



Work Session and City Manager's Briefing

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 12:32 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Detric Leggett to offer an invocation.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Alderman Kesha 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
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret F. Fox

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. (Added): Update on Inclusionary Zoning. **[PRESENTED by City Manager Melder]**
2. Animal Control Ordinance. **[PRESENTED by City Attorney Lovett]**
3. Staggered Terms and Term Limits for City Council Members. **[PRESENTED by City Attorney Lovett]**

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Work Session at 1:44 p.m.



Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:00 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Linda Wilder-Bryan who introduced Alderman Kurtis Purtee, to offer 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, December 21, 2021. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY, as amended to add agenda item #34, a Resolution honoring the life of Apostle Dr. Idell Williams Cheever, Beloved Founder of Pentecostal Miracle Deliverance Center)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session & City Manager's Briefing held on December 9, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY)**



3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on December 9, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY)**

PRESENTATIONS

4. Appearance and Presentation by Lieutenant Colonel Stephan Bolton, Hunter Army Airfield Garrison Commander, and Master Sergeant Nicole Brannan, Department of Emergency Services in Support of National Wreaths Across America Day. **(PRESENTED)**
5. Appearance by Ductile Iron Pipe Research Institute (DIPRA) Representatives to Present a Certificate of Membership in the Sesquicentennial Club to the City of Savannah's Public Works and Water Resources Division for Having Cast Iron Underground Pressure Mains in Continuous Service for 150 Years or More. **(PRESENTED by Allen Cox, Regional Director at Ductile Iron Pipe Research Association)**
6. A Proclamation Recognizing Real Estate Services Department Staff for Contributions Made During the Period of Staff Relocations and Real Property Transitions as well as for their Commitment to Provide Healthy, Safe, and Accommodating Facilities for Staff, Citizens, and Visitors. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and RECEIVED by David Keating, Director, and staff)**

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

7. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to James C. Obletz for the Enmarket Arena, 620 Stiles Avenue Between W. Gwinnett Street and Louisville Road in District 1. No concerns by the Savannah Police Department or issues with littering or loitering. Distance measurement met. (New Owner/Location)

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

Speaker(s) present:

- **Chris Fields, general manager at Enmarket Arena for Delaware North, representing the applicant**

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

(APPROVED #7 UNANIMOUSLY)



8. Approval of a Class J (Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License to Jennifer Jenkins for Gingerbread House Events, an Event Venue at 1921 Bull Street, between W. 35th and W. 36th Streets in District 2. No concerns were noted by the Savannah Police Department or issues with littering or loitering. Distance measurement met. (New Owner/Request)

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

No speaker(s) were present.

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

(APPROVED #8 UANNIMOUSLY)

Written comment(s) received:

- **Jason Combs – IN FAVOR**

9. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Loan Tran of Arco, a Restaurant at 42 E. Bay Street, Between Upper Factors Walk and River Street Access in District 2. No concerns were noted by the Savannah Police Department or issues with littering or loitering. Distance measurement met. (New Owner/New Location) (Recommend approval with contingency)

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

No speaker(s) were present.

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

(APPROVED #9 UANNIMOUSLY)

ZONING HEARINGS

10. Petition of Sandesh Pardeshi on behalf of Qingxiang Zhou (Property Owner) for a Special Use Permit to Allow a Package Store (Off-premises Consumption) at 2110 Montgomery Street, Suite A (PIN 20065 24012) in Aldermanic District 2. MPC recommends denial because the proposed use is not harmonious with regards to the amount of packaged alcohol and drinking establishments located within the area.

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing for #10 open.

Speaker(s) present:

- **Marcus Lotson, MPC Representative**

CLOSED HEARING for #10 UNANIMOUSLY.

(DENIED SPECIAL USE PERMIT for #10 UANNIMOUSLY)



11. Petition of Harold Yellin on Behalf of Victory Drive Investors, LLC (Property Owner) for a Zoning Map Amendment with Conditions for Wicklow Street from B-C (Community Business) and RSF-E (Residential Single Family-Estate) to RMF-3-25 (Residential Multi-Family-3-25) in Aldermanic District 3. MPC recommends approval with conditions.

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing for #11 open.

Speaker(s) present:

- **Marcus Lotson, MPC Representative**
- **Harold Yellin, representing the applicant**
- **Patricia Hoang – OPPOSED**
- **Michael Hough – IN FAVOR**
- **Mary Landers – OPPOSED**
- **Robin Williams – OPPOSED**
- **Stewart Dohrman – OPPOSED**

CLOSED HEARING for #11 UNANIMOUSLY.

Written comment(s) received:

- **Scott W. Smith – OPPOSED**
- **Mary Landers – OPPOSED**
- **Patricia & Viet Hoang – OPPOSED**
- **Eileen Baker – OPPOSED**
- **Stewart Dohrman – OPPOSED**
- **Tammy Horn - OPPOSED**

ORDINANCES – FIRST AND SECOND READING

12. Petition of Harold Yellin on Behalf of Victory Drive Investors, LLC (Property Owner) for a Zoning Map Amendment with Conditions for Wicklow Street from B-C (Community Business) and RSF-E (Residential Single Family-Estate) to RMF-3-25 (Residential Multi-Family-3-25) in Aldermanic District 3. MPC recommends approval with conditions. **(After the first reading was considered the second reading, APPROVED #12, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no)**



PURCHASING ITEMS

13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for the Purchase of One Additional Modular Wall System from National Office Systems (Local) in the Amount of \$6,413. The modular walls are being used to create offices for the relocation of the Human Services Department from the Savannah Morning News Building (1375 Chatham Parkway) to the Coastal Georgia Center (305 Fahm Street). **(APPROVED #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, #18, #20, #21, #22, #24 and #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**
14. Notification of an Emergency Purchase for Boiler Repair Services with Banks Boiler Services at the Savannah Civic Center in the Amount of \$65,081. Boiler defects were discovered during a routine annual inspection of the facility's heating system. Immediate repair was necessary to prevent mold damage to the property and to protect the health of City staff and guests. **(APPROVED #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, #18, #20, #21, #22, #24 and #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**
15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of Three Dump Trucks for Sanitation's Litter Crew with Wade Ford, Inc. in the Amount of \$303,390. The litter crews will assist Sanitation with meeting the growing service demands associated with emptying litter and recycling baskets, removing loose litter from streets and byways, and maintaining a clean appearance of the City. **(APPROVED #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, #18, #20, #21, #22, #24 and #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**
16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of 29 Replacement Radios for the Savannah Police Department with Motorola Solutions in the Amount of \$179,874. The radios are being purchased to replace existing equipment that is aging and out of production. **(APPROVED #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, #18, #20, #21, #22, #24 and #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**
17. Authorize the City Manager To Execute a Contract for the Purchase of Wastewater Screening Equipment with Parkson in the Amount of \$130,000. The equipment will be used to remove floating debris particles during the downstream wastewater treatment process at the Crossroads Treatment Facility. Clogged debris, could cause equipment failure and result in a potential sewage spill from the facility. **(APPROVED #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, #18, #20, #21, #22, #24 and #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**



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18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of an Emergency Backup Power Generator for Lift Station 205 with Cummins Power South in the Amount of \$29,233. Lift Station 205 services 2,500 feet of gravity main along Fort Argyle Road. The equipment will be used to replace an existing generator that suffered significant damage due to a lightning strike, which is now beyond repair. **(APPROVED #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, #18, #20, #21, #22, #24 and #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**
19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Scrap Tire Disposal Services with Quality Tire Recycling, Inc. for up to \$55,000. The contract is used to dispose of scrap tires for the Dean Forest Road Landfill, Bacon Park Convenience Center, and Fleet Services Department. In addition, this contract supports the operations for the removal illegally dumped tires. **(APPROVED #19 UNANIMOUSLY)**
20. Approval to Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for the Purchase of Additional Smallwares (Cooking, Serving and Eating Utensils) for the Enmarket Arena with Bargreen Ellingson in the Amount of \$51,518. This modification is necessary to procure chafer dishes, which were not included in the original procurement. (Expenditure included in project budget) **(APPROVED #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, #18, #20, #21, #22, #24 and #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**
21. Approval to Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 4 for HVAC Maintenance Services (City-Wide) with Edge Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, LLC in the Amount of \$117,000. This contract provides service for emergency repairs to all HVAC systems, chiller systems, ice machines, and commercial refrigerators in City facilities. **(APPROVED #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, #18, #20, #21, #22, #24 and #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**
22. Approval to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Medical and Pharmacy Stop Loss with International Assurance of Tennessee, Inc. (Incumbent) in the Amount of \$841,141. This contract is used by the City to provide for catastrophic claims reinsurance coverage for the City's self-funded medical and pharmacy plans. (Monthly rates: \$19.34/single coverage, and \$46.36/family coverage) **(APPROVED #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, #18, #20, #21, #22, #24 and #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**



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23. Approval to Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for Painting Services with E & D Coatings, Inc. (Local) in the Amount of \$2,050. Services will be used to paint the interior of the City facility, located at 5515 Abercorn Street, prior to the relocation of City staff to this location. **(APPROVED #23 UNANIMOUSLY)**
24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of Internet Equipment (Includes Servers, Routers, Switches and Cabling) for the Enmarket Arena from Comcast (Local) in the Amount of \$229,210. This will ensure elevators, escalators, and fire alarms are working properly to ensure that all occupants of the arena are safe, and all equipment is working properly before and during use. **(APPROVED #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, #18, #20, #21, #22, #24 and #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**
25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Construction Contract for Upgrades to Lift Station No. 23 and Force Main Replacement Services from Astra Grading & Pipe, LLC (Local) in the Amount of \$19,273,000. Upgrades include a new pump, wet well mixers, and new generators capable of powering lift station pumps. Also, the existing force main is 48 years old, in poor condition and in need of replacement. **(APPROVED #13, #14, #15, #16, #17, #18, #20, #21, #22, #24 and #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

26. Consideration of Appointments and Reappointments to Various Boards, Commissions and Authorities.
- (a. **APPROVED #26 UNANIMOUSLY, see Board Appointments List Attached, excluding the Savannah Economic Development Authority - SEDA.**
- b. **Also, APPROVED appointment of Scott D. Center to SEDA thereby replacing Reed Dulany III for a five-year term ending December 31, 2026, with Mayor Pro-Tem Shabazz, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier voting no.)**



RESOLUTIONS

27. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute Contracts with Homeless Service Agencies to Respond to the Coronavirus Pandemic (COVID-19). \$1,454,103 will be allocated to six agencies to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 on homeless individuals and families. **(APPROVED #27 and #28 UNANIMOUSLY)**
28. Approval to Adopt the 100% Savannah Clean Energy Plan. **(APPROVED #27 and #28 UNANIMOUSLY)**
29. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Prepare an Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance. **(APPROVED #29 UNANIMOUSLY)**

AGREEMENTS

30. Approval for the City Manager to Accept a Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Adult and Dislocated Worker Grant Award in the Amount of \$1,976,003. The award will be used to provide programs from October 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023 to adults who are unemployed or underemployed, and adults who have lost their jobs. The City serves as the fiduciary agent for the ten-county region. **(APPROVED #30 UNANIMOUSLY)**
31. Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Board of Commissioners of Chatham County for the Development of an Early Childhood Learning Center to be Located at 814 Hitch Drive. **(APPROVED #31 UNANIMOUSLY)**
32. Approval for the City Manager to Execute a Concessions Rent Relief Airport Rescue Grant Offer for the Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport. **(APPROVED #32 UNANIMOUSLY)**

MISCELLANEOUS

HEARD AFTER #34.

33. Consideration of Alderman Palumbo's December 9th, 2021 Motion for Reprimand. **(APPROVED #33 UNANIMOUSLY)**



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HEARD AFTER #6.

34. (Added): Resolution Honoring the Life of Apostle Dr. Idell Williams Cheever, Beloved Founder of Pentecostal Miracle Deliverance Center. **(APPROVED #34 UNANIMOUSLY)**

Following various announcements made by Council Members, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 5:07 p.m.