



Work Session and City Manager's Briefing

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 4:04 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Purtee to offer an invocation.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Alderman Kesha Gibson-Carter, Post 1 – At-Large
Alderman Alicia Miller Blakely, Post 2 – At-Large
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. Savannah Fire Department Public Safety Update. **[PRESENTED by Fire Chief Derik Minard]**
2. Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement Update. **[PRESENTED by Director of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement John Bush]**
3. Savannah Police Department Public Safety Update. **[PRESENTED by Police Chief Roy Minter]**

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Work Session at 6:04 p.m.



Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderwoman Lanier who introduced Pastor Donald Lowe of God's Temple of Praise, to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, Post 1 – At-Large
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AGENDA ITEMS:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for February 24, 2022. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY, as amended by adding agenda items #27 and #28)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Special Called Meeting (Visioning Session) held on February 7, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. **(APPROVED #2, #3 and #4 UNANIMOUSLY)**



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3. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing held on February 10, 2022 at 12:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2, #3 and #4 UNANIMOUSLY)**
4. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on February 10, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2, #3 and #4 UNANIMOUSLY)**

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

5. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Chengchen Xin for E Tang, a Restaurant at 513 E. Oglethorpe Avenue, Suite H, between Houston and Price Streets in Aldermanic District 2. (New Owner/New Location)
Mayor Johnson declared the hearings for #5, #6 and #7 open.
No speaker(s).
CLOSED HEARING for #5 UNANIMOUSLY
(APPROVED #5 UNANIMOUSLY)
6. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Daniel Mahowald for Burritos Pantano, a Restaurant at 314 Drayton Street in District 2. (New Owner/Existing Business)
Mayor Johnson declared the hearing for #5, #6 and #7 open.
No speaker(s).
CLOSED HEARING for #6 UNANIMOUSLY
(APPROVED #6 UNANIMOUSLY)
7. Approval to Add a Class C (Liquor) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday to the Existing Class C (Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Liang Liu for King Cajun Seafood, a Restaurant at 7312 Hodgson Memorial Drive between Mall Boulevard and E. Montgomery Cross Road in Aldermanic District 4. (New Request/Existing Business)
Mayor Johnson declared the hearing for #5, #6 and #7 open.
No speaker(s).
CLOSED HEARING for #7 UNANIMOUSLY
(APPROVED #7 UNANIMOUSLY)



PURCHASING ITEMS

8. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for Demolition of Structures with JCS Associates & Company (Local, SBE) in an Amount up to \$97,143. The Code Compliance Department utilizes this contract for demolition of structures throughout the City. This modification is needed for the demolition of several structures on City Lot that are no longer used. **(APPROVED #8, #11, #12, #13, #14, #15, #18, #19 and #20 UNANIMOUSLY)**

9. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Sports Equipment with Thompson Sports Shop (Local) in the Amount up to \$125,000. Sports equipment will be used for teams participating in youth sports programs. The items are being purchased as part of the City's initiative to improve recreation programs and services to the public and will allow the City to better support volunteer coaches. **(APPROVED #9 UNANIMOUSLY)**

10. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Third Party Administrator Adjusting Services for Workers Compensation and Auto Liability Claims with Gallagher Bassett for \$228,384. These services are continuously needed to control workers' compensation costs for employees injured on the job and auto liability costs associated with City vehicles involved in collisions. **(APPROVED #10 UNANIMOUSLY)**

11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Yard Waste Management with Atlantic Waste Services (Primary) and Waste Management of Georgia (Local) (Secondary) in an Amount up to \$675,000. This service will be utilized to dispose of vegetative material collected by the City of Savannah's yard waste program. The program provides for resident's disposal services of up to 15 bags weekly. **(APPROVED #8, #11, #12, #13, #14, #15, #18, #19 and #20 UNANIMOUSLY)**

12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for One Ford Explorer SUV with Wade Ford in the Amount of \$39,618. This replacement vehicle will serve the Fire Chief's office for both emergency and non-emergency situations, providing services to City of Savannah citizens and visitors. **(APPROVED #8, #11, #12, #13, #14, #15, #18, #19 and #20 UNANIMOUSLY)**



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13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Three Forklifts with Octane Forklifts, Inc. in the Amount of \$98,466. The three forklifts will be utilized by the Water Reclamation, Industrial and Domestic Water, and Fleet Services Departments. Two of the units are replacements, one is a new fleet addition. **(APPROVED #8, #11, #12, #13, #14, #15, #18, #19 and #20 UNANIMOUSLY)**
14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for 17 Marked Police Interceptor SUV's for the Patrol Division and Two Marked Interceptors for the K-9 Unit with Wade Ford in the Amount of \$702,980. The vehicles will be utilized by the City of Savannah's K9 Unit and Patrol Division as replacement vehicles. **(APPROVED #8, #11, #12, #13, #14, #15, #18, #19 and #20 UNANIMOUSLY)**
15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for an Asset Management and Work Processing System with Woolpert, Inc. in the Amount of \$130,000. This system will provide the Facility Maintenance and Operations Division with a streamlined and accurate platform to track the entire life cycle of facility assets, work orders completed, and inventory of parts used via the City Works platform. **(APPROVED #8, #11, #12, #13, #14, #15, #18, #19 and #20 UNANIMOUSLY)**
16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Network Maintenance, Purchases and Security with Layer 3 Communications, LLC (Local) in the Amount of \$1,339,246. The Information Technology Department will use the service for hardware and software maintenance for designated equipment for the Juniper, Aruba, and Palo Alto Networks. **(APPROVED #16 UNANIMOUSLY)**
17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Renovation of 2005 Waters Avenue with Johnson-Laux Construction (Local, DBE) in the Amount of \$1,755,365. The contract is for the renovation of the former location of It's Amazing to house the Savannah Police Department's Savannah Impact Program (SIP). **(APPROVED #17 UNANIMOUSLY)**

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18. Approval of a Contract with Park Assist for a System Upgrade to the Automated Parking Guidance System (APGS) in the Amount of \$ 47,112.22. **(APPROVED #8, #11, #12, #13, #14, #15, #18, #19 and #20 UNANIMOUSLY)**



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19. Approval of Amendment No. 2 for the Employee Benefits and the Property & Casualty Insurance with USI Insurance Services in the Amount of \$65,250. **(APPROVED #8, #11, #12, #13, #14, #15, #18, #19 and #20 UNANIMOUSLY)**
20. Approval to Renew Contract for Professional Services with Ailevon Pacific Aviation Consulting in the Amount of \$136,000. **(APPROVED #8, #11, #12, #13, #14, #15, #18, #19 and #20 UNANIMOUSLY)**

RESOLUTIONS

21. Approval of a Resolution to Launch the Citywide Vision Zero Initiative with the Aim of Zero Fatalities and Serious Injuries within our Transportation System by the Year 2027. **(READ by Alderman Palumbo. APPROVED #21 UNANIMOUSLY)**
22. Approval of a Resolution Regarding St. Patrick's Day 2022. **(APPROVED #22, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier voting no)**

AGREEMENTS

23. Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement with Savannah Riverkeeper for a Water Quality Website to Benefit the Public. The City of Augusta sponsored the first phase for \$75,000 and Staff is recommending the city sponsor this next phase for up to \$75,000 for the next 2 years. These funds are eligible for reimbursement by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources once the work is complete.. **(APPROVED #23 and #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**

REAL ESTATE ITEM

24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with Riverview President Street, LLC. This is a comprehensive agreement/settlement reached between both parties to resolve litigation and development related issues associated with two parcels comprising approximately 16 acres (the "PS Property") located at 925 E. President Street and 1303 E. President Street. **(HELD/PULLED #24 UNANIMOUSLY, with a City Manager request to gather more information)**



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25. Authorize the City Manager to Approve the Abandonment of a Drainage Easement on the Property Located at 7 Southern Oaks Drive (PIN 20794 01022). A detention pond is being constructed in the easement areas and the easement will no longer be needed. The abandonment of the easement will facilitate construction of a new project and remove a title encumbrance. **(APPROVED #23 and #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**

MISCELLANEOUS

26. Approval of a Major Subdivision, L.R. Moore Subdivision, which is Located at the Intersection of Betty Drive and Riviera Drive in Aldermanic District 4. This subdivision will consist of six lots with varying lot sizes. (Note: Item postponed from February 10th City Council Meeting). **(APPROVED #26 UNANIMOUSLY)**

ADD-ONS

27. Proclamation Recognizing Memorial Day School's 50th Anniversary.
(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to Head of School Jennifer Farris & Board Chair Wanda Dillon)
28. Announcement Regarding a Grant Received from the National League of Cities in the amount of \$30,000.00 to Increase Economic Inclusion and Resilience for Communities of Color. **(ANNOUNCED by Mayor Johnson)**

Following announcements made by City Council members, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.