



Work Session and City Manager's Briefing

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 12:05 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Purtee to offer an invocation.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Alderman Kesha Gibson-Carter, Post 1, Chairman
Alderman Alicia Miller Blakely, Post 2 - **[ABSENT]**
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

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Planning for St. Patrick's Day. **[PRESENTED by Susan Broker, Director, Office of Special Events, Film & Tourism]**
2. Housing Affordability Strategies (Inclusionary Zoning, NewZo 2.0, Community Benefits, Impact Fees, also Accessory Dwelling Units). **[PRESENTED by Bridget Lidy, Senior Director, Planning, Zoning and Urban Design]**

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Work Session at 1:48 p.m.



Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:11 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderwoman Gibson-Carter who introduced Pastor Valarie Grimes of Radiant Church, to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, Post 1, Chairman
Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, Post 2 - **[ABSENT]**
Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
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ALSO, PRESENT:
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AGENDA ITEMS:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for February 10, 2022. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY, as amended by adding agenda items #30 and #31 and with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing held on January 27, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent)**



3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on January 27, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent)**

PRESENTATIONS

4. Appearance by and Recognition of Healthcare Georgia Foundation's Donation of \$50,000 to the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund. **(PRESENTED by Anita Smith-Dixon and Gary Nelson, President and CEO of Healthcare Georgia Foundation)**
5. A Proclamation Declaring February 18, 2022, as the Annual Arbor and Tree Planting Day in the City of Savannah. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and READ by Alderman Purtee. Presented to Sean Mannion and Hunter Hall on behalf of the Park and Tree Commission and Gordon Denney, Greenscapes Director)**
6. A Proclamation Recognizing the Office of Capital Projects Managements for Contributions Made Since Formation of the Department in 2017 As Well As for Their Commitment to Ensuring Quality Construction of Infrastructure and Facilities Throughout the City for Staff, Citizens and Visitors. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson, with comments from Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd and Capital Projects Director Christy Lawrence and staff)**

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

7. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Anthony Debrecey for Nomada, a Restaurant at 143 Bull Street between W. Oglethorpe Avenue and W. State Street in District 2.
Mayor Johnson declared the hearing for #7 open.
No speaker(s).
CLOSED HEARING for #7 UNANIMOUSLY, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent.
(APPROVED #7 UNANIMOUSLY, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent)



ZONING HEARINGS

8. Petition of Robert McCorkle on Behalf of MCG Savannah Owners, LLC to Rezone 7810 Abercorn St. (PIN 20559 01005) from B-C (Community Business) to RMF-2-25 (Residential Multifamily 2- 25 units per acre), District 4, File No. 21-005936. Property is part of the Oglethorpe Mall (privately owned), and includes the former Sears store and auto service center, restaurant out parcel and associated parking.

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing for #8 open.

Speaker(s) present:

- **Marcus Lotson, MPC representative**

CLOSED HEARING for #8 UNANIMOUSLY, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent.

9. Petition of Guinnevere McMillon on Behalf of Russell Goeken to Secure a Special Use Permit with Conditions for a Bar/Tavern at 2312 Abercorn Street (PIN 20065 37004) in Aldermanic District 2. File No. 21-006078-ZA.

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing for #9 open.

Speaker(s) present:

- **Marcus Lotson, MPC representative**
- **Patrick Connell, representing the applicant**

Written comment(s) received:

- **Jason Combs, acting president Thomas Square Neighborhood Association – SUPPORTED**
- **Jennifer W. Long – SUPPORTED**
- **Eric Burmeister - SUPPORTED**

CLOSED HEARING for #9 UNANIMOUSLY, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent.

(APPROVED #9 UNANIMOUSLY, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent)

10. Petition of Metropolitan Planning Commission on Behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen for a Text Amendment to the Historic Buildings Map of Section 7.11 Streetcar Historic Overlay District. File No. 21-005613-ZA. The revision will add



nine historic and architectural significant buildings constructed during the Period of Significance (1799-1935) to the Contributing Resources Map.

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing for #10 open.

Speaker(s) present:

- **Leah G. Michalak, MPC representative – Historic Preservation**

CLOSED HEARING for #10 UNANIMOUSLY, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent.

11. Petition of Bridget Lidy on Behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen to Amend Section 8.7.11 of the Zoning Ordinance. Proposed revisions will provide more flexibility and address the need for Child/Adult Daycare Homes in Residential areas with new conditions including site plan review for parking and safe drop off areas, as well as separation requirements such as HOA approval where necessary.

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing for #11 open.

Speaker(s) present:

- **Marcus Lotson, MPC representative**

CLOSED HEARING for #11 UNANIMOUSLY, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent.

ORDINANCES – FIRST AND SECOND READINGS

12. Petition of Robert McCorkle on Behalf of MCG Savannah Owners, LLC to Rezone 7810 Abercorn Street (PIN 20559 01005) from B-C (Community Business) to RMF-2-25 (Residential Multifamily 2- 25 units per acre), District 4. Property is part of the Oglethorpe Mall (privately owned), and includes the former Sears store and auto service center, restaurant out parcel and associated parking. **(After the first reading was considered the second reading, APPROVED #12, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no and Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent)**

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reading was considered the second reading, APPROVED #13 UNANIMOUSLY, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent)

14. Petition of Bridget Lidy on Behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen to Amend Section 8.7.11 of the Zoning Ordinance. Proposed revisions will provide more flexibility and address the need for Child/Adult Daycare Homes in Residential areas with new conditions including site plan review for parking and safe drop off areas, as well as separation requirements such as HOA approval where necessary. **(After the first reading was considered the second reading, APPROVED #14 UNANIMOUSLY, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent)**

PURCHASING ITEMS

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of an Emergency Backup Power Generator for Lift Station 7 with Cummins Power South in the Amount of \$34,244. Lift Station 7 services 3,557 feet of gravity main and 21 sewer manholes along the Casey Canal. The equipment will replace the existing generator that is beyond repair. **(APPROVED #15 through #21 UNANIMOUSLY, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent)**
16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of Three Dump Trucks with Roberts International Trucks, Inc. in the Amount of \$374,997. The three dump trucks will be utilized by the Street Cleaning, Street Maintenance, and Stormwater Management Departments. **(APPROVED #15 through #21 UNANIMOUSLY, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent)**
17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Two Dump Trucks with Stainless Steel Dump Bodies with Roberts International Trucks, Inc. in the Amount of \$278,798. The two dump trucks will be utilized by the Water Reclamation and Industrial and Domestic Water Departments. **(APPROVED #15 through #21 UNANIMOUSLY, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent)**
18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Two Roll-Off Container Trucks with Environmental Products Group, Inc. in the Amount of \$342,700. The two roll off container trucks will be utilized by the Sanitation Refuse Disposal Division. **(APPROVED #15 through #21 UNANIMOUSLY, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent)**



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19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Landscape Architect and ISA Certified Arborist with Pat-Ted Consulting, LLC for an Amount up to \$30,000. The services will be used to provide review of site development plans submitted to Development Services Office to ensure compliance with the City's Landscape and Tree Protection Ordinance. **(APPROVED #15 through #21 UNANIMOUSLY, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent)**

20. Notification of an Emergency Purchase Procurement of Two 550 Horsepower Variable Frequency Drives (VFDs) in the Amount of \$114,488. The Industrial and Domestic Plant uses the VFDs to pump 15 million gallons of potable water to the major industries and the main groundwater system. **(APPROVED #15 through #21 UNANIMOUSLY, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent)**

21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for the Add -On of Additional Shot Clocks to Portable Backstops in the Enmarket Arena from Porter in the Amount of \$5,984. The modification is for the add-on of rear shot clocks and support. **(APPROVED #15 through #21 UNANIMOUSLY, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent)**

RESOLUTIONS

22. Approval of a Resolution Accepting a \$50,000 Donation from Community Housing Services Agency Inc. via Healthcare Georgia Foundation for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund. **(APPROVED #22 UNANIMOUSLY, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent)**

23. Approval of a Resolution Ratifying the Mayor's Extension of the Emergency Mask or Face Covering Order. **(APPROVED #23 UNANIMOUSLY, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent)**

AGREEMENTS

24. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with WL Southeast Gateway Owner, LLC for Southeast Gateway, a Development Consisting of Warehouse and Office Space Located at 380 Fort Argyle Road. **(APPROVED #24 UNANIMOUSLY, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent)**



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25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for a Litter Removal Program with Union Mission, Inc for an Amount up to \$140,400 (Per Occupied Room Fund). The agreement will assist in meeting the City's goals of Re-establishing and Preserving Neighborhoods and Soft Skills and Workforce Training for Unemployed and Underemployed. Program is used to clean litter in specific downtown areas. **(APPROVED #25 UNANIMOUSLY, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent)**

REAL ESTATE ITEM

26. Authorize the City Manager to Approve Underground Easement to Georgia Power Company at 2155 West Gwinnett Street (PIN 20598 01001). **(APPROVED #26 UNANIMOUSLY, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent)**
27. Approval of a Revocable Canal Crossing Easement Over the Savannah Ogeechee Canal. **(APPROVED #27, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no and Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent)**

MISCELLANEOUS

28. Approval of a Major Subdivision, Camden Crossing and Cottage Row Phase 1, which is Located South of I-16 on Little Neck Road in Aldermanic District 5. This subdivision will consist of 64 lots with varying lot sizes. **(APPROVED #28 UNANIMOUSLY, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent)**
29. Approval of a Major Subdivision, L.R. Moore Subdivision, Which is Located at the Intersections of Betty Drive and Riviera Drive in Aldermanic District 4. This subdivision will consist of six lots with varying lot sizes. **(CONTINUED/HELD #29 UNANIMOUSLY, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being absent)**
30. Appearances by Representatives of the Savannah Book Festival, which Has a Festival Every Year in February with More than 30 Authors, to Provide an Update Pertaining to the 2022 Festival. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to Erika Dongre, Executive Director of the Savannah Book Festival)**
31. Approval of a Resolution Honoring the Life and Legacy of former Alderman David Jones. **(READ by Alderwoman Lanier)**



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Following announcements made by City Council members, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m.