



CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:30 p.m., via Zoom video communications. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Palumbo to introduce Pastor Marsha Buford, House of Favor Full Gospel Ministries, who offered 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
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 Heath Lloyd
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

AGENDA ITEMS:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for August 26, 2021. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY, as amended to add-on Item #30 and Item #31)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

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



ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

4. Approval of a Class C (Wine)(By the Drink) and Class G (Wine)(Complimentary Service) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Angela King for Presidents Quarter, Inn at 225 E. President, in District 2. No Concerns Noted by Neighborhood Association or Police. No Issues with Littering or Loitering. (Existing Business/New Owner) (Petitioner Requested Continuance to September 9, 2021)
No speaker(s).
(No action taken. CONTINUED/POSTPONED #4 UNANIMOUSLY to the September 9, 2021 City Council Meeting, as requested by the applicant)

5. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Kathy Maher for Cafe at City Market, Restaurant at 224 W. Saint Julian Street in City Market Between Barnard and Jefferson Streets in District 2. No Concerns Noted by the Neighborhood Association or Police. No Issues with Littering or Loitering. Distance Measurement Met. (Existing Business/New Owner)
Mayor Johnson declared the public hearings open for Items #5, #6 and #7.
No speaker(s).
CLOSED HEARINGS for #5, #6 and #7.
(APPROVED #5 UNANIMOUSLY)

6. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Michael Fekete for Java Burrito, Restaurant at 420 E. Broughton Street Between Price and Habersham Streets in District 2. No Concerns Noted by the Neighborhood Association or Police. No Issues with Littering or Loitering. Distance Measurement Met. (Existing Business/New Owner)
Mayor Johnson declared the public hearings open for Items #5, #6 and #7.
No speaker(s).
CLOSED HEARINGS for #5, #6 and #7.
(APPROVED #6 UNANIMOUSLY)

7. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Charles Aimone for East Bay Inn, Inn at 225 E. Bay Street Between Lincoln and Abercorn Streets in District 2. No Concerns Noted by the Neighborhood Association or Police. No Issues with Littering and Loitering. Distance Measurement Met. (Existing Business/New Request)
Mayor Johnson declared the public hearings open for Items #5, #6 and #7.
No speaker(s).



CLOSED HEARINGS for #5, #6 and #7.
(APPROVED #7 UNANIMOUSLY)

ZONING HEARINGS

8. Petition of Phillip R. McCorkle from McCorkle, Johnson & McCoy, LLP (Petitioner) on Behalf of Whitaker @ Charlton Lane, LLC (Owner) for a Special Use Permit to Have a Restaurant at 348 Whitaker Street (PIN 20032 05001). Aldermanic District 2. File No. 21-002772-ZA.

Speaker(s) present:

- **Marcus Lotson, MPC Representative**
- **Robert McCorkle, Applicant Representative**
- **Erika Snayd, Co-Owner – SUPPORTED**
- **Ardis Wood – OPPOSED**
- **Sabrina Nagel – SUPPORTED**
- **Elissa Habib – OPPOSED**
- **Colonel Henry Reed – SUPPORTED**
- **John Northup – OPPOSED**
- **Mary Ellen Wegman – OPPOSED**
- **Gale Singer & Jennifer Brayson– SUPPORTED**
- **Cheryl Lang – SUPPORTED (was not able to connect/present)**

CLOSED HEARING for #8.

(No action taken. CONTINUED/POSTPONED #8 UNANIMOUSLY to the September 9, 2021 City Council Meeting)

Written comment(s) received:

- **Erika Snayd – SUPPORTED**
- **Johno Morisano – SUPPORTED**
- **Justin O’Neill – SUPPORTED**
- **Logan Smith Pollak – SUPPORTED**
- **Staci Donegan – SUPPORTED**
- **Elizabeth Lytle – SUPPORTED**
- **Henry & Heidi Reed – SUPPORTED**
- **Glen Nicotra – SUPPORTED**
- **Terry Packard - OPPOSED**



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- **Elisa and Hank McCaffrey – OPPOSED**
- **Joan Levy, Mary Ellen Wegman and Dr. & Mrs. Finger – OPPOSED**
- **Anne Gantt – SUPPORTED**
- **Cheryl Lang - SUPPORTED**

9. Petition of Krishan Gandhi on Behalf of HOS Mgmt. (Property Owner/Petitioner) to Amend Zoning Map for 815 Wheaton St. (PIN 20033 12033) from IL (Light Industrial) to IL-T (Light Industrial-Transition). MPC Recommends Approval w/Conditions, No Bar/Tavern/Nightclub/Substance Recovery/Pawnshop/Check Cashing/Title Pawn/Package Store/Adult-oriented Businesses/Private Club/Lodge (Cont'd from 7/22/2021).

Speaker(s):

- **Marcus Lotson, MPC representative**
- **Applicant was not present.**

No hearing conducted.

(No action taken. CONTINUED/POSTPONED #9 and #11 to the September 23, 2021 City Council Meeting, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being not present)

10. Zoning of Buckhalter Road (PIN 10948 01001) Owned by Rockingham Farms, LLC from M (Manufacturing) to M-CO (Manufacturing-CO) (File No. 21-004510-ZA).

Speaker(s):

- **Heath Lloyd, Acting City Manager**
- **Bridget Lidy, Director of Planning & Urban Design**

CLOSED HEARING for #10.

ORDINANCES – FIRST AND SECOND READING

11. Petition of Krishan Gandhi on Behalf of HOS Mgmt. (Property Owner/Petitioner) to Amend Zoning Map for 815 Wheaton St. (PIN 20033 12033) from IL (Light Industrial) to IL-T (Light Industrial-Transition). MPC Recommends Approval w/Conditions, No Bar/Tavern/Nightclub/Substance Recovery/Pawnshop/Check Cashing/Title Pawn/Package Store/Adult-oriented Businesses/Private Club/Lodge (Cont'd from 7/22/2021). **(No action taken. CONTINUED/POSTPONED #9 and #11 to the September 23, 2021 City Council Meeting, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being not present)**



ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

12. Approval to Annex 20 Acres Located on the Southwest Bypass (Veterans Parkway) near Old Burkhalter Road. The Property will be Developed as Industrial Warehouses. **(HEARD #12 for First Reading only.)**
13. Zoning of Buckhalter Road (PIN 10948 01001) Owned by Rockingham Farms, LLC from M (Manufacturing) to M-CO (Manufacturing-CO) (File No. 21-004510-ZA). **(HEARD #13 for First Reading only.)**

PURCHASING ITEMS

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Courtside Seating for the Enmarket Arena with Hussey Seating Company in the Amount of \$263,610. Includes 2,500 Portable Folding Chairs that will Match the Color and Fabric of the Arena's Fixed Seating. Chairs will Provide Additional Capacity for Various Events Such as Basketball Games and Concerts. Expenditure Included in Project Budget. **(APPROVED #14, #16, #19, #21 and #22, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being not present)**
15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Two Commercial Washers and Two Dryers for the Enmarket Arena with Stafford Smith, Inc in the Amount of \$28,728. The Equipment will be Used to Launder: Team Uniforms, Dining Tablecloths, Napkins, Towels, Industrial Mop Heads, Etc. Expenditure Included in Project Budget. **(APPROVED #15, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being not present)**
16. Notification of an Emergency Purchase of an Electromagnetic Flow Meter Replacement from Calibration Controls and Automation in the Amount of \$59,589.42. Equipment will be used by the Water Supply and Treatment Department to Measure Up to 50 Million Gallons per Day of Surface Water Withdrawn from Abercorn Creek and Savannah River. **(APPROVED #14, #16, #19, #21 and #22, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being not present)**
17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Medical Care Coordination Services for the City's Healthcare Program from Quantum Health in the Amount of



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\$490,000. This will Provide a Single Point of Contact for Employees, Pre-65 Retirees, and Dependents for Precertification of Medical Care, Patient Advocacy and Education, Physician Coordination, Data Reporting, and Analysis, etc. **(APPROVED #17, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being not present)**

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Final Close-Out Modification for the Extension of a Crane Rail Located at the Springfield Canal Pump Station Facility with Southern Civil, LLC in the Amount of \$9,600. Project will Extend Crane Rail from 8 to 15 feet to Allow for Removal of Pumps to Perform Maintenance. Modification is Needed to Change the Design of the Support for the Concrete Foundation. **(APPROVED #18, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being not present)**
19. Authorize the City Manager to Renew a Contract for Software Subscription for Water Meter Testing with Mars Company in the Amount of \$43,510. Software will be used to Test Approximately 80,000 (10% Tested Annually) Small Commercial, Institutional, Industrial, and Residential Water Meters in the City's Water Distribution System. **(APPROVED #14, #16, #19, #21 and #22, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being not present)**
20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Renovation of the Existing Facility at 8 Interchange Court with Johnson-Laux (Local, DBE-owned) in the Amount of \$1,247,356. Facility will be Occupied by Fleet Services (City Lot Location). Renovations will Include Flooring, Lighting, Ceiling Tile & HVAC Replacement along with Upgrades for Security Access, Bays and Overhead Doors, etc. **(APPROVED #20, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no and Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being not present)**
21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Trenchless Rehabilitation of a Sixty-Inch Sewer Trunk Main and Two Junction Boxes for the Conveyance of Sewage from Montgomery Crossroads north to the President Street Water Reclamation Plant With Vortex Companies in the Amount of \$687,675. Services are Needed to Prevent a Massive Sewage Spill into the Savannah River. **(APPROVED #14, #16, #19, #21 and #22, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being not present)**



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22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Moving Services to Relocate Fifteen City Departments to the Interchange Court Facility (14 Interchange Court) from VIP Office Furniture and Supply, Inc. in the Amount of \$174,580. **(APPROVED #14, #16, #19, #21 and #22, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being not present)**

RESOLUTIONS

23. Approval of Supplemental Amendments to the FY 2021 Budget Resolution to Implement a 3% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA). **(APPROVED #23, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being not present)**
24. Approval of a Resolution to Instruct the City Manager to Work with Other Local Governmental Organizations to Develop an Incentive Based Program to Encourage Vaccinations. **(APPROVED #24, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being not present)**

AGREEMENTS

25. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Godley Station Enterprises, LLC for Brookline Subdivision Phase One, a Development Consisting of 48 Single Family Homes Located off Highlands Boulevard in the Godley West Service Area. **(APPROVED #25 and #26, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being not present)**
26. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with DGK Real Estate, LLC for Kahn Warehouse a 52,500 sq. ft. facility located at 40 Westgate Boulevard. **(APPROVED #25 and #26, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being not present)**

REAL ESTATE ITEMS

27. Approval to Grant Additional Easement to Georgia Power at 13710 Coffee Bluff Road. **(APPROVED #27, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being not present)**



CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

28. Settlement #1.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney to settle an injury matter involving former employee Mr. Dexter Johnson in the amount of \$86,725.33. Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed, 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being not present.

MISCELLANEOUS

29. Approval of a Resolution Ratifying the Mayor's Emergency Order Requiring that Face Coverings or Masks be Worn in the City of Savannah During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. **(APPROVED #29, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being not present)**

ADD-ONS (Heard following Items #2 and #3)

30. Added Item: A Resolution Celebrating the Life of Georgia House Representative Mickey Stephens, House District 165. **(APPROVED #30, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being not present)**

31. Added Item: A Proclamation Recognizing August 26, 2021 as Tammi Celeste Brown Day. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to Ms. Tammi Celeste Brown and her mother)**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alderwoman Miller Blakely remarked concerns with the Savannah State Football Team players, her grandson and the producer of her weekly podcast family member, who recently tested positive for COVID-19. Additionally, her husband's brother passed away at Grady Hospital in Atlanta awaiting medical treatment. She encouraged everyone to be safe and avoid COVID, whether you have had the vaccine or not. Sanitize and wear your masks.



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Alderwoman Lanier thanked Mr. Lloyd and Alderwoman Miller Blakely for reaching-out and helping with the Baker-Jenks Street Park situation, including the cleanup efforts, materials used, and notating the infrastructure problems that exist there.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:56 p.m.