



## **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 Nick Palumbo to introduce Reverend John Ruehl of White Bluff Presbyterian, to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Van R. Johnson, II  
Aldерwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, Post 1 – At-Large  
Aldерwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, Post 2 – At-Large  
Aldерwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1  
Aldерman Detric Leggett, District 2  
Aldерwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3  
Aldерman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice Chairman  
Aldерwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Aldерman 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 25, 2022. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on August 11, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

#### **PRESENTATIONS**



3. A Proclamation Declaring September 4 - September 10, 2022, as "Labor Week" in the City of Savannah to Recognize the Accomplishments and Contributions of the Working Savannah Taskforce and the Savannah Regional Central Labor Council Benefitting all Workers and the Savannah Community. The Council's efforts and initiatives are constantly seeking equality and economic justice for all of Savannah's citizens. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson)**
4. A Proclamation Declaring August 2022 as Black Business Month. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson)**

#### **ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS**

5. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Zankhana Patel for Hari's Food Mart, a Convenience Store at 2200 Habersham Street between East 38th and East 39th Streets in Aldermanic District 2.  
**Mayor Johnson declared the hearing opened for #5.**  
**No speaker(s).**  
**CLOSED HEARING for #5 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.**  
**(APPROVED #5 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
6. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Cassandra Singleton for The Linq Restaurant and Winery at 1308 Montgomery Street between West Henry and West Anderson Streets in Aldermanic District 2. (City Manager recommends denial).  
**Mayor Johnson declared the hearing opened for #6.**  
**Speaker(s):**
  - **Derrick Duncan – OPPOSED****CLOSED HEARING for #6 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.**  
**(DENIED #6 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

#### **ZONING HEARINGS**

7. Petition of Harold Yellin on behalf of Christian Chamblee, Manger Building LLC, for a Text Amendment to Section 7.13-1 Hotel Development Overlay District (File No. 22-002694-ZA).  
**Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing open for #7.**



**Speaker(s) present:**

- Marcus Lotson, MPC representative
- Harold Yellin, representing the applicant

**(CLOSED HEARING for #7 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0). See agenda item #9.**

8. Petition of Travis Burke on behalf of Rockingham Farms, LLC to Support Annexed Parcels Located at 343 Buckhalter Road and Garrard Avenue (PINs 10943 01001, 10946 01001 and 10946 01002) from M (Manufacturing) to M-CO (Manufacturing – County). Annexation for Aldermanic District 5 (File No. 22-003291-ZA).

**(POSTPONED/CONTINUED #8, #10, and #11 UNANIMOUSLY to the September 8, 2022, City Council Meeting, 9-0-0)**

**ORDINANCES – FIRST AND SECOND READING**

9. Petition of Harold Yellin on behalf of Christian Chamblee, Manger Building LLC, for a Text Amendment to Section 7.13-1 Hotel Development Overlay District (File No. 22-002694-ZA). **(APPROVED #9, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no, 8-1-0.)**

**ORDINANCES – FIRST READING**

10. Approval to Annex 85.573 Acres Located off Veterans Parkway near the Little Ogeechee River. The property will be developed as industrial warehouses as part of the Rockingham Farms development. **(POSTPONED/CONTINUED #8, #10, and #11 UNANIMOUSLY to the September 8, 2022, City Council Meeting, 9-0-0)**
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**PURCHASING ITEMS**

12. Notification of an Emergency Purchase for Electrical Repair Services for Baseball Field Lights with Trinity Electrical in the Amount of \$61,145. The service was to repair lights at the Allen E. Paulson Softball Complex and the Hudson Hill Baseball Field in order to provide an appropriate and safe level of service. (Recreation and Leisure Services) **(APPROVED #12, #13, #15, #16, and #18 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
  
13. Notification of an Emergency Purchase for the Excavation and Construction of a 72" Abandoned Artesian Well with Dustcom Limited, Inc. in the Amount of \$70,475. The emergency purchase is to re-cap the old abandoned artesian well to present-day standards to protect the Floridan Aquifer, one of the main water sources for the City of Savannah. (Capital Improvements) **(APPROVED #12, #13, #15, #16, and #18 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
  
14. Notification of an Emergency Purchase for a Police Chief Executive Search with Police Executive Research Forum in the Amount of \$45,000. This is an emergency purchase to ensure the public welfare and safety of citizens of the City of Savannah is not compromised. (Human Resources) **(APPROVED #14 and #17, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no, 8-1-0)**
  
15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of One-Ton Chlorine Cylinders with JCI Jones Chemical, Inc. in an Amount not to Exceed \$263,250. The one-ton chlorine cylinders will be used by the Industrial and Domestic Water Department to disinfect drinking water and wastewater effluent. (Water Distribution) **(APPROVED #12, #13, #15, #16, and #18 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
  
16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Four-Turbo Blower System Upgrade with Howden in the Amount of \$315,900. The blower system upgrade is used to treat the waste at the Water Reclamation Plant. (Water Reclamation) **(APPROVED #12, #13, #15, #16, and #18 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
  
17. Authorize the City Manager to Approve Contract Amendment No. 2 for the Truman Linear Park Trail Phase 2B Project with Thomas & Hutton Engineering Services (LOCAL) in an Amount not to Exceed \$84,900. This service ensures



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that necessary stormwater detention and floodplain mitigation requirements associated with the project are satisfied pursuant to the City of Savannah Stormwater Management Ordinance and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). (Sustainability) **(APPROVED #14 and #17, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no, 8-1-0)**

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Construction of the LeedsGate Gazebo with F.H. Paschen in an Amount not to Exceed \$124,818. This contract will provide services to construct a 30-foot hex shaped gazebo on a FEMA lot located at 211 LeedsGate Road. (Capital Projects) **(APPROVED #12, #13, #15, #16, and #18 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Construction Contract for Dundee Cottages Infrastructure with Johnson-Laux (LOCAL, DBE) in an Amount not to Exceed \$3,241,415. This contract is for the installation of the underground utilities and above ground infrastructure for the Dundee Cottages site. (Capital Projects) **(APPROVED #19 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of Three Sewer Vacuum Hydro Excavation Combination Trucks and Turn Key Maintenance Contracts for Four New Sewer Vacuum Trucks with Vector Manufacturing in Care of Environmental Products Group in the Amount of \$1,617,600. This contract will be used by the City of Savannah's Stormwater Management Division and the Sewer Maintenance unit. (Fleet) **APPROVED #20 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

**RESOLUTIONS**

21. A Resolution Authorizing the Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. to Use Up to \$2,500,000 from the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund And Up to \$500,000 from CHSA to Facilitate the Construction of Up to 50 Cottages And a Resident Services Building at Dundee Cottages and the Cove at Dundee for Persons Experiencing Homelessness. **(APPROVED #21 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
22. A Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of City Owned Property Known as the Dundee Cottages Site to the Chatham County/City of Savannah Land Bank Authority. This transfer will facilitate the development of 38 permanent supportive



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housing cottages and a resident service building for persons experiencing homelessness. **(APPROVED #22 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

23. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract for FY 2022 with Chatham-Savannah Authority for the Provision of Street Outreach for People Experiencing Homelessness. **(APPROVED #23 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

24. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract for FY 2022 with Union Mission, Inc. for the Provision of a Day Services Center for People Experiencing Homelessness. **(APPROVED #24 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

**AGREEMENTS**

25. Approval of Transfer of Ownership from PSG Terminals, LLC and Tennessee Commercial Warehouse, Inc. to Gulfstream Park Place LLC. to Entered into an Agreement with the City of Savannah to Provide Water and Sewer Services. These services will be provided to the development at 116 Gulfstream Road which consists of two modular office trailers and a container storage area. **(APPROVED #25 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

**REAL ESTATE ITEMS**

26. Authorize the City Manager to Surplus and Donate 180 feet of Riverfront Bulkhead and a Shelter Easement to Chatham Area Transit to Expand Water Taxi Services, which is the City's Agreed Portion of the Transit Grant. **(APPROVED #26, #27, and #28 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

27. Authorize the City Manager to Approve a Temporary Construction and Access Easement Agreement with Duke Realty Limited Partnership. This easement will assist the City with construction of a new force main and upgrades to Lift Station 166, which is located in the Highlands. **(APPROVED #26, #27, and #28 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

28. Authorize the City Manager to Approve as Surplus and Available for Sale City-owned Real Property Located on E. Victory Drive (PIN 20078 01015). The petitioner, Dicky Mopper, on behalf of Tafina LLC, owner of 1650 E Victory Drive,



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has requested the City-owned property located at the northeast corner of East Victory Drive and Oleander Avenue to provide driveway access for their customers. **(APPROVED #26, #27, and #28 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

**CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**

29. Settlement #1. **(APPROVED #29 UNANIMOUSLY)**

**Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney's Office to resolve the claim of Ashley Fireall (vehicle injury) for \$150,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.**

30. Authorization to Initiate Litigation. **(APPROVED #30 UNANIMOUSLY)**

**Vice-Chairman Palumbo moved to authorize the City Attorney's Office to initiate an appeal of Effingham County zoning decision, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

31. Approval to Paint Ten Storm Drains throughout the Casey Drainage Basin in the Ogeechee River Watershed. The mission of this project is to raise awareness and gain community support in decreasing pollution and bacterial contamination of the waterways that have been placed on the State of Georgia's impaired waters list. **(APPROVED #31, with Alderwoman Lanier voting no, 8-1-0)**

**Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.**