



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 12:05 p.m. Alderman Leggett offered 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

1. Housing Authority Update. (**INTRODUCED** by Acting City Manager Brown and **PRESENTED** by Housing Authority Director Earline Davis. **Also attending: Housing Authority Director of Development Services Rafaella Nutini and Housing & Neighborhood Services Director Martin Fretty**)

ANNOUNCEMENT

The City Manager arranged a mobile workshop, to include driving through several neighborhoods and past several housing developments for next week, Tuesday, May 18, 2021, from 11am until 2pm. Pickup and drop-off at the Civic Center.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the work session at 1:20 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 2:05 p.m. Following the roll call, Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Purtee to introduce Rabbi Robert Haas, spiritual leader of Congregation of Mickve Israel, who delivered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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ALSO, PRESENT:
Acting City Manager Michael B. Brown
Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

AGENDA ITEMS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for May 13, 2021. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of Minutes for the Work Session & City Manager's Briefing Held on April 22, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY)**
3. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on April 22, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY)**



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PRESENTATIONS

4. A Proclamation Declaring May as National Historic Preservation Month. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to MPC Executive Director Melanie Wilson)**
5. A Proclamation Recognizing Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Savannah Alumnae Chapter's 80th Anniversary of Chapter Charter. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to Chapter President Dr. Sametria R. McFall and Twana Maben. Not present: Laura Wiggins)**

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

6. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Victory Drive Median Grounds Maintenance with Russell Landscape Savannah, Inc. (Local) for up to \$36,000 (Event No. 6284). **(APPROVED #6, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no)**

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter requested the City Manager to provide the report of purchases made/authorized by the City Manager valued at less than \$25,000.00 (#6).

7. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Event and Film Permit Software with Event Approvals, Inc. in the Amount of \$45,000 (Event No. 8421). **(APPROVED #7, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no)**
8. Notification of an Emergency Purchase for a Water Main Leak Repair with EA Tapping Services in the Amount of \$48,500 (Event No. 8425). **(APPROVED #8 UNANIMOUSLY)**

PURCHASING ITEMS

9. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Sidewalk, Curb and Cobblestone Repair Services with Savannah River Utilities (Local, Primary) and Savannah Paving, Inc. (Secondary) for up to \$1,900,000 (Event No. 7079). **(APPROVED #9, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no)**



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Alderman Purtee requested the City Manager to provide a priority list by districts, relative to the 88 locations for repairs (#9).

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter requested a priority list of the worst streets in Savannah by Roadbotics.

Mayor Johnson requested staff to provide for Council the trip hazards list.

10. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Budget Management Software from SHI International Corp. in the Amount of \$295,000 (Event No. 7075). **(APPROVED #10 and #12, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no)**
11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Equity Lease Agreement for 303 Light-Duty City Vehicles with Enterprise Fleet Management in the Amount of \$1,492,982 (Event No. 8211). **(APPROVED #11, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter not voting)**
12. Authorize the City Manager to Procure Network Services and Equipment with Layer 3 (Local) in the Amount of \$205,054.23 (Event No. 8420). **(APPROVED #10 and #12, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no)**

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13. Approval of a Marketing Agreement with Verb Interactive Inc. for the Production of a Stakeholder Video and a 12-Month Digital Media Marketing Program, in the Amount of \$135,000. **(APPROVED #13 through #21 UNANIMOUSLY)**
14. Approval of a Five-Year Renewal Service Agreement with INFAX, Inc. for Multi-User Flight Information Display System (MUFIDS), YCD Video Displays, and SAV's Daktronics Monitor in the Amount of \$302,065. **(APPROVED #13 through #21 UNANIMOUSLY)**
15. Approval to Ratify the Acceptance of Airport Coronavirus Response Grant Program (ACRGP) Grant Offer No. 3-13-0100-068-2021 from the Federal Aviation Administration, in the Amount of \$312,985. **(APPROVED #13 through #21 UNANIMOUSLY)**



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16. Approval to Ratify the Acceptance of Airport Coronavirus Response Grant Program (ACRGP) Grant Offer No. 3-13-0100-069-2021 from the Federal Aviation Administration, in the Amount of \$4,987,807. **(APPROVED #13 through #21 UNANIMOUSLY)**
17. Approval to Execute a Contract with Barnett Southern Corporation, Inc. to Cover Construction Services Related to the Southeast Quadrant Stormwater Drainage Project in the Amount of \$8,121,466. **(APPROVED #13 through #21 UNANIMOUSLY)**
18. Approval of a Fourth Amendment to Task Work Order Number 2 with AECOM Technical Services Inc. for the Southeast Quadrant Stormwater Drainage Improvements Project, in an Amount Not To Exceed \$177,801. **(APPROVED #13 through #21 UNANIMOUSLY)**
19. Approval of Task Work Order Number 3 with Pond & Company for the Design and Engineering of the Air Cargo Facility in the Amount of \$4,989,416. **(APPROVED #13 through #21 UNANIMOUSLY)**
20. Approval of Change Order Number 1 for a Professional Services Agreement with Reeves Construction Company for the Site Clearing Areas T, U, V & Parking Improvements Project, in the Amount of \$156,440. **(APPROVED #13 through #21 UNANIMOUSLY)**
21. Approval of an Emergency Operations Center Land and Facility Lease Agreement and Commission's Pro-Rata Share, in the Estimated Amount of \$8,529,055. **(APPROVED #13 through #21 UNANIMOUSLY)**

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

22. Nomination of Mr. Matthew S. Hallett to Replace Mr. Nelson Gassman, a Vacated Position on the Traffic Calming Committee (Post 1 - At-Large Seat) for a Three-Year Term Ending December 31, 2023, as Recommended by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter. **(APPROVED #22 UNANIMOUSLY)**

Alderwoman Lanier requested to look at carefully and hold a workshop prior to the budget review process pertaining to traffic calming intervention and addressing these related issues due to a high volume of complaints/calls received.



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ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

23. Approval of a Class B (Liquor)(Manufacturer) Alcohol License for Pratt Mathews of HOP Atomica at 535 East 35th Street (Aldermanic District 2).

No speakers.

(CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING for #23 and #25. APPROVED #23 UNANIMOUSLY)

24. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine)(By the Package) Alcohol License for Jay P. Patel of Habersham Market at 1220 Habersham Street (Aldermanic District 2). **(CONTINUED/POSTPONED #24 to the May 27, 2021 Meeting)**

25. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales for Mark Hoplamazian of Thompson Hotel at 201 Port Street (Aldermanic District 1).

No speakers.

(CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING for #23 and #25. APPROVED #25 UNANIMOUSLY)

26. Approval of a Class C (Beer,Wine)(By the Package) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales for Louis A. Cobello for Screamin' Mimi's at 513 East Oglethorpe Avenue (Aldermanic District 2)(Continued until June 10 Meeting per Applicant). **(CONTINUED/POSTPONED #26 to the June 10, 2021 Meeting)**

RESOLUTIONS

27. Approval of a Resolution Ratifying the Mayor's May 4, 2021 Extension of the Emergency Mask or Face Covering Order.

(APPROVED #27, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter not present)

AGREEMENTS

28. Approval to Modify and Extend the PY2020 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Year-Round Youth Sub-Awards to Administer the WIOA Youth Summer Work Experience Program in the amount of \$350,000.

(APPROVED #28 and #29, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter not present)



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29. Approval to Modify and Extend the PY2020 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Year-Round Adult, Dislocated Worker, One-Stop Operator, and Youth Sub-awards in the Amount of \$199,832. **(APPROVED #28 and #29, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter not present)**

Alderwoman Miller Blakely requested information concerning these awards and grant opportunities be made available to the public.

REAL ESTATE ITEMS

30. Approval of a Property Exchange with the Georgia Transmission Corporation within the New Hampstead Community to Facilitate Development of a New Electrical Sub-Station. **(APPROVED #30, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter not present)**

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

31. Settlement #1.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney to resolve an ankle and knee injury case involving Ms. Darlene Tyson in the amount of \$125,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter not present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Johnson announced the City of Savannah is now an Amazon community, although it is in the unincorporated area of the County. This accomplishment was a group effort with SEDA, the State and County, and the City, who is the provider of water and sewer. With a focus on robotics, there will be 1000 new jobs in the community, with a minimum salary of \$15/hour. The facility will open sometime next year.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed concern about having too many temporary employees and she recommends hiring permanent employees, due to a recent vehicle accident in a City vehicle made by a temporary employee. Alderwoman Miller Blakely is also concerned about a letter left in her mailbox concerning employees in the Recycling Department. She spoke previously to the City Manager



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about implementing an Ethics policy which she hopes will be on the next meeting agenda.

Mayor Johnson gave a shout-out to Chief Minter and our Police Department for dealing with a very harrowing circumstance, shooting of a mother and kidnapping of two six-year-old twins. The mother is in critical but stable condition. Due to the work of the Police Department and community tips, the two children are now returned to the safe custody of their families.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan commended the citizens of our community, by coming through with tips. If you see something, say something. There was great detective work and a community who cared. It was amazing to see them walk from door-to-door, and to use information from the Ring videos. We are in our third day of cease fire, and it has been proven we can take care of ourselves. The police department did a remarkable job. Kudos to the detectives and the community for bringing those babies home. We will continue to pray for the mother who is in stable but critical condition.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.