



## **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 11:30 a.m. Following the roll call, Mayor Johnson introduced Aldерwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan to offer the invocation.

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

**ALSO, PRESENT:**

Acting City Manager Michael B. Brown  
Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd  
Assistant to the City Manager Joe Shearouse  
Assistant to the City Manager Daphanie Williams  
Gene Prevatt, Sanitation Director  
City Attorney Bates Lovett  
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

**AGENDA ITEMS**

- Water, Sewer and Refuse Services - Part I: Service Provision. **(PRESENTED by City Manager Michael Brown and DISCUSSED by the Mayor, Aldermen and Aldерwomen)**

Mayor Johnson adjourned the work session at 12:59 p.m.



## **City Council Regular Meeting**

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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 recognized Alderwoman Miller Blakely to introduce Reverend Dr. Leonard Small, Pastor of Litway Missionary Baptist Church who delivered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

**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:**  
Acting City Manager Michael B. Brown  
City Attorney Bates Lovett  
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for February 11, 2021.  
**(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY, as amended below:**
  - o **Postponing/Continuing #33 and #34 for two weeks.**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2. Approval of Minutes for the Work Session & City Manager's Briefing held on January 28, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2, #3 and #4 UNANIMOUSLY)**
3. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on January 28, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. **(APPROVED #2, #3 and #4 UNANIMOUSLY)**



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4. Approval of Minutes for the Special Called Meeting (Closed Executive Session re: Real Estate, Litigation and Personnel) held on February 4, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2, #3 and #4 UNANIMOUSLY)**

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

5. Approval of a Resolution Acknowledging Savannah as the First City in Georgia to Partner with Georgia Power in the "Georgia Make Ready" Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Program. **(APPROVED #5 UNANIMOUSLY, with Georgia Power representatives Tammy Harrington and Phillip Allums present and speaking)**
6. Approval of a Resolution Ratifying the Mayor's Renewed Emergency Declaration. **(APPROVED #6 through #10, and #12 UNANIMOUSLY)**
7. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Portable and Flush Toilet Rentals to Blu-Site Solutions for up to \$60,000 (Event No. 7364). **(APPROVED #6 through #10, and #12 UNANIMOUSLY)**
8. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Microfilm Archiving Services to Tameran Graphic Systems, Inc. for up to \$60,000 (Event No. 7187). **(APPROVED #6 through #10, and #12 UNANIMOUSLY)**
9. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Two Contract Renewals for Horticultural Products to BWI Companies and Howard Fertilizer and Chemical for up to \$51,203.16 (Event No. 6599). **(APPROVED #6 through #10, and #12 UNANIMOUSLY)**
10. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Sod Installation Services to Turf Services, Inc. for up to \$47,765 (Event No. 6809). **(APPROVED #6 through #10, and #12 UNANIMOUSLY)**
11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Pet Waste Receptacle Maintenance with J&M Coastal Construction, LLC for up to \$32,000 (Event No. 7565). **(APPROVED #11, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no.)**
12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Off Road Diesel Fuel and Tank Maintenance with Southern Fox Services, Inc. for up to



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\$25,590 (Event No. 7404). **(APPROVED #6 through #10, and #12 UNANIMOUSLY)**

13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Design of the Springfield Canal Wall Widening Project with Hussey Gay Bell in the Amount of \$92,500 (Event No. 8274). **(APPROVED #13 UNANIMOUSLY)**

**PURCHASING ITEMS**

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Two Contract Renewals for Storm Water and Sewer Line Repair Services with Survey Southeast Pipe Survey, Inc. (Primary) and Insituform Technologies, LLC (Secondary) for up to \$3,000,000 (Event No. 5937). **(APPROVED #14 through #17, and #20 through #22 UNANIMOUSLY)**
15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Architectural and Technical Support Services with Cogdell Mendrala Architects for up to \$300,000 (Event No. 7615). **(APPROVED #14 through #17, and #20 through #22 UNANIMOUSLY)**
16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Corrosion-Control Additive with American Development Corporation for up to \$150,000 (Event No. 7494). **(APPROVED #14 through #17, and #20 through #22 UNANIMOUSLY)**
17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Construction of the Force Main for Travis Field Water Reclamation Facility with Ruby-Collins, Inc. in the Amount of \$7,992,950 (Event No. 8192). **(APPROVED #14 through #17, and #20 through #22 UNANIMOUSLY)**
18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Repairs to the Existing Police Memorial Trail with Johnson-Laux, LLC in the Amount of \$599,285 (Event No. 8272). **(APPROVED #18 UNANIMOUSLY)**



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**Written comment(s) received for #18:**

**Caila Brown, Michael Edwards and Mike Nadeau with 9 signatures (Bike Walk Savannah) – Supports**

**Friends of Tide to Town with 12 signatures – Supports**

**Sean Mannion (Edgemere-Sackville Neighborhood Association – Supports**

**Scott Anderson (Ardsley Park-Chatham Crescent Neighborhood Association) - Supports**

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Construction of a Parking Lot and Pad at the Edwin Street Metroplex with F.H. Paschen Construction Company in the Amount of \$289,908 (Event No. 8286). **(APPROVED #19 UNANIMOUSLY)**
20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Two Contracts for Archaeological Services with Brockington and Associates, Inc. (Primary), and LG2 Environmental Solutions, Inc. (Secondary) for up to \$200,000 (Event No. 8071). **(APPROVED #14 through #17, and #20 through #22 UNANIMOUSLY)**
21. Authorize the City Manager to Approve an Annual Membership with Info-Tech Research Group for Technology Advisory Research Services in the Amount of \$139,230 (Event No. 8268). **(APPROVED #14 through #17, and #20 through #22 UNANIMOUSLY)**
22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Natural Gas with Scana Energy Marketing, LLC for up to \$100,000 (Event No. 8297). **(APPROVED #14 through #17, and #20 through #22 UNANIMOUSLY)**

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23. Approval to Execute a Contract with Reeves Construction Company for the Site Clearing and Parking Improvements Project in the Amount of \$2,902,849.75. **(APPROVED #23 and #24 UNANIMOUSLY)**
24. Approval to Execute a Contract Renewal for Professional Services with Ailevon Pacific Air Service Consulting in the Amount of \$136,000. **(APPROVED #23 and #24 UNANIMOUSLY)**



**ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS**

25. Approval of Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Tyler R. Kopkas of Ardsley Station at 102 East Victory Drive (Aldermanic District 2). **(No Speaker(s). CLOSED HEARINGS for #25 and #26. Then, APPROVED #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**
26. Approval of Class C (Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Cristine Tindall of Cafe M at 128 East Bay Street (Aldermanic District 2). **(No Speaker(s). CLOSED HEARINGS for #25 and #26. Then, APPROVED #26 UNANIMOUSLY)**
27. Show Cause Hearing for the Revocation of the Alcohol License for Stuart Putman of the Treehouse at 309 West St. Julian Street.

**Speaker(s):**

**Assistant City Attorney Denise Cooper**  
**Judee Jones – Alcohol Beverage Licenses**  
**Captain David Gay – Police**  
**Sgt. Samantha Stephens – Police**  
**Stuart Putman – Treehouse representative/owner**

**Written comment(s) received:**

**Colin Brady – Opposed to revocation**

**Mayor Johnson presided over the Show Cause Hearing.**

**Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz made a substitute motion to revoke the alcohol license #27, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The substitute motion failed 3-6-0, with Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, and Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz voting yea.**

**Main Motion: Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved the following:**

- **Suspend Alcohol License through April 1, 2021, pending the development of a safety plan approved by the City Manager, Chief of Police and others;**
- **Meet with Alderman Leggett and other community partners and/or associations to work through issues presented; and,**
- **-Following the suspension, serve a three (3) month probationary period.**



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**Alderman Leggett seconded. The main motion to suspend the alcohol license #27, with conditions passed unanimously.**

**ORDINANCES – FIRST AND SECOND READING**

28. An Ordinance Prohibiting Pedestrian Interference with the Flow of Traffic to Include Occupying Medians. **(After the first reading was considered the second reading, APPROVED #28 UNANIMOUSLY)**

**REAL ESTATE ITEM**

29. Approval to Award the Sale of Surplus Property Located at 1700 Drayton Street (PIN 20053 38013), 104 East 34th Street (PIN 20053 38007), and 1705 Abercorn Street (PIN 20053 38003) to Pinyan/Procida Development Group (Event 7984). **(APPROVED #29, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no.)**

**CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**

30. Settlement #1. **(APPROVED #30 UNANIMOUSLY – details below)**  
**Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize settlement in a worker's compensation matter in the amount of \$75,000 involving Stephanie Vinson, a former employee of the police department. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS**

31. Approval of a Plat for a Major Subdivision - Bradley Pointe South Phase 9.  
**(APPROVED #31 UNANIMOUSLY)**

32. Approval of a Plat for a Major Subdivision - Cumberland Point Phase 4A.  
**(APPROVED #32 UNANIMOUSLY)**

33. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Tree Planting Services to Pine Hollow Nursery & Landscaping for up to \$90,000 (Event No. 6918) - Item Added on 2/8/21. **(POSTPONED/CONTINUED #33 and #34 for two weeks, during the adoption of the agenda)**



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34. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Three Contract Renewals for Tree and Stump Removal Services to Gunnison Tree Specialist (Primary), ArborNature, LLC (Secondary), and Kocun Tree Care, LLC (Tertiary) for up to \$700,000 (Event No. 7276) - Item Added on 2/8/21. **(POSTPONED/CONTINUED #33 and #34 for two weeks, during the adoption of the agenda)**

**Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 6:29 p.m.**