



Work Session and City Manager's Briefing

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the regular meeting of the City Council was held at 1:30 p.m., via Zoom video communications. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Leggett to offer 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 Heath Lloyd
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. COVID-19 UPDATE. (**PRESENTED** by Dr. Lawton Davis, Health Director of the Coastal Health District)

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Work Session at 2:01 p.m. He further indicated the Regular Meeting will convene at 2:11 p.m.



Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:13 p.m., via Zoom video communications. Mayor Johnson recognized Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz to introduce Bishop Dorothy M Tanksley, Senior Pastor of Restoration Praise and Worship Ministries, who offered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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AGENDA ITEMS:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for September 9, 2021. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY, as amended to add an Appearance of David Singleton, Executive Director of Live Oak Public Libraries in honor of National Literacy Month and Library Card/Account Month. This matter was heard upon the adoption of the agenda)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

2. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on August 26, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 UNANIMOUSLY)**



PRESENTATIONS

3. A Proclamation Declaring September 12 as Savannah Day. **(PRESENTED and READ by Mayor Johnson)**
4. A Proclamation Declaring the Month of September as Buy Local Month in Savannah. **(PRESENTED and READ by Mayor Johnson, and received by Courtney Rawlins, President of Buy Local Savannah, along with other Buy Local representatives Liz Saxton, Kristen Harkleroad, and Tiffany Ringle)**
5. A Proclamation Recognizing the 20th Anniversary of Terrorist Attacks on the United States of America on September 11, 2001, and the Men and Women who Lost Their Lives and Those who Fought to Protect Us Since That Day. **(PRESENTED and READ by Mayor Johnson)**

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

6. 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) (Continued from August 26, 2021 Meeting)
No speaker(s).
CLOSED HEARINGS for #6 and #8.
(APPROVED #6 UNANIMOUSLY)
7. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine)(By the Package) Alcohol License & Resolution to Vinaybhai Patel for Eagle Market (Convenience Store) at 2120 W. Bay Street, District 1. Original License Issued Before Alcohol Overlay District; Time Period for Re-establishing Use Met. No concerns by Police or Neighborhood Association. No Issues with Littering/Loitering. Distance Measurement Met. (Continued from 08/12)
Speaker(s) present:
 - **Vinay Patel, applicant – SUPPORTED**
 - **Lucille Jackson – SUPPORTED**
 - **Deidra L. – SUPPORTED**



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- Jason T. Whipple – SUPPORTED
- Joseph Polite – SUPPORTED
- Justin Maines – SUPPORTED

CLOSED HEARING for #7.
(APPROVED #7 UNANIMOUSLY)

Written comment(s) received by:

- Tonia Miller - SUPPORTED

8. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License to Robert D. Phillips Jr. for Savannah Gentlemen's Club, a Club at 325 E. Montgomery Cross Roads Between Edgewater Road and Hurst Avenue in Aldermanic District 4. No Concerns by Police or Issues with Littering or Loitering. Distance Measurement Met. (Existing Business/New Owner)

No speaker(s).

CLOSED HEARINGS for #6 and #8.
(APPROVED #8 UNANIMOUSLY)

9. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine)(By the Package) Alcohol License to Mrugesh Patel for Marathon, a Convenience Store at 329 E. Montgomery Cross Road, Between Edgewater Road and Hurst Avenue in Aldermanic District 4. No Concerns by Police, Issues with Littering or Loitering. Distance Measurement Met. (Existing Business/New Owner)

No speaker(s).

CLOSED HEARINGS for #9.
(APPROVED #9 UNANIMOUSLY)

10. Approval of Class C (Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License to Seshu Kotcherlakota for The Hideaway Cafe, a Cafe at 105 Tibet Avenue, Between Abercorn Street and LaBrea Boulevard in District 6. No Concerns by Police or Issues with Littering or Loitering. Distance Measurement Met. (Existing Business/New Request) (Staff Request Continuance to September 23, 2021)
(CONTINUED/POSTPONED #10 to the September 23, 2021 City Council Meeting.)



ZONING HEARINGS

11. 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 (Public Hearing Closed on August 26, 2021) [Continued by Petitioner to September 23, 2021]

No action taken. (CONTINUED/POSTPONED #11 UNANIMOUSLY to the September 23, 2021 City Council Meeting)

12. Petition of Harold Yellin (Agent) on Behalf of Alice Keller (Owner) for a Map Amendment to Rezone Little Neck Road (Parcel ID# 21007 01001 and 21007 01002) from R-A-CO (Residential-Agricultural-County) to PD (Planned Development) MPC Recommends Approval with Condition that the Applicant Enters into an Agreement with Chatham County Regarding Issues Related to Stormwater, Traffic and Canal Access.

Speaker(s):

- **Kerrie Bieber – OPPOSED**
- **Diane Brannen – OPPOSED**
- **Patrick Welsh – OPPOSED**
- **Commissioner Tanya Milton - OPPOSED**
- **Travis Burke, representing applicant – SUPPORTED**
- **Harold Yellin, agent - SUPPORTED**

No action taken. (CONTINUED/POSTPONED #12 and #15 to the October 14, 2021 City Council Meeting, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no.)

Written comment(s) received by:

- **Kerrie Bieber – OPPOSED (two submittals with attachments)**
- **Randy and Diane Brannen – OPPOSED**
- **Earnest White – OPPOSED**
- **Donna Lynn Strickland – OPPOSED**
- **Commissioner Tanya Milton – OPPOSED**



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13. Petition of Nathan Pollard on Behalf of Linda B. Morgan and Charles D. Broometo to Amend the Zoning Map for 1103 East 69th Street (PIN 20114 19002) from RSF-6 (Residential Single Family-6) to O-I (Office Institutional) (File No. 21-003122-ZA).

Speaker(s) present:

- **Marcus Lotson, MPC representative**

(CONTINUED/POSTPONED #13 and #16 to the September 23, 2021 City Council Meeting.)

Written comment(s) received:

- **Richard Mackin – OPPOSED**

14. Approval to Amend the Zoning Map for 6078 Ogeechee Road (PIN 11029 05004) Owned by F & A of Savannah, LLC from B-N (Neighborhood Business) to B-N-CO (Neighborhood Business-County) to Support Annexation (File No. 21-004509-ZA).

Speaker(s):

- **Heath Lloyd, Acting City Manager**

(CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING for #4, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no.)

ORDINANCES – FIRST AND SECOND READING

15. Petition of Harold Yellin (Agent) on Behalf of Alice Keller (Owner) for a Map Amendment to Rezone Little Neck Road (Parcel ID# 21007 01001 and 21007 01002) from R-A-CO (Residential-Agricultural-County) to PD (Planned Development) MPC Recommends Approval with Condition that the Applicant Enters into an Agreement with Chatham County Regarding Issues Related to Stormwater, Traffic and Canal Access. **No action taken.**

(CONTINUED/POSTPONED #12 and #15 to the October 14, 2021 City Council Meeting, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no.)

16. Petition of Nathan Pollard on Behalf of Linda B. Morgan and Charles D. Broometo to Amend the Zoning Map for 1103 East 69th Street (PIN 20114 19002) from RSF-6 (Residential Single Family-6) to O-I (Office Institutional) (File No. 21-003122-ZA).

(CONTINUED/POSTPONED #13 and #16 to the September 23, 2021 City Council Meeting.)



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17. Petition of Bob Isaacson (Agent) on Behalf of Savannah Core (Owner) to Amend the Zoning Map for 527 E. 39th Street (PIN 20075 05010) from TN-2 (Traditional Neighborhood-2) to East Broad Market Lofts PUD. Aldermanic District 2. (File No. 21-002411-ZA). **(HEARD #17 and #18 for FIRST READING ONLY, as requested by Alderman Leggett)**
18. Petition of Bob Isaacson (Agent) on Behalf of Savannah Core (Owner) to Amend East Broad Market Lofts PUD to include 527 E. 39th Street (PIN 20075 05010). Located in Aldermanic District 2. (File No. 21-002377-ZA). **(HEARD #17 and #18 for FIRST READING ONLY, as requested by Alderman Leggett)**
19. Approval to Amend Section 8-7046.3.b.i of the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance Entitled "Specific Standards," to Ensure Manufactured Homes' Lowest Horizontal Member is Elevated One-Foot Above FEMA's NFIP Base Flood Elevation (BFE) Plus One Foot Freeboard. The Current Ordinance Allows Manufactured Homes to be Either One Foot Above the BFE or Three Feet Above the Existing Grade. **(After the first reading was considered the second reading, APPROVED #19 UNANIMOUSLY)**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

20. Approval for the Annexation of 5.019 Acres Located off Ogeechee Road Near Canebrake Road. The Property has been Developed as a Tractor Supply Company Store. **(No action taken.)**
21. Approval to Amend the Zoning Map for 6078 Ogeechee Road (PIN 11029 05004) Owned by F & A of Savannah, LLC from B-N (Neighborhood Business) to B-N-CO (Neighborhood Business-County) to Support Annexation (File No. 21-004509-ZA). **(HEARD #21 for First Reading only.)**

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

22. Approval for the Annexation of 20.0 Acres Located on the Southwest Bypass (Veterans Parkway) near Old Burkhalter Road. The Property Will be Developed as Industrial Warehouses. **(APPROVED #22, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no.)**



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23. Approval to Amend 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). **(APPROVED #23, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no.)**

PURCHASING ITEMS

24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for 57,000 Sanitation Curbside Calendar Packets with Patriot Precision Printing (Local, SBE) in the Amount of \$64,165. Packets Contain a Magnet with the 2022 Sanitation Schedule Highlighting Collection Days for Refuse, Recycling, Yard Waste, and Bulk Items Along with a Letter and Brochure About Services. **(APPROVED #24, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no.)**
25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Construction of a 10,380 Sq. Ft. Gym with a Full-Size Basketball Court for the New Grant Center (West St. and Barnes Dr.) Along with Conversion of Two Rooms into a Fitness and Weight Room and Window Replacements at Moses Jackson Community Center (1410 Richards St.) to Dabbs-Williams General Contractors, LLC (Local) in the Amount of \$3,840,000. **(APPROVED #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**
26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Renovation of 2155 West Gwinnett Street, Savannah Fire Support and Code Compliance Building to Johnson-Laux Constructions (7001 Chatham Center Dr., Savannah, GA) (Local-DBE Company) in the Amount of \$2,408,855. **(APPROVED #26, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no.)**

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

27. Approval to Ratify the Acceptance of Airport Improvement Program Grant Offer No. 3-13-0100-066-2021 from the Federal Aviation Administration for \$1,111,111 in Funding. **(APPROVED #27 through #31 UNANIMOUSLY)**
28. Approval to Ratify the Acceptance of Airport Improvement Program Grant Offer No. 3-13-0100-067-2021 from the Federal Aviation Administration, in the Amount of \$6,679,565 in Funding. **(APPROVED #27 through #31 UNANIMOUSLY)**



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29. Approval of a Contract with ECS Southeast, LLP for the Quality Assurance Testing – Air Cargo Apron Project, \$40,760. **(APPROVED #27 through #31 UNANIMOUSLY)**
30. Approval of Amendment Number One to Task Work Order Number Ten for the Navigable Waters Protection Rule Assessment with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. in the Amount of \$32,000. **(APPROVED #27 through #31 UNANIMOUSLY)**
31. Approval of Advertising Placement in the Hilton Head Island and Bluffton Vacation Planners in the Amount of \$42,445. **(APPROVED #27 through #31 UNANIMOUSLY)**

RESOLUTIONS

32. Approval of a Resolution to Adopt the 2021 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Floodplain Mitigation Plan and the Repetitive Loss Area Analysis. **(APPROVED #32 UNANIMOUSLY)**

REAL ESTATE ITEMS

33. Approval of a 3-Year Lease Agreement in an Amount of \$34,000 Per Year for a Facility at 5521 Abercorn Street for the Project DeRenne Relocation Assistance Program (RAP). The RAP will be Chaired by City Staff and Operated by a Committee of City, Federal, State and Local Partners. Office Space is Needed for the RAP so Affected Owners & Tenants can Obtain Information and Resources on the Project. **(APPROVED #33 through #35 UNANIMOUSLY)**
34. Approval of an Underground Easement to Georgia Power Company on Parcel Identification Numbers (PINs) 20030 08001 & 20030 08005 Stiles Avenue. **(APPROVED #33 through #35 UNANIMOUSLY)**
35. Approval of a Ground Lease with the Housing Authority of Savannah to Facilitate Force Main Project. **(APPROVED #33 through #35 UNANIMOUSLY)**



MISCELLANEOUS

- 36. Approval of Supplemental Budget Appropriations. **(APPROVED #36, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no.)**

- 37. Approval of the Naming of the New City Services Complex Located at 14 Interchange Court to "Floyd Adams, Jr. City Services Complex". **(APPROVED #37 UNANIMOUSLY)**

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.