



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 11:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

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

- Personnel, Litigation (added) and Real Estate Discussion. **(HELD. No action taken.)**

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the work session and hold a closed Executive Session regarding personnel, litigation and real estate, seconded by Alderman Palumbo and Alderman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

The executive session began at 11:01 a.m., regarding Personnel and litigation.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the executive session and return to the work session, seconded by Alderman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

The executive session ended at 12:06 p.m.



The work session (by Zoom video) reconvened at 12:09 p.m.

- **Boards, Commissions and Authorities - Discussion. (DISCUSSED by Mayor and Aldermen)**

The Mayor, Aldermen and Alderwomen reviewed the list of applicants and openings provided by the Clerk of Council, in order to consider the appointments during the regular meeting by vote. The discussed ended at 12:58 p.m.

At the request of the City Manager, the Mayor and Aldermen convened another closed executive session regarding Real Estate.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the work session and hold a closed Executive Session regarding real estate, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

The executive session began at 1:00 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the executive session and adjourn the work session, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

There was no action taken.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Executive Session regarding real estate and the Work Session at 1:36 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 introduced Reverend Dr. Richard L. Hall, Sr., pastor of Second Arnold Baptist Church, to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice Chairman
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AGENDA ITEMS

1. The Invocation was presented by Reverend Dr. Richard L. Hall, Sr., pastor of Second Arnold Baptist Church.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for January 14, 2021.
(APPROVED #2 UNANIMOUSLY)

Following the adoption of the agenda, Mayor Johnson moved-up Agenda Item #51, an appearance by Audrey King, Regional Director for Georgia Power.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. Approval of Minutes for the Special Called Meeting Regarding the 2021 Budget (Hearing, Revenue Ordinance, and Service Program and Budget)



Held on Friday, December 18, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. **(APPROVED #3 and #4 UNANIMOUSLY)**

4. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on Tuesday, December 22, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #3 and #4 UNANIMOUSLY)**

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

5. Approval of a Resolution Accepting a \$3,000 Donation from Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. via South State Bank for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund. **(APPROVED #5 through #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**
6. Approval of a Resolution Accepting a \$30,000 Donation from Memorial Health University Medical Center for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund. **(APPROVED #5 through #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**
7. Approval of a Resolution Accepting a \$15,000 Donation from St. Joseph's/Candler for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund. **(APPROVED #5 through #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**
8. Approval of a Resolution Ratifying the Mayor's January 6, 2020 Extension of Emergency Mask or Face Covering Order. **(APPROVED #5 through #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**
9. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Renewal Agreement for Mitel Telephone Maintenance with CNP Technologies in the Amount of \$80,437.58 (Event No. 8270). **(APPROVED #5 through #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**
10. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Environmental Compliance Services (for Compliance Management, Reporting and Monitoring to Ensure Landfill Compliance with State and Federal Regulations) with Atlantic Coast Consulting, Inc. for up to \$65,000 (Event No. 6411). **(APPROVED #5 through #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**
11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Curbside Residential Recycling Carts with Innovative Packaging Leaders, Inc. for up to \$57,614 (Event No. 6530). **(APPROVED #5 through #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**



12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for the Purchase of Commercial-Type Roll-off Containers with Lewis Steel Works for up to \$45,785 (Event No. 7696). **(APPROVED #5 through #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**
13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Cemetery Records Management Software Maintenance with CemSites in the Amount of \$38,730 (Event No. 4654). **(APPROVED #5 through #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**
14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Streetscape Litter and Recycling Receptacles with SiteScapes, Inc. for up to \$35,695 (Event No.4884). **(APPROVED #5 through #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**
15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Scrap Tire Disposal Services with Quality Tire Recycling, Inc. for up to \$35,000 (Event No. 7459). **(APPROVED #5 through #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**
16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Renewal Agreement for Maintenance of a Malware Protection Platform with Malwarebytes, Inc. in the Amount of \$25,000 (Event No. 8269). **(APPROVED #5 through #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**
17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Storm Debris Removal Services During Declared Disasters with Three Vendors for an Amount that Will Vary Based on the Severity of the Disaster (Event No. 6481). **(APPROVED #5 through #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**
18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for an Office Trailer Lease with William Scotsman in the Amount of \$69,313 (Event No. 7472). **(APPROVED #5 through #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**
19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Final Project Closeout Amendment for Repairs to the Bryan Street Garage with Restocon Construction Company in the Amount of \$28,433.41 (Event No. 7197). **(APPROVED #5 through #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**
20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Final Project Closeout Amendment for the Holly Heights Park Development Contract with Johnson-Laux in the Amount of \$15,048.15 (Event No. 7287). **(APPROVED #5 through #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**



21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Final Project Closeout Amendment for the Twickenham Greenspace Project with Johnson Laux in the Amount of \$10,285 (Event No. 7472). **(APPROVED #5 through #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**
22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Final Project Closeout Amendment for the Stratford Park Improvements Project with Johnson-Laux Construction, LLC in the Amount of \$7,384.79 (Event No. 7922). **(APPROVED #5 through #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**
23. Authorize the City Manager to Award an Annual Contract for Welding and Fabrication Services to L&H Welding Services for up to \$44,710 (Event No. 8106). **(APPROVED #5 through #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**
24. Authorize the City Manager to Procure 1,248 Refuse Carts from Wastequip, LLC in the Amount of \$59,629.44 (Event No. 8230). **(APPROVED #5 through #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**
25. Notification of an Emergency Procurement of Landfill Conveyance Line Cleaning Services from Progressive Environmental in the Amount of \$43,720 (Event No. 8206). **(APPROVED #5 through #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**

PURCHASING ITEMS

26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Low Voltage Cabling & Network Services with NetPlanner Systems, Inc. for up to \$800,000 (Event No. 7389). **(APPROVED #26, #27, #28, #30, #31, #32 and #33 UNANIMOUSLY)**
27. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Landfill Cover Material with Sabe, Inc. for up to \$175,000 (Event No. 6350). **(APPROVED #26, #27, #28, #30, #31, #32 and #33 UNANIMOUSLY)**
28. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for External Audit Services with Mauldin and Jenkins in the Amount of \$123,738 (Event No. 6648). **(APPROVED #26, #27, #28, #30, #31, #32 and #33 UNANIMOUSLY)**
29. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Permits and Inspections Software Maintenance with Tyler Technologies in the Amount of \$72,725.97 (Event No. 8190). **(REMOVED as requested by the City Manager)**



30. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Final Project Closeout Amendment for the Mohawk Park Development Project with Johnson-Laux in the Amount of \$198,315.06 (Event No. 7371). **(APPROVED #26, #27, #28, #30, #31, #32 and #33 UNANIMOUSLY)**
31. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Construction Contract for the Renovation of Sanitation Interim Headquarters with F.H. Paschen Inc. in the Amount of \$1,147,248 (Event No. 8271). **(APPROVED #26, #27, #28, #30, #31, #32 and #33 UNANIMOUSLY)**
32. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Recorder's Court Probation Services with Southeast Corrections, LLC with No Cost to the City (Event No. 8152). **(APPROVED #26, #27, #28, #30, #31, #32 and #33 UNANIMOUSLY)**
33. Authorize the City Manager to Procure Replacement Computer Technology Equipment (Laptops, Desktops, Monitors and Tablets) from Dell, Inc. (State Contract) for up to \$751,000 (Event No.8267). **(APPROVED #26, #27, #28, #30, #31, #32 and #33 UNANIMOUSLY)**

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

34. Approval to Purchase Mitigation Credits from A.A. Shaw for the Southeast Quadrant Stormwater Drainage Improvements Project in the Amount of \$2,647,616. **(APPROVED #34 through #37 UNANIMOUSLY)**
35. Approval of a Five-Year Planned Service / Maintenance Agreement for a Security Management System with Johnson Controls, Inc. in the Amount of \$231,597. **(APPROVED #34 through #37 UNANIMOUSLY)**
36. Approval of a Five-Year Planned Service Agreement for Airport Police Technology Equipment with Axon Enterprise, Inc. in the Amount of \$190,455.72. **(APPROVED #34 through #37 UNANIMOUSLY)**
37. Approval of Contract Amendment No. 3 with AECOM Technical Services for Additional Design Services for Stormwater Drainage Improvements in the Amount of \$56,810. **(APPROVED #34 through #37 UNANIMOUSLY)**

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

38. Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Authorities, **made as follows:**

The Acting City Manager Michael Brown or his designee was appointed unanimously to the Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC), the Pension Board, the Savannah Convention and Visitors Bureau (Visit Savannah), and the Savannah Resource Recovery Development Authority.

Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) – [Three Openings]

- Eric P. Curl, received October 28, 2020 (nominated by LWB)
- Margaret S. Aliffi, received December 7, 2020 (nominated by LWB)
- Armand J. Turner, received January 13, 2021 (nominated by NP)

Coastal Workforce Development Board – [Two Openings]

- Taqwaa Saleem, received February 12, 2020 (nominated by BL)
- Raven George, received April 1, 2020 (nominated by LWB)

Cultural Affairs Commission – [Ten Openings]

- **Antonio Hunter**, received September 10, 2020 (nominated by KP)
- Tana Fileccia-Flagg, received September 18, 2020 (nominated jointly)
- **Kristopher Monroe**, received September 22, 2020 (nominated by KGC)
- **Andrea Hall-Houston**, received October 16, 2020 (nominated by DL)
- **Patrick Kelsey**, received October 20, 2020 (nominated by VJ)
- **Sharon Wanda Aikens**, received October 15, 2020 (nominated by LWB)
- **Michael Chaney**, received September 10, 2020 (nominated by AMB)
- **Kareem McMichael**, received September 15, 2020 (nominated by BL)
- Eileen Baker, received October 31, 2020 (nominated by NP)
- Doris Liggins, received December 7, 2020 (nominated by ES)

Downtown Savannah Authority – [One Opening]

- Jerrae M. Williams, received October 15, 2020 (nominated by AMB & BL)

Greater Savannah International Alliance – [Six Openings]

- Dominic M. Porter, received November 04, 2020 (nominated 5 jointly)
- Ruby C. Hall, received November 04, 2020 (nominated 5 jointly)
- Dr. Gina Smith, received November 10, 2020 (nominated 5 jointly)
- Frances X. Hayes, received November 18, 2020 (nominated 5 jointly)
- LeAndrea Mikell, received December 7, 2020 (nominated 5 jointly)

Historic Preservation Commission – [Three Openings]

- Margaret S. Aliffi, received December 7, 2020 (nominated 3 jointly)
- **Robin Williams**, received January 6, 2021 (nominated 3 jointly)
- **Rebecca Fenwick**, received January 11, 2021 (nominated 3 jointly)



Hospital Authority of Savannah – [One Opening on March 31, 2021]

- Darnell Johnson, received November 20, 2020 (nominated 2 jointly - ES)
- Joshua Moseler, received December 16, 2020 (nominated 2 jointly - KP)

Metropolitan Planning Commission – [Three Openings]

- Laureen Monica Boles, received January 24, 2020 (nominated by BL)
- Elizabeth Epstein, received November 30, 2020 (nominated by LWB)
- Dwayne Stephens, received December 17, 2020 (nominated by VJ)

Park and Tree Commission – [Seven Openings]

- Charles E. Vilushis, received October 15, 2020 (nominated 6 jointly)
- **Sean Mannion**, received October 12, 2020 (nominated 6 jointly)
- Hunter T. Hall, received October 28, 2020 (nominated 6 jointly)
- Eileen Baker, received October 31, 2020 (nominated 6 jointly)
- Emmanuel Zamudio, received November 13, 2020 (nominated 6 jointly)
- Margaret S. Alifi, received December 7, 2020 (nominated 6 jointly)

Pilotage Commission – [One Opening]

- **Edward T. Brannen, Jr.**, received January 12, 2021 (nominated by ES)

Savannah Airport Commission – [One Opening]

- **Theodore (Ted) Kleisner**, received January 13, 2021 (nominated by VJ)

Savannah-Chatham Council of Disability Issues – [Seven Openings]

- Chasity Fortson, received March 24, 2020 (nominated by BL)
- Dotti A. Black, received April 06, 2020 (nominated by LWB)
- Carol Stemsrud, received June 14, 2020 (nominated by DL)
- **Sharon Wanda Aikens**, received October 15, 2020 (nominated by KGC)
- Felicia Gibson, received October 13, 2020 (nominated by KP)
- Pamela Howard-Oglesby, received October 30, 2020 (nominated by VJ)
- **Dr. Frank Lala**, received November 12, 2020 (nominated by AMB)

Savannah/Chatham County Historic Sites and Monuments Commission (HS&M) – [Two Openings]

- Eileen Baker, received October 31, 2020 (nominated by NP) – (Vacant)
- Ashley A. Rainge, received December 29, 2020 (nominated by AMB) - (Henry)

Savannah Development and Renewal Authority – Twenty-five openings (PENDING STATE PROPOSAL to reduce # of seats to 17)

- Matthew Emmer, received February 13, 2020 (nominated 17 jointly)
- Barbara Cortese (need reappointment) (nominated 17 jointly)
- Chassidy Malloy (awaiting appointment) (nominated 17 jointly)
- Ebony Simpson (awaiting appointment) (nominated 17 jointly)
- Dawn Morgan (need reappointment) (nominated 17 jointly)
- Henry Reed II (Hank) (need reappointment) (nominated 17 jointly)

- Jason Pedigo (awaiting appointment) (nominated 17 jointly)
- T. Jerry Lominack (need reappointment) (nominated 17 jointly)
- John Bennett (need reappointment) (nominated 17 jointly)
- Samuel Evans (awaiting appointment) (nominated 17 jointly)
- Sarah Ward (awaiting appointment) (nominated 17 jointly)
- Hunter Hall, received March 03, 2020 (nominated 17 jointly)
- John Myers, received October 19, 2020 (nominated 17 jointly)
- Marysue McCarthy, received October 19, 2020 (nominated 17 jointly)
- Brad Baugh, received October 18, 2020 (nominated 17 jointly)
- Jason Pedigo, received October 21, 2020 (nominated 17 jointly)
- Stephen M. Plunk, received October 31, 2020 (nominated 17 jointly)

Savannah Economic Development Authority – [One Opening]

- Robert James, received January 11, 2021 (nominated by ES)

Savannah Recreation Commission – [Eight Openings]

- Terry McCoy, received February 02/12/2020 (nominated 2 jointly)
- John Larry Myers, received Mar 02 and Oct 23, 2020 (nominated 2 jointly)

Savannah Zoning Board of Appeals – [Two Openings]

- Larry Evans, received May 25, 2020 (nominated by BL)
- Stephen M. Plunk, received October 31, 2020 (nominated by LWB)

Traffic Calming Committee – [Four Openings]

- Gloria J. Williams (D1), received November 15, 2019 (nominated by BL)
- Hunter T. Hall (D2), received October 28, 2020 (nominated by DL)
- Rubin Huckabee (D3), received January 14, 2021 (nominated by LWB)
- Latasha Barnes (At-Large, Post 2), received Jan 14, 2021 (nominated by AMB)

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

39. Approval of Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales for Ankur Patel of World of Beer at 112 W. Broughton Street (Aldermanic District 2). **(No Speaker(s). CLOSED HEARINGS #39, #40, #41 and #42. APPROVED #39 UNANIMOUSLY)**

40. Approval of Class D (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Package) Alcohol License for Ashok M. Lakhani of ABC Beverages at 11418 Abercorn Street (Aldermanic District 6). **(No Speaker(s). CLOSED HEARINGS #39, #40, #41 and #42. APPROVED #40 UNANIMOUSLY)**

41. Approval of Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By The Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Mohamed M. Eldbany of The Garage at 2605 Whitaker Street



(Aldermanic District 2). **(No Speaker(s). CLOSED HEARINGS #39, #40, #41 and #42. APPROVED #41 UNANIMOUSLY)**

42. Approval of Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) with Sunday Sales for Salathia Singleton of The Avenue Bar & Grill at 1721 Waters Avenue (Aldermanic District 2). **(No Speaker(s). CLOSED HEARINGS #39, #40, #41 and #42. CONTINUED/POSTPONED #42 UNANIMOUSLY to the January 28, 2021 Meeting)**
43. Approval of Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Ryan Williamson of Common Thread at 122 East 37th Street (Aldermanic District 2) [Note: This Item Should Be Considered After the Corresponding Zoning Hearing Item]. **HEARD after #44. (Speaker(s): Marcus Lotson, Robert McCorkle and Ryan Williamson. APPROVED #43 UNANIMOUSLY)**

ZONING HEARINGS

44. Approval of a Special Use Permit to Allow Alcohol Sales by the Drink in Association with a Restaurant for the Property Located at 122 E. 37th Street (PIN 20065 14007). Petition of J. Patrick Connell (Agent) on Behalf of FARM Savannah Properties LLC (Owner), District 2 (File No. 20-005549-ZA). **HEARD before #43. (Speaker(s): Marcus Lotson. CLOSED Special Use Permit HEARING for #44 UNANIMOUSLY. APPROVED #43 UNANIMOUSLY)**
45. Approval of a Special Use Permit to Allow Alcohol Sales by the Drink in Association with a Restaurant for the Property Located at 1313 Habersham Street (PIN 20053 12003). Petition of Robert McCorkle (Agent) on behalf of 1313 Habersham Street LLC (Owner), District 2 (File No. 20-005243-ZA). **(Speaker(s): Marcus Lotson and Robert McCorkle. CLOSED Special Use Permit HEARING for #45 UNANIMOUSLY. APPROVED #45 UNANIMOUSLY)**
46. Amend the Zoning Map for Corvair Avenue (PIN 20635 04007) from the RSF-6 (Single Family Residential) Zoning District to an I-L (Light-Industrial) Zoning District with Conditions. Petition of Jim Gerard (Agent) on behalf of Atlantic Marine Warehouse Company (Owner), District 1 (File No. 20-005048-ZA). **(Speaker(s): Marcus Lotson and Jim Gerard. CLOSED Zoning Map Amendment HEARING for #46 UNANIMOUSLY. See related agenda item #48.)**



47. Amend the Zoning Map for 1025, 1029, 1033, 1037, 1041, 1045, 1054 and Lynes Avenue (PINs 20632 01014, -015, -016, -017, 20631 02018, -019, -020, -028) from the I-L (Light Industrial) Zoning District to I-H (Heavy Industrial) Zoning District. Petition of Jane & Anthony Abbott Marital Trust et al. (Owner/Agent), District 1 (File No. 20-005170-ZA). **(Speaker(s): Marcus Lotson, Parker Morgan, Anthony H. Abbott, and Michael Brown. CLOSED Zoning Map Amendment HEARING for #47 UNANIMOUSLY. See related agenda item #49.)**

ORDINANCES – FIRST AND SECOND READINGS

48. Amend the Zoning Map for Corvair Avenue (PIN 20635 04007) from the RSF-6 (Single Family Residential) Zoning District to an I-L (Light-Industrial) Zoning District with Conditions. Petition of Jim Gerard (Agent) on Behalf of Atlantic Marine Warehouse Company (Owner), District 1 (File No. 20-005048-ZA). **(After the first reading was considered the second reading, APPROVED #48 UNANIMOUSLY)**
49. Amend the Zoning Map for 1025, 1029, 1033, 1037, 1041, 1045, 1054 and Lynes Avenue (PINs 20632 01014, -015, -016, -017, 20631 02018, -019, -020, -028) from the I-L (Light Industrial) Zoning District to I-H (Heavy Industrial) Zoning District. Petition of Jane & Anthony Abbott Marital Trust et al. (Owner/Agent), District 1 (File No. 20-005170-ZA). **(DENIED #49 UNANIMOUSLY)**

REAL ESTATE ITEM

50. Approval to Quit Claim a Portion of Battey Street – Petition #200305. **(APPROVED #50 UNANIMOUSLY)**

MISCELLANEOUS

51. Added Item: Presentation – An Appearance by Audrey King, Regional Director for Georgia Power. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson, upon adoption of the agenda #2)**

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 4:03 p.m.