



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 4:30 p.m. Following the roll call, Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Kurtis Purtee 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
Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Bridget Lidy, Planning & Urban Design Director

AGENDA ITEMS

- Litigation. (City Attorney)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the Work Session to conduct an Executive Session regarding litigation, seconded by Alderman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

The Closed Executive Session began at 4:35 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to exit/close the Executive Session, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

There were no votes taken and the Executive Session ended at 4:50 p.m., whereupon the Mayor called for a ten-minute break.

The meeting reconvened at 5:01 p.m.



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- Discussion regarding Southside Vitality. (**PRESENTED** by City Manager Michael Brown, Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd and Planning & Urban Design Director Bridget Lidy. **DISCUSSED** by the Mayor, Aldermen and Alderwomen)

Mayor Johnson adjourned the work session at 6:15 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 6:30 p.m. Following the roll call, Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Wilder-Bryan to introduce Pastor Candace Hardnett, Agape Empowerment Ministries who delivered 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
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AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Johnson took a point of personal privilege to recognize and celebrate 200 years of Modern Greece (Bicentennial). He further indicated the Greece flag is hanging in City Hall.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for March 25, 2021. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on March 11, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY)**
3. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on March 11, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY)**



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CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

4. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Recycled Crushed Aggregate Stone with Savannah River Utilities (Local) for up to \$54,325 (Event No.7857). **(APPROVED #4, #5 and #7 UNANIMOUSLY)**
5. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for HVAC Maintenance and Equipment Repairs for the President Street and Regional Water Plants with South Eastern Air for up to \$43,360 (Event No. 7277). **(APPROVED #4, #5 and #7 UNANIMOUSLY)**
6. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Towing Services to Jackson Brothers Towing, LLC for up to \$65,750 (Event No. 8202). **(APPROVED #6 UNANIMOUSLY)**
7. Notification of an Emergency Procurement for the Repairs to the Power Feed for the President Street Facility Lab to All Electric (Local) in the Amount of \$29,482.75 (Event No. 8310). **(APPROVED #4, #5 and #7 UNANIMOUSLY)**

PURCHASING ITEMS

8. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Thermoplastic Pavement Marking Installation Services with Peek Pavement Markings, LLC for up to \$300,000 (Event No. 5326). **(APPROVED #8 and #10 through #14 UNANIMOUSLY)**
9. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for a Gunfire Detection System with ShotSpotter in the Amount of \$220,142 (Event No. 5991). **(APPROVED #9 UNANIMOUSLY)**
10. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Medical Fitness Exams for Savannah Fire Department Personnel with Saint Joseph's Candler (Local) for up to \$171,000 (Event No. 4952). **(APPROVED #8 and #10 through #14 UNANIMOUSLY)**
11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for the Gwinnett Street Widening Project with Preferred Materials, Inc. in the Amount of \$973,739 (Event No. 7466). **(APPROVED #8 and #10 through #14 UNANIMOUSLY)**



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12. Authorize the City Manager to Procure Replacement Ultraviolet Water Disinfection Equipment with Xylem and Associates for up to \$230,000 (Event 8309). **(APPROVED #8 and #10 through #14 UNANIMOUSLY)**
13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for Heavy Equipment Rentals with Savannah River Utilities (Local) for up to \$300,000 (Event No. 7209). **(APPROVED #8 and #10 through #14 UNANIMOUSLY)**
14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for SCADA Networking Maintenance Services, Equipment and Security (for Monitoring the Water System) with Layer3 Communications (Local) for up to \$175,000 (Event No. 7538). **(APPROVED #8 and #10 through #14 UNANIMOUSLY)**

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

15. Discussion Regarding Appointment of Hearing Officer(s) Pursuant to the Unlawful Discrimination Ordinance. **(DISCUSSED #15, with further discussion to be considered at the next Work Session)**

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

16. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Benjamin M. Zheng for Top Crab Seafood and Bar at 7201 Memorial Drive (Aldermanic District 4). **(No speaker(s). CLOSED HEARINGS for #16, #17 and #19. APPROVED #16 UNANIMOUSLY)**
17. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to William Hall for Vic's River Grill at 19 East River Street (Aldermanic District 2). **(No speaker(s). CLOSED HEARINGS for #16, #17 and #19. APPROVED #17 UNANIMOUSLY)**
18. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to John Boyce for Mellow Mushroom at 11 West Liberty Street (Aldermanic District 2).

Speaker(s):

Stephanie Croll – OPPOSED

John Boyce – APPLICANT/SUPPORTED

(CLOSED HEARING for #18. CONTINUED/POSTPONED #18 UNANIMOUSLY, until the next meeting to allow parties to meet)



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19. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Emanuel B. Gray for Savannah Landmark Liquor at 5 West Derenne Avenue (Aldermanic District 5). **(No speaker(s). CLOSED HEARINGS for #16, #17 and #19. APPROVED #19 UNANIMOUSLY)**

ZONING HEARINGS

20. Petition for a Special Use Permit at 4429 Skidaway Road (PIN 20116 02012) to Establish a Restaurant with Alcohol Sales/Bar-Tavern for Caprisha Treadwell (Agent) on Behalf of Prakash Patel (Owner). Aldermanic District 3. File No. 20-006247.

Speaker(s):

Marcus Lotson, MPC representative
Caprisha Treadwell – SUPPORTED
Dr. Amir Jamal Touré – SUPPORTED

(CLOSED HEARING for #20. DENIED #20, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely against the denial, and Alderwoman Lanier not voting/away from the screen)

21. Petition of Bridget Lidy (Agent) on behalf of The Mayor and Aldermen to Amend Article 3.0 Application and Review Procedures (Sec. 3.21 Variances, 3.23 Appeals, 3.24 Relief for Nonconforming Uses and Structures) and Article 8.0 Use Standards (8.4.24 Animal Services, Indoor, 8.4.3 Office, Medical, and 8.8.3 Permitted Temporary Uses). File No. 21-000448-ZA.

Speaker(s):

Bridget Lidy, Planning & Urban Design Director

(CLOSED HEARING for #21, with Alderwoman Lanier not voting/away from the screen)

ORDINANCES – FIRST AND SECOND READING

22. Petition of Bridget Lidy (Agent) on behalf of The Mayor and Aldermen to Amend Article 3.0 Application and Review Procedures (Sec. 3.21 Variances, 3.23 Appeals, 3.24 Relief for Nonconforming Uses and Structures) and Article 8.0 Use Standards (8.4.24 Animal Services, Indoor, 8.4.3 Office, Medical, and 8.8.3 Permitted Temporary Uses). File No. 21-000448-ZA.
(After the first reading was considered the second reading, APPROVED #22 UNANIMOUSLY)



REAL ESTATE ITEMS

23. Approval to Purchase Easements to Facilitate Phase III of the Waters Avenue Streetscape Project. **(APPROVED #23 UNANIMOUSLY)**

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

24. Settlement #1.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney to settle a worker's compensation matter in the amount of \$30,000.00, involving a former Savannah employee, D-Andra Ladson, who injured her right shoulder. Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

25. Settlement #2.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney to settle a property damage/sewer backup matter in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00, involving Anna Mae Anderson, 1331 Grace Drive. Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

26. Settlement #3.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney to settle a swimming incident claim in the amount of \$1,000,000.00, involving the son of Ammiesha Mitchell who attended summer camp at the Tompkins Regional Center. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderwoman Miller Blakely seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Johnson asked everyone to continue to wash your hands.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely announced there will be job fair on April 6, 2021 from 10am to 2pm at the W.W. Law Center. A company named Hire Dynamics is hiring for general labor positions.



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Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan extended Kudos to the Hospice of Savannah in recognition and honor of Social Work Day.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter reminded everyone about the 2021 Great Savannah Community Cleanup Day. She encouraged everyone to visit the website for more details. This even is being held on Saturday, March 27, 2021, 8am to 5pm.

Mayor Johnson announced a mass vaccination site has opened in partnership with Gulfstream and the County located at Gulfstream Aerospace near the Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.