



Special Called Meeting – Public Hearing

The special called meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen was held at 10:00 a.m. Following the roll call, Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II
Alderman Kesha Gibson-Carter, Post 1 – At-Large - **[ABSENT]**
Alderman Alicia Miller Blakely, Post 2 – At-Large - **[ABSENT]**
Alderman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1 - **[ABSENT]**
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 (**attended virtually**)
Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

AGENDA ITEMS:

Mayor Johnson provided an overview by reading the description section, as provided in the agenda packet.

1. Public Hearing to Receive Comments on the 2022 Property Tax Millage Rate. The proposed millage rate of 12.20 mills is 4.23% lower than the final rate for 2021 (12.739 mills).

Speaker(s):

- **Rose McGuire, D6 resident – OPPOSED an increase and the timing**

Upon asking if there were any other members of the public present to speak, Mayor Johnson closed the hearing and adjourned the meeting at 10:13 a.m.



Work Session and City Manager's Briefing

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 4:32 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Purtee to offer a prayer.

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1. Stormwater Management in the City of Savannah. [**PRESENTED by Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd, and Stormwater Management Director Zach Hoffman**]

Mayor Johnson adjourned the Work Session at 6:00 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 Alderman Detric Leggett to introduce US Senator Reverend Dr. Raphael G. Warnock, Senior Pastor of the Historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, to offer the invocation by video. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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AGENDA ITEMS:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting for July 28, 2022. (**APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0**)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on July 14, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. (**APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY, as corrected [see July 14, 2022 minutes for corrected text], 9-0-0**)



3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on July 14, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY, as corrected [see July 14, 2022 minutes for corrected text], 9-0-0)**

***Mayor Johnson recognized members (candidates) of the Youth Commission who were present in the audience, by asking them to stand.**

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

4. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Veeral Patel for Shell Gas Station, a Convenience Store at 3618 Ogeechee Road between Westgate Boulevard and I-516 in Aldermanic District 1.
Mayor Johnson declared the hearings opened for #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8.
Speaker(s):
 - **Teniyah Gore – OPPOSED to additional alcohol licenses**
CLOSED HEARINGS for #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.
(APPROVED #4 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0)
5. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Priyankbhai Patel for Lovell Lounge, a Bar/Lounge at 205 West Broughton Street between Barnard Street and Jefferson Street in Aldermanic District 2.
Mayor Johnson declared the hearings opened for #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8.
Speaker(s):
 - **Teniyah Gore – OPPOSED to additional alcohol licenses**
CLOSED HEARINGS for #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.
(APPROVED #5, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no, 8-1-0)
6. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Roxan C. Gonzalez for the Narra Tree, a Restaurant at 7054 Hodgson Memorial Drive between Eisenhower Drive and Stephenson Avenue in Aldermanic District 4.
Mayor Johnson declared the hearings opened for #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8.
Speaker(s):
 - **Teniyah Gore – OPPOSED to additional alcohol licenses**
CLOSED HEARINGS for #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.



(APPROVED #6, #7, and #8, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no, 8-1-0). While Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no, she expressed that her no vote was not intended for #7 and #8.

7. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Mustaq Darediya for Chevron Food Mart #1, a Convenience Store at 8900 White Bluff Road between Paradise Drive and Wesley Street in Aldermanic District 4.

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings opened for #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8.

Speaker(s):

- **Teniiyah Gore – OPPOSED to additional alcohol licenses**

CLOSED HEARINGS for #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.

(APPROVED #6, #7, and #8, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no, 8-1-0). While Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no, she expressed that her no vote was not intended for #7 and #8.

8. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Mustaq Darediya for Chevron Food Mart #2, a Convenience Store at 7203 Abercorn Street between Eisenhower Drive and Stephenson Avenue in Aldermanic District 4.

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings opened for #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8.

Speaker(s):

- **Teniiyah Gore – OPPOSED to additional alcohol licenses**

CLOSED HEARINGS for #4, #5, #6, #7, and #8 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.

(APPROVED #6, #7, and #8, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no, 8-1-0). While Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no, she expressed that her no vote was not intended for #7 and #8.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Heard after #2 and #3.

9. Public Hearing to Receive Comments on the 2022 Property Tax Millage Rate. The proposed millage rate of 12.20 mills is 4.23% lower than the final rate for 2021.

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing open for #9.

Speaker(s) present:

- **Teniiyah Gore – OPPOSED to a tax increase on poor people**



The public hearing was **CLOSED UNANIMOUSLY** by motion and vote, 9-0-0.

The public hearing was **REOPENED**, 7-2-0, by motion and vote to allow Mr. Feagain to speak who arrived at the hearing late. Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan voted no.

- Charles Feagain – **OPPOSED**

Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing closed for #9. See agenda item #14 (related).

ORDINANCES – SECOND READINGS

10. Approval for the Annexation of 18.989 Acres Located off Buckhalter Road near Garrard Avenue. The property is currently vacant land and the owner plans to incorporate these into the Rockingham Farms Warehouse Development Project. **(APPROVED #10, #11 and #12, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no, 7-2-0.)**
11. Petition of John Knox Porter, Jr. on Behalf of April Diana Griffin to Zone the Annexed Parcels Located at 6305 Garrard Avenue Extension and Buckhalter Road near Garrard Avenue (PINs 10866 01001 and 10866 01002) from P-M (Planned Manufacturing) to P-M-CO (Planned Manufacturing – County) and M (Manufacturing) to M-CO (Manufacturing – County), Annexation District 5 (File No. 2-002773-ZA). **(APPROVED #10, #11 and #12, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no, 7-2-0.)**
12. Approval for the Annexation of 30.425 Acres Located off Chatham Parkway near Ogeechee Road. The property is currently vacant land and the owner plans to develop multi-family residential housing on the property. **(APPROVED #10, #11 and #12, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no, 7-2-0.)**
13. Petition of Josh Yellin on Behalf of S & R Savannah Partners and Its Principal Richard C. Smith III to Zone the Annexed Parcel Located off Chatham Parkway near Ogeechee Road (PIN 10837 01001) from PUD-BC (Planned Unit Development - Community Business) to PUD-BC-CO (Planned Unit



Development - Community Business-County), Annexation District 1 (File No. 22-002845-ZA). **(APPROVED #13 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

Heard after #9.

14. Approval to Amend the 2022 Revenue Ordinance, Adopt the 2022 Property Tax Millage Rate, and Adopt the Special Service District Tax Rate for the Water Transportation District. Proposed millage rate of 12.20 mills is 4.23% lower than the final rate for 2021. **(APPROVED #14, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Alderwoman Lanier voting no, 6-3-0.)**

PURCHASING ITEMS

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for City-Wide Elevator Maintenance with TK Elevator Corporation (LOCAL) in an Amount not to Exceed \$133,542. This Contract will be used to provide service and maintenance on all elevators that are the responsibility of the City of Savannah. (Facilities) **(APPROVED #15, #17, #18, and #20 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Clearing Vegetation from the Central of Georgia Historic Railroad Viaduct Located on W. Boundary Street and Louisville Road with Savannah Construction and Preservation (LOCAL, DBE) in the Amount of \$94,605. (Planning and Urban Design) **(APPROVED #16 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Filter Belts for Separation of Solids and Liquids in the Dewatering Process of Sludge with GSM Engineered Fabrics, LLC in an Amount not to Exceed \$57,194. The contract will provide filters for the Water & Sewer Treatment Plants. (Water & Sewer) **(APPROVED #15, #17, #18, and #20 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Promotional Processing with PAS Consulting Group, LLC in the Amount not to Exceed \$66,300. The contract will provide promotional testing and assessment services for the ranks of Fire Engineer and Fire Captain. (Fire) **(APPROVED #15, #17, #18, and #20 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**



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19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Glass Recycle Collection and Disposal with Glasswrx, LLC in an Amount not to Exceed \$104,448. This will provide 12 roll-off containers at existing convenience and recycling drop-off centers in various locations throughout the City. (Sanitation) **(APPROVED #19 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)** **Speaker(s): Interim Chief of Government Operations Gene Prevatt; and, Interim Senior Sanitation Director Quhannah Andrews.**

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

20. Approval to Execute a Contract with Riverbend Enterprises in the Amount of \$47,045 for Asphalt Paving of a Temporary Tug Lane to be Utilized by FedEx During their Relocation Period to Hangar 1223. **(APPROVED #15, #17, #18, and #20 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

RESOLUTIONS

Heard after #14.

21. Approval of a Resolution Naming the Gymnasium located within the W.W. Law Regional Center to "Freddie Patrick Sr. Gymnasium" in Honor of Freddie Patrick Sr. **READ by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Leggett, with comments being made by the family of Freddie Patrick Sr. (APPROVED #21 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

AGREEMENTS

22. Authorize the City Manager to Accept a WorkSource Sector Partnerships Grant Award in the Amount of \$135,680. The award will be used to develop regional sector partnerships that will work to understand and act on the needs of key regional industries. The City serves as the fiduciary agent for the ten-county region. **(APPROVED #22 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

REAL ESTATE ITEMS

23. Authorize the City Manager to Approve an Underground Easement to Georgia Power on 620 Stiles Avenue (PIN 20030 08003). **(APPROVED #23 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**



MISCELLANEOUS

24. Authorize Supplemental Budget Appropriations to the FY 2022 Capital Improvement Program. **(APPROVED #24 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

Following various announcements made by members of the City Council, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m.