



Work Session and City Manager's Briefing

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 12:30 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. Homelessness Discussion. **[PRESENTED by City Manager Melder, Chief Community Services Director Taffanye Young, Housing & Neighborhood Services Director Martin Fretty, and Chatham-Savannah Authority for the Homeless representative]**

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Work Session at 1:34 p.m.



Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:08 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Purtee who introduced Reverend Billy Hester, Senior Minister of Asbury Memorial Church, 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 May 12, 2022. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on April 28, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2, #3 and #4 UNANIMOUSLY)**



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3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on April 28, 2022 at 6:45 p.m. **(APPROVED #2, #3 and #4 UNANIMOUSLY)**
4. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on April 14, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. (Not Approved During the April 28, 2022 Meeting) **(APPROVED #2, #3 and #4 UNANIMOUSLY)**

PRESENTATIONS

5. Appearance and Recognition of the 2022 Georgia Recreation and Parks Association State Tournament Winners for “10 and Under,” the Pitbulls Youth Basketball Team. **(PRESENTED)**
6. A Proclamation Declaring the Month of May as National Historic Preservation Month. **(PRESENTED)**
7. A Proclamation Declaring the Month of May as International Internal Audit Awareness Month. **(PRESENTED)**
8. A Proclamation Recognizing the Month of May as Building Safety Month. Each year, people worldwide are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety, resilience and economic investment at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all by local and state building, fire prevention, and federal agencies professionals in protecting lives and property. **(PRESENTED)**
9. Recognition of the City of Savannah Developmental Services Department for their Dedication to Ensuring that Building Construction in Savannah is Safe and Resilient, thereby Protecting us in the Buildings Where We Live, Learn, Work, and Play. **(PRESENTED)**

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

10. 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 at 3001 Skidaway Road between E. Victory Drive and E. 50th Street in Aldermanic District 3. (New Owner/New Location) (Staff recommends continuation to May 26, 2022). **(CONTINUED/HELD to the May 26, 2022 City Council Meeting)**



11. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Brittany O'Neal for Cru Lounge, A Restaurant at 1639 E. Victory Drive in Aldermanic District 3.
(CONTINUED/HELD to the June 9, 2022 City Council Meeting)

12. Approval of a Class E (Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Christina Pirovits for 208 Wine Bar, a Bar/Lounge at 208 E. Bay Street Between Abercorn Street Ramp and Lincoln Street Ramp in Aldermanic District 2.
Mayor Johnson declared the hearings for #12 and #13 open.
(CLOSED Public Hearings for #12 and #13, and APPROVED #12)

13. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Guinnevere McMillion for Sobremesa Wine Bar, a Bar/Lounge at 2312 Abercorn Street Between East 39th and East 40th Streets in Aldermanic District 2.
Mayor Johnson declared the hearings for #12, and #13 open.
(CLOSED Public Hearings for #12 and #13, and APPROVED #13)

ORDINANCES – FIRST AND SECOND READING

14. Approval to Amend Section 8-1002 of the Local Code Amendments to Add Section B, Revising the 2018 International Plumbing Code (IPC) to Match the 2021 International Plumbing Code. This amendment will allow more flexible use of shared bathroom facilities currently allowed in the latest version of the IPC.
(After the first reading was considered the second reading, APPROVED #14 UNANIMOUSLY)

PURCHASING ITEMS

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Absence Management, Compliance, and Tracker Services with FMLASource in the Amount of \$57,190. The purpose of this contract is to provide a single-source vendor to manage and ensure legal compliance with the Family and Medical Leave Act, Americans with Disability Act, and Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act. (HR) **(APPROVED #15 through #20 UNANIMOUSLY)**



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16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Water Level Monitoring Equipment with Siemens Industrials, Inc. in the Amount of \$70,753. This equipment will be used by over 200 plus lift stations in the City of Savannah to monitor proper level control and ultrasonic measurement of water. (Water Distribution) **(APPROVED #15 through #20 UNANIMOUSLY)**
17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Clarifier Parts with Brentwood Industries, Inc. in the Amount of \$119,900. These parts are for primary clarifiers for the treatment of influent wastewater as part of the drying operation at the President Water Reclamation Plant. (Water Reclamation) **(APPROVED #15 through #20 UNANIMOUSLY)**
18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 2 for Quality Assurance Services with Atlantic Coast Consulting (LOCAL) in an Amount up to \$159,956. Services are for professional engineering, sampling, and testing required to comply with the EPD for the Dean Forest Landfill. This modification covers add'l costs associated with time delays & additional items. (Sanitation Department) **(APPROVED #15 through #20 UNANIMOUSLY)**
19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Landfill Cover Material with Savannah River Utilities (LOCAL) in an Amount up to \$1,485,000. This contract will provide cover material for usage at the Dean Forest Road Landfill. The soil covering acts as a seal to the compacted waste and prevents rodents and other animals from getting into the landfill. (Sanitation Department) **(APPROVED #15 through #20 UNANIMOUSLY)**
20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Energy Performance Representative with 2KB Energy Services, LLC in the Amount of \$161,480. The services provided will include assistance in identifying a bundle of City facilities in need of energy efficiency upgrades and will result in improved performance and energy efficiency of several City facilities at one time. (Office of Sustainability). **(APPROVED #15 through #20 UNANIMOUSLY)**
21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Tree and Stump Removal with ArborNature, LLC (Primary) and Kolcun Tree, LLC (Secondary) in an Amount up to \$650,000. This contract will be utilized for tree and stump removal



at various City properties and public rights of way. (Greenscapes) (Police)
(APPROVED #21 UNANIMOUSLY)

22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Design Services for the Thomas Gamble Building Renovation Project with Greenline Architecture (LOCAL, DBE) in the Amount of \$625,000. These services will be used to develop renovation plans addressing much-needed capital improvements to the building. (Capital Improvements) **(APPROVED #22, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no and Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz being not present for the vote)**
23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for the Downtown Streetscape Project - Broughton Street with Astra Group Inc. in the Amount of \$871,507. Modification No. 1 is to replace an existing deteriorated 12-inch water main as part of the Broughton Street Streetscapes Project. (Capital Improvements) **(APPROVED #23, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no and Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz being not present for the vote)**
24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of a 2022 Ford Explorer with Wade Ford, Inc. in the Amount of \$39,588. This vehicle will be utilized by the Office of the City Manager (Fleet). **(APPROVED #24, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no, and with Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz being not present for the vote)**

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25. Approval of Task Order No. 20 with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. in the Amount of \$36,636 for the Baggage Handling Programming Concept Study. **(APPROVED #25 through #33, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no, and with Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz being not present for the vote)**
26. Approval to Renew the Professional Services Agreement with Blue Voyage Productions in the Amount of \$74,060 for High Impact Video Presentation Services. **(APPROVED #25 through #33, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no, and with Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz being not present for the vote)**



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27. Approval of a Sponsorship with Zawyer Sports, Owners, and Operators of the Savannah Ghost Pirates in the Amount of \$80,000. **(APPROVED #25 through #33, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no, and with Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz being not present for the vote)**
28. Approval for Brooks Stillwell, LLC to Engage Lewis Law Group in the Amount \$100,000 for Real Estate Legal Services. **(APPROVED #25 through #33, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no, and with Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz being not present for the vote)**
29. Approval to Execute a Five (5) Year Software License and Support Agreement with ProDIGIQ, Inc. in the Amount of \$241,000. **(APPROVED #25 through #33, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no, and with Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz being not present for the vote)**
30. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Task Order No. 3 with Pond & Company in the Amount of \$251,780 for Additional Design Services for the Air Cargo Facility. **(APPROVED #25 through #33, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no, and with Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz being not present for the vote)**
31. Approval of Task Order No. 19 with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. in the Amount of \$277,580 for Design and Construction Phase Services for the Fuel Storage Facility Expansion. **(APPROVED #25 through #33, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no, and with Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz being not present for the vote)**
32. Approval to Procure a Common Use Passenger Processing System from Infax, Inc., in the Amount of \$409,009. **(APPROVED #25 through #33, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no, and with Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz being not present for the vote)**
33. Approval to Execute a Contract with Erickson Associates, Inc. in the Amount of \$601,000 for the Lifecycle Replacement 750-Ton Chiller Project. **(APPROVED #25 through #33, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no, and with Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz being not present for the vote)**



RESOLUTIONS

34. Approval of a Resolution to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a FY2021 Emergency Solutions Grant Contract with Family Promise of the Coastal Empire for 2022 Homelessness Prevention Services. **HEARD after #35 through #45. (APPROVED #34, with Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz being not present for the vote)**
35. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. (CHSA) to Make a \$560,000 Loan from the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund in Support of a 2022 LIHTC Application to Preserve and Renovate 88 Affordable Housing Apartments at Heritage Place Apartments in the Cuyler-Brownville Neighborhood. **(APPROVED #35 through #45, with Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz being not present for the vote)**
36. Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of a City Owned Property Approximately 3.8 Acres in Size Located at 4801 Meding Street to the Chatham County/City of Savannah Land Bank Authority for the Purpose of Supporting a 2022, 9% Low Income Housing Tax Credit Application that, if Approved, will Result in the Development of 80 Affordable Apartments for Low-Income Senior Citizens. **(APPROVED #35 through #45, with Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz being not present for the vote)**
37. Approval of a Resolution Adopting Amendment #1 to the Tatemville Neighborhood Redevelopment Plan in Support of Investments, Incentives, and Policies that Facilitate the Retention, Improvement and Development of Affordable Housing. **(APPROVED #35 through #45, with Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz being not present for the vote)**
38. Approval of a Resolution Supporting the Establishment of the Savannah-Chatham County Interagency Council on Homelessness/Continuum of Care. **(APPROVED #35 through #45, with Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz being not present for the vote)**

AGREEMENTS

39. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with Brookhaven Development, LLC for Brookhaven Phase 3 (District 1). This is a development consisting of 39 single



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family homes in the Godley West Service Area off Highlands Boulevard. **(APPROVED #35 through #45, with Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz being not present for the vote)**

40. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Bradley Lot Developers, LLC for Bradley Point Phase 8 (District 5). This is a development consisting of 32 single family homes in the Gateway Service Area off Bradley Boulevard. **(APPROVED #35 through #45, with Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz being not present for the vote)**

41. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Bradley Lot Developers, LLC for Bradley Point Phase 12 (District 5). This is a development consisting of 44 single family homes in the Gateway Service Area off Bradley Boulevard. **(APPROVED #35 through #45, with Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz being not present for the vote)**

42. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with D.R. Horton Homes Inc for The Pines at New Hampstead Phase 2 (District 5). This is a development consisting of 48 single family homes on Turpentine Trail in the Travis Field Service Area. **(APPROVED #35 through #45, with Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz being not present for the vote)**

REAL ESTATE ITEMS

43. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Grant an Access Easement Across the Savannah Ogeechee Canal at 1400 Canal Bank Road. **(APPROVED #35 through #45, with Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz being not present for the vote)**

44. Authorize the City Manager to Approve a Land Exchange with Mr. Mukesh Sheth at Little Neck Road/Canal Bank Road (PIN 51009 02022). **(APPROVED #35 through #45, with Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz being not present for the vote)**

45. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Fourth Amendment to the Existing Lease Agreement to Allow T-Mobile to Upgrade their Equipment on the City-Owned Water Tower at 400 Airport Avenue. **(APPROVED #35 through #45, with Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz being not present for the vote)**



MISCELLANEOUS

46. Approval to Install a Granite Memorial Bench Celebrating 250 Years of American Freedom within Johnson Square on the Corner of Bull and East Congress Streets. **(APPROVED #46 UNANIMOUSLY)**

47. Authorize Supplemental Budget Appropriations to the FY 2022 Operating and Capital Improvement Program. **(APPROVED #47 UNANIMOUSLY)**

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:39 p.m.