



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 4:02 p.m. Following the roll call, Mayor Johnson introduced Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz to offer the invocation.

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

- Discussion regarding Personnel and Real Estate (Fairgrounds Property Development). **(HELD. No action taken.)**

Written comment(s):

Dr. Patricia M. Harris and 5th District Coalition – Raised concerns

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

The executive session began at 4:05 p.m. The executive session ended at 6:26 p.m.

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

Mayor Johnson adjourned the work session and advised the Regular Meeting will begin shortly at 6:30 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 6:31 p.m. Following the roll call, Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Gibson-Carter to introduce Pastor Valarie Grimes of Radiant Church who delivered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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AGENDA ITEMS

1. The Invocation was presented by Pastor Valarie Grimes, Pastor of Radiant Church.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for January 28, 2021.
(APPROVED #2 UNANIMOUSLY, with the following amendments:
 - Continue #30 to March 11, 2021, regarding the Special Use Permit for a Shelter; and,
 - Replace #35 with, authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with Developmental Associates in the amount of \$23,500.00 to conduct the City Manager search.



APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. Approval of Minutes for the Work Session & City Manager's Briefing held on January 14, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. **(APPROVED #3 and #4 UNANIMOUSLY)**
4. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on January 14, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #3 and #4 UNANIMOUSLY)**

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

5. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for an Online Training and Professional Development System for City Staff with Cornerstone in the Amount of \$92,500 (Event No. 7226). **(APPROVED #5 through #8 UNANIMOUSLY)**
6. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Mail Courier Services with R. Jackson and Brothers Enterprise for up to \$85,000 (Event No. 7054). **(APPROVED #5 through #8 UNANIMOUSLY)**
7. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Construction Cost Estimating Services with Costing Services Group for up to \$75,000 (Event No. 6858). **(APPROVED #5 through #8 UNANIMOUSLY)**
8. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Ammunition for the Savannah Police Department with Precision Delta for up to \$60,000 (Event No. 6946). **(APPROVED #5 through #8 UNANIMOUSLY)**
9. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for the City's Employee Assistance Program with Deer Oaks EAP Services, LLC for up to \$45,600 (Event No. 5046). **(APPROVED #9 UNANIMOUSLY)**
10. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Software Maintenance with Governmentjobs.com in the Amount of \$44,182.42 (Event No. 8191). **(APPROVED #10 UNANIMOUSLY)**



11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Change Order for Police Replacement Vehicles (Seven Pickup Trucks and Two Cargo Vans) with Wade Ford in the Amount of \$14,408.90 (Event No. 7788). **(APPROVED #11 and #12, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no.)**

Written comment(s):

Ardis Wood – Opposed

Kevin lonno - Opposed

12. Authorize the City Manager to Procure One Marked Police Replacement Vehicle (SUV) from Wade Ford in the Amount of \$38,658 (Event No. 8250). **(APPROVED #11 and #12, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no.)**

Written comment(s):

Ardis Wood – Opposed

Kevin lonno - Opposed

PURCHASING ITEMS

13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Two Contract Renewals for the Purchasing of Gasoline and Diesel Fuel for City Vehicles and Equipment with Sommers Oil Company and Barrett Oil Distributors for up to \$6,689,648 (Event No. 6608). **(APPROVED #13, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no.)**

Written comment(s):

Ardis Wood – Opposed

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Medical Care Coordination Services for the City's Healthcare Program with Quantum Health for up to \$470,000 (Event No. 8223). **(APPROVED #14 through #21, #24 and #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Medical Claims Administration Services for the City's Health Plan with HealthScope in the Amount of \$742,000 (Event No. 8225). **(APPROVED #14 through #21, #24 and #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Two Contract Renewals for Construction Testing Services with Whitaker Laboratory (Primary) and Terracon Consultants, Inc. (Secondary) for up to \$463,506 (Event No. 6831). **(APPROVED #14 through #21, #24 and #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**



17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Leased Multifunction Copier Equipment with Automated Business Resources, Inc. for up to \$288,055 (Event No. 5399). **(APPROVED #14 through #21, #24 and #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**
18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Purchase of Water Purification Chemicals with Mississippi Lime for up to \$256,157 (Event No. 6413). **(APPROVED #14 through #21, #24 and #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**
19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Long-Term Disability Insurance Services with the Standard Insurance Company in the Amount of \$ 226,146 (Event No. 8224). **(APPROVED #14 through #21, #24 and #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**
20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Street Sweeper Equipment Brooms with Keystone Plastics, Inc. for up to \$172,410 (Event No. 3990). **(APPROVED #14 through #21, #24 and #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**
21. Authorize the City Manager to Procure 68 Public Safety Laptops from Panasonic in the Amount of \$217,600 (Event No. 8189). **(APPROVED #14 through #21, #24 and #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**
22. Authorize the City Manager to Procure 61 Replacement Vehicles from Wade Ford in the Amount of \$1,753,070 (Event No. 8210). **(APPROVED #22, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no.)**
23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for Police Uniforms and Accessories with Three Vendors for up to \$450,000 (Event No. 7449). **(APPROVED #23 UNANIMOUSLY)**
24. Authorize the City Manager to Procure 911 Emergency Dispatch and Records Software Licenses for 133 Public Safety Laptops from Centralsquare Technologies, LLC in the Amount of \$199,507.58 (Event No. 8280). **(APPROVED #14 through #21, #24 and #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**
25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Construction Contract for the Rehabilitation of Two Water Treatment Filters at the President Street Water Plant with Southern Civil, LLC for up to \$800,000 (Event No. 8067). **(APPROVED #14 through #21, #24 and #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**



ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

26. Application for a Class E (Beer, Wine)(By the Package) Alcohol License to Chirag Patel of Savannah Mart at 2810 Skidaway Road (Aldermanic District 3). **(Speaker(s): Urban Planning & Design Director Bridget Lidy, Captain George Gundich, and Chirag Patel. CLOSED HEARING #26. DENIED #26 UNANIMOUSLY)**

Written comment(s):

Madiha Clarke – Opposed
Gwendolyn Frazier – Opposed
Demetrice Robinson-Rooks – Opposed
Andree Patterson – Opposed
Leona Humphries – Opposed
Michel Mazzeo, Psy.D. – Opposed
Alexa Frame – Opposed
Anne Allen Westbrook – Opposed
Yolandra G. Shipp – Opposed
Lindsey Grovenstein – Opposed
Lesli Messinger – Opposed
Brandon Williams – Opposed
Ruby Huntley – Opposed
Cynthia Hopson – Opposed
Donnica Scott – Opposed
Ned Rinalducci, Ph. D – Opposed

27. Application for a Class E (Beer, Wine)(By the Package) Alcohol License for Bijal Patel of El Cheapo at 902 Pennsylvania Avenue (Aldermanic District 3). **(Speaker(s): Urban Planning & Design Director Bridget Lidy, Captain George Gundich, and Josh Yellin representing Vrajesh Patel. CLOSED HEARINGS #27. DENIED #27, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely not voting.)**

Written comment(s):

Madiha Clarke – Opposed
Gwendolyn Frazier – Opposed
Demetrice Robinson-Rooks – Opposed
Andree Patterson – Opposed
Leona Humphries – Opposed
Michel Mazzeo, Psy.D. – Opposed
Alexa Frame – Opposed
Anne Allen Westbrook – Opposed
Yolandra G. Shipp – Opposed



Lindsey Grovenstein – Opposed
Lesli Messinger – Opposed
Brandon Williams – Opposed
Ruby Huntley – Opposed
Cynthia Hopson – Opposed
Donnica Scott – Opposed
Ned Rinalducci, Ph. D – Opposed

28. Application for a 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). **(Speaker(s): Urban Planning & Design Director Bridget Lidy and Captain George Gundich . CLOSED HEARINGS for #28 and #29. APPROVED #28 and #29 UNANIMOUSLY)**

Written comment(s):
Andree Patterson – Opposed
Donnica Scott – Opposed
Ned Rinalducci, Ph. D – Opposed

29. Application for a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) with Sunday Sales to Christopher R. Smith of Zunzi's at 236 Drayton Street. (Aldermanic District 2). **(Speaker(s): Urban Planning & Design Director Bridget Lidy and Captain George Gundich. CLOSED HEARINGS for #28 and #29. APPROVED #28 AND #29 UNANIMOUSLY)**

Written comment(s):
Andree Patterson – Opposed
Donnica Scott – Opposed
Ned Rinalducci, Ph. D – Opposed

ZONING HEARINGS

30. Petition for 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). **(CONTINUED/POSTPONED #30, during the adoption of the agenda.)**

Written comment(s):
Attorney Dana Braun - Supported
Marilyn Jackson – Opposed
Centennial D. Williams – Opposed
Ora Wright – Opposed
Ivan Cohen – Opposed



Debra Samuel Puckett – Opposed
David Coney – Opposed
Sabrina Wright – Opposed
Lucille Jackson – Opposed
Beverly Howard, Sandra, Phillip and Kimberly – Opposed
Kimberly Howard Owens – Opposed
Ervenia Bowers and West Savannah residents - Opposed
Mildred Reynolds - Opposed
BL Sharpe – Opposed
Dr. Margaret Betz & Elder Ned Williams - Opposed

RESOLUTIONS

31. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Preparation and Submittal of an Application to the Georgia Coastal Incentive Grant Program for Design of the Canal District Wetlands Preserve Park for the City of Savannah Georgia. **(APPROVED #31 UNANIMOUSLY)**
32. Approval of a Resolution in Support of Repealing Georgia's 'Stand Your Ground' Legislation. **(APPROVED #32, with Alderman Purtee voting no.)**
Written comment(s):
Anne Allen Westbrook – Supported
Courtney Spriggs – Supported
Jennifer Lindsay – Supported
Kathy Hodges – Supported
Erin Vargo – Supported
David Johnson – Supported
Dillon McDaniel – Supported
Laurie McNeil – Supported
Julvonnia McDowell – Supported

REAL ESTATE ITEM

33. Authorize the City Manager to Accept a Quit Claim Deed of a Lift Station Site within a Subdivision in the New Hampstead Area. **(APPROVED #33 UNANIMOUSLY)**
34. Award the Sale of Surplus Property Located at 1700 Drayton Street (PIN 20053 38013), 104 E.34th Street (PIN 20053 38007) and 1705 Abercorn Street (PIN 20053 38003) to Pinyan/Procida Development Group – Event



7984. **(CONTINUED/POSTPONED #34 UNANIMOUSLY to the February 11, 2021 Meeting)**

Written comment(s):

Virginia Mobley – Opposed

Bill Drawers – Raised concerns

~~CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS MISCELLANEOUS~~

35. ~~Settlement #4.~~ Authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Developmental Associates in the amount of \$23,500.00 to conduct the City Manager search. **(AMENDED and APPROVED #35, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no.)**

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:27 p.m.