



### **Key highlights of March 12 Council meeting:**

- **Organizational items**
  - Council members approved changing the evening meeting schedule. Night meetings will now start at 6:30 p.m.
- **Presentations**
  - Elected leaders from Limerick, Ireland were in Savannah to learn about our City and how we can partner in the future.
  - Mayor Van Johnson presented a Key to the City to Savannah St. Patrick's Day Parade Grand Marshal Mike Roush.
  - The first responders who spent days putting out the Eastern Wharf fire, including the Savannah Fire Department, Savannah Police Department, Pooler Fire Rescue, Chatham Emergency Services, Garden City Fire Rescue, and Chatham Emergency Management Agency, were honored for their heroic efforts.
  - Council members celebrated the 2019 Savannah State University football team on their winning season.
  - The winners of the Leopold's Ice Cream creative writing challenge read their winning pieces to council members, and everyone enjoyed some ice cream!
- **Purchasing items**
  - Council members renewed an annual contract with Downtowner for on-demand, late-night rides for downtown workers. It is a \$588,000 contract, and this is the first of four renewal options available.
  - Council members approved a \$13,662,942.10 contract for the construction and beautification of Gwinnett Street. The project includes widening, bridge replacement and adding sidewalks and bike lanes.

- The City Council hired Ralph Anderson and Associates to recruit Savannah's next City Manager. The executive recruitment service will cost \$35,000.