



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:32 p.m. by teleconference (1-425-436-6365, access code 109735). Mayor Johnson requested Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan to introduce Rev. Dr. Joseph B. Ervin of Bethany Missionary Baptist Church. Senior Pastor Ervin then offered the Invocation.

Following the Invocation, Mayor Johnson offered condolences on behalf of the City Council pertaining to the passing of Arnold Tenenbaum and Curtis Victor Cooper, Jr. Both men were giants and community stalwarts who made positive impacts in the City.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, Post 1, Chairman
Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, Post 2
Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2
Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice Chairman
Alderwoman 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
Interim Chief Operating Officer Bret Bell
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Assistant to the Mayor Marty Johnston
Communications Senior Director Nick Zoller

AGENDA ITEMS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Agenda for the March 26, 2020 City Council Regular Meeting.
(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY)



APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of Minutes for the Work Session & City Manager's Briefing on March 12, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. **(CONTINUED/HELD FOR REVIEW OF BOARD APPOINTMENTS)**
3. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting on March 12, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. **(CONTINUED/HELD FOR REVIEW OF BOARD APPOINTMENTS)**

ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

4. Coronavirus update. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and City Manager Monahan)**

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.

5. Authorize the City Manager to Approve A Change Order to the Purchase Order with Johnson-Laux Construction for the Cedar Street Sidewalk Project in the Amount of \$3,729.37 (Event No. 7482). **(APPROVED #5 through #8 UNANIMOUSLY)**
6. Authorize the City Manager to Approve the Renewal of an Annual Contract with Contractors Depot for Painting Materials for the Summer Home Repair Program up to \$48,000 (Event No. 7025). **(APPROVED #5 through #8 UNANIMOUSLY)**
7. Authorize the City Manager to Approve a Contract Renewal with Florida Spectrum Laboratories for Water and Wastewater Sample Analysis up to \$64,500 (Event No. 5106). **(APPROVED #5 through #8 UNANIMOUSLY)**
8. Notification of Emergency Procurement of Repair Services from Tractor Equipment Company in the Amount of \$50,995.87 (Event No.7749). **(APPROVED #5 through #8 UNANIMOUSLY)**



PURCHASING ITEMS

9. Authorize the City Manager to Approve the Renewal of an Annual Contract with Southern Roof Center for Roofing Materials for the Summer Home Repair Program up to \$136,111.70 (Event No. 7023). **(APPROVED #9 THROUGH #14 UNANIMOUSLY)**

10. Authorize the City Manager to Approve the Renewal of a Two-Year Maintenance Agreement with Motorola for Repairs and Support from Radio Hardware in the Amount of \$163,875.62 (Event No.7752). **(APPROVED #9 THROUGH #14 UNANIMOUSLY)**

11. Authorize the City Manager to Approve the Renewal of an Annual Maintenance Agreement with Motorola for Repairs and Support for Radio Hardware in the Amount of \$199,567.98 (Event No.7760). **(APPROVED #9 THROUGH #14 UNANIMOUSLY)**

12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract with Garcia Services, LLC for Bi-Weekly Grounds Maintenance at Laurel Grove North Cemetery up to \$136,500 (Event No. 7652). **(APPROVED #9 THROUGH #14 UNANIMOUSLY)**

13. Authorize the City Manager to Approve an Annual Contract with Savannah Brush and Chemical, Inc. for Chlorine and Hydrofluorosilicic Acid for up to \$186,600 (Event No.7544). **(APPROVED #9 THROUGH #14 UNANIMOUSLY)**

14. Authorize the City Manager to Procure Two By-Pass Pumps for Lift Stations from Thompson Pump and Manufacturing in the amount of \$112,533 (Event No. 7761). **(APPROVED #9 THROUGH #14 UNANIMOUSLY)**

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

15. Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Authorities. **(DISCUSSED)**



ALCOHOLIC LICENSE HEARINGS

16. Approval of a Class B (Beer)(Brewer) Alcohol License to Pratt E. Mathews of Hop Atomica at 535 East 39th Street (Aldermanic District 2).
(CONTINUED/POSTPONED TO APRIL 9, 2020 MEETING)
17. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) and Class D (Beer and Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Jeff Notrica of Riverstreet Beer and Wine at 503 East River St. (Aldermanic District 2). **(CONTINUED/POSTPONED TO APRIL 9, 2020 MEETING)**

ZONING HEARINGS

18. Approval to Rezone 65.28 Acres of Property on Stillwood Drive and Cedar Grove Avenue (Savannah Country Day School). **(CONTINUED/POSTPONED TO APRIL 9, 2020 MEETING)**

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

19. Rezone 2818 Bee Road from 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).
(APPROVED #19 and #20 UNANIMOUSLY)
20. 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). **(APPROVED #19 and #20 UNANIMOUSLY)**
21. Amend the Eastern Wharf Planned Development to Include a Sign Ordinance (Petitioner Harold Yellin on behalf of SRL Land Venture, LLC).
(CONTINUED/POSTPONED TO APRIL 23, 2020 MEETING)



RESOLUTIONS

22. Confirmation of the Mayor's March 19, 2020 Declaration of Local Emergency and the March 24, 2020 First Amended Declaration of Local Emergency. **(APPROVED #22 UNANIMOUSLY)**
23. Approval of a Resolution to Transition the City of Savannah to 100 Percent Clean Energy by 2035. **(APPROVED #23 UNANIMOUSLY)**
24. Approval of a Resolution Accepting a \$50,000 Donation from Chatham County Housing Coalition for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund. **(APPROVED #24 UNANIMOUSLY)**

AGREEMENTS

25. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with D.R. Horton homes, Inc. for Godley Park Phase 5. **(APPROVED #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**
26. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with Savannah College of Art and Design for SCAD Victory Village Dormitories. **(APPROVED #26, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recusing herself)**

REAL ESTATE ITEMS

27. Approval to Declare Surplus and Available for Sale a Portion of East 31st Lane – Petition #190299. **(APPROVED #27 THROUGH #30 UNANIMOUSLY)**
28. Approval to Authorize the City Manager to Enter into a Billboard Lease with Lamar Companies at 1809 West US Hwy 80 (PIN 60827 01004). **(APPROVED #27 THROUGH #30 UNANIMOUSLY)**
29. Approval to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Third Amendment to a Lease with American Tower Corporation to Support Public Safety Related Services. **(APPROVED #27 THROUGH #30 UNANIMOUSLY)**
30. Approval to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Fifth Amendment to the Existing Lease Agreement to allow Alltel Communications, LLC (“Verizon”) to Upgrade Their Equipment on a City-Owned Water Tower. **(APPROVED #27 THROUGH #30 UNANIMOUSLY)**



CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

31. Settlement #1.

Motion to Authorize City Attorney's Office to Settle a Worker's Compensation matter of former Police Sergeant staff Corey Shaft in the Amount of \$445,007.81. (APPROVED #31 UNANIMOUSLY)

MISCELLANEOUS

32. First Reading of the Downtown Savannah Authority Bond Application for Approximately \$83.0 million to Partially Fund Construction of a New Trial Courthouse. **(FIRST READING HEARD)**

33. Approval of the Final Plat for a Major Subdivision (Spring Lakes Phase 6). **(CONTINUED/POSTPONED TO THE APRIL 23, 2020 MEETING)**

Mayor Johnson gave an update on the impact of the Coronavirus, COVID-19, in Georgia and other communities within the State. He advised the members of the City Council and the public that the City is looking at other technology options for conducting the City Council meetings which will allow members and the public to see the Council at work. Lastly, Mayor Johnson reminded everyone that there will be another daily weekday call (re: Coronavirus & City Operations Update) on tomorrow at 3:00 p.m.

Alderman Miller Blakely requested information pertaining to a moratorium on evictions, the homeless population and shelters, and anything that the City can do to assist in those areas. She also inquired about the distribution of hand sanitizers for the employees.

Alderman Gibson-Carter stressed the importance of following the current Emergency Declaration (Order), which includes a need to adhere to social distancing guidelines, sheltering-in-place and the closing of businesses.

Mayor Johnson spoke of a letter he sent to the Governor and Senators and Congressmen regarding the formula being used for stimulus funding. He recommended other City Council members sending a letter as well. He offered



additional statistics with respect to Coronavirus cases and the severe nature of what is occurring.

Hearing no further business, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.