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## **Work Session and City Manager's Briefing**

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The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 4:00 p.m. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz recognized Alderman Leggett to offer a prayer.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Van R. Johnson, II – **[ABSENT]**  
Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, Post 1 – At-Large  
Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, Post 2 – At-Large  
Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1  
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2  
Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 – **[ABSENT]**  
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice Chairman  
Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

**ALSO, PRESENT:**  
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1. Impact Fee Update and Draft Methodology Report. **[PRESENTED by City Manager Melder, Planning & Urban Design Director Bridget Lidy, consultant team led by Bill Ross, president of Ross + associates, and Paige Hadley, Ross + associates.**



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Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz adjourned the Work Session at 5:55 p.m.



## **Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:32 p.m. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz recognized Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely to introduce Reverend Dr. Betty Jones, associate pastor of Litway Missionary Baptist Church, to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for June 23, 2022. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0)**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on June 9, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0)**
3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on June 9, 2022, at 2:20 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0)**

**ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS**

4. Approval of a Class C (Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Daniel T. Merritt for The Green Palm Inn, an Inn at 546 E. President Street Between East Broad and Houston Streets in Aldermanic District 2.  
**OPENED HEARING for #4 UNANIMOUSLY.**  
**CLOSED HEARING for #4 UNANIMOUSLY.**  
**(APPROVED #4 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0)**
5. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Niktaben Patel for Savannah Market, a Convenience Store at 130 East Victory Drive Between Abercorn and Drayton Streets in Aldermanic District 2.  
**OPENED HEARING for #5 UNANIMOUSLY.**  
**CLOSED HEARING for #5 UNANIMOUSLY.**  
**(APPROVED #5 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0)**
6. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Ericka M. Phillips for Dottie's, a Restaurant at 207 West Broughton Street Between Barnard and Jefferson Streets in Aldermanic District 2.  
**OPENED HEARING for #6 UNANIMOUSLY.**  
**CLOSED HEARING for #6 UNANIMOUSLY.**



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**(APPROVED #6 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0)**

**ZONING HEARINGS**

7. Petition of Harold Yellin, Agent for Cowen Investments, LLC, on Behalf of Gladys Gill and Joyce Durrence, to Amend the Zoning Map at 0 Fort Argyle Road (PIN 21034 01008) from A-I (Agricultural) to B-C (Community Business), IL-T (Light Industrial-Transition) and I-L (Light Industrial) with Conditions. Aldermanic District #5. File No. 22-001626-ZA.

**OPENED HEARING for #7 UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Speaker(s) present:**

- **Marcus Lotson, MPC representative**
- **Patrick Welsh, citizen – OPPOSED**
- **Sandra Grant, citizen – SUPPORTED, with conditions**
- **Greg Cowen, representing the applicant - SUPPORTED**

**CLOSED ZONING HEARING for #7 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0.**

**Written comment(s) received:**

- **Kerrie Bieber, representing the West Chatham County Community Watch - OPPOSED**

8. Petition of Thomas Matthews from Drayton Parker Companies LLC on Behalf of Carlton Ray to Amend the Zoning Map at 1758 Grove Point Road (PIN 10993A 05001) from R-A-CO (Residential – Agricultural County) to B-C (Community Business) with Conditions in Aldermanic District 6 (File No. 22-002106-ZA).

**OPENED HEARING for #8 UNANIMOUSLY.**

**Speaker(s) present:**

- **Marcus Lotson, MPC representative**

**CLOSED HEARING for #8 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0.**

**ORDINANCES – FIRST AND SECOND READINGS**

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District 5 (File No. 22-001626-ZA). **(After the first reading was considered the second hearing, APPROVED #9, 4 yeas – 3 nays, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Alderwoman Lanier voting no.)**

10. Petition of Thomas Matthews from Drayton Parker Companies LLC on Behalf of Carlton Ray to Amend the Zoning Map at 1758 Grove Point Road (PIN 10993A 05001) from R-A-CO (Residential – Agricultural County) to B-C (Community Business) with Conditions. Aldermanic District #6. File No. 22-002106-ZA. **(After the first reading was considered the second hearing, APPROVED #10, 6 yeas – 1 nay, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no.)**

**PURCHASING ITEMS**

11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for Three Dump Trucks with Wade Ford, Inc. in the Amount of \$27,030. The three (3) dump trucks will be a fleet addition for the Sanitation Department to support the newly created Sanitation's Litter Crew. (Fleet) **(APPROVED #11 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0)**
12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Mini Excavator with National Equipment Dealers, LLC in the Amount of \$49,599. The mini excavator will be utilized by the Water Distribution & Conveyance Division in the repair of old water lines. (Fleet) **(APPROVED #12 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0)**
13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Replacement of one 9-Ton and one 11-Ton Wheel Loader Carriers with National Equipment Dealers, LLC in the Amount of \$308,433. The wheel loaders will be used by the Stormwater Management Division to maintain the large drainage canals within the City of Savannah. (Fleet) **(APPROVED #13 through #20 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0)**
14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Long-Reach Excavator with National Equipment Dealers, LLC in the Amount of \$324,628. The long reach excavator will be used by the Stormwater Division to maintain the large drainage canals in the City. (Fleet) **(APPROVED #13 through #20 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0)**
15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Sewer Vacuum Truck from Environmental Products Group, Inc. in the Amount of \$476,900. The vehicle will be utilized by the Stormwater Management Division to ensure positive drainage



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and reduce the incidence of flooding. (Fleet) **(APPROVED #13 through #20 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0)**

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Dryer Belt with Huber Technology in the Amount of \$70,200. The belt will be utilized by the Water Reclamation Department for moving sludge in the bio-solid handling process. (Water Reclamation) **(APPROVED #13 through #20 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0)**
17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for HVAC Maintenance with Boan Mechanical Services (LOCAL) in the Amount of \$98,757. The services will be used by the Water Supply and Treatment Department to maintain over 70 HVAC systems in those facilities. (I & D Plant and Water Reclamation) **(APPROVED #13 through #20 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0)**
18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification No. 1 for Body Cameras, Tasers, and Digital Evidence System in an Amount up to \$101,446. The Savannah Police Department will utilize this contract to enhance the body-worn cameras (BWC) by adding GPS location services and the ability to view BWC's live from remote locations. This service will enhance public safety services by providing GPS tracking of officers. (Police) **(APPROVED #13 through #20 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0)**
19. Authorize the City Manager to Procure a Contract for the Replacement of Mobile Data Terminals with Law and Order Technology, LLC in the Amount of \$315,000. The mobile data terminals (MDT) used by the City of Savannah Police Department, allows officers to communicate with Central Dispatch while providing real time GPS location mapping and information relevant to the current task. (IT) **(APPROVED #13 through #20 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0)**
20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Senior Meals with Senior Citizen, Inc. (LOCAL) in an Amount up to \$475,000. The meals will be served to senior citizens at various centers throughout the City. (Recreation and Leisure Services) **(APPROVED #13 through #20 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0)**
21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Final Project Close-out Amendment for the Facilities at 8 Interchange Court with Johnson-Laux Construction Inc. (LOCAL, DBE) in the Amount of \$82,180. This modification is needed to cover costs associated with various credits, added costs due to unforeseen conditions,



constructability items, clarification in plans, and owner requested changes. (Capital Projects). (IT) **(APPROVED #21 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0)**

#### **CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**

22. Settlement #1. **(APPROVED #22 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0)**

Vice-Chairman Palumbo moved to authorize the City Attorney's Office to resolve the claim of Patience Wright (vehicle injury) for \$70,000.00, seconded by Alderman Purtee and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed 7-0.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

City Manager Melder recognized Fire Chief Derek Minard for his service to the City of Savannah. Assistant Fire Chief Elzie Kitchen will be assuming those duties on an Interim basis effective July 2, 2022.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked her colleagues for a very good meeting today and she wished Mayor Johnson safe travels home from Germany.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely recognized Police Major Devon Adams for coming back, doing well and healthy. She also asked the City Manager about a raise expected by certain employees in July. The City Manager responded a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) was approved by the City Council. The second/last phase begins July 1<sup>st</sup>. These COLAs are for the rest of the city employees who did not receive an adjustment in January. Concerning Police officers, City Manager Melder indicated they have already received their increase and will not be a part of this phase.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m.