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

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The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:00 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Wilder-Bryan who introduced Reverend Timothy Sheppard, Pastor of Central Missionary Baptist Church in Thunderbolt, to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

**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 Fox

### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting for August 11, 2022. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY)**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Special Called Meeting (Public Hearing regarding 2022 Property Tax Millage Rate) Held on July 28, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. **(APPROVED #2, #3, and #4 UNANIMOUSLY)**



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3. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on July 28, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. **(APPROVED #2, #3, and #4 UNANIMOUSLY)**
4. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on July 28, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. **(APPROVED #2, #3, and #4 UNANIMOUSLY)**

**PRESENTATIONS**

5. Appearance and Recognition of Truist Bank's Donation of \$15,000 into the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund. **(INTRODUCED by Anita Smith-Dixon – Community Housing Services Agency Director, along with Patton Dugas, Chad Jacobs and Stephanie Johnson, Truist Bank representatives)**
6. Appearance and Recognition of Wells Fargo Bank's Donation of \$20,000 into the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund. **(INTRODUCED by Anita Smith-Dixon - Community Housing Services Agency Director, along with Sherry Butler, WellsFargo Bank representative)**
7. Appearance and Recognition of Team Savannah Staff, Daniel Clayton, for Rendering Aid to Save a Citizen on July 20th, 2022. **(PRESENTED by City Manager Melder)**

**ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS**

8. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Shannon L. Blaney for The Neener Neener Tiki Lounge, a Bar/Lounge at 13015 Abercorn Street between Apache Avenue and Middleground Road in Aldermanic District 6.  
**Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for #8 through #16.**  
**No speaker(s).**  
**CLOSED HEARINGS for #8 through #15 UNANIMOUSLY.**  
**(APPROVED #8, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no, 8-1-0)**
9. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Julie L. Richter for Fairfield Inn & Suites, a Hotel at 135 Martin



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Luther King, Jr. Boulevard between West Oglethorpe Avenue and Zubly Street in Aldermanic District 1.

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**No speaker(s).**

**CLOSED HEARINGS for #8 through #15 UNANIMOUSLY.**

**(APPROVED #9 and #10 UNANIMOUSLY)**

10. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Julie L. Richter for Aloft Savannah Downtown Historic District, a Hotel at 512 West Oglethorpe Avenue between Ann Street and Martin L. King, Jr. Boulevard in Aldermanic District 1.

**Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for #8 through #16.**

**No speaker(s).**

**CLOSED HEARINGS for #8 through #15 UNANIMOUSLY.**

**(APPROVED #9 and #10 UNANIMOUSLY)**

11. Approval of a Class H (Sample) Alcohol License to Dayna Lee for Savannah Wine Institute, a Wine School at 602 East Henry Street between East Broad Street and Atlantic Avenue in Aldermanic District 2.

**Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for #8 through #16.**

**No speaker(s)**

**CLOSED HEARINGS for #8 through #15 UNANIMOUSLY.**

**(CONTINUED #11, #13, and #14 UNANIMOUSLY)**

12. Approval of a Class C (Liquor) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Gary Gordon for 520 Wings, a Restaurant at 2705 Bull Street between West 43rd Street and West Victory Drive in Aldermanic District 2.

**Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for #8 through #16.**

**No speaker(s).**

**CLOSED HEARINGS for #8 through #15 UNANIMOUSLY.**

**(APPROVED #12 UNANIMOUSLY)**

13. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Lawrence W. Brown, Jr. for Fat Tuesday's, a Bar/Lounge at 19 E. Bay Street between Drayton and Bull Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

**Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for #8 through #16.**

**No speaker(s).**



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**CLOSED HEARINGS for #8 through #15 UNANIMOUSLY.**  
**(CONTINUED #11, #13, and #14 UNANIMOUSLY)**

14. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Lawrence W. Brown, Jr. for Fat Tuesday's, a Bar/Lounge at 427 East River Street between Lincoln and East Broad Street Ramps in Aldermanic District 2.

**Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for #8 through #16.**

**No speaker(s).**

**CLOSED HEARINGS for #8 through #15 UNANIMOUSLY.**  
**(CONTINUED #11, #13, and #14 UNANIMOUSLY)**

15. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Matthew Garappolo for Colleagues and Lovers, a Restaurant at 4523 Habersham Street between East 61st and East 62nd Streets in Aldermanic District 4.

**Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for #8 through #16.**

**No speaker(s).**

**CLOSED HEARINGS for #8 through #15 UNANIMOUSLY.**  
**(APPROVED #15 UNANIMOUSLY)**

16. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Mehul Patel for Diamond Food Mart, a Convenience Store at 3017 Bull Street between West 46th and West 47th Streets in Aldermanic District 5.

**Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for #8 through #16.**

**Speaker(s):**

- **Ardis Wood, made additional requests**
- **Judee Jones, representing the City – ABC**
- **Mehul Patel, applicant**

**(APPROVED #16 UNANIMOUSLY)**

## **PURCHASING ITEMS**

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification No. 1 for Janitorial and Floor Care Services for Sanitation with Jani-King of Savannah (LOCAL) in an Amount not to Exceed \$12,478. This modification is needed to provide additional



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janitorial services to the Sanitation Headquarters in Garden City, GA. (Sanitation)  
**(APPROVED #17 through #23 UNANIMOUSLY)**

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification and Renewal Adobe Contract Licenses with CDW-G in an Amount not to Exceed \$35,875. The City utilizes subscriptions with Adobe Software to provide services and applications that give subscribers access to a collection of software used for graphic design, video editing, web development, photography, and document editing on a cloud-based platform. (ITS) **(APPROVED #17 through #23 UNANIMOUSLY)**
  
19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Tiburon Automated Reporting System (ARS) with Central Square Technologies, Inc. in an Amount not to Exceed \$171,524. Under this contract, maintenance and support will be provided for the ARS and LawRECORDS system and software. This software provides mobile CAD and record management functions to support the daily operations and job functions the Savannah Police and Savannah Fire Departments. (ITS) **(APPROVED #17 through #23 UNANIMOUSLY)**
  
20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Procure Hardware and Support to Upgrade the Data Center that Supports All on Premise Technology Systems and Services from Dell in an Amount not to Exceed \$349,596. The Innovation and Technology Services Department will use this purchase to upgrade/replace existing infrastructure devices (including but not limited to servers and storage equipment) that have reached capacity and/or are no longer under warranty. (ITS) **(APPROVED #17 through #23 UNANIMOUSLY)**
  
21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Rent One Knuckle Boom Truck and Two Roll-Off Container Trucks in the Amount of \$265,680 from Heil Environmental in Care of Big Truck Rentals. This will allow the residential refuse division to provide weekly curbside pickup of bulk items and large debris removal following an emergency event and the two roll-off container trucks will be used by the refuse disposal division and commercial disposal division until the knuckle boom trucks and roll-off container trucks previously ordered come in. (Fleet) **(APPROVED #17 through #23 UNANIMOUSLY)**



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22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Procure Five 15-Passenger Vans from National Auto Fleet c/o Auto Fleet Alan Jay Fleet in the Amount of \$209,050. The vans will be used by the Office of Neighborhood & Engagement Services (ONES), Recreation Services Division, Senior Services Division, and the Recycling & Litter Division. The van for ONES will be a FY22 fleet addition and the vans for Recreation Services, Senior Services, and Recycling will be replacing units 6614, 0615, 0713, and 0715, which are scheduled replacements and are no longer economical to maintain. (Fleet) **(APPROVED #17 through #23 UNANIMOUSLY)**
23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Two-Year Mower Lease Agreement with John Deere c/o Greenville Turf & Tractor in an Amount not to Exceed \$246,458. The lease agreement will provide 23 mowers to the Fleet Department for two years. (Fleet) **(APPROVED #17 through #23 UNANIMOUSLY)**
24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract to Transition from a Primarily Manual Water Meter Reading Process to an Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) System with Badger Meters, Inc in the amount of \$5,268,358. (Water Distribution) **(APPROVED #24, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no, 8-1-0)**

**SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION**

25. Approval of Advertising Placement in the Hilton Head Island and Bluffton Vacation Planners, in the Amount of \$44,806.98. **(APPROVED #25 through #29 UNANIMOUSLY)**
26. Approval to Procure One 2023 Low Top Transit Van from J.C. Lewis Ford LLC of Savannah, GA, in the Amount of \$51,822.64. **(APPROVED #25 through #29 UNANIMOUSLY)**
27. Approval to Procure One 2023 High Top Transit Van from J.C. Lewis LLC of Savannah, GA, in the Amount of \$54,039.76. **(APPROVED #25 through #29 UNANIMOUSLY)**



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28. Approval to Procure Services from ALTEL Systems Group Inc., for the Replacement of the Public Address Speakers in Savannah Square, in the Amount of \$56,885. **(APPROVED #25 through #29 UNANIMOUSLY)**
29. Approval to Procure Installation Services and Equipment from Infax, Inc., for the Replacement of the Video Wall at the Visitor Information Center, in the Amount of \$68,489. **(APPROVED #25 through #29 UNANIMOUSLY)**
30. Approval of a Corporate Partnership with Georgia Southern University for the Three-Year Period of 2022-2025, in the Amount of \$120,000. **(APPROVED #30, with Alderman Purtee recusing himself since he is employed with GSU, 8-0-1)**

**AGREEMENTS**

31. Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding Between The United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of Georgia, and The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah Regarding the Appointment of a Special Assistant United States Attorney (SAUSA) to the USAO to Further Local, State and Federal Interests Related to Violent Crime in Savannah.

**Speaker(s):**

- **Rick Ellison - SUPPORTED**  
**(APPROVED #31, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Alderwoman Lanier voting no, 6-3-0)**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

32. Approval for the Installation of a Historical Marker on Public Property Near 1 East Bay Street to Recognize the Fertilizer Industry in the South. **(APPROVED #32 and #33, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no, 8-1-0)**
33. Approval of Major Subdivision Bradley Point Phase 12. **(APPROVED #32 and #33, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no, 8-1-0)**
34. Approval of an Honorary Street Designation for "Raphael Warnock Way" Located on Cape Street within Kayton Frazier Homes for Senator Reverend Raphael



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Warnock. (**APPROVED #34**, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Alderwoman Lanier voting no, 6-3-0)

Following various announcements made by the City Manager and Councilmembers, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 4:19 p.m.