



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. Alcohol Ordinance Revisions. **[PRESENTED by City Manager Melder and Revenue Department Manager Judee Jones]**
2. Growth Management Plan (Vision 2033). **[PRESENTED by City Manager Melder and Planning & Urban Design Senior Director Bridget Lidy]**
3. Parklet Ordinance. **[PRESENTED by City Manager Melder and Special Events, Film and Tourism Senior Director Susan Broker]**

Following questions and comments from members of the City Council, Mayor Johnson adjourned the Work Session at 5:55 p.m.



Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:31 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Gibson-Carter to introduce Chief Apostle Zinnia L. Williams from The New/Historic New Ogeechee Church, Inc. & Tak'em Ministries Inc. 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 27, 2022. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0, as amended thereby removing agenda items #4 and #9, and adding-on agenda item #23 as requested by Mayor Johnson)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on October 13, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**



3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on October 13, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

4. Adoption of the 2023 Meeting Calendar for the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah. **(REMOVED #4 upon the adoption of the agenda, as requested by the City Manager)**

PRESENTATIONS

5. Appearance by the Veterans Council of Chatham County to Introduce the New Veteran of the Year and Parade Grand Marshal. **(APPEARED members of the Veterans Council of Chatham County)**
6. Recognition of the Month of October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. **(Mayor Johnson recognized WSAV anchor Tina Tyus Shaw, along with Breast Cancer survivors and advocates)**
7. Recognition of the Month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. **(Mayor Johnson recognized Karen Denise Austin Hall, Valerie Williams, Sean White, and Felicia White Williams)**
8. Appearance by the Chatham Retired Educators Association (CREA) and Proclamation Designating November 6, 2022 as Georgia Retired Educators Day. **(Mayor Johnson recognized President Annette Mitchell and Dr. Brenda Roberts)**
9. Appearance by Davy, Mascot for the Savannah Ghost Pirates, to Announce the Start of the Team's Inaugural Season. **(REMOVED #9 upon the adoption of the agenda, as requested by the City Manager)**

ZONING HEARINGS

10. 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 from October 13, 2022).

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for #10.

Speaker(s):

- **Marcus Lotson, MPC representative**
- **Robert McCorkle, representing the applicant**

CLOSED HEARING for #10 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0. See related agenda item #12.

11. Petition of Metropolitan Planning Commission Staff to Amend Section 11.4 Nonconformities Uses and Structures (File No. 22-003718-ZA).

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for #11.

Speaker(s):

- **Marcus Lotson, MPC representative**

CLOSED HEARING for #11 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0. See related agenda item #13.

ORDINANCES – FIRST AND SECOND READINGS

12. 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 from October 13, 2022). **(After the first reading was considered the second reading, APPROVED #12 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

13. Petition of Metropolitan Planning Commission Staff to Amend Section 11.4 Nonconformities Uses and Structures (File No. 22-003718-ZA). **(After the first reading was considered the second reading, APPROVED #13 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**



ORDINANCES – SECOND READINGS

14. 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. **(APPROVED #14 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
15. 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). **(APPROVED #15 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
16. 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. **(APPROVED #16 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

PURCHASING ITEMS

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Microfilm Services with Court Record & Data Management Services, Inc. in an Amount not to Exceed \$50,000. Microfilm services will be used to convert building plans into 35 mm and adobe format for efficient record retention. (Development Services) **(APPROVED #17 and #18 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Court Makers, Inc. for Resurfacing of Six Basketball Courts in an Amount not to Exceed \$50,214. The court upgrades will ensure the safety of the public by cleaning and leveling the surfaces, eliminating cracks, and installing new lines. (Recreation & Leisure Services) (Fleet) **(APPROVED #17 and #18 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

19. Approval to Execute a Contract with Shamrock Concrete Construction, Inc. for the Demolition of the Air Cargo Building and to Construct a New Apron and



Southeast Taxilane, Phase 1 Project, in the Amount of \$6,630,140.
(APPROVED #19 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)

RESOLUTIONS

20. Receive Public Comments Regarding A Resolution to Remove the Name "John C. Calhoun" from "John C. Calhoun Square." **(No Action Taken)**

Public Comment Speaker(s):

- **Patt Gunn – In Favor of name change**
- **Sharon Galin – In Favor of name change**
- **Christiana Turner – In Favor of name change**
- **Ross Sheppard – In Favor of name change**
- **Gwendolyn L. Glover – In Favor of name change**
- **Rev. Jamie Maury – In Favor of name change**
- **Carol Teasley – Opposed to name change**
- **Kerry Breitbart – In Favor of name change**
- **“Tommy” Thomas L. Grooms, III – Opposed to name change**
- **David J. Tootle – Opposed to name change**
- **Jeanne Glover – In Favor of name change**
- **Lemuel Patterson – In Favor of name change**
- **Pete Robyn – Offered a personal perspective**

Written Comment(s) received:

- **Sharon Gailin – Supported name change**
- **Ben Goggins – Supported name change**
- **Rossie Norris – Supported name change**
- **Miranda Brwaner – Supported name change**
- **Patrick Longstreth – Supported name change**
- **Andrew & Gretchen Bowden – Supported name change**
- **Daniel Snyder – Supported name change**
- **Pastor Valerie Grimes – Supported name change**
- **Rev. Jamie Maury – Supported name change**
- **Gwendolyn Glover - Supported name change**
- **Christopher Cay – Opposed name change**
- **Martha McCarthy – Opposed name change**
- **Bill Borresen – Opposed name change**
- **Kathy Wise – Opposed name change**



- Gary Witbeck – Opposed name change
- Richard Nelson – Opposed name change
- Stephen Brenneman – Opposed name change
- Kathleen Brenneman – Opposed name change
- Jeanne Jessee – Opposed name change
- Terri and Monty Losey – Opposed name change
- Rebecca Player – Opposed name change
- Chris Player – Opposed name change
- Holly Kesler – Opposed name change

Mayor Johnson handed the Clerk of Council a stack of letters in support of retaining the name Calhoun, as indicated during Carol Teasley's public comment.

The City Manager's office received emails/communications which will be transmitted to the Clerk of Council's office for record keeping purposes on behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen.

AGREEMENTS

21. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with New Hampstead GA, LLC for New Hampstead MF 5 Townhomes. This is for water and sewer services for a development of a townhome community consisting of 326 units. **(APPROVED #21 and #22, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no, 8-1-0)**
22. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Ogeechee Place GA LLC for the Ogeechee Place Apartments. This is for water and sewer services for a multi-family apartment complex development consisting of 204 units. **(APPROVED #21 and #22, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no, 8-1-0)**

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:10 p.m.