



## **Work Session and City Manager's Briefing**

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Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the City Council Work Session and City Manager's Briefing was held via Zoom video communications at 10:30 a.m.

**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  
Aldерman Detric Leggett, District 2  
Aldерwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3  
Aldерman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice Chairman  
Aldерwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Aldерman 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

### **AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Personnel and Real Estate (Closed Executive Session). **(City Attorney)**

**Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the Work Session to conduct a Closed Executive Session regarding Personnel and Real Estate, seconded by Aldерwoman Miller Blakely and Aldерman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.**

**The Closed Executive Session began at 10:32 a.m.**

**(PERSONNEL) The Mayor and Aldерman first met with City Attorney Lovett to discuss his performance evaluation, then they met with Clerk of Council Massey to discuss his performance evaluation.**

**(REAL ESTATE) The Mayor and Aldерman discussed real estate matters as presented by the City Manager.**

**Aldерman Palumbo moved to exit/close the Executive Session, seconded by Aldерwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.**



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**There were no votes taken and the Executive Session ended at 11:46 a.m.**

**The Work Session continued in open session at 11:48 a.m.**

2. Discussion regarding Appointment of Hearing Officer(s) Pursuant to the Unlawful Discrimination Ordinance. **(DISCUSSED by the Mayor, Aldermen and Alderwomen)**
3. Drainage. **(PRESENTED by Acting City Manager Brown, and Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd)**
4. ~~Fleet Services Agreement.~~

**Mayor Johnson adjourned the work session at 1:16 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 2:01 p.m. Following the roll call, Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Palumbo to introduce Pastor Joseph Wong of the Savannah Chinese Baptist Mission who delivered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

**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  
City Attorney Bates Lovett  
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### **AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for April 8, 2021. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY)**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2. Approval of Minutes for the Work Session & City Manager's Briefing Held on March 25, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY)**
3. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on March 25, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY)**



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**PRESENTATIONS**

4. A Proclamation Recognizing April 2021 as National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to the Rape Crisis Center of the Coastal Empire executive director Doris Williams)**

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

5. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Sludge Dewatering Chemicals (Used During the Process for Wastewater Treatment and Disposal) with Polydyne Inc. for an Amount up to \$94,000 (Event No. 6930). **(APPROVED #5, #6, #8 and #10 UNANIMOUSLY)**
6. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for the Maintenance of 17 Variable Frequency Drives (Used During the Water Treatment Process) with Siemens Industry, Inc. in the Amount of \$47,629 (Event No. 6875). **(APPROVED #5, #6, #8 and #10 UNANIMOUSLY)**
7. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Renewal of a Lease Agreement for a 16-Camera License Plate Reader System (for Savannah Police Department) with Flock Group, Inc. in the Amount of \$32,000 (Event No. 7713). **(APPROVED #7, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no)**
8. Authorize the City Manager to Procure Railroad Crossing Design Services (For Stiles Avenue Widening Project) from Norfolk Southern in the Amount of \$40,635 (Event No. 8371). **(APPROVED #5, #6, #8 and #10 UNANIMOUSLY)**
9. Authorize the City Manager to Procure Seven Electric Vehicle Charging Stations for the Eastern Wharf Parking Garage from LilyPad EV in the Amount of \$38,049 (Event No. 8375). **(APPROVED #9, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no)**
10. Authorize the City Manager to Procure Replacement Cloth Filters for the Crossroads Water Treatment Facility from Aqua Aerobics in the Amount of \$32,336 (Event No. 8372). **(APPROVED #5, #6, #8 and #10 UNANIMOUSLY)**



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**PURCHASING ITEMS**

11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Street Repair and Resurfacing Services with Savannah River Utilities (Local) for an Amount up to \$5,900,000 (Event No. 7496). **(APPROVED #11, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier voting no)**
12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Two Contract Renewals for Machine Repair and Welding Services with Coastal Sunbelt Associates, Inc. (Local) for an Amount up to \$112,465 and L&H Welding (Local) for an Amount up to \$25,210 (Event No. 6983). **(APPROVED #12, #13, #14 and #16 UNANIMOUSLY, per the City Manager's recommendation)**
13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Senior Meal Delivery Services with TLT Smiling Faces Transportation (Savannah, GA) (Local) for an Amount up to \$112,465 (Event No. 7333). **(APPROVED #12, #13, #14 and #16 UNANIMOUSLY, per the City Manager's recommendation)**
14. Authorize the City Manager to Award a Contract for Debris Monitoring Services and Oversight with Witt O' Brien for an Amount up to \$750,000 (Event No. 8113). **(APPROVED #12, #13, #14 and #16 UNANIMOUSLY, per the City Manager's recommendation)**
15. Authorize the City Manager to Procure Meals for the Summer Lunch Program from Savannah-Chatham Board of Education for up to \$156,055 (Event No. 8383). **(APPROVED #15 UNANIMOUSLY)**
16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Facilities Capital Improvement Planning and Budgeting Software System from Gordian Company, for up to \$137,836 (Event No. 8291). **(APPROVED #12, #13, #14 and #16 UNANIMOUSLY, per the City Manager's recommendation)**

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

17. Appointment of Hearing Officer(s) Pursuant to the Unlawful Discrimination Ordinance. **(APPROVED #17 UNANIMOUSLY, thereby appointing the following pool of six [6] Hearing Officers)**
  - a. Tony Center



- b. **Joseph Ervin**
- c. **Gwendolyn Fortson Waring**
- d. **Nancy DeVetter**
- e. **Anne Allen Westbrook**
- f. **Joseph Steffen**

#### **ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS**

18. Approval of Class B (Liquor, Beer)(Manufacturer/Distillery) to Carey Falcone of New Realm Brewing Company at 120 Whitaker Street (Aldermanic District 4 2).

**Speaker(s):**

**Taylor Harper – APPLICANT/SUPPORTED**

**(CLOSED HEARING for #18. APPROVED #18 UNANIMOUSLY.)**

#### **ZONING HEARINGS**

19. Petition to Amend the Zoning Map for 11901 Middleground Road (PIN 20782 02006) from RSF-20 (Single Family Residential-20) to B-N (Neighborhood Business). Karan Patel (Agent) on Behalf of Martin George Grotheer, Jr. (Property Owner). Aldermanic District 6 (File No. 21-000890-ZA).

**Speaker(s):**

**Marcus Lotson, MPC representative**

**(CLOSED HEARING for #19, see #21)**

#### **PETITIONS**

20. 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). Phillip McCorkle (Agent) on Behalf of the Housing Authority of Savannah (Owner). Aldermanic District 1 (File No. 20-000512-ZA) [Public Hearing Unanimously Closed by City Council on December 10, 2021; No Public Comments Allowed During Meeting].

**Speaker(s):**

**Reverend Dr. Leonard Small – OPPOSED**

**Major Paul Egan – APPLICANT/SUPPORTED**

**Marcus Lotson, MPC representative**

**(APPROVED #20, pursuant to an archaeological review and a review of any/all maps, to determine or demonstrate that the property is not a part of the location commonly known as The Weeping Time)**



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**ORDINANCES – FIRST AND SECOND READING**

21. Petition to Amend the Zoning Map for 11901 Middleground Road (PIN 20782 02006) from RSF-20 (Single Family Residential-20) to B-N (Neighborhood Business). Karan Patel (Agent) on Behalf of Martin George Grotheer, Jr. (Property Owner). Aldermanic District 6 (File No. 21-000890-ZA). **(FIRST READING ONLY for #21, as requested by Alderwoman Miller Blakely)**

**RESOLUTIONS**

22. Approval of a Resolution Ratifying the Mayor's March 30, 2021 Extension of Emergency Mask or Face Covering Order. **(APPROVED #22 UNANIMOUSLY)**

**AGREEMENTS**

23. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with Building Materials Manufacturing Corp, d.b.a. GAF for GAF Savannah Plant Domestic Water Project. **(APPROVED #23, #24, #26, #27, #28, #29 and #30, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no)**
24. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with Godley Station Enterprises, LLC for Highlands Boulevard Phase 3. **(APPROVED #23, #24, #26, #27, #28, #29 and #30, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no)**
25. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with Savannah Health Services, LLC for the Children's Hospital of Savannah Revision. **(APPROVED #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**
26. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with Brookhaven Development, LLC for Brookhaven Phase 2. **(APPROVED #23, #24, #26, #27, #28, #29 and #30, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no)**
27. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with Coastal Georgia Development Group, Inc. for Cumberland Point Phase V. **(APPROVED #23, #24, #26, #27, #28, #29 and #30, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no)**



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28. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with Bradley Lot Development, LLC for Bradley Point Phase 9. **(APPROVED #23, #24, #26, #27, #28, #29 and #30, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no)**
29. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with Godley Station West, LLC for Herb River Bluff. **(APPROVED #23, #24, #26, #27, #28, #29 and #30, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no)**
30. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with North Godley Developers, Inc. for Highland Falls Phase 7. **(APPROVED #23, #24, #26, #27, #28, #29 and #30, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no)**

**REAL ESTATE ITEMS**

31. Approval to Authorize the Acceptance of a Donation of Real Property Located on Pritchard Street (PIN 20030 04005) – Petition #21-059. **(APPROVED #31 UNANIMOUSLY)**

**CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**

32. Settlement #1.

**Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney to settle a worker's compensation matter in the amount of \$45,000.00, involving a Captain with the Police Department, David Owens, who tore a left quadriceps muscle. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

33. 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) [Public Hearing Closed on March 25, 2021, No Public Comments Allowed During Meeting]. **(APPROVED #33 UNANIMOUSLY, conditioned on a good neighbor agreement)**
34. Approval of Relocation of Liberty Marker to North Side of River Street at Morrell Park. **(APPROVED #34, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no)**



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35. New Arena Update. **(PRESENTED)**

**Speaker(s):**

**Acting City Manager Brown**

**MarRonde Lumpkin-Lotson, Business Opportunity Manager**

**Sheron Morgan, Interim Director, Coastal Workforce Services**

**Meddy Settles, Union Representative, Local 256**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Mayor Johnson announced Police Sergeant Billy Gray and his wife welcomed a baby boy.**

**Alderwoman Miller Blakely announced there will be job fair in Cloverdale on April 20, 2021.**

**Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.**