



Work Session and City Manager's Briefing

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 12:02 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Purtee to offer a prayer.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
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

ABSENT: Alderman Kesha Gibson-Carter, Post 1 – At-Large

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. Savannah First Program Enhancements.
[PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson, City Manager Melder, Economic Development Director Manny Dominguez, Business Opportunity Manager MaRonda Lumpkin-Lotson, and Purchasing Director Johnnie Coker]

Following questions and comments from members of the City Council, Mayor Johnson adjourned the Work Session at 1:24 p.m.



Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:04 p.m. Mayor Johnson introduced Bishop Matthew Marvin Odum, Senior Pastor of Temple of Glory Community Church to 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 October 13, 2022. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1, as amended thereby continuing/postponing agenda items #13, #17 and #23. Alderman Gibson-Carter was absent.)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on September 22, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 & #3 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Alderman Gibson-Carter was absent.)**



3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on September 22, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 & #3 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.)**

PRESENTATIONS

4. Appearance By and Appreciation of the City of Savannah Human Resources Staff in Recognition of Human Resources Professional Day. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to Human Resources Director Jeff Grant and HR staff)**
5. A Proclamation Recognizing October as National Community Planning Month. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and READ by Alderman Palumbo, MPC Director Melanie Wilson, Planning & Urban Design Director Bridget Lidy, and Senior Planner Candra Teshome. Also in attendance were Development Services GIS Analyst Nusrat Fatema, and Housing Senior Planner Brian Brainerd)**
6. Appearance by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) in Observance of World Mental Health Awareness Day on October 10th. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Region 5 Community Relations and Education Coordinator for Mobile Crisis Alosia Hall and Dottie Bailey with Mental Health Alert Wristbands, Inc. [CIT])**

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

7. 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 from the September 8, 2022 Council meeting per staff recommendation).
Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for #7 through #11.
No speaker(s).
CLOSED HEARINGS for #7 through #11 UNANIMOUSLY.
(APPROVED #7 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.)



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8. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Jayshree Patel for The Finch Lounge, a Restaurant at 52 Barnard Street between West Broughton and West Congress Streets in Aldermanic District 2.
Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for #7 through #11.
No speaker(s).
CLOSED HEARINGS for #7 through #11 UNANIMOUSLY.
(APPROVED #8, 7-1-1, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.)

9. Approval of a Class D (Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Nicole Krecicki for Provisions, a Wine Shop at 101 West Liberty Street between Whitaker and Barnard Streets in Aldermanic District 2.
Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for #7 through #11.
No speaker(s).
CLOSED HEARINGS for #7 through #11 UNANIMOUSLY.
(APPROVED #9 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.)

10. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Blake Greco for Parker's #88, a Convenience Store at 21 East Derenne Avenue between Abercorn Street and White Bluff Road in Aldermanic District 4.
Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for #7 through #11.
No speaker(s).
CLOSED HEARINGS for #7 through #11 UNANIMOUSLY.
(APPROVED #10 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.)

11. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Colin Breland for Late Air Wine Bar, a Bar/Lounge at 2805 Bull Street between West Victory Drive and West 45th Street in Aldermanic District 5.
Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for #7 through #11
No speaker(s).
CLOSED HEARINGS for #7 through #11 UNANIMOUSLY.
(APPROVED #11, 7-1-1, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.)



PUBLIC HEARING

12. Second Public Hearing to Receive Comments Concerning the City's 2023-2027 Consolidated Housing and Community Development (HCD) Plan and the 2023 One-Year Action Plan.

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for #12.

Speaker(s):

- **Alderswoman Lanier expressed concern with regard to the targeted corridors and neighborhoods, specifically gentrification concerns. The West Bay Street corridor is vital for economic development from the viaduct to Highway 21/516 Interstate entrance. She asked for this corridor to be included going forward.**
- **Mayor Johnson joined Alderswoman Lanier by asking to have this area included in the 2024 One-Year Action Plan**

(CLOSED HEARING for #12 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-1-0. Alderswoman Gibson-Carter was absent.) See related agenda item #40 for action taken.

ZONING HEARINGS

13. Petition of Robert McCorkle on behalf of Paul DeLoach to Amend the Zoning Map for Approximately 0.69 Acres at 8020 Waters Avenue and 1104-1106 Corinth Avenue (PINs 20493 02002, 20493 02001, 20493 02001A) from RSF-6 (Residential Single Family-6) to O-I (Office Institutional). The Planning Commission recommended rezoning the parcels to OI-T (Office Institutional-Transitional) in Aldermanic District 4 (File No. 22- 003744-ZA).

(CONTINUED #13 and #17 to the October 27, 2022 City Council Meeting, as requested by the applicant and City Manager)

14. Bridget Lidy on behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen to Amend the Zoning Map to Expand the Streetcar Historic District Boundaries to Include 2805 Bull Street (PIN 20074 33001) in Aldermanic District 5 (File No. 22-002103-ZA).

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for #14.

Speaker(s):

- **Marcus Lotson, representing the MPC**

(CLOSED HEARING for #14 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-1-0. Alderswoman Gibson-Carter was absent.) See related agenda item #18.



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***Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderwoman Lanier requested Mr. Lotson to provide written documentation to the entire City Council on how someone can request a parcel of land, business, or house to be included in a historic district or an overlay, if they currently are not within those areas.**

15. Bridget Lidy on behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen to Amend Section 7.11 of the Zoning Ordinance to Expand the Boundaries of the Streetcar District to Include a Parcel South of West Victory Drive (File No. 22-002763-ZA).

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for #15.

- **Marcus Lotson, representing the MPC**

(CLOSED HEARING for #14 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.) See related agenda item #19.

16. Petition of Josh Yellin on behalf of J & J Properties of Savannah, LLC to Zone Approximately 10.04 Acres at 340 Buckhalter Road (PIN 10941 01017) from R-A (Residential Agricultural) to R-A-CO (Residential - Agricultural- County) to Support an Annexation Petition. Annexation District 1/5 (File No. 22-003395-ZA).

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for #16.

- **Bridget Lidy, Planning & Urban Design Director**
- **Martin Joubert – UNDECIDED, needs developer information regarding the long-term intent**

Written comment(s) received:

- **Casey Bowers - OPPOSED**

(CLOSED HEARING for #16 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.)

ORDINANCES – FIRST AND SECOND READING

17. Petition of Robert McCorkle on behalf of Paul DeLoach to Amend the Zoning Map for Approximately 0.69 Acres at 8020 Waters Avenue and 1104-1106 Corinth Avenue (PINs 20493 02002, 20493 02001, 20493 02001A) from RSF-6 (Residential Single Family-6) to O-I (Office Institutional). The Planning Commission Recommended Zoning the Parcels to OI-T (Office Institutional-Transitional). Aldermanic District 4 (File No. 22- 003744-ZA). **(CONTINUED #13**



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and #17 to the October 27, 2022 City Council Meeting, as requested by the applicant and City Manager)

18. Bridget Lidy on behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen to Amend the Zoning Map to Expand the Streetcar Historic District Boundaries to Include 2805 Bull Street (PIN 20074 33001) in Aldermanic District 5 (File No. 22-002103-ZA). **(After the first reading was considered the second reading, APPROVED #18 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.)**
19. Bridget Lidy on behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen to Amend Section 7.11 of the Zoning Ordinance to Expand the Boundaries of the Streetcar District to Include a Parcel South of West Victory Drive (File No. 22-002763-ZA). **(After the first reading was considered the second reading, APPROVED #19 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.)**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READINGS

20. Approval to Annex 10.08 acres Located at 340 Buckhalter Road near Veterans Parkway. The property is proposed to be developed as multi-family residential townhomes. **(HEARD FIRST READING ONLY for #20 and #21)**
21. Petition of Josh Yellin on behalf of J & J Properties of Savannah, LLC to Zone Approximately 10.04 Acres at 340 Buckhalter Road (PIN 10941 01017) from R-A (Residential Agricultural) to R-A-CO (Residential - Agricultural- County) to Support an Annexation Petition. Annexation District 1/5 (File No. 22-003395-ZA). **(HEARD FIRST READING ONLY for #20 and #21)**
22. Charter Amendment for the Pension Plan. This is a proposed ordinance to amend to the City Charter to address changes to the City of Savannah Employees' Retirement Plan (the "Pension Plan") effective January 1, 2023. **(HEARD FIRST READING ONLY for #22)**
 - **City Manager Melder explained the proposed changes for the record, as requested by Alderwoman Miller Blakely.**



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23. Ordinance Pertaining to Proposed Redistricting of Savannah Aldermanic Districts Pursuant to the 2020 Census Data. **(CONTINUED #23 to the October 27, 2022 Meeting, as requested by staff)**

PURCHASING ITEMS

24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Sewer Vacuum, Hydro-Excavation Combination Truck from Vactor Manufacturing in Care of Environmental Products Group in the Amount of \$540,300. (Fleet) **(APPROVED #24, #25, #28 through #31, #33, and #34 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.)**
25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for 106 Ford Pursuit Utility Vehicles for the Savannah Police Department with National Auto Fleet in Care of Alan Jay Fleet Network in the Amount of \$5,174,716. (Fleet) **(APPROVED #24, #25, #28 through #31, #33, and #34 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.)**
26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Construction Contract for the Repair of the Joe Tribble Park Lake with Johnson-Laux (LOCAL, DBE) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,492,614. This work will fill in all voids that have formed under the current breached area and replace the walking trail in the affected area. (Capital Projects) **(APPROVED #26 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.)**
27. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Traffic Control Center with Stage Front (LOCAL) in the Amount of \$314,654. The Mobility Services Department will use the traffic control center to help reduce traffic congestion, enhance travel safety, provide traveler information, and generally improve mobility for the residents and visitors of Savannah. (Mobility Services) **(APPROVED #27 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.)**
28. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Automated Billing Software with Carolina Times in an Amount Not to Exceed \$113,674. This software will provide automated billing for the parking garages' monthly tenants for up to 500 cardholders per garage. (Parking & Mobility Services) **(APPROVED #24, #25, #28**



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through #31, #33, and #34 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.)

29. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Pay-by-Mobile with Parkeon dba Flowbird. The agreement will allow users to utilize the Parking Services Mobile Application to pay for parking remotely. The convenience fee incurred will be paid by the user. (Parking & Mobility Services) **(APPROVED #24, #25, #28 through #31, #33, and #34 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.)**
30. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Sanitation Curbside Calendar Packets with Proforma PrintSource in an Amount Not to Exceed \$54,948. The Sanitation Department will utilize this contract to produce the 2023 curbside calendar packets. (Sanitation) **(APPROVED #24, #25, #28 through #31, #33, and #34 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.)**
31. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Dr. Stephen Sampson for Pre-Employment Psychological Assessments in an Amount Not to Exceed \$45,000. The results from Dr. Sampson's assessments will be utilized in connection with the hiring process as a mechanism to evaluate potential new officers' psychological fitness to serve as peace officers. (SPD) **(APPROVED #24, #25, #28 through #31, #33, and #34 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.)**
32. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Installation of Lights at Dundee Cottages with Georgia Power in an Amount Not to Exceed \$57,589. This will provide installation of 18 lights at the Dundee Cottage site to provide lighting for the roads and walkways. (Capital Projects) **(APPROVED #32 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.)**
33. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Employee Dental Plan Benefits with The Standard Insurance Company at no Cost to the City. The City of Savannah makes available access to voluntary dental insurance coverage to eligible employees, retirees, and family members. (Human Resources) **(APPROVED #24, #25, #28 through #31, #33, and #34 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.)**



34. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Employee Vision Plan Benefits with The Standard Insurance Company at No Cost to the City. The City of Savannah makes available to eligible employees and dependents access to voluntary vision insurance coverage. (Human Resources) **(APPROVED #24, #25, #28 through #31, #33, and #34 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.)**

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

35. Approval of a Sponsorship Commitment to Visit Savannah in Support of the Efforts to Recruit the 2027 Bass Master Classic, in the Amount of \$50,000. **(APPROVED #35 through #39 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.)**
36. Approval of Change Order No. 6 & 7 with Johnson-Laux for Modifications and Additions to the Scope of the Rental Car Improvements Project, in the Amount of \$71,397. **(APPROVED #35 through #39 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.)**
37. Approval of the Renewal of a Professional Services Agreement for Federal Government Relations Support with Woodward & Associates, in the Amount of \$144,000. **(APPROVED #35 through #39 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.)**
38. Approval to Execute a Contract with ECS Southeast, LLP for Special Inspections for the Terminal Security Checkpoint Expansion Project, in the Amount of \$169,605. **(APPROVED #35 through #39 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.)**
39. Approval of an Official Airport Partnership with the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce for the Kingdom Cup, in the Amount of \$225,000. **(APPROVED #35 through #39 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.)**

***Mayor Johnson extended congratulations to Mr. Greg Kelly for being recognized as “Director of the Year” for small airports.**

***Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan offered congratulations to Visit Savannah’s Joe Marinelli and the airport for being number one in the nation.**



***Alderwoman Miller Blakely stated she has spoken to Mr. Dawoud Stevenson regarding the taxi drivers at the airport in reference to increasing the driver's flat-rate (cost-of-living). Mr. Stevenson advised that they have started and will be following the City's guidance with respect to rates which were recently increased by the city.**

RESOLUTIONS

40. A Resolution Adopting the City's 2023-2027 Consolidated Housing and Community Development (HCD) Plan and the 2023 One-Year Action Plan. **(APPROVED #40 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1, with comments made earlier from Alderwoman Lanier and Mayor Johnson taken under advisement, see agenda item #12. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.)**
41. A Resolution Ratifying the Mayor's September 28, 2022 Emergency Order and Order of September 30, 2022 Rescinding the Emergency Order. **(APPROVED #41 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.)**
42. A Resolution to Extend a Temporary Stay on the Issuance of Any New License or Permit Related to the Sale and/or Distribution of Medicinal Cannabis for Period of an Additional 180 Days. **(APPROVED #42 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.)**
43. A Resolution Issued in Honor of Isaac Miller. **(APPROVED #43 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.)**

AGREEMENTS

44. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation for Gulfstream Service Center East Phase 1. This is for a development consisting of a 171,000 sq.ft. service center for Gulfstream in the Crossroads service area. **(APPROVED #44 through #48 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.)**
45. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Atlas Shrugged II, LLC for Parker's #88 and Starbucks at 21 and 11 East Derenne Avenue. The service will be for a Parker's convenience store and a Starbucks coffee shop in the President Street



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service area. **(APPROVED #44 through #48 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.)**

46. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Two Auto Re Georgetown, LLC. This is for a proposed oil change facility located within the City of Savannah Water and Sewer Georgetown/Gateway service area. **(APPROVED #44 through #48 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.)**

47. Approval of a Water & Sewer Escrow Agreement and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Savannah Exchange Club Fair Association. This agreement is to connect the Savannah Exchange Club Fair Association property and site facilities located near the Interchange of Highway 204 and Interstate 95 to the City of Savannah Sanitary Sewer System. **(APPROVED #44 through #48 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.)**

48. Approval of Agreement with Southern LNG for Fire & Rescue Services on Elba Island, GA. **(APPROVED #44 through #48 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.)**

REAL ESTATE ITEMS

49. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Non-Exclusive Easement for Ingress and Egress Along the Savannah Ogeechee Canal to Landlocked Parcel at 157 Telfair Road. (PIN 20714 06001) **(APPROVED #49 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was absent.)**

MISCELLANEOUS

50. A Proclamation to Commemorate the 60th Anniversary of Leadership Savannah. **(PRESENTED and READ by Mayor Johnson to Savannah Area Chamber representatives Bill Hubbard, Margaret Mary Russell, and Jen Davenport. Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan recognized LeAndrea Mikell for being featured on the cover of the Georgia Trend Magazine 40 Under 40 issue)**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alderwoman Miller Blakely announced that Alderwoman Gibson-Carter was not present at the meeting today because her son graduated from Army Basic Combat Training which he completed with Honors.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan wished Nick Zoller a Happy Belated Birthday.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:42 p.m.