



Work Session and City Manager's Briefing

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 4:00 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Purtee to offer a prayer.

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. (ADD-ON) Historic Preservation Commission discussion. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson)**

Three (3) nominations were made to fill two vacancies, as follows:

- **Jeffrey M. Notrica (Mayor Johnson)**
- **Brian J. Arcudi (Alderman Purtee)**
- **Renee S. Rubens (Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz)**

The Mayor and Aldermen will consider the three nominations during the Regular Meeting (agenda item #25).

2. Traffic Calming, T-SPLOST, and Vision Zero. **[PRESENTED by City Manager Melder, Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd, Mobility Services Director Steve Henry, Mobility Services Manager Michele Strickland, and Traffic Engineering representative Robert "Beau" Dickensheets]**



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Mayor Johnson adjourned the Work Session at 6:18 p.m.



Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:46 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz 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 April 28, 2022. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY, as amended to add two proclamations to the agenda as requested by Mayor Johnson)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on April 14, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. **(APPROVED #2 UNANIMOUSLY)**



3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on April 14, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. **(HELD/CONTINUED #3, as requested by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter to review and address her concerns)**

PRESENTATIONS

4. Recognition of the Savannah Police Department PALS Youth Basketball Team for their First Winning Season. **(PRESENTED #4)**

4B. (ADD-ON) Proclamation Recognizing National Small Business Week 2022. **(PRESENTED #4B)**

4C. (ADD-ON) Proclamation Recognizing Professional Municipal Clerks Week. **(PRESENTED #4C)**

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

5. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Joe D. Morgan for Holiday Inn Express, a Hotel at 199 E. Bay Street between Abercorn and Drayton Streets in Aldermanic District 2. (New Owner/Existing Business).
Mayor Johnson declared the hearings for #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11 open.
CLOSED Public Hearings for #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11.
(APPROVED #5 UNANIMOUSLY)
6. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Joe D. Morgan for Hampton by Hilton Inn Savannah Historic District, a Hotel at 201 E. Bay Street between Abercorn and Lincoln Streets in Aldermanic District 2.
Mayor Johnson declared the hearings for #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11 open.
CLOSED Public Hearings for #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11.
(APPROVED #6 UNANIMOUSLY)
7. Approval of a Class C (Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Russ Harrison for Azalea Inn, a Bed & Breakfast at 217 E. Huntingdon Street



between Abercorn and Lincoln Streets in Aldermanic District 2. (New Owner/Existing Business).

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings for #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11 open.

**CLOSED Public Hearings for #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11.
(APPROVED #7 UNANIMOUSLY)**

8. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Jeffrey L. Geiger for NCG Cinemas, a Movie Theater 3001 Skidaway Road between E. Victory Drive and E. 50th Street in Aldermanic District 3. (New Owner/New Location).

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings for #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11 open.

CLOSED Public Hearings for #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11.

(HELD/CONTINUED #8 UNANIMOUSLY, as requested by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan)

9. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Romin Patel for Skidaway Corner, a Convenience Store at 7101 Skidaway Road between Eisenhower and Eisenberg Drives in Aldermanic District 4. (New Owner/Existing Business)

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings for #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11 open.

CLOSED Public Hearings for #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11.

(APPROVED #9 UNANIMOUSLY)

10. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Hong Tran for Viet Huong Oriental Market, a Specialty Market at 7044 Hodgson Memorial Drive between Eisenhower Drive and Stephenson Avenue in Aldermanic District 4. (New Request/Existing Business)

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings for #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11 open.

CLOSED Public Hearings for #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11.

(APPROVED #10, with Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan away from the dais)

11. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Romin Patel for Liberty City Convenience, a Convenience Store at 1940 Mills B Lane



between Liberty Parkway and Ogeechee Road in Aldermanic District 5. (New Owner/Existing Business)

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings for #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11 open.

CLOSED Public Hearings for #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, and #11.

(APPROVED #11, with Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan away from the dais)

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

12. Approval of the Annexation of 2.593 Acres on Sweetwater Station Drive near Abercorn Street (Carlton J. Ray Petitioner). (Continued to the April 28, 2022 Council Regular Meeting). **(APPROVED #12 UNANIMOUSLY, contingent upon a traffic study agreed on by all parties, including the City, County, and GDOT)**

13. Petition of Carlton J. Ray on Behalf of Drayton Parker Companies, LLC to Zone 1750 Grove Point Rd. & 1754 Pine Grove Rd. (PINs 10993A04001 and 10993A04002) from P-B (Planned Business) to B-C (Community Business) and Zone 1758 Grove Point Road (PIN 10993A05001) from R-A (Residential Agriculture) to R-A-CO (Residential Agriculture-County) to Support Annexation Petition. (Continued from 4/14/22). **(APPROVED #13 with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no, and contingent upon a traffic study agreed on by all parties, including the City, County, and GDOT)**

Written comment(s):

- **Tommy Ward – OPPOSED**
- **Carolyn & Tony Davis – OPPOSED**

PURCHASING ITEMS

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Two Knuckle Boom Trucks with Environmental Products Group, Inc. DBA Environmental Products of Georgia in the Amount of \$465,308. The trucks are FY22 fleet additions that will be utilized by the Residential Refuse Division to provide weekly curbside pickup of bulk items and large debris removal. (Continued from April 14, 2022) (Fleet) **(APPROVED #14 UNANIMOUSLY)**



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15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a 1/2 Ton Crew Cab Pickup Truck with Wade Ford, Inc. in the Amount of \$35,709. This vehicle will be a FY22 fleet addition for the Recycling and Litter Services Division. The ½ ton crew cab pickup truck will be utilized daily by the Litter Services Division Supervisor. (Fleet) **(APPROVED #15 through #20 UNANIMOUSLY)**
16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for 20 Multi-Space Parking Meters in the Eastern Wharf Neighborhood with Parkeon for \$157,800. The multi-space parking meters will provide uniformity to the on-street parking in the Eastern Wharf Neighborhood. (Parking) **(APPROVED #15 through #20 UNANIMOUSLY)**
17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Sludge Dewatering Chemicals with Polydyne, Inc. for an Amount of \$199,750. The chemicals are used during the water treatment process for wastewater treatment and disposal at the Industrial Domestic Plant which dewateres up to 8 million pounds of wet sludge a year. (Industrial and Domestic Water Dept.) **(APPROVED #15 through #20 UNANIMOUSLY)**
18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Replacement of Two Pressurized Water Tanks with Pinholster Construction, LLC dba Pinco for an Amount of \$283,250. The tanks store up to a combined total of 25,000 gallons of pressurized water for continuous efficient water distribution. (Industrial and Domestic Water Dept.) **(APPROVED #15 through #20 UNANIMOUSLY)**
19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for an Emergency Generator at Lift Station 31 with Cummins Power South for \$28,411. The emergency generator will service lift station 31 in Alpine Park, replacing an existing generator that was damaged beyond repair due to inclement weather. (Water Reclamation) **(APPROVED #15 through #20 UNANIMOUSLY)**
20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal and Modification No. 1 with Intellinetics, Inc. in the Amount of \$27,412. Intellinetics provides the City of Savannah's annual maintenance and support for the Savannah Police Department and the Human Resources Department's Intellivue/IntelliSync document management systems used for digital record keeping. (Information Technology) **(APPROVED #15 through #20 UNANIMOUSLY)**



21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Night Life Economy, Safety, and Mobility Assessment Program with Responsible Hospitality Institute (RHI) in the Amount of \$80,000. The Special Events, Film, and Tourism Department is requesting the vendor to guide the City through a night life assessment process to develop a night management program. (Special Events, Film and Tourism) **(APPROVED #21 UNANIMOUSLY)**
22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Double 8x5' Concrete Boxes (Culverts) for the Placentia Canal Drainage Improvements from Griffin Contracting, Inc. in the Amount of \$1,528,130. This contract will upgrade the existing double 3x5' box culverts under Semken and Laroche Avenues. (Stormwater Management Division) **(APPROVED #22 UNANIMOUSLY)**
23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 2 for Engineering Services for Brampton Road Water Main Relocations with Thomas & Hutton Engineering (LOCAL) in the Amount of \$272,888. The modification is necessary due to the relocation of two sections of the 48" water main along US Hwy 17. (Water and Sewer Planning and Engineering) **(APPROVED #23, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no)**
24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with C.A. Murren & Sons Heavy Civil LLC (LOCAL) in the Amount of \$1,620,060 for the Construction of a Helical Anchor and Railing System for the Springfield Canal Bulkhead. (Capital Improvements) **(APPROVED #24, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no)**

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

25. Historic Preservation Commission Board Appointment. **(APPROVED #25 UNANIMOUSLY, thereby appointing Jeffrey M. Notrica and Brian J. Arcudi to serve on the Historic Preservation Commission)**

RESOLUTIONS

26. Approval of a Resolution Honoring the Life and Legacy of Pete Liakakis, Former City of Savannah Alderman and Former Chatham County Chairman. **(APPROVED #26 UNANIMOUSLY)**



27. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. (CHSA) to Make a \$1,260,000 Loan from the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund in Support of a 2022 LIHTC Application to Develop 42 Affordable Housing Apartments on Vacant Land at 1700 Drayton Street and 104 E. 34th Street. **(APPROVED #27, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no)**
28. Approval of a Resolution Adopting Amendment #1 to the Thomas Square Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan in Support of Investments, Incentives, and Policies that Facilitate the Retention, Improvement and Development of Affordable Housing. **(APPROVED #28 UNANIMOUSLY)**

REAL ESTATE ITEMS

29. Authorize the City Manager to Approve a Renewal License Agreement with Oglethorpe Mall LLC for the Savannah Police Department Precinct 4. Precinct 4 of the Savannah Police Department is currently housed at The Oglethorpe Mall and no rental fee is being charged to the City for use of the space. **(APPROVED #29 UNANIMOUSLY)**
30. Authorize the City Manager to Approve a Temporary Construction Easement with the Savannah College of Art & Design (SCAD). This Temporary Construction Easement will help the City facilitate the Oglethorpe Force Main and Lift Station #23 Upgrade Project. **(APPROVED #30, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no)**

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

31. Settlement #1.
Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney's Office to resolve the claim of Oliver McCullough for \$60,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.



MISCELLANEOUS

32. Approval for Phases 2 and 3 for the Water Works Pedestrian Walkway Mural.
(APPROVED #32 UNANIMOUSLY)

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.