



Work Session and City Manager's Briefing

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 10:05 a.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
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. 2023-2027 Housing and Community Development Plan.
[PRESENTED by City Manager Melder, and Human Services Director Kerri Reid]
2. Impact Fees. **[PRESENTED by City Manager Melder, Planning & Urban Design Director Bridget Lidy, Bill Ross, president of Ross + associates, and Paige Hadley, Ross + associates]**

Following questions and comments from members of the City Council, Mayor Johnson adjourned the Work Session at 12:00 p.m.



Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:03 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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AGENDA ITEMS:

***Mayor Johnson announced the passing of Queen Elizabeth II, and the Mayor spoke of the city’s relationship history with the Country of England and the 70 years of work performed by this Monarch. He further expressed his condolences and sympathy to the Country of England and to the British residents of our city.**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for September 8, 2022. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0, as amended thereby adding a Resolution to Honor [passing of] Savannah Police Officer Reginald Brannan)**



APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on August 25, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

PRESENTATIONS

3. A Proclamation Recognizing September 15, 2022 - October 15, 2022 as Hispanic Heritage Month. The City of Savannah honors and celebrates the contributions of Hispanic Americans in our history across the nation, as well as celebrating the contributions of Hispanic Americans who currently serve our communities here in Savannah. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and City Manager Melder to HOLA [Hispanic Outreach, Leadership & Advocacy] Savannah, led by Team Savannah employee Myriam Baker)**

***Mayor Johnson presented an add-on agenda item #3B: Resolution for Savannah Police Officer Reginald Brannan. The Resolution was read by Alderman Purtee, with comments made by Interim Police Chief Lenny Gunther, Northwest Police Precinct Captain Shamonica Badie, and City Manager Melder.**

Alderman Leggett moved to approve the Resolution (#3B), seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Following the vote, Mayor Johnson asked for a moment of silence.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely announced the funeral arrangements.

Alderwoman Lanier indicated the Brannan family is from the Hudson Hill community on the westside, and she sent her condolences to the Brannan family.

Mayor Johnson announced the passing of Corporal Ava Lucas, Chatham County Sheriff's Office and he expressed his condolences to Sheriff John T. Wilcher and the entire Sheriff's Office.

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

4. Approval of a Class **H E** (Sample) Alcohol License to Dayna Lee for Savannah Wine Institute, a Wine School at 602 East Henry Street between East Broad



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Street and Atlantic Avenue in Aldermanic District 2 (Continued from August 11, 2022).

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for #4.

CLOSED HEARING for #4 UNANIMOUSLY.

Speaker(s):

- **George R. Brunson, Jr., representing Mt. Tabor Baptist Church**
- **Judee Jones, representing the city – ABC Team**
- **Dayna Lee, applicant**

(CONTINUED #4 UNANIMOUSLY to the September 22, 2022 City Council Meeting, 9-0-0)

5. 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 (Continued from August 11, 2022).

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for #5 and #6.

CLOSED HEARINGS for #5 and #6 UNANIMOUSLY.

(APPROVED #5 and #6, 8-1-0, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no)

6. 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 (Continued from August 11, 2022).

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for #5 and #6.

CLOSED HEARINGS for #5 and #6 UNANIMOUSLY.

(APPROVED #5 and #6, 8-1-0, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no)

7. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Alexis Levin for Shuk, a Restaurant at 1313 Habersham Street between East Henry and East Anderson Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for #7.

Speaker(s):

- **Alexis Levin, applicant**
- **Robert McCorkle, representing the applicant**

CLOSED HEARINGS for #7 UNANIMOUSLY.

(APPROVED #7 UNANIMOUSLY, with a condition to operate as a restaurant, 9-0-0)



8. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Adrian L. Johnson II for The Original Sey Hey & Family, a Restaurant at 2505 Bull Street between West 41st and West 42nd Streets in Aldermanic District 2. (Continued to the October 13, 2022 Council meeting per staff recommendation).

(CONTINUED #8 UNANIMOUSLY to the October 13, 2022 City Council Meeting, 9-0-0)

9. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) and a Class A (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (Caterer) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Mallory Adams for The Clyde Market, a Restaurant located at 223 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard between Turner Boulevard and Oglethorpe Avenue in Aldermanic District 1.

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for #9.

Speaker(s):

- **Mallory Adams, applicant**

CLOSED HEARINGS for #9 UNANIMOUSLY.

(APPROVED #9 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)

PUBLIC HEARING

10. Transmittal of the Draft Capital Improvements Element, as Required for Consideration of an Impact Fee Program, to the Coastal Georgia Regional Commission for Regional and State Review Pursuant to the Georgia Planning Act of 1989. (See item 35 for Resolution).

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for #10.

Speaker(s):

- **City Manager Jay Melder**
- **Bill Ross, Ross + Associates, with Paige Hadley, Hadley Plans president**
- **Mark Konter, Home Builders Association of Greater Savannah - OPPOSED**
- **Chuck Feagain – SUPPORTED**
- **John McMasters – SUPPORTED (had to leave early)**
- **Jeff Kramer, President of Home Builders Assoc. – OPPOSED (written comment)**

CLOSED HEARING for #10 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.



ZONING HEARINGS

11. 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).

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for #11.

Speaker(s):

- **Bridget Lidy, representing the city**

CLOSED HEARING for #11 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0. See related agenda items #17 and #18.

12. Petition of Robert McCorkle for Development Associates Partners, Inc. on behalf of Lucille S. Bacon (Agent) for Thankful Baptist Church, Inc. to Amend the Zoning Map for 6089 Ogeechee Road (PIN 11029 05014) from R-A-CO (Residential – Agricultural - County) to I-L (Light Industrial) with Conditions. Aldermanic District 5. File No. 22-002358-ZA.

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for #12.

Speaker(s):

- **Marcus Lotson, representing the MPC**
- **Jacqueline Tomlin, representing Thankful Baptist Church**

CLOSED HEARING for #12 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0. See related agenda item #15.

13. Petition of Robert McCorkle on behalf of Riverview President Street, LLC to Amend the Zoning Map for 925 and 1301 East President Street and a Portion of Tybee Depot (PINs 20014 04001, 20006 04001A, and 20006 04001) from I-L (Light Industrial) to D-CBD (Downtown-Community Business District) with Conditions in Aldermanic District 2. The Planning Commission denied this request and presented an alternative to rezone to D-C with conditions (File No. 22-002294-ZA).

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for #13.

- **Marcus Lotson, representing the MPC**

CLOSED HEARING for #13 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0. See related agenda item #16.



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14. Petition of Carol Anne Higgins for Hearse Tours Inc. on Behalf of Joseph and Sabrina Wenum for a Special Use Permit for 1501 East Broad Street (PIN 20053 28001) of Approximately 0.21 Acres to Establish a Parking Facility with Conditions. Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 22-003392-ZA).

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for #14.

- **Marcus Lotson, representing the MPC**
- **Carol Anne Higgins, business operator (co-owner)**
- **Professor Andrew Fionda – OPPOSED (written comment)**

CLOSED HEARING for #14 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.

(APPROVED #14 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)

ORDINANCES – FIRST AND SECOND READING

15. Petition of Robert McCorkle for Development Associates Partners, Inc. on behalf of Lucille S. Bacon (Agent) for Thankful Baptist Church, Inc. to Amend the Zoning Map for 6089 Ogeechee Road (PIN 11029 05014) from R-A-CO (Residential – Agricultural - County) to I-L (Light Industrial) with Conditions. Aldermanic District 5 (File No. 22-002358-ZA). **(After the first reading was considered the second reading, APPROVED #15 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

16. Petition of Robert McCorkle on behalf of Riverview President Street, LLC to Amend the Zoning Map for 925 and 1301 East President Street and a Portion of Tybee Depot (PINs 20014 04001, 20006 04001A, and 20006 04001) from I-L (Light Industrial) to D-CBD (Downtown-Community Business District) with Conditions in Aldermanic District 2. The Planning Commission denied this request and presented an alternative to rezone to D-C with conditions (File No. 22-002294-ZA). **(After the first reading was considered the second reading, APPROVED #16, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no, 7-2-0)**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READINGS

17. 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. **(HEARD FIRST READING ONLY for #17)**



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18. 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). **(HEARD FIRST READING ONLY for #18)**

PURCHASING ITEMS

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No.1 for Cityworks Online Software Services with Azteca Systems, LLC in the Amount of \$24,375. Cityworks Online software services will provide a modernized software platform with mobile access and current integrations. The hosted services provide access to the latest system updates and features. (ITS) **(APPROVED #19 through #23, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32, and #34 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Professional Services for the City of Savannah Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System Replacement Project with InfoTech Research Group in the Amount of \$198,000. This purchase will provide professional services to complete the requirements gathering phase of the ERP replacement project. (ITS) **(APPROVED #19 through #23, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32, and #34 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
21. Authorize City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Annual Maintenance of Housing and Community Development Software with Benevate, Inc. dba Neighborly Software in an Amount Not to Exceed \$60,000. This Neighborly software is used to manage Housing & Neighborhood Services, Human Services and Cultural resources services, and programs by 40 staff members. (Housing & Neighborhood Services) **(APPROVED #19 through #23, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32, and #34 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Furniture for the Savannah Fire Support Facility and the Code Compliance Office with Mason, Inc. in the Amount of \$221,957. This furniture will support the operations at the Savannah Fire Support Facility and Code Compliance office. (Capital Projects) **(APPROVED #19 through #23, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32, and #34 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**



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23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Final Project Close Out Amendment for the Delaware Center with Johnson-Laux Construction (LOCAL, DBE) in the Amount of \$286,481. This amendment is to cover changes due to structural issues in the building, upgrades to the HVAC system, and to replace additional items. (Capital Projects) **(APPROVED #19 through #23, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32, and #34 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Entrepreneurial Center Repairs with RL Construction Group, Inc., in an Amount Not to Exceed \$461,920. This procurement will be used to make repairs at the Entrepreneurial Center building envelope, specifically including new roofing, new windows, exterior masonry repairs, and repairs to the building envelope to eliminate and prevent future water infiltration issues. (Capital Projects) **(APPROVED #24 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan was not present for the vote.)**
25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Ready Mix Concrete with Savannah River Utilities Company (LOCAL) (Primary) and Complete Precast, Inc. (Secondary) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$180,000. Various City departments will use this service for repairs of utility cuts, sidewalks, curbing, and roadways. (Mobility Services) **(APPROVED #25 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan was not present for the vote.)**
26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 and Renewal with Russell Landscape (LOCAL) for Victory Drive Median Maintenance in an Amount not to Exceed \$39,060. This contract is used to provide grounds maintenance services including mowing of turf grass and removal of litter, weeds, and/or wild growth in the shrubbery, landscaped beds, or mulched areas. (Park & Tree) **(APPROVED #26 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
27. Authorize the City Manager to Award a Contract for the Purchase and Installation of Swing Arm Gates at Closed/Unopened Lane Entrances with SamJay Services (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$500,000. The contract will be used by the City's Park & Tree Department for the purchase and installation of bollards and lockable swing arm gates at various closed/unopened lane entrances within the City limits. (Park and Tree) **(APPROVED #27 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**



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28. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Three-Year Contract for Software Support and Maintenance for Handheld Citation Devices with T2 Systems in an Amount Not to Exceed \$323,938. This agreement will be used by the Mobility and Parking Services, Code Compliance, and Sanitation Departments to support the software for the handheld citation devices. (Parking & Mobility Services) **(APPROVED #19 through #23, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32, and #34 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
29. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Layer 3 Communications (LOCAL) for Annual Maintenance of the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) System in an Amount Not to Exceed \$73,581. The SCADA system allows for centralized monitoring of the City's large water system. (Public Works) **(APPROVED #19 through #23, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32, and #34 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
30. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for Environmental Compliance Services with Atlantic Coast Consulting, Inc (LOCAL) in the Amount of \$77,850. This modification is needed to complete the five year review of the Dean Forest Road Municipal Solid Waste Landfill. (Sanitation) **(APPROVED #19 through #23, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32, and #34 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
31. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Sanitation Temporary Labor with MPLOY Network, LLC (Primary) and Chatham Personnel Enterprises (Secondary) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$429,500. The Sanitation Department utilizes temporary labor services to support operations during employee absences, unexpected or temporary demands, special projects, and employee shortages. (Sanitation) **(APPROVED #19 through #23, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32, and #34 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
32. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Residential and Recycling Carts with Wastequip, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$800,000. This contract is for residential and recycling carts for the safe and effective collection of household solid waste and recyclables. This contract will create efficiencies by combining two separate vendor contracts into one allowing uniform carts and parts. (Sanitation) **(APPROVED #19 through #23, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32, and #34 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**



33. Authorize the City Manager to Rescind the Ditch Hand Mowing & Cleaning Contract from J Corbett (LOCAL, DBE) and Award to Russell Landscape (LOCAL) in an Amount not to Exceed \$196,650. 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. The original vendor withdrew his proposal. (Stormwater) **(APPROVED #33 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
34. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for Sewer Backup Cleaning Services to Servpro of Savannah dba Harrin Hilding, LLC(LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$52,445. The contract will assist the Water Distribution and Conveyance Division to remove and clear sewage waste from public and private properties. (Water Distribution and Conveyance) **(APPROVED #19 through #23, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32, and #34 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

RESOLUTIONS

35. A Resolution to Transmit the Draft Capital Improvements Element, as Required for Consideration of an Impact Fee Program, to the Coastal Georgia Regional Commission for Regional and State Review Pursuant to the Georgia Planning Act of 1989. **(APPROVED/ADOPTED #35 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Alderman Leggett was not present for the vote.)**
36. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Submit the FY 2022 Continuum of Care (CoC) Application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding and Grant Agreement with the Subrecipient, Chatham Savannah Authority for the Homeless, Inc. for Federal Assistance as the Project Sponsor. **(APPROVED #36 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

AGREEMENTS

37. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Camden Crossing, LLC for Camden Crossing & Cottage Row Phase 1. This is for a development consisting of 64 single family homes in the Travis Field service area. **(APPROVED #37, 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being not present for the vote)**



REAL ESTATE ITEMS

38. Authorize the City Manager to Amend an Agreement with the Coastal Heritage Society at Tricentennial Park. **(APPROVED #38, 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being not present for the vote)**

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

39. Settlement #1.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Manager's (City Attorney's) office to resolve the claim of Brenda Smalls in the amount of \$92,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed, 8-0-1. (APPROVED #39, 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being not present for the vote)

40. Authorization to Initiate (Friendly) Litigation Concerning Evergreen Cemetery.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney's office to initiate a friendly condemnation of Evergreen Cemetery for no more than \$143,000.00, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed, 8-0-1. (APPROVED #40, 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being not present for the vote)

Following announcements made by the Mayor and Aldermen, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.