



Work Session and City Manager's Briefing

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 4:30 p.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. Legislative Agenda Update. **[PRESENTED by City Manager Melder, and Director of Policy and External Affairs Joe Shearouse]**
2. School Zone Camera Program Update. **[PRESENTED by City Manager Melder, and Assistant Police Chief Robert Gavin]**
3. Medical Cannabis Dispensary Ordinance. **[PRESENTED by City Manager Melder, and Director of Planning & Urban Design Bridget Lidy, Assistant Police Chief Robert Gavin, and MPC representative Marcus Lotson]**

Following questions and comments from members of the City Council, Mayor Johnson adjourned the Work Session at 5:56 p.m.



Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:33 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Purtee to introduce Pastor Julius Roberson from the Historic Nicholsonboro Baptist Church offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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AGENDA ITEMS:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for September 22, 2022. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0, as amended thereby continuing/postponing agenda item #38 to the October 27, 2022, City Council Meeting)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on September 8, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**



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3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on September 8, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

PRESENTATIONS

4. Appearance and Special Musical Presentation by Singer Huxsie Scott. **(Following her performance of “Savannah Strong” written by Savannah Garrett, Mayor Johnson presented a surprise Proclamation to Huxsie Scott.)**
5. A Proclamation Declaring September 22, 2022 as the International Day of Peace in Savannah. **(PRESENTED by former Mayor Otis Johnson and Mayor Van R. Johnson II to Mediation Center Executive Director Jill Cheeks)**
6. Appearance by Representatives of Savannah State University to Formally Request the 2022 Homecoming Parade Permit. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Van R. Johnson II and Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz to Interim Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Sametria R. McFall and team)**
7. Recognition of 311 Action Center Staff and Customer Service Representatives Across the Organization During National Customer Service Week October 3-7, 2022. **(Mayor Johnson introduced Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams who recognized the 311 Manager Sarah Torres and staff)**

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

8. Approval of a Class E (by the Package) 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 (Continued from September 8, 2022).

Mayor Johnson announced the first hearing was held on 9/8.

OPENED HEARING for #8, with Alderman Palumbo voting no, 8-1-0.

Speaker(s):

- **George R. Brunson, Jr., representing Mt. Tabor Baptist Church**
- **Judee Jones, representing the city – ABC Team**
- **Rev. Franklin D. Blackshear**



- **Larry Cunningham, VP of Eastside Neighborhood Concerned Citizens**

CLOSED HEARING for #8 UNANIMOUSLY.
(APPROVED #8, with Alderwoman Lanier, Alderman Leggett, and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan voting no, and Alderwoman Gibson-Carter abstaining, 5-3-1)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

9. Public Hearing to Receive Comments on Proposed Redistricting of Savannah Aldermanic Districts Pursuant to the 2020 Census Data.
Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for #9.
No speaker(s).
CLOSED HEARING for #9 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.

ORDINANCES – SECOND READINGS

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. **(APPROVED #10, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no, 7-2-0)**
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). **(APPROVED #11, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no, 7-2-0)**

PURCHASING ITEMS

12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Procure Vehicle Warning Devices from JC Lewis Ford (LOCAL) in the Amount of \$170,218. This will allow the Fleet Department to outfit nineteen Police utility vehicles with warning



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equipment. (Fleet) **(APPROVED #12, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no, 7-2-0)**

13. Notification of an Emergency Purchase to Procure 19 Police Vehicles with Brannen Motor Company in the Amount of \$691,600. Due to current supply chain issues impacting the availability of vehicles, if the police vehicles were not purchased the lead time would increase substantially. (Fleet) **(APPROVED #13 and #14 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
14. Authorize the City Manager to Rescind an Award for 19 Police Vehicles with Wade Ford in the Amount of \$702,980. Fleet Services received notification from Wade Ford informing us that our order for the 19 police vehicles has been cancelled due to a shortage of the 2022 model year vehicles. (Fleet) **(APPROVED #13 and #14 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for 10 Medium-Duty Trucks with National Auto Fleet Group in Care of Alan Jay Fleet Sales in the Amount of \$734,308. Two trucks will be fleet additions for the Historic Squares & Parks Department and Lift Station maintenance. The other eight will replace older units at the Water Distribution (5), and Signals, Street Lights, Signs & Markings Unit (3). (Fleet) **(APPROVED #15 through #17 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Install New Ballfield Lights in Daffin and Scarborough Parks with MUSCO Sports Lighting, LLC in the Amount of \$474,118. This will provide more youth and adult sports teams with the opportunity to conduct practices and games during evening hours. (Recreation & Leisure) **(APPROVED #15 through #17 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for Maintenance Services with GEA Mechanical Equipment US, Inc. in the Amount of \$30,396. Services are needed for equipment used to ensure that sludge does not overrun storage capacity and the water treatment process is not disrupted or compromised. (Industrial and Water Department) **(APPROVED #15 through #17 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Fell Street Drainage Basin Study with EMC Engineering (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed



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\$125,000. The study will be used to determine how to optimize the two stormwater pump stations in the basin and to size a replacement for the 106-year-old concrete outfall that conveys discharge to the Savannah River. Fell Street is located in the West Savannah neighborhood. (Stormwater)
(APPROVED #18 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Brief Cam for Video Analytics Software (100 cameras) for the Savannah Police Department Operations in the Amount of \$149,072. The platform will assist SPD with case management, which will enhance SPD's ability to identify, track, and seize people or vehicles associated with criminal activity. (Police) **(APPROVED #19 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

20. Approval to Procure Taxiway Light Fixtures and Connection Kits from Allen Enterprises, Inc. to Rebuild Taxiway Lightning Circuits in the Amount of \$92,488. **(APPROVED #20, #21, #22, #23, #25, #26, and #27 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
21. Approval to Procure Two 2022 Dump Trucks from Sheehy Ford of Warrenton, VA in the Amount of \$212,136. **(APPROVED #20, #21, #22, #23, #25, #26, and #27 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
22. Approval to Renew an Advertising Contract with Adams Outdoor Advertising to Promote New Airlines, Routes, Parking Perks, and SAV to the Bluffton/HHI Markets on Multiple Billboards Located on Highway 278, in the Amount of \$235,192. **(APPROVED #20, #21, #22, #23, #25, #26, and #27 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
23. Approval to Procure One 2022 GMC Sierra Skirted Chassis Flatbed Truck from Nalley Buick GMC Brunswick, GA in the Amount of \$68,344. **(APPROVED #20, #21, #22, #23, #25, #26, and #27 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
24. Approval of Amendment No. 2 to Task Order No. 12 with AECOM for Additional Design Services on the Security Checkpoint Expansion Project in the Amount of \$91,860. **(APPROVED #24, with Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz recusing herself due to a business conflict, 8-0-1.)**



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25. Approval of Task Order No. 17 with AECOM, for Design Services on the Taxiway G & Bridge Project in the Amount of \$512,915. **(APPROVED #20, #21, #22, #23, #25, #26, and #27 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
26. Approval to Ratify the Acceptance of Airport Improvement Program Grant Offer No. 3-13-0100-072-2022 from the Federal Aviation Administration in the Amount of \$5,308,672. **(APPROVED #20, #21, #22, #23, #25, #26, and #27 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
27. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement for Improvements to Interstate 95 at Airways Avenue/Pooler Parkway (P.I. 0018402), in an Amount Not to Exceed \$120,000. **(APPROVED #20, #21, #22, #23, #25, #26, and #27 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

AGREEMENTS

28. Authorize the City Manager to Accept a Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Youth Grant Award in the Amount of \$1,051,232. The award will be used to provide youth programs from April 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024 to low-income youth between the ages of 16 and 24. The City serves as the fiduciary agent for the 10-county region. **(APPROVED #28 through #31 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
29. Approval of Modification No. 1 to the PY2022 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Eckerd Connects-Paxen Adult/Dislocated Worker Case Management Services Sub-award (Camden, Glynn, McIntosh) in the Amount of \$16,750. **(APPROVED #28 through #31 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
30. Authorize the City Manager to Accept the Initial PY22 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Grant Awards for Adult (\$179,112) and Dislocated Worker (\$276,740) Programs. The awards will be used to provide programs from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2024 to adults who are unemployed or underemployed, and adults who have lost their jobs. The City serves as the fiduciary agent for the 10-county region. **(APPROVED #28 through #31 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
31. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with 4410 Properties, LLC for 4410 Ogeechee Road. This is for a development consisting of a 7,260 sq.ft. commercial strip plaza in the Chatham Parkway service area. **(APPROVED #28 through #31 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**



REAL ESTATE ITEMS

32. Authorize the City Manager to Acquire Required Property Interests to Facilitate the Truman Linear Park Trail Phase IIB Project. **(APPROVED #32 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
33. Authorize the City Manager to Declare King Street Surplus and Available for Sale Along with Portions of Munster Street – Petition #22-064. **(APPROVED #33, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no, 8-1-0)**

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

34. Settlement #1.
Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney’s office to resolve the claim of Nancy Cook (vehicle accident) in the amount of \$180,000.00, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 9-0-0. (APPROVED #34 UNANIMOUSLY)
35. Settlement #2.
Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney’s office to resolve a claim with Curtis V. Cooper by transferring property located at 635 East Broughton Street, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed, 9-0-0. (APPROVED #35 UNANIMOUSLY)

MISCELLANEOUS

36. Approval to Amend the Historic Sites and Monuments Standards and Guidelines to Present More Clarity About the Review Process for Historic Markers, Monuments, Murals, and Public Art and to Add Language Further Clarifying the Application Guidelines for Rotating Murals. **(APPROVED #36 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
37. Authorize Supplemental Budget Appropriations to the FY 2022 Capital Improvement Program. **(APPROVED #37 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**



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38. Adoption of the Proposed Redistricting of Savannah Aldermanic Districts Pursuant to 2020 Census Data. **(REMOVED from the agenda, and CONTINUED/POSTPONED #38 to the October 27, 2022, City Council Meeting, during the adoption of the agenda, upon advisement from the City Attorney's office in order to meet hearing requirements.)**

Following announcements made by the Mayor and Aldermen, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.