlay District for Historic Carver Village and Flatman Village. **(APPROVED #48 and #49 UNANIMOUSLY)**

49. Amend the Zoning Map to Create Historic Carver Village and Flatman Village Conservation Overlay District. **(APPROVED #48 and #49 UNANIMOUSLY)**



50. Amend the Eastern Wharf Planned Development to Include a Sign Ordinance (Petition of Harold B. Yellin on behalf of SRL Land Venture, LLC).
(CONTINUED/POSTPONED #50 to March 26, 2020)

RESOLUTIONS

51. Resolution to Allow Alcohol Sales on Sunday, March 15, 2020. **(APPROVED #51 and #52 UNANIMOUSLY)**
52. Resolution to Extend the Control Zone of the St. Patrick's Festival. **(APPROVED #51 and #52 UNANIMOUSLY)**

AGREEMENTS

53. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with BGA Benton Park Owner, LLC, for Aventon Benton Park. **(APPROVED #53 and #54 UNANIMOUSLY)**
54. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with the Chatham County Board of Commissioners for Jennifer Ross Soccer Complex Phase 2. **(APPROVED #53 and #54 UNANIMOUSLY)**

REAL ESTATE ITEMS

55. Authorize City Manager to Declare Surplus and Available for Sale a Portion of City Right of Way Fronting 10421 Abercorn Street – Petition #180073.
(CONTINUED/POSTPONED #55)
56. Adoption of a Resolution to Transfer Title of Property known as 231, 236, 238 and 242 Cumming Street, West Savannah, to the Land Bank Authority for the Development of Four New Single Family Units. **(APPROVED #56 UNANIMOUSLY)**
57. Adoption of a Resolution to Transfer Title of Properties known as 218 and 220 Cumming Street, West Savannah, to the Land Bank Authority for the Renovation of Two Single Family Units. **(APPROVED #57, #58 and #59 UNANIMOUSLY)**



58. Adoption of a Resolution to Transfer Title of Property known as 243 East Bolton Street and 2504 Louisiana Avenue, East Savannah, to the Land Bank Authority for the Development of Two Single Family Units. **(APPROVED #57, #58 and #59 UNANIMOUSLY)**

59. Adoption of a Resolution to Transfer Title of Property known as 2205 and 2207 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and 620 West 42nd Street, West Savannah, to the Land Bank Authority for the Renovation of Two Single Family Units. **(APPROVED #57, #58 and #59 UNANIMOUSLY)**

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

60. Settlement #1.

Motion to authorize the City Attorney to resolve the Worker's Compensation matter of Thessalonia Mikell. (APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY)

City Manager Monahan acknowledged the heroism of firefighters, police officers and other emergency responders for their heroism displayed with regard to the fire at the Eastern Wharf project construction site. The fire is still blazing and Garden City and Pooler have agreed to provide backup.

Mayor Johnson recognized former Alderman Tony Thomas who was in the audience, and Ms. Lou Phelps who has not been seen in awhile at the meetings.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.