



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 4:00 p.m. Alderman Lanier offered the invocation, as requested by Mayor Johnson.

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. Enterprise Zone Renewals and Retail Redevelopment Areas and Strategies. **(PRESENTED by Acting City Manager Michael Brown, Director of Business Opportunities/Economic Development Manuel Dominguez, and Director of Urban Planning & Design Bridget Lidy)**
2. Briefing on Upcoming Workshops. **(PRESENTED by Acting City Manager Michael Brown)**

Mayor Johnson adjourned the work session at 5:35 p.m.



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:33 p.m., via Zoom video communications. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Miller Blakely to introduce Reverend Dr. Leonard Small, Pastor of Litway Missionary Baptist Church, who offered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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Alderman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice Chairman
Alderman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem
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ALSO, PRESENT:
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AGENDA ITEMS:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for June 24, 2021. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2. Approval of Minutes for the Special Called Meeting (re: Personnel – Interviews) held June 2 and June 3, 2021, respectively, at 8:00 a.m. **(APPROVED #2, #3 and #4 UNANIMOUSLY)**



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3. Approval of Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing held on June 10, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. **(APPROVED #2, #3 and #4 UNANIMOUSLY)**
4. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on June 10, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2, #3 and #4 UNANIMOUSLY)**

PURCHASING ITEMS

5. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract FOR A Disaster Recovery Base and Support Services with Ranco Response, LLC (Primary) and MLU Services, Inc. (Secondary). Contract Provides Temporary Housing and Meals for up to 500 Essential Workers to Ensure a safe Re-Opening after a Category 5 Hurricane or Other Disaster When Critical Workforce Shelter is Full; No Access to Facilities. Amount TBD. **(APPROVED #5 UNANIMOUSLY)**
6. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a New Columbarium in Greenwich Cemetery with Eickhof Columbaria, Inc. in the Amount of \$63,030 (includes Delivery and Installation). Contract is for a Fourth Structure that will Provide Ninety-Six Above-Ground Burial Spaces to Hold the Cremated Remains of the Deceased. Each Space Costs \$657. **(APPROVED #6 and #7 UNANIMOUSLY)**
7. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Replace Four Sludge Handling Pumps with Southern Civil, LLC in the Amount of \$285,176. Pumps Primarily Used at the President Street Plant to Move Sludge to a Solid Handling Dryer, Reducing Volume by 90%. Forming up to Nine Tons of Pellets Daily, Allowing for Transport as Dried vs. Liquid Sludge to the Landfill. Cost is \$175 vs. \$2,870. **(APPROVED #6 and #7 UNANIMOUSLY)**
8. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Two Digital Marquee Signs for the New Arena (On Gwinnett Street and Stiles Avenue) with Daktronics in the Amount of \$780,577. Includes Design, Fabrication and Installation Services. Signs will Display Upcoming Arena Events and Community Information. Cloud-Based Controlled, Messages can be Changed Remotely. Cost Included in Arena FF&E Budget. **(APPROVED #8, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no.)**



Written comment(s) received (#8):

- **Ardis Wood, requested to Table matter**

9. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Parking System Management Services (Maintenance, Secure Access; Credit Card and Transaction Processing) with Parkeon for \$332,448. System Allows Payment of Parking Spaces at 310 On-Street Meters; Serves 3,000 – 5,000 Daily; \$5 Million Revenue Annually. Also Includes Smart Validation Codes (Replaced Smart Cards; Preloaded Funds). **(APPROVED #9 and #10, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no.)**
10. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for 24/7 On Call, Remote Customer Support Services at City Parking Garages with Parker Technology in the Amount of \$89,927. Covers Remainder of 2021 and 2022. Includes Software Licenses and Monthly Subscription to System; Provides a Live, On-Call Parking Attendant via Video to Assist Customers with issues when Entering/Exiting Parking Garages. **(APPROVED #9 and #10, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no.)**
11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Bulkhead and Canal Widening at City Lot with C.A. Murren and Sons Heavy Civil LLC in the Amount of \$3,608,336. City Lot Portion will include 20ft.-Wide Walkway for Pedestrian Access from Gwinnett Street to the Arena. **(APPROVED #11, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no.)**

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

12. Approval of Class C (Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Christine Pirovits for 208 Wine Bar, a Bar/Lounge at 208 E. Bay Street, between Abercorn Street Ramp and Lincoln Street Ramp in District 2. No Concerns by Savannah Police Department or Neighborhood Association. No Issues with Litter or Loitering at Location. Distance Measurement Met. (New Owner/Location)

No Speaker(s).

CLOSED HEARINGS for #12, #13 and #14.

(APPROVED #12 UNANIMOUSLY)



13. Approval of Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Bijal Patel for Highland Shell, a Convenience Store at 485 Jimmy Deloach Parkway, Between Benton Boulevard and I-95 in District 1. No Concerns by Savannah Police Department or Issues with Litter or Loitering at Location. No Active Neighborhood Association. Distance Measurement Met. (New Owner/Location).

No Speaker(s).

CLOSED HEARINGS for #12, #13 and #14.

(APPROVED #13 UNANIMOUSLY)

14. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) and Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Philip Rothman for Alexander's Bistro, a Restaurant at 1201 Bull Street in District 2. No Concerns by the Savannah Police Department or Issues with Litter or Loitering at Location. No Concerns by Neighborhood Association. Distance Measurement Met. (New Owner/New Location).

No Speaker(s).

CLOSED HEARINGS for #12, #13 and #14.

(APPROVED #14 UNANIMOUSLY)

15. Approval of Class # (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Nikhil M. Patel, of Stop N Save, a Convenience Store at 4004 Montgomery Street Between W. 56th/57th Street in District 5. No Concerns by Police or Issues with Littering/Loitering. Concerns from Neighborhood Association, Agreement Not Accepted by Neighborhood (Exhibit 5), Distance Measurement Met. (New Management/Existing Business). See Timeline.

(CONTINUED #15 to July 8, 2021, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no.)

ZONING HEARINGS

16. Petition of Marguerite Seckman (Agent) on Behalf of Starland Partners II, LLC (Owner) for a Special Use Permit to Allow Alcohol Sales in Association with a Restaurant for 2418 Desoto Avenue, Between West 41st Street and West 42nd Street, (PIN 20065 47011) Aldermanic District 2 File No. 21-000499-ZA. MPC Recommended Approval.

Speaker(s):

- **Marguerite Seckman, applicant**



CLOSED HEARING for #16.

(Upon a reconsider vote, #16 was APPROVED (coffee shop), with Mayor Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Shabazz, and Aldermen Leggett, Palumbo and Purtee voting yea. Alderwomen Gibson-Carter, Miller Blakely, Lanier and Wilder-Bryan voted no.)

Written comment(s) received (#16 & #17):

- **Brianne Halverson, SUPPORTED**
- **Clinton Edminster, SUPPORTED**
- **Brigitte Harley, SUPPORTED**
- **Elizabeth Massey, SUPPORTED**

17. Petition of Marguerite Seckman (Agent) for Yvonne Jouffrault (Owner) for a Special Use Permit to Allow Alcohol Sales in Association with a Restaurant for 17 West 41st Street, Between Whitaker Street and Desoto Avenue, (PIN 20074 07001) Aldermanic District #2 File No. 21-000500-ZA. MPC Recommended Approval.

Speaker(s):

- **Marguerite Seckman, applicant**

CLOSED HEARING for #17.

(Upon a reconsider vote, #17 FAILED (ice cream shop), with Mayor Pro-Tem Shabazz, and Aldermen Leggett, Palumbo and Purtee voting yea. Mayor Johnson, Alderwomen Gibson-Carter, Miller Blakely, Lanier and Wilder-Bryan voted no.)

Written comment(s) received (#16 & #17):

- **Brianne Halverson, SUPPORTED**
- **Clinton Edminster, SUPPORTED**
- **Brigitte Harley, SUPPORTED**
- **Elizabeth Massey, SUPPORTED**

18. Petition of Vincent J. Del Monte (Agent) on behalf of the Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Savannah (Owner) to Amend the Zoning Map for 15-acre Parcel on ACL Blvd from Residential Single Family-6 (RSF-6) to Office Institutional-Expanded (OI-E) with Conditions. Aldermanic District 5, File No. 21-001244-ZA. MPC Recommended Approval with Conditions.

Speaker(s):

- **Melanie Wilson, MPC Executive Director**
- **Vincent Del Monte, (Agent) on behalf of the applicant**



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- Donna Myers, **SUPPORTED**
 - Harry Frazier, **SUPPORTED**
 - Gregg Dixon, **SUPPORTED**, and discussed other issues/matters
- CLOSED HEARING for #18.**

ORDINANCES – FIRST AND SECOND READING

19. Petition of Vincent J. Del Monte (Agent) on behalf of the Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Savannah (Owner) to Amend the Zoning Map for 15-acre Parcel on ACL Blvd from Residential Single Family-6 (RSF-6) to Office Institutional-Expanded (OI-E) with Conditions. Aldermanic District 5, File No. 21-001244-ZA. MPC Recommended Approval with Conditions. **(After the first reading was considered the second reading, APPROVED #19 UNANIMOUSLY)**

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

20. Approval for the Annexation of 12.34 Acres Located off Sweetwater Station Drive near Clubhouse Drive. The Property is Currently Vacant Land and the Owner Plans to Expand the Sweetwater Station Subdivision by Developing Approximately 60 Detached, Single-Family Homes on the Parcel. **(APPROVED #20 and #21, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no.)**
21. Amendment to Zone Approximately 12.34 Acres at 0 Grove Point Road (PIN 11004 02029) from the Residential-Agricultural (RA) Zoning Classification to the Residential-Agricultural-County (RA-CO) Zoning Classification. File No. 21-003048-ZA. **(APPROVED #20 and #21, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no.)**

AGREEMENTS

22. Approval of PY2021 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult/Dislocated Worker and Youth Provider Sub-awards in the amount of up to \$2,109,856 for Delivery of Training and Support Services to Unemployed or Underemployed Adults and to Low-Income Youth Ages 16-24 in the Ten-County



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Region. An Estimated 2,013 Adults/Youth will be Served. **(REMOVED #22, as requested by the Acting City Manager)**

23. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with CCC Grove at Ardsley Park for The Grove at Ardsley Park, a Development Consisting of the Construction of Multi-Family Buildings, Clubhouse and Pool at 4634 Abercorn Street. **(APPROVED #23 UNANIMOUSLY)**

REAL ESTATE ITEMS

24. Approval to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Third Amendment with T-Mobile to Upgrade Their Equipment on a City-Owned Water Tower at 400 Airport Avenue. The City will Receive an Additional \$500 per Month for a Total of \$44,394 in Annual Revenue. **(APPROVED #24 UNANIMOUSLY)**
25. Approval to Grant Easement to Georgia Power to Facilitate Development of Underground Electrical Power Lines to Service the New Arena. **(APPROVED #25, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no.)**

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

26. Settlement #1.
Mayor Pro-Tem Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney's office to settle a Worker's Compensation matter involving Gertrude Addison in the amount of \$80,000.00, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.
(APPROVED #26 UNANIMOUSLY)

MISCELLANEOUS

27. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing Sale of Alcoholic Beverages for Consumption On Premises on Sunday, July 4, 2021. **(APPROVED #27 UNANIMOUSLY)**

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:19 p.m.