



Work Session and City Manager's Briefing

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 12:01 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Detric 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:

City Manager Jay Melder
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Discussion regarding Future Plans for the Civic Center Facility and Gamble Building. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson. With consent of the City Council, City Manager Melder was asked to take a look at both properties and bring back options/observations for their review. In addition, Alderman Gibson-Carter requested the City Manager to review the proposal made by the Savannah Coalition of Coaches intended to address crime on the streets and bring back recommendations for the City Council's consideration.)**
2. Discussion regarding Impact Fees. **(PRESENTED by City Manager Melder, along with Bill Ross, ROSS & Associates, and Paige Hatley, Hatley Plans LLC)**

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Work Session at 12:55 p.m.



Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:02 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Alicia Miller Blakely to introduce Junior Minister Darion Seabrook, Graceful Gospel Church, and a high school junior attending Calvary Day School, 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 Tuesday, November 9, 2021.
(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session & City Manager's Briefing held on October 28, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2, #3 and #4 UNANIMOUSLY, as amended to correctly spell "SAPELO (Foundation)" in the work session minutes.)**



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3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on October 28, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. **(APPROVED #2, #3 and #4 UNANIMOUSLY, as amended to correctly spell "SAPELO (Foundation)" in the work session minutes.)**

ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

4. Adoption of the 2022 Meeting Calendar for the Mayor and Aldermen. **(APPROVED #2, #3 and #4 UNANIMOUSLY, as amended to correctly spell "SAPELO (Foundation)" in the work session minutes.)**

PRESENTATIONS

5. Approval of a Resolution Accepting a Donation from the Ardsley Park-Chatham Crescent Garden Club in the Amount of \$5,000 for the Beautification of Theus Park, Located at Chatham Crescent and E. 45th St. in Dist. 4. Improvements will include turf grass replacement, the addition of ornamental shrubs, mulch and other enhancements to the existing landscape. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY #25 and #26, related items as amended to reflect \$6,000 for the Garden Club and \$4,850 for the Neighborhood Association)**
6. Approval of a Resolution Accepting a \$5,000 Donation from the Ardsley Park-Chatham Crescent Neighborhood Association for the Beautification of Theus Park, Located at Chatham Crescent and E. 45th St. in Dist. 4. Improvements will include turf grass replacement, the addition of ornamental shrubs, mulch and other enhancements to the existing landscape. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY #25 and #26, related items as amended to reflect \$6,000 for the Garden Club and \$4,850 for the Neighborhood Association)**
7. A Proclamation Recognizing the Extraordinary Effort Put Forth by City Staff to Provide Technical Support for the Continuation of City Council Meetings via ZOOM for the Past Twenty Months. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and READ by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz)**



8. A Proclamation Recognizing Omar Temple No. 21 Prince Hall Affiliated (PHA) Shriners for Serving the Greater Savannah Community for Over 115 Years. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and READ by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan)**

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

9. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Sheel Patel for Eclipse, A Restaurant at 127 W. Congress St., Between Barnard St. and Whitaker St. in District 2. No concerns noted by Police, no Issues with littering or loitering. Distance measurement met. This will be a full-service restaurant, on-premises consumption only (New Owner/New Request). **Mayor Johnson declared the public hearings #9, #10 and #11 open. No speaker(s) were present. CLOSED HEARINGS for #9, #10 and #11 UNANIMOUSLY. (APPROVED #9 UANNIMOUSLY)**
10. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Meng X. Wang for The Juicy Seafood, A Restaurant at 7805 Abercorn St., Between White Bluff Rd. and Echols Ave. in District 4. No concerns noted by Police, no issues with littering/loitering. Distance measurement met. No active neighborhood association. On-premise consumption (Existing Business/New Owner). **Mayor Johnson declared the public hearings #9, #10 and #11 open. No speaker(s) were present. CLOSED HEARINGS for #9, #10 and #11 UNANIMOUSLY. (APPROVED #10 UANNIMOUSLY)**
11. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to David Walker for Pakwan Indian Cuisine, A Restaurant at 7102 Abercorn St., Between Stephenson Ave. and Eisenhower Dr. in Dist. 4. No concerns noted by Police, no issues with littering/loitering. Distance measurement met. No active Neighborhood Assoc. in the area. (Existing Business/New Owner). **Mayor Johnson declared the public hearings #9, #10 and #11 open. No speaker(s) were present. CLOSED HEARINGS for #9, #10 and #11 UNANIMOUSLY. (APPROVED #11 UANNIMOUSLY)**



ZONING HEARINGS

12. Petition of Neil McKenzie, Coleman Company on Behalf of Sweetwater Land Developers, LLC to Amend the Zoning Map from RSF-6 (Residential Single-Family-6) to RSF-5 (Residential Single-Family-5 5) for 500 Grove Point Rd. (PIN 21004 02071). Aldermanic Dist. 6. File No. 21-005167. MPC recommends approval.

Mayor Johnson opened the hearing for #12.

Speaker(s) present:

- **Marcus Lotson, MPC Representative**
- **Neil McKenzie, representing the applicant**

(CLOSED HEARING for #12 UNANIMOUSLY)

ORDINANCES – FIRST AND SECOND READING

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ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

14. Petition of Harold Yellin for Vista Realty Partners (Owner PHRM Holdings, LLC) to Amend the Zoning Map for 1000 Chatham Center Drive (PIN 20739 01013) from B-C (Community Business) to RMF-2-25 (Residential Multi-Family-2-25 Dwelling Units Per Acre). District 1 (File No. 21-004876-ZA). Metropolitan Planning Commission recommends approval. Public hearing and 1st reading held October 28, 2021. **(APPROVED #14 UNANIMOUSLY)**

PURCHASING ITEMS

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Final Close-Out Modification for the Extension of an Office Trailer Lease with William Scotsman (Local) in the Amount



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of \$19,600. The Lease also includes furnishings and appliances utilized by the sanitation department while renovations are completed through November 2021 at 1809 US 80 West Garden City. **(APPROVED #15 through #20, and #23 UNANIMOUSLY)**

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Stage Lighting for the Enmarket Arena with Wenger Corporation in the amount of \$157,600. Lighting equipment will be used during events at the facility. Expenditure included in project budget. **(APPROVED #15 through #20, and #23 UNANIMOUSLY)**
17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of Three Portable Basketball Backstops for the Enmarket Arena from Porter Athletics in the Amount of \$62,776. Expenditure included in project budget. **(APPROVED #15 through #20, and #23 UNANIMOUSLY)**
18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Leachate Pumping and Hauling Services with ED Trucking (Local, DBE) for up to \$450,000. Contract will be utilized to remove and transport landfill leachate from the Dean Forest Landfill to the City's Wastewater Treatment Facility for disposal. **(APPROVED #15 through #20, and #23 UNANIMOUSLY)**
19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for Structural Welding and Fabrication with L&H Welding (Local) for up to \$17,500. The contract will be utilized for the continued repair and maintenance of refuse disposal machinery and equipment through the end of 2021. **(APPROVED #15 through #20, and #23 UNANIMOUSLY)**
20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for Low-Voltage Cabling Installation Services at Various City Facilities with NetPlanner in the Amount of \$225,000. The contract will also provide security access control equipment and services, security camera procurement and installation. **(APPROVED #15 through #20, and #23 UNANIMOUSLY)**
21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Scanning and Indexing Services with Intellinetics in the Amount of \$150,000. Currently, the Human Resources Department has over 400 boxes of employee files. Services will begin the process for digitizing personnel records in an effort to save storage space,



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improve search ability, security and visibility of employee records. **(APPROVED #21 UNANIMOUSLY)**

22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Legislative Services with Holland and Knight in the Amount of \$102,000. The City's legislative services contract provides professional representation and liaison services with the Georgia General Assembly, Chatham County Legislative Delegation, and the executive departments and agencies of the State of Georgia. **(APPROVED #22, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Alderwoman Lanier voting no.)**

23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of Archival Shelving from Spacesaver Storage Systems for City Municipal Archives in the Amount of \$264,773. New archival shelving will be installed at the City Hall archival vaults and Administration Building at the Floyd Adams, Jr. City Services Complex. **(APPROVED #15 through #20, and #23 UNANIMOUSLY)**

24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Water, Sewer and Stormwater Line Repair Services with South Champion Construction in the Amount of \$4,353,500. Services will be used by various Public Works departments. Currently, over 2,000 miles of water, sewer and stormwater mains are maintained by the City. **(APPROVED #24 UNANIMOUSLY)**

RESOLUTIONS

25. Approval of a Resolution Accepting a Donation of \$5,000 by the Ardsley Park-Chatham Crescent Garden Club to Help Beautify Theus Park, Located at Chatham Crescent and E. 45th St. in Dist. 4. Improvements will include turf grass replacement, the addition of ornamental shrubs, mulch and other enhancements to the existing landscape. **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY #25 and #26, related items as amended to reflect \$6,000 for the Garden Club and \$4,850 for the Neighborhood Association)**

26. Approval of a Resolution Accepting a Donation from the Ardsley Park-Chatham Crescent Neighborhood Association to Help Beautify Theus Park, Located at Chatham Crescent and E. 45th St. in Dist. 4. Improvements will include turf grass replacement, the addition of ornamental shrubs, mulch and other enhancements to the existing landscape. **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY #25 and #26, related**



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REAL ESTATE ITEMS

27. Approval to Accept a Quit Claim Deed of a Portion of Normandy Street Right-of-Way from the Housing Authority of Savannah. **(APPROVED #27 UNANIMOUSLY)**

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

28. Settlement #1.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney to resolve twenty-four (24) property tax litigation lawsuits near the Savannah Airport for no more than \$2,600,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

29. Adoption of the Racial Equity and Leadership (REAL) Task Force Report. Adoption of the Task Force Report will direct the City Manager to review and recommend implementation strategies to Council. **(APPROVED RESOLUTION #29 UNANIMOUSLY, thereby directing the City Manager to review the recommendations for the City Council's future consideration.)**

Following various announcements made by Council members, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at **4:05 p.m.**