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## **Work Session and City Manager's Briefing**

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The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 12:01 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely to offer the invocation.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding  
Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, Post 1, Chairman  
Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, Post 2  
Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1  
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2  
Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3  
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice Chairman  
Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

**ALSO, PRESENT:**

City Manager Jay Melder  
Assistant to City Manager Daphanie Williams  
City Attorney Bates Lovett  
Clerk of Council Mark Massey  
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret F. Fox

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. Presentation on Food Desserts in Savannah. **[PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson in partnership with the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative – Innovative Track, along with a Team of City employees as follows: Willie Mae Knight; Candra Teshome; DeAnni Gibbs; Amanda LaBrot; Chip Colley; Ann Cannon (absent); Jeff Shaffer (absent); and Sgt. William Barnett (absent)]**
2. 2022 Legislative Agenda for Savannah. **[PRESENTED by City Manager Melder and Assistant to City Manager Joe Shearouse]**

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Work Session at 1:40 p.m.

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## **Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:04 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Bernetta B. Lanier to introduce Pastor Vernell Cutter of Jesus Worldwide Ministries, who offered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding  
Alderman Kesha Gibson-Carter, Post 1, Chairman  
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### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, November 23, 2021. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY, as amended to add a Resolution in honor of Reverend Matthew Southall Brown, Sr.)**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session & City Manager's Briefing Held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2, #3 and #4 UNANIMOUSLY)**



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3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2, #3 and #4 UNANIMOUSLY)**
4. Approval of the Minutes for the Special Meeting re: the 2022 Budget (Retreat) held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. **(APPROVED #2, #3 and #4 UNANIMOUSLY)**

**PRESENTATIONS**

5. A Proclamation Recognizing Captain Morgan Winsor, Advanced Firefighter Matthew Spivey, and Advanced Firefighter Andrew Stevenson as Heroes and Public Servants who Saved a Life in the Call of Duty on November 6, 2021 during the Rock 'N' Roll Marathon. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and READ by Alderman Palumbo)**
6. A Proclamation Recognizing Captain Morgan Winsor, Fire Engineer Michael Greene, Advanced Firefighter Matthew Spivey, and Advanced Firefighter Ronald Strauser as Heroes and Public Servants who Saved a Life in the Call of Duty While Responding to a Call for Service on November 13, 2021. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and READ by Alderman Purtee)**

**ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS**

7. Approval of a Class C (Wine, Liquor)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Edilma A. Martin Lopez for La Fonda, a Full-Service Restaurant at 310 E. Montgomery Crossroads, Between Bruce Ave. and Aegean Ave.in District 4. No concerns by Police or issues with littering or loitering. Distance measurement met. (Existing Business/New Request)  
**Mayor Johnson declared the public hearings for #7, #8, #9 and #10 open.**  
**No speaker(s) were present.**  
**CLOSED HEARINGS for #7, #8, #9, and #10 UNANIMOUSLY.**  
**(APPROVED #7 UANNIMOUSLY)**
8. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License to Diane M. Boyette for Captain's Lounge, a Bar at 8414 Waters Ave., Between E. Montgomery Crossroads and Shannon Ave. in District 4. No concerns by Police



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or issues with littering or loitering. Distance measurement met. (Existing Business/New Owner)

**Mayor Johnson declared the public hearings for #7, #8, #9 and #10 open.**

**No speaker(s) were present.**

**CLOSED HEARINGS for #7, #8, #9, and #10 UNANIMOUSLY.**

**(APPROVED #8 UANNIMOUSLY)**

9. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License to Diane M. Boyette for Candlelight Lounge, A Bar at 8606 White Bluff Rd., Between Wesley St. and Travis St. in District 4. No concerns were noted by the Police or issues with littering or loitering. Distance measurement met. (Existing Business/New Owner)

**Mayor Johnson declared the public hearings for #7, #8, #9 and #10 open.**

**No speaker(s) were present.**

**CLOSED HEARINGS for #7, #8, #9, and #10 UNANIMOUSLY.**

**(APPROVED #9 UANNIMOUSLY)**

10. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales for Jacqueline Somesso for Sloppee Toppee, A Full-Service Restaurant at 416 W. Liberty St., Between Martin L. King Blvd. and Montgomery St. in District 2. No concerns noted by Police or issues with littering or loitering. Distance measurement met. (New Owner/New Location)

**Mayor Johnson declared the public hearings for #7, #8, #9 and #10 open.**

**No speaker(s) were present.**

**CLOSED HEARINGS for #7, #8, #9, and #10 UNANIMOUSLY.**

**(APPROVED #10 UANNIMOUSLY)**

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

11. First Public Hearing to Receive Comments on the 2022 Proposed Service Program and Budget.

**Mayor Johnson declared the public hearings for #11 open.**

**Speaker(s) present:**

- **Terry Tolbert, EOA Executive Director – OPPOSED to funding levels**
- **Adam Solender, EOA Treasurer – OPPOSED to funding levels**
- **Nicholas Scannell, Georgia Southern University Student Veterans of America (SVA) – SUPPORTED implementation of a municipal internship program**



- **Anand Rao, Georgia Southern University Student Veterans of America (SVA) – SUPPORTED implementation of a municipal internship program**

## **ZONING HEARINGS**

12. Petition of Rebecca Holcombe on Behalf of Property Owner Jaki Gatch for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 5313 Skidaway Road (PIN 20122 02021) from RSF-10 (Residential Single Family-10) to O-I (Office Institutional). Aldermanic District 3 (File No. 21-004900). MPC Recommends Rezoning to OI-T (Office Institutional-Transition) with Conditions.

**Mayor Johnson opened the hearing for #12.**

**Speaker(s) present:**

- **Marcus Lotson, MPC Representative**
- **Rebecca Holcombe, representing the petitioner**

**(CLOSED HEARING for #12 UNANIMOUSLY)**

13. Petition of Wesley Dixon on Behalf of Property Owner Hal Jenkins for a Special Use Permit to Permit Vehicle Sale, Rental, and Leasing at 2301 Montgomery Street (PIN 20073 14004) Within the TC-2 Zoning District. Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 21-004407-ZA). MPC Recommends Approval with Conditions.

**Mayor Johnson opened the hearing for #13.**

**Speaker(s) present:**

- **Marcus Lotson, MPC Representative**
- **Omair Benson, representing the petitioner**

**CLOSED HEARING for #13 UNANIMOUSLY.**

**(APPROVED #13 UNANIMOUSLY)**

## **ORDINANCES – FIRST AND SECOND READING**

14. Petition of Rebecca Holcombe on Behalf of Property Owner Jaki Gatch for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 5313 Skidaway Road (PIN 20122 02021) from RSF-10 (Residential Single Family-10) to O-I (Office Institutional). Aldermanic District 3 (File No. 21-004900). MPC recommends rezoning to OI-T (Office Institutional-Transition) with conditions. **(HEARD FOR FIRST READING ONLY)**



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**ORDINANCES – FIRST READING**

- 15. Approval of the 2022 Revenue Ordinance. **(FIRST READING ONLY)**
- 16. First Reading of a Resolution to Approve the Proposed 2022 Service Program and Budget and Five-Year Capital Plan. **(FIRST READING ONLY)**

**PURCHASING ITEMS**

- 17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of Three Fire Pumpers with Sutphen Corporation in the Amount of \$2,000,000 (SPLOST-VII Funded). Savannah Fire Department will use the fire apparatuses to replace fire apparatuses reaching their end-of-service life. **(APPROVED #17 UNANIMOUSLY)**
- 18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Computer Replacement Devices with Dell, Inc. in the Amount of \$950,000. This agreement will allow for the purchase of end-user devices such as, laptops, desktops, monitors, and rugged tablets to replace broken or damaged devices across the City in all user departments. **(APPROVED #18 UNANIMOUSLY)**
- 19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Design of the Savannah Springfield Canal with EMC Engineering, Inc. (Local) in the Amount of \$546,559. First phase will include widening the 100-foot bottom width. The improvements will be the first initial steps toward the Springfield Canal upgrades which will provide 100-year storm conveyance to the Savannah River outfall. **(APPROVED #19, #20, #21 and #22 UNANIMOUSLY, per the City Manager's recommendation)**
- 20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of Food Service Carts/Kiosk for the Enmarket Arena from Stafford-Smith, Inc. in the Amount of \$530,204. The purchase will include a total of 22 carts and allow patrons to purchase snacks, food, and beverages at multiple locations throughout the arena. (Expenditure included in Project Budget) **(APPROVED #19, #20, #21 and #22 UNANIMOUSLY, per the City Manager's recommendation)**
- 21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of Playground Equipment for the Enmarket Arena with Great Southern Recreation in the Amount



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of \$297,313. (Expenditure included in Project Budget) **(APPROVED #19, #20, #21 and #22 UNANIMOUSLY, per the City Manager's recommendation)**

22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for 115 Motorola Handheld Radios for the Enmarket Arena with Mobile Communications America in the amount of \$69,015. The devices will be used for staff communication in the facility. (Expenditure included in Project Budget) **(APPROVED #19, #20, #21 and #22 UNANIMOUSLY, per the City Manager's recommendation)**
23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for Quality Assurance Services with Atlantic Coast Consulting (Local) in the Amount of \$232,863. Services are for professional engineering, sampling, and testing required to document compliance with the EPD for the Dean Forest Landfill. The modification will cover additional costs associated with known time delays & add'l work items. **(APPROVED #23, #24, #25, #26, #27, #29, #30 and #31 UNANIMOUSLY)**
24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification (\$46,000 for FY21) and Renewal (\$150K for FY22) for Microsoft Enterprise with Insight Public Sector, Inc. in the total amount of \$196,000. The Information Technology Department will be adding the Azure Environment, used for MySavannah and other resources) to the existing contract. **(APPROVED #23, #24, #25, #26, #27, #29, #30 and #31 UNANIMOUSLY)**
25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Utility Access Rings and Covers with Ferguson Facility Supply/DBA Ferguson Enterprises (Local) in the Amount of \$187,097. The equipment will be utilized by Public Works divisions to keep sanitary sewer collection systems free of extraneous inflow and infiltration by preventing rain water from entering the system. **(APPROVED #23, #24, #25, #26, #27, #29, #30 and #31 UNANIMOUSLY)**
26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Upgrade the Existing Internet Connection at the Critical Workforce Shelter (2 Water Filtration Drive) and Fire Station #5 (10 W. 32nd Street) with Lumen/DBA Level 3 Communications, LLC in the Amount of \$84,974. This purchase will allow for a more robust and redundant internet service for the City. **(APPROVED #23, #24, #25, #26, #27, #29, #30 and #31 UNANIMOUSLY)**



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27. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Replacement Roll-Off Containers with Lewis Steel Works for up to \$75,785. The contract is utilized to procure roll-off containers to replace worn and damaged units. Units are used throughout the City and Chatham County to containerize construction project debris by contractors and to assist City departments with cleanups. **(APPROVED #23, #24, #25, #26, #27, #29, #30 and #31 UNANIMOUSLY)**
28. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for Automated Vehicle Location Services (AVL) with Cal/Amp for up to \$73,423. The Savannah Police Department use the AVL Services to track police vehicles. **(APPROVED #28 UNANIMOUSLY)**
29. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for the Montgomery Cross Road Stormwater Pump Station Electronic Controls Upgrade with Control Instruments, Inc. in the Amount of \$65,555. This modification allows for upgrading the Montgomery Cross Roads and The DeRenne Stormwater pumping stations to more stable, user-friendly and less expensive VT SCADA software. **(APPROVED #23, #24, #25, #26, #27, #29, #30 and #31 UNANIMOUSLY)**
30. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Carpeting at 5515 Abercorn Street (Former Development Services Building) with Culver Rug Company, Inc. (Local) in the Amount of \$36,498. These services will be used to replace carpet at the facility prior to moving staff from the Human Resources, Budget and Housing Departments into the building. **(APPROVED #23, #24, #25, #26, #27, #29, #30 and #31 UNANIMOUSLY)**
31. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Close-Out Modification for the Placentia Canal Drainage Improvements with Griffin Contracting, Inc in the Amount of \$2,053. Improvement modifications include the installation of additional metal pipe and adjustments to quantities for flatwork, backfill, erosion control, gravel drive, and fencing. **(APPROVED #23, #24, #25, #26, #27, #29, #30 and #31 UNANIMOUSLY)**



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**SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION**

32. Recommend Approval of Task Work Order Number 16 with AECOM Technical Services, for Design and Construction Phase Services for the Demo Air Cargo / Construct Apron / Construct SE Taxi lane Project, in the Amount of \$408,590. **(APPROVED #32, #33, #34, #35 and #36 UNANIMOUSLY)**
33. Recommend Approval to Procure a Pavement Marking and Striping System from Sherwin Williams, for Replacement, Calibration and Testing, in the Amount of \$73,546. **(APPROVED #32, #33, #34, #35 and #36 UNANIMOUSLY)**
34. Recommend Approval to Procure Services from Thomas Industrial Coatings, Inc, for the Fuel Tank Interior Coating, in the Amount of \$66,761. **(APPROVED #32, #33, #34, #35 and #36 UNANIMOUSLY)**
35. Recommend Approval of the Commission's Agreement Share for City Works License Renewal with the City of Savannah, in the Amount of \$40,000. **(APPROVED #32, #33, #34, #35 and #36 UNANIMOUSLY)**
36. Recommend Approval of Executive Recruitment Fee with Steven Baldwin and Associates, in the Amount of \$41,250. **(APPROVED #32, #33, #34, #35 and #36 UNANIMOUSLY)**

**REAL ESTATE ITEMS**

37. Approval for the Sale of Timber on a Portion of the New Hampstead Conservation Tract (NHCT), an 863-Acre Tract of Land Donated to the City in 2020. Tract is situated along New Hampstead Parkway at Little Neck Road in the amount of \$200,071 (\$188K to the City; Remainder to Broker). Funds will be used to establish & maintain trails, fire breaks, enhance wildlife habitat & replant harvested areas. **(APPROVED #37 UNANIMOUSLY)**

**CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**

38. Settlement #1.  
**Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney's office to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Georgia and**



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Johnson & Johnson for the settlement of opioid litigation, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

39. Settlement #2.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney's office to settle the claim of Henry Robinson for no more than \$90,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

40. Settlement #3.

**(WITHDRAWN/REMOVED)**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

41. Approval of a Major Subdivision, Sweetwater Station, Phase 9, which is located southwest of the intersection of Sweetwater Station Drive and Grove Point Road in Aldermanic District 6. This phase will consist of 29 single family lots with varying lot sizes. **(APPROVED #41 UNANIMOUSLY)**

Following various announcements made by Council members, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:41 p.m.