



Work Session and City Manager's Briefing

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 4:33 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
Assistant to the City Manager Kahntilida "Lida" Coleman
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret F. Fox

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Capital Projects. **[PRESENTED by City Manager Melder, Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd, and Capital Projects Director Cristy Lawrence]**

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Work Session at 6:02 p.m.



Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:32 p.m. Mayor Johnson introduced Bishop Deloris M. Young, Senior Pastor of Greater Pentecostal Temple (GPT) of Hardeeville, SC, to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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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:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for May 26, 2022. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY, as amended)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on May 12, 2022 at 12:30 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3, with Alderman Gibson-Carter, Alderman Miller Blakely and Alderman Lanier voting no)**



3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on May 12, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier voting no)**

PRESENTATIONS

(ADD-ON) Recognition of Savannah State University 2021-2022 Athletic Achievements by University President Kimberly Ballard-Washington, J.D.
(PRESENTED)

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

4. 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.
(Continued from May 12, 2022).
(CONTINUED/HELD #4 UNANIMOUSLY to the June 9, 2022 City Council Meeting)
5. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Alton Brecker for Bar Bubbly, a Bar/Lounge at 38 Whitaker Street between W. Congress and W. Broughton Streets in Aldermanic District 2.
Mayor Johnson declared the hearing for #5 open.
No speaker(s) present.
CLOSED HEARING for #5 UNANIMOUSLY.
(APPROVED #5 UNANIMOUSLY)
6. 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.
(CONTINUED/HELD #6 UNANIMOUSLY to the June 9, 2022 City Council Meeting)



ZONING HEARINGS

7. Josh Yellin on Behalf of Colin Breland, Madeline Ott, and Zachary Shultz for Riette Bradley, is Requesting a Special Use Permit at 2805 Bull Street (20074 33001) for a Bar/Tavern Use. The parcel is zoned TC-1 (Traditional Commercial - 1) in Aldermanic District 5. The applicant will offer wine and beer options with a light food menu and is proposing a packaged wine sale area. File No. 22-001219-ZA.

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing for #7 open.

Speaker(s) present:

- **Marcus Lotson, MPC representative**

CLOSED ZONING HEARING for #7 UNANIMOUSLY.

(APPROVED #7 UNANIMOUSLY)

Written comment(s) received:

- **Josh Yellin, representing the applicant submitted 18 letters of support**

8. Travis Stringer on Behalf of Beth Vantosh is Requesting a Special Use Permit at 11 East 40th Street (20074 01003) for a Parking Lot Use. The parcel is zoned TC-1 (Traditional Commercial - 1) in Aldermanic District 2. This will operate as a remote private parking lot for overflow parking at Starland Village. (File No. 22-001608-ZA).

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing for #8 open.

Speaker(s) present:

- **Marcus Lotson, MPC representative**
- **Robert McCorkle, representing the applicant**
- **Wendy Picone, resident - OPPOSED**

(CONTINUED/HELD #8 UNANIMOUSLY to the June 9, 2022 City Council Meeting)

PURCHASING ITEMS

9. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for Variable Frequency Drive Installation with Goforth Williamson in the Amount of \$56,334. A VFD is an electronic device used to control how water is pumped to provide



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service. This cost increase is due to extended delivery times and supply chain issues. (Industrial and Domestic Plant) **(APPROVED #9, #10, #11, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17 and #18 UNANIMOUSLY)**

10. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Installation of Gas Piping for Generators Installed at 4 Fiberoptic Hubs with Henry Plumbing CO., Inc. (LOCAL, DBE) in the Amount of \$68,920. Services will provide installation of gas piping for 4 standby generators that will ensure a functioning communication network is available during severe weather and disaster events. (Capital Projects) **(APPROVED #9, #10, #11, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17 and #18 UNANIMOUSLY)**
11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Installation of an HVAC System & Vapor Barrier System with Johnson-Laux Construction (LOCAL, DBE) in an Amount up to \$195,395. The vapor barrier will be installed in the archival vaults in the basement of City Hall and will reduce moisture intrusion from surrounding underground soil (subgrade). (Capital Projects) **(APPROVED #9, #10, #11, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17 and #18 UNANIMOUSLY)**
12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Ten Traffic Calming Devices with Traffic Logix in the Amount of \$82,790. The traffic tables will be used in efforts to address the traffic calming requests in residential areas. (Mobility Service) **(APPROVED #12 UNANIMOUSLY)**
13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Ditch Hand Mowing & Cleaning with J. Corbett Enterprise, Inc. (DBE, LOCAL) in the Amount of \$100,471. This contract is to supplement the work of City Staff in the Stormwater Management Division in the maintenance of the smaller "hand maintained" drainage ditches throughout the City. (Stormwater) **(APPROVED #9, #10, #11, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17 and #18 UNANIMOUSLY)**
14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Generator Maintenance with Current Edge Solutions, LLC (LOCAL) in the Amount of \$108,360. The generators provide emergency backup power to pump water at the City's seven stormwater pump stations. Routine maintenance ensures systems are always in a ready state. (Stormwater) **(APPROVED #9, #10, #11, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17 and #18 UNANIMOUSLY)**



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15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Protective Equipment for Savannah Fire Department with Bennet Fire Products Company in the Amount up to \$160,000. The contract will be used to provide personal protective equipment to be used by Firefighters working in immediately dangerous life or health environments such as fires. (Fire) **(APPROVED #9, #10, #11, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17 and #18 UNANIMOUSLY)**
16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for the Repair of a Fire Pumper with Williams Fire Apparatus in the Amount of \$9,976. The original contract was to repair the City of Savannah Fire Department's fire pumper Unit #4518 that incurred extensive damage from an accident. (Fleet) **(APPROVED #9, #10, #11, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17 and #18 UNANIMOUSLY)**
17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Two (2) 56 Foot Aerial Bucket Trucks with Altec Industries, Inc. in the Amount of \$336,496. The trucks will be replacing units that have reached the end of their useful life and are no longer economical to maintain, and will be used by the Park and Tree Department to perform daily routine tree maintenance. (Fleet) **(APPROVED #9, #10, #11, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17 and #18 UNANIMOUSLY)**
18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Two Pipeline Inspection Vans with Environmental Products Group, Inc. in the Amount of \$763,400. The two (2) new vans will be utilized by the Water Reclamation Division to perform regular water pipeline inspections and maintenance throughout the City of Savannah. (Fleet) **(APPROVED #9, #10, #11, #13, #14, #15, #16, #17 and #18 UNANIMOUSLY)**
19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 and Renewal for Microsoft Enterprise with Insight Public Sector in the Amount of \$1,494,990. The Department of Innovation and Technology Services will use this agreement to continue providing core business productivity solutions, as well as new core functionalities needed by the City. (IT) **(APPROVED #19 UNANIMOUSLY)**

RESOLUTIONS

20. Approval of a Resolution Directing the City Manager to Establish Temporary Cooling and Heating Centers During Extreme Temperature Events.
(APPROVED #20 UNANIMOUSLY)



REAL ESTATE ITEMS

21. Authorize the City Manager to Approve Various Intergovernmental Agreements for Shared Use of Recreation Facilities with Board of Education. City staff have negotiated 3 comprehensive intergovernmental agreements (IGAs) with the Board of Public Education (Board) to govern the shared use of recreation facilities within each government entity's portfolio. **(APPROVED #21, with Alderman Purtee being not present for the vote)**

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

22. Settlement #1. **(APPROVED #22, with Alderman Purtee being not present for the vote)**

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney's Office to resolve the claim (motor vehicle wreck) of India Fireall for \$62,500.00, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed 8-0-1, with Alderman Purtee being not present for the vote.

23. Settlement #2. **(APPROVED #23, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no and Alderman Purtee being not present for the vote)**

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney's Office to resolve the claim (motor vehicle wreck) of Lemuel and Felicia Rouse for \$175,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed 7-1-1, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no and Alderman Purtee being not present for the vote.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.