



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 – **[ABSENT]**
Alderman Alicia Miller Blakely, Post 2 – At-Large
Alderman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2 – **[ABSENT]**
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. Proposed FY23-FY27 Capital Improvement Program. **[PRESENTED by City Manager Melder, Office of Management & Budget Senior Director Melissa Carter, Senior Capital Improvement Projects Analyst Victoria Keller]**
2. Inclusionary Zoning. **[PRESENTED by City Manager Melder, Planning & Urban Design Senior Director Bridget Lidy, Senior Planner Candra Teshome, and Housing Director Martin Fretty]**
3. Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs). **[PRESENTED by City Manager Melder, Planning & Urban Design Senior Director Bridget Lidy, Senior Planner Candra Teshome, Housing Director Martin Fretty]**

Following questions and comments from members of the City Council, Mayor Johnson adjourned the Work Session at 1:40 p.m.



Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:05 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Lanier to introduce Reverend Marion N. Brooks Sr., St. Mark's Baptist 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 Tuesday, November 22, 2022. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0, as amended thereby continuing/postponing agenda item #5 as requested by the City Manager)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

4. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Anthony Scarpulla for ViCi, a Restaurant Located at 340 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard between West Jones and West Charlton Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for #4.

No speaker(s).

CLOSED HEARING for #4 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.

APPROVED #4 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.

5. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Brittany N. O'Neal for Cru Lounge, a Restaurant Located at 1639 East Victory Drive between Grenoble and Wicklow Streets in Aldermanic District 3. (Continued to December 8, 2022)

CONTINUED/POSTPONED #5, during the adoption of the agenda.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. First Public Hearing to Receive Comments on the 2023 Proposed Service Program and Budget.

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for #6.

Speaker(s):

- **Stanley Mosley – SUPPORTED pension increase for retirees (requested a workshop to be held)**
- **Ronald K. Butler – SUPPORTED pension increase for retirees (requested a workshop to be held)**
- **Mike Nichols – SUPPORTED pension increase for retirees**
- **Bob Eason – SUPPORTED pension increase for retirees**
- **Chuck Feagain – URGED reconsideration of City' position with respect to the County regarding L.O.S.T. distribution percentages**

CLOSED HEARING for #6 UNANIMOUSLY.



ZONING HEARINGS

7. Text Amendment Initiated by Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) Staff to Amend Section 5.4, Base Zoning Districts to Permit Restaurants in the OI, OI-T and OI-E Zoning Districts and Section 8.4.32 to Add Conditions to the Restaurant Use for These Zoning Districts with the Approval of a Special Use Permit. Recommendation is to Permit Use as a Limited Use with Conditions. (File No. 22-003650-ZA).

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for #7.

Speaker(s):

- **Marcus Lotson, MPC representative**
- **Katie Siplon – IN FAVOR/SUPPORTED (did not speak)**

CLOSED HEARING for #7, with Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Miller Blakely being not present for the vote, 7-0-2. See related agenda item #10.

8. Text Amendment Initiated by Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) Staff to Revise the Definition of "Stucco", Add a Definition for "True Stucco", and Clarify "True Stucco" with the Four Historic Overlay Districts to Include the Savannah Downtown, Victorian, Cuyler-Brownville, and Streetcar Historic Overlay Districts Sections 7.8, 7.9, 7.10, 7.11 and 13.5 of the Zoning Ordinance (File No. 22-004185-ZA).

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for #8.

Speaker(s):

- **Marcus Lotson, MPC representative**
- **Melanie Wilson, MPC Executive Director**

CLOSED HEARING for #8 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0. See related agenda item #11.

9. Petition of Josh Yellin, Agent for Romy Colman, Livco Furnishings, LLC, for the Property Owner Adam Purser, 1512 Bull Apartments, LLC, to Secure a Special Use Permit for Accessory Alcohol Sales by the Drink within Two Restaurants Located at 1504 and 1506 Bull Street (PIN 20053 23013). File No. 22-004422-ZA.

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for #9.

Speaker(s):



- **Marcus Lotson, MPC representative**
 - **Josh Yellin, representing the applicant**
- CLOSED HEARING for #9 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.**
APPROVED #9 (special use permit) UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.

ORDINANCES – FIRST AND SECOND READINGS

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ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

Mayor Johnson recognized the Budget staff/team.

12. First Reading of a Resolution to Approve the 2023 Proposed Service Program and Budget. **(HEARD FOR FIRST READING ONLY)**
13. Approval of the 2023 Revenue Ordinance. Each year, City Council adopts a Revenue Ordinance to authorize the collection of taxes and fees. **(HEARD FOR FIRST READING ONLY)**



PURCHASING ITEMS

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Flooring City-Wide with 360TLX, LLC (LOCAL, DBE) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$65,000. This contract will be used by the Facilities Maintenance Department for the removal and installation of various types of flooring solutions including, but not limited to, carpet, laminate, hardwood, and tile floors on an as-needed basis. (Facilities Maintenance) **(APPROVED #14 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract with National Distributors, Savannah Distributing, and Coca-Cola Company as Primary and United Distributors, Georgia Crown, Empire Distributing, and Southern Eagle Distributing as Secondary to Reconstitute Beverage Services at the Civic Center in an Amount Not to Exceed \$525,000. This is a cost-neutral contract that will be used by the Civic Center in an effort to offer lower prices and a better value to citizens and patrons accessing the venue for events and meetings. (Civic Center) **(APPROVED #15, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no, 7-2-0)**

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 2 for the Gwinnett Street Widening Project with Preferred Materials Inc. in the Amount of \$758,000. This modification is for the redesign of the bridge due to the unexpected encounter with a layer of impenetrable subsurface material. The bridge had to be redesigned to compensate for the shorter pile lengths because the piles at one location could not be driven to the original designed depth. (Mobility Services) **(APPROVED #16, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no, 7-2-0)**

AGREEMENTS

17. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with K. Hovnanian's Aspire at New Hampstead, LLC, for "Aspire at New Hampstead." This is for a development consisting of 266 single family homes in the Travis Field Service area. **(APPROVED #17 and #18, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no, 8-1-0)**

18. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with D.R. Horton Homes Inc. for "The Pines at New Hampstead" Phases 3 & 4. This is for a development consisting of



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91 single family homes in the Travis Field service area. **(APPROVED #17 and #18, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no, 8-1-0)**

19. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Savannah OZF Feeley Ave, LLC for the Feeley Avenue Industrial Site. This is for a development consisting of a bulk materials handling yard with an office building in the President Street service area. **(APPROVED #19, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no, 8-1-0)**

MISCELLANEOUS

20. Approval of a Major Subdivision, The Palms Phase 3. The proposed subdivision is in the New Hampstead PUD development in the City of Savannah. One lot will be subdivided into 71 individual parcels (Lots 103-146, 167-193). **(APPROVED #20, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no, 8-1-0)**

Following various announcements made by the Members of Council, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.