



## 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 12:00 p.m. Following the roll call, Mayor Johnson asked Alderman Palumbo to offer the invocation.

**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:**  
Acting City Manager Michael B. Brown  
Heath Lloyd, Assistant City Manager  
Melissa Carter, Chief Budget Officer  
Bridget Lidy, Planning & Urban Design Director  
City Attorney Bates Lovett  
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

- Review of the December 10, 2020 City Council Meeting Agenda.  
**(DISCUSSED by City Manager, staff and Councilmembers)**
  - **Review of the Budget (Agenda Item #8)**
  - **Rezoning of 3001 Little Neck Road (Agenda Items #9 and #12)**
  - **Special Use Permit to Allow a Shelter for Salvation Army (Agenda Item #10)**

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Work Session at 1:05 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 Detric Leggett to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding  
Alderman Keshia 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:**  
Acting City Manager Michael B. Brown  
City Attorney Bates Lovett  
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

### AGENDA ITEMS

1. The Invocation was presented by Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for December 10, 2020.  
**(APPROVED #2 UNANIMOUSLY)**

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. Approval of Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing held on November 24, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. **(APPROVED #3 and #4 UNANIMOUSLY)**
4. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on November 24, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #3 and #4 UNANIMOUSLY)**



## **PURCHASING ITEMS**

5. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Grounds Maintenance at City Facilities and Cemeteries with Russell Landscape, Inc. for up to \$607,624 (Event No. 8038). **(APPROVED #5, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no.)**

## **SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION**

6. Approval of an Agreement for Maintenance Support Services with Johnson Controls, Inc. in the Amount of \$35,375. **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY #6 and #7)**
7. Approval of a Contract for Fan Coil Unit Replacements with Brooks Building Solutions in the Amount of \$100,000. **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY #6 and #7)**

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

8. First Public Hearing to Receive Comments on the 2021 Service Program and Budget Public Hearing. **(CONDUCTED #8 PUBLIC HEARING)**

**Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing open. Melissa Carter, CBO, gave a brief Budget presentation prior to the public hearing.**

### **Speakers(s):**

- **John Duke – concerned about disparaging difference in the funding of the Police budget and the Housing, Community and Human Services budget.**
- **Bilal Furqan (semi-homeless) – concerned about small people, the Salvation Army shelter and vacant property next to him.**

**Mayor Pro-Tem Shabazz moved to close the public hearing, seconded by Alderman Palumbo and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.**

## **ZONING HEARINGS**

9. 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). **(CONDUCTED #9 ZONING HEARING)**

**Staff: MPC representative Marcus Lotson and Bridget Lidy.**

**Agent: Harold Yellin, on behalf of Waste Management representatives Russ Hightower, Gary Ahlberg and Donnard Johnson.**

**Speaker(s):**

- **Alex Coleman Lee – opposed**
- **Kerrie Bieber – opposed**
- **Anita Boutwell – opposed**
- **Chatham County Commissioner Dean Kicklighter – opposed**
- **Amanda Wilson – opposed**
- **Russell Hightower (Waste Management) – supported**
- **Donnard Johnson (Waste Management) – supported**
- **Russell Hightower (Waste Management) – 2<sup>nd</sup> time to speak**
- **Harold Yellin (Waste Management) – supported**

**Written comment(s):**

- **Amanda Wilson – opposed**
- **Kerrie Bieber – opposed (with six different writings)**
- **Anita Boutwell - opposed**

**Mayor Pro-Tem Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing, seconded by Alderman Palumbo and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.**

10. Approval of a Special Use Permit to Allow the Shelter, Emergency and Shelter, Transitional Uses at 2305 Augusta Avenue (PINs 20025 10001 and 20025 11004). Petition of Phillip McCorkle (Agent) on behalf of the Housing Authority of Savannah (Owner) within Aldermanic District 1 (File No. 20-000512-ZA). **(POSTPONED/CONTINUED #10 UNANIMOUSLY to the January 28, 2021 Meeting, with no public comment to be heard)**

**Staff: MPC representative Marcus Lotson.**



**Agent: Phillip McCorkle, on behalf of the Salvation Army.**

**Speaker(s):**

- Mrs. Annie Axson – opposed
- B. L. Sharpe (attended & called-in) – opposed
- Pastor Larry Gordon – opposed
- Sharai Reed – opposed
- Elder Ned Williams – opposed
- Reverend Marsha Buford – supported
- Phillip McCorkle (Agent) – supported
- Earline Davis (Housing Authority) - supported
- Paul Egan (Salvation Army) – supported

**Later in the meeting:**

- Richmond Fergeson (by speakerphone) - opposed

**Written comment(s):**

- Reverend Marsha Buford (West Savannah Comm. Org) – supported
- Natavia Sanders – opposed
- Pastor Larry Gordon (with 73 petitions/letters)– opposed
- Tonia Miller (Hudson Hill Community Org) – opposed
- Alderwoman Bernetta Lanier – opposed
- Marilyn Jackson – opposed

**Mayor Pro-Tem Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Mayor Pro-Tem Shabazz moved to reopen the hearing to hear Mr. Fergeson’s comments, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Mayor Pro-Tem Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.**

**ORDINANCES – SECOND READING**

11. Amend Sections 8.7.4 Accessory Dwelling Units and 11.5 Nonconforming Lots of the Zoning Code, Petition of Bridget Lidy on behalf of the Mayor and



SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL  
**(Preliminary)**  
ACTION MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 10, 2020

Aldermen (File No. 20-003831-ZA). **(DENIED #11 UNANIMOUSLY, as requested by the City Manager)**

**Written comment(s):**

- **Tim Weber – opposed**

**12.** 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). **(APPROVED #12, with Mayor Pro-Tem Shabazz, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier voting no)**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**13.** Approval of a Resolution Reinstating the Role as the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 Grant Recipient, Fiscal Agent, Administrative Entity and CEO for the Coastal Workforce Development Board Area 19/Region 12. **(APPROVED #13 UNANIMOUSLY)**

**Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.**