



Work Session and City Manager's Briefing

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the City Council work session and City Manager's Briefing was held via Zoom video communications at 11:01 a.m. Following the roll call, Mayor Johnson asked Alderswoman Gibson-Carter to offer the invocation.

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

ALSO, PRESENT:
City Manager Michael B. Brown
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Melissa Carter, Chief Budget Officer
David Maxwell, Chief Financial Officer

AGENDA ITEMS

1. 2021 Proposed Budget – Session II
 - Enterprise Funds Overview. **(DISCUSSED)**
 - Capital Plan Overview & Implementation Strategy. **(DISCUSSED)**
 - Police & Fire Budgets. **(NOT DISCUSSED)**

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Work Session at 1:20 p.m.



City Council Regular Meeting

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the regular meeting of the City Council was held via Zoom video communications at 2:00 p.m. Following the roll call, Mayor Johnson asked Alderman Lanier to introduce Pastor Andre J. Osborne of First Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church, who provided the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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Alderman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
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Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice Chairman
Alderman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem
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ALSO, PRESENT:
City Manager Michael B. Brown
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Deputy City Attorney Jennifer Herman
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

AGENDA ITEMS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for November 24, 2020.
(APPROVED #1, with Alderman Gibson-Carter voting no, and as amended to continue/postpone to the December 10, 2020 Meeting the zoning matter of 3001 Little Neck Road, agenda items #14 and #15)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing held on November 12, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY)**
3. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on November 12, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY)**



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.

4. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Summary Change Order for Construction Services with Johnson Laux in the Amount of \$11,330.23 (Event No. 7572). **(APPROVED #4, #5 and #6 UNANIMOUSLY)**
5. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for Annual SCADA Maintenance with Emerson Process Management in the Amount of \$85,498.10 (Event No. 8174). **(APPROVED #4, #5 and #6 UNANIMOUSLY)**
6. Notification of an Emergency Procurement of Water Treatment Equipment from GoForth Williamson, Inc. in the Amount of \$58,880 (Event No. 8197). **(APPROVED #4, #5 and #6 UNANIMOUSLY)**

PURCHASING ITEMS

7. Notification of an Emergency Procurement for Grounds Maintenance Services at City Cemeteries with Russell landscape and SamJay Services in the Amount of \$ 129,080 (Event No. 8168). **(APPROVED #7, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no.)**
8. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Temporary Staffing Services for the Sanitation Department with Chatham Personnel Enterprises for up to \$429,500 (Event No.8060). **(APPROVED #8 to execute the contract and explore other opportunities along the way, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no.)**
9. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Repainting of a Water Tank with E&D Coatings, Inc. in the Amount of \$116,500 (Event No.7946). **(APPROVED #9 UNANIMOUSLY)**

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

10. Approval of Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Chirag Patel of Savannah Mart at 2810 Skidaway Road (Aldermanic District 3). **(CONTINUED/POSTPONED #10 AND #12, as requested by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan)**



11. Approval to Add Sunday Sales to Existing Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License to Paula Letcher of Bar Food at 4523 Habersham Street (Aldermanic District 4). **(Speaker(s): Paula Letcher. CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING for #11. APPROVED #11 UNANIMOUSLY)**

12. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine)(By the Package) Alcohol License for Bijal Patel of El Cheapo at 902 Pennsylvania Avenue (Aldermanic District 3). **(CONTINUED/POSTPONED #10 AND #12, as requested by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan)**

13. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales for William Wilder III of Double Wide Diner at 135 West Bay Street (Aldermanic District 2). **(No Speaker(s). CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING for #13. APPROVED #13 UNANIMOUSLY)**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

ZONING HEARINGS

14. Amend the Zoning Map for 3001 Little Neck Road (PINs 21026 02001, 21027 01002 thru 01009), from the PDR--SL-CO (Planned Development Reclamation-Sanitary Landfill-Annexed) and PDR-SM-CO (Planned Development Reclamation-Surface Mine-Annexed) to the I-H (Heavy Industrial), Petition of Harold Yellin (Agent) on Behalf of Waste Management of Georgia (Owner) (File No. 20-004418-ZA).
(Staff: MPC representative Marcus Lotson, Acting City Manager Brown, and Bridget Lidy.
Speaker(s): John Beam and Donald Wilson.
Written comment(s) Opposed: Anita Boutwell and Kerrie Bieber.
Waiving their right to speak until the December 10 Meeting: Donnard Johnson; Gary Ahlberg; Russell Hightower; Amanda Wilson; Carrie Bieber; Donald Wilson; Anita Boutwell; Harold Yellin; and Josh Yellin.
CONTINUED/POSTPONED #14 and #15 to the December 10 Meeting)

ORDINANCES – FIRST AND SECOND READING

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ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

16. First Reading of the 2021 Revenue Ordinance. **(FIRST READING, with Budget Discussions continuing weekly, as stated by Mayor Johnson)**
17. First Reading of a Resolution Approving the 2021 Service Program and Budget. **(FIRST READING, with Budget Discussions continuing weekly, as stated by Mayor Johnson)**

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

18. Amend the Zoning Map for 719 Highland Drive (PIN 20491 07010). Approximately 0.5 acres, from RSF-10 (Single Family Residential-10) Zoning District to O-1 (Office-Institutional) Zoning District with Conditions. Petition of Ed Garvin (Agent) on behalf of Goldberg Properties LP (Owner). District 4 (File No. 20-001742-ZA).
(Staff: MPC representative Marcus Lotson, Bridget Lidy, and Acting City Manager Brown.
Recorded calls Opposed: Rosemary Gideon, Buffie Lee, Cindy Lodge, Robert Lexie and Victoria Glisson.
Written comment(s) in Support: Ben Bluemle, with a list of sixteen (16) residents/addresses in support.
APPROVED #18 UNANIMOUSLY, conditioned upon a report/review and work by Traffic Engineering be completed and resolving resident issues pertaining to ingress/egress and the site plan)



RESOLUTIONS

19. Approval of a Resolution Extending the 90-Day Pilot Open Container Zone in Specific Areas of the Victorian Neighborhood. Thomas Square Neighborhood and Forsyth Park. **(APPROVED #19 UNANIMOUSLY, with written comment of support received by Ava Pandiani, General Manager of Starland Yard, including 395 signed letters of support from patrons)**
20. Approval of a Resolution Approving the Sale of the Downtown Savannah Authority Taxable Revenue Bond (Arena Parking Project), Series 2020 to the Low Bidder and Authorizing an Intergovernmental Contract with the Authority to Secure the Debt Service. **(APPROVED #20, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter not voting.)**
21. Approval of a Resolution Reprimanding Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah. **(DISCUSSED, no action taken, with written comment of opposition received by Julius Hall, CEO, ATR Consulting LLC)**

REAL ESTATE ITEMS

22. Approval to Award the Sale of 0 Pounder Street (PIN 20034 11007). **(APPROVED #22 through #26 UNANIMOUSLY)**
23. Approval of an Easement to the General Services Administration at 124 Barnard Street – Petition 190108. **(APPROVED #22 through #26 UNANIMOUSLY)**
24. Approval to Declare Surplus and Available for Sale 0 Nephew Street (PIN 20088 03013) – Petition #200242. **(APPROVED #22 through #26 UNANIMOUSLY)**
25. Approval to Declare Surplus and Available for Sale Portion of Keystone Drive – Petition #200289. **(APPROVED #22 through #26 UNANIMOUSLY)**
26. Approval to Authorize the City Manager to Approve Underground Easements to Georgia Power Company at 480 Highlands Boulevard – Fire Station #14 (PIN 21016 02039). **(APPROVED #22 through #26 UNANIMOUSLY)**



MISCELLANEOUS

27. Recommend Approval of a Plat for a Major Subdivision Brookhaven Phase 2.
(APPROVED #27 UNANIMOUSLY)

Alderman Miller Blakely announced she has been in conversations with County Commissioners, as well as Alderman Purtee and Alderman Gibson-Carter, regarding an opportunity to partner with the County on the Southside in the Bells Landing area for the benefit of that community and their youth.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 4:19 p.m.