



Work Session and City Manager's Briefing

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 12:04 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Purtee to offer a prayer.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Alderman Keshia 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. Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Authorities.
[FACILITATED by Mayor Johnson]
2. Budget Update.
[PRESENTED by City Manager Melder and Office of Management & Budget Director Melissa Carter]
3. Impact Fees.
[PRESENTED by City Manager Melder and Planning & Urban Design Director Bridget Lidy]
4. **ADD-ON:** Review of the Proposed 2023 Meeting Calendar for the Mayor and Aldermen. **[PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and City Manager Melder]**

Following questions and comments from members of the City Council, Mayor Johnson adjourned the Work Session at 1:19 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 recognized Aldermoman Alicia Miller Blakely who introduced Reverend Dr. Leonard Small, Pastor of Litway Missionary Baptist Church to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Aldermoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, Post 1 – At-Large
Aldermoman Alicia Miller Blakely, Post 2 – At-Large
Aldermoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2
Aldermoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice Chairman
Aldermoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem
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AGENDA ITEMS:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for November 10, 2022. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0, as amended)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on October 27, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 & #3 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on October 27, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 & #3 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**



ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS

4. Adoption of the 2023 Meeting Calendar for the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah. **(APPROVED #4 UNANIMOUSLY, as amended)**

PRESENTATIONS

5. A Proclamation Recognizing November as National Runaway Prevention Month. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to representatives from Greenbriar Children's Center, Inc. and Park Place Outreach, Inc.)**
6. Appearance by and Recognition of East Savannah United, Inc.'s Donation of \$25,000 into the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund. **(PRESENTED to Mayor Johnson from East Savannah United, Inc. representatives, and Housing Savannah, Inc. Board Chair Deborah Wright)**
7. Appearance by and Recognition of First Chatham Bank's Donation of \$7,500 into the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund. **(PRESENTED to Mayor Johnson from First Chatham representative on behalf of President Ken Farrell and Risk Management Officer Brian Hunt)**
8. Appearance by and Recognition of CSX's Donation of \$5,000 into the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund. **(PRESENTED to Mayor Johnson on behalf of CSX representative Peggy Smith [not present])**
9. Recognition of Savannah Fire Department's ~~Interim~~ Chief Elzie Kitchen for Earning the Professional Designation of Chief Fire Officer from the Commission on Professional Credentialing. The program recognizes individuals who demonstrate their excellence in seven components: experience, education, professional development, professional contributions, association membership, community involvement, and technical competence. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and City Manager Melder to Fire Chief Elzie Kitchen)**
10. Recognition of Shawn Christopher, Manager of the Brown Boyz, for Receiving the 2022 Gospel Stellar Award Quartet of the Year. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to Shawn "J Chris" Christopher and his wife)**



ZONING HEARINGS

11. Petition of Harold Yellin on behalf of Savannah Economic Development Authority for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone ~513 acres at 500 John Carter Road (PIN 21047 02001) from I-L (Light Industrial) to I-H (Heavy Industrial) Aldermanic District 5 (File No. 22-000807-ZA). MPC Denied the Petition. Continued to March 9, 2023.

(MOVED #11 to the March 9, 2023 City Council Meeting, upon the adoption of the agenda)

12. Petition of Richmond Ferguson for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 0.11 Acres at 1712 Ogeechee Road (PIN 20066 21009) from TR-1 (Traditional Residential-1) to TC-1 (Traditional Commercial-1). Aldermanic District 1 (File No. 22-003056-ZA). MPC Denied the Petition.

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for #12.

Speaker(s):

- **Marcus Lotson, MPC representative**
- **Gloria Williams – OPPOSED**
- **Lavinia Jenkins – OPPOSED**
- **Richmond Ferguson, applicant/petitioner - SUPPORTED**

CLOSED HEARING for #12 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.

13. Petition of Harold Yellin on behalf of Martin Vickery and Estate of Adolph Vickery for a Zoning Map Amendment for 11.5 Acres at 11313 Middleground Road (PIN 20784 01002) from RSF-5 (Residential Single Family-5) to RMF-2-18 (Residential Multifamily-2-18 units per acre). Aldermanic District 5 (File No. 22-004122-ZA). MPC Approved the Petition.

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for #13.

Speaker(s):

- **Marcus Lotson, MPC representative**
- **Anita Jordan – OPPOSED**
- **J. J. Bellemare – OPPOSED**
- **Jackie Frant – OPPOSED**
- **Laura Brothers – OPPOSED**
- **Albert Taylor – CONCERNED**



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- Francesca Hackel – OPPOSED
 - Katie Washington – OPPOSED
 - Harold Yellin, representing applicant/petitioner - SUPPORTED
- CLOSED HEARING for #13 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.**

ORDINANCES – FIRST AND SECOND READING

14. Petition of Richmond Ferguson for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 0.11 Acres at 1712 Ogeechee Road (PIN 20066 21009) from TR-1 (Traditional Residential-1) to TC-1 (Traditional Commercial-1). Aldermanic District 1 (File No. 22-003056-ZA). MPC Denied the Petition. **(DENIED #14 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
15. Petition of Harold Yellin on behalf of Martin Vickery and Estate of Adolph Vickery for a Zoning Map Amendment for 11.5 Acres at 11313 Middleground Road (PIN 20784 01002) from RSF-5 (Residential Single Family-5) to RMF-2-18 (Residential Multifamily-2-18 units per acre) Aldermanic District 5 (File No. 22-004122-ZA). MPC Approved the Petition. **(DENIED #15 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

PURCHASING ITEMS

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Savannah Fire Department Medical Fitness Examination, Testing, and Evaluation with St. Joseph/Candler Hospital (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$175,889. This contract addresses fitness and provides physical examinations as appropriate and according to the fire service wellness and fitness program, (Fire) **(APPROVED #16, #17, #21, and #22 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Towing Services for Heavy Vehicles with Yarbrough Enterprise, Inc. Dba Tim's Towing & Recovery (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$77,200. This contract will be used to provide towing services for City vehicles and equipment. (Fleet) **(APPROVED #16, #17, #21, and #22 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Three Street Sweepers with Elgin Sweeper Company in c/o Environmental Product Group in the Amount of



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\$835,500. The street sweepers will be utilized by the Street Cleaning Division to meet sweeping requirements, which vary throughout given areas of the City. (Fleet) **(APPROVED #18 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with McWaters (LOCAL) to Furnish the Hudson Hill Community Center in the Amount of \$43,412. This furniture will support the programming functions of the new Hudson Hill Community Center. This purchase includes items such as tables, office and multipurpose chairs. (Capital Projects) **(APPROVED #19 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 6 for the Dean Forest Landfill Expansion Project with Hussey, Gay, Bell, and DeYoung, Inc. (LOCAL) in the Amount of \$58,756. This contract modification is for professional engineering and project management services through the anticipated remainder of the Phase 1D Dean Forest Road Landfill expansion project. (Sanitation) **(APPROVED #20 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 3 for Construction Quality Assurance Services with Atlantic Coast Consulting, Inc. (LOCAL) in the Amount of \$125,344. These environmental compliance services are for sampling, and testing as required to document compliance with the Environmental Protection Division for the Dean Forest Road Landfill Expansion. (Sanitation) **(APPROVED #16, #17, #21, and #22 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a 19' Carolina Skiff Boat with Custom Marine, in the Amount of \$48,237. The boat will be used to obtain watershed samples at the five water treatment plants. Approximately 3400 watershed samples are analyzed a year. (Water Reclamation) **(APPROVED #16, #17, #21, and #22 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

23. Notification of an Emergency Purchase for a Provisional Odor Control System from GoForth Williamson in the Amount of \$160,180. The pilot unit will be installed provisionally for 90 days to test it's ability to address the recurring issues associated with the City's operation of the Bio Solids Dryer. (Water Reclamation) **(APPROVED #23 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**



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24. Approval of a Leadership Development and Executive Coaching Program with The Advisory Alliance, in the Amount of \$37,500. **(APPROVED #24 through #30 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
25. Approval to Amend the Sponsorship Agreement with OVG Facilities, LLC for an Additional Advertising Sponsorship in the Savannah Enmarket Arena Entertainment Venue, in the Amount of \$254,491. **(APPROVED #24 through #30 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
26. Approval to Procure Two 70kW Trailer Mounted Generators from Ramsay-Bliese Corp., in the Amount of \$125,116. **(APPROVED #24 through #30 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
27. Approval to Procure Public Safety Radios from Williams Communications Inc., in the Amount of \$308,143. **(APPROVED #24 through #30 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
28. Approval to Award a Five-Year Contract to Hancock Askew & Co. LLP to Provide External Financial Auditing Services, in the Amount of \$378,500. **(APPROVED #24 through #30 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
29. Approval to Execute a Contract with APAC Atlantic, Inc., for the Robert B. Miller Road Construction Project, in the Amount of \$468,080. **(APPROVED #24 through #30 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
30. Approval to Ratify the Disbursement of Funds for the Acquisition of the Leasehold Estate of Bouy, Hall & Howard Associates, in the Amount of \$1,500,000. **(APPROVED #24 through #30 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

31. Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Authorities **(This action item was postponed to the December 8, 2022 City Council Meeting. During the work session, Mayor Johnson facilitated the review of several open seats on various boards.)**



RESOLUTIONS

32. Approval of a Resolution to Remove the Name "John C. Calhoun" from "Calhoun Square".

Speaker(s):

- **Municipal Archives Director Luciana Spracher**

(The Resolution was read into the record by Mayor Johnson. APPROVED #32 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)

33. Approval of a Resolution Accepting East Savannah United, Inc.'s Donation of \$25,000 into the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund. **(APPROVED #33 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

34. Approval of a Resolution Accepting First Community Bank's Donation of \$7,500 into the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund. **(APPROVED #34 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

35. Approval of a Resolution Accepting CSX's Donation of \$5,000 into the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund. **(APPROVED #35 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

REAL ESTATE ITEMS

36. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Quitclaim Deed for 2206 Iowa Street. (PIN 20039 01020). **(APPROVED #36 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

37. Settlement #1. **(APPROVED #37 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney's office to resolve the claim of Anthony Venable (worker's compensation matter) in the amount of \$80,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

38. Approval of the City of Savannah's 2023 Legislative Agenda. **(APPROVED #38, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Alderwoman Lanier voting no, 6-3-0)**



ADD-ON

39. Proclamation recognizing the Alpha Iota Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Incorporated on the occasion of their Centennial Year, 100th Anniversary.
(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to representatives of Sigma Gamma Rho Incorporated, Alpha Iota Chapter)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Johnson announced and recognized Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Gibson-Carter for their recent recognition by the Liberia Economic Development Initiative (LEDI).

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 5:28 p.m.