



## **Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:01 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Aldерwoman Wilder-Bryan to introduce Senior Pastor LeRoy Pollen, III, of New Wave Temple of Praise to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding  
Aldерwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, Post 1 – At-Large  
Aldерwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, Post 2 – At-Large  
Aldерwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1  
Aldерman Detric Leggett, District 2  
Aldерwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3  
Aldерman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice Chairman  
Aldерwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem  
Aldерman Kurtis Purtee, District 6 – **[ABSENT – out of town]**

**ALSO, PRESENT:**

City Manager Jay Melder  
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams  
City Attorney Bates Lovett  
Deputy City Attorney Jen Herman  
Assistant City Attorney Denise Cooper  
Clerk of Council Mark Massey  
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret F. Fox

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for Tuesday, December 20, 2022.  
**(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1, with Alderman Purtee being absent)**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on December 8, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1, with Alderman Purtee being absent)**



3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on December 8, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1, with Alderman Purtee being absent)**

#### **PRESENTATIONS**

4. Appearance and Presentation by Leaders from Hunter Army Airfield in Support of National Wreaths Across America Day on December 17, 2022. **(PRESENTED)**
5. Appearance by the Savannah Police Department and Presentation of the Department's Newest Addition, Therapeutic Dog "Goose". **(PRESENTED)**

#### **ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS**

6. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Krishna Patel for Cambria Hotel - Savannah, a Hotel at 321 Montgomery Street between West Charlton and West Harris Streets in Aldermanic District 2.  
**Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for #6.**  
**No speaker(s).**  
**CLOSED HEARING for #6 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1, with Alderman Purtee being absent.**  
**APPROVED #6 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1, with Alderman Purtee being absent.**

#### **ORDINANCES – FIRST AND SECOND READINGS**

7. Amend Section 2-4053 of the City's Code of Ordinances to Increase the City Manager's Purchasing Authority from \$25,000 to \$50,000. Contracts exceeding \$50,000 shall be awarded upon approval by Council. **(After the first reading was considered the second reading, APPROVED #7 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1, with Alderman Purtee being absent)**

#### **ORDINANCES – FIRST READINGS**



8. First Reading of an Ordinance Pertaining to the Proposed Redistricting of Savannah Aldermanic Districts Pursuant to the 2020 U.S. Census Data.  
**(HEARD #8 FOR FIRST READING ONLY)**

#### **ORDINANCES – SECOND READINGS**

9. Approval to Annex 278.16 Acres Located off Little Neck Road near Ogeechee Road. The property will be developed as mixed use with residential, retail and commercial. **(APPROVED #9 and #10, 6-2-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no, and Alderman Purtee being absent)**
10. Petition of Ethan Underwood (Agent) for Hopeton South Land Trust LLC (Property Owner) to Zone 278.16 Acres Located off Little Neck Road near Ogeechee Road (PINs 11007 01009, 11007 01010, and 11007 01011) from R-A (Residential Agricultural) to R-A-CO (Residential Agricultural-County) and 5850 Ogeechee Road (PIN 11007 01014) from P-B-C (Planned Community Business) to P-B-C-CO (Planned Community Business-County). (File No. 22-005223-ZA). **(APPROVED #9 and #10, 6-2-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no, and Alderman Purtee being absent)**

#### **PURCHASING ITEMS**

11. Notification of an Emergency Purchase for Replacement of a Bulldozer Undercarriage with Yancey CAT in the Amount of \$45,221. The bulldozer is used to support operations at the Dean Forest Road Landfill. (Sanitation) **(APPROVED #11 and #12 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1, with Alderman Purtee being absent)**
12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of a Tapping Machine from Hydra-Stop in the Amount of \$63,957. A tapping machine provides access to a pressurized pipe without disrupting water pressure or service upstream of the tap. This equipment will replace old equipment that has reached the end of its useful life expectancy and is no longer feasible to repair. (Water Distribution) **(APPROVED #11 and #12 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1, with Alderman Purtee being absent)**



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13. Notification of an Emergency Purchase for the Rental and Delivery of Temporary Sheet Piles for the Chatham County-Owned Trade Center Riverwalk with Myrick Marine (LOCAL) in the Amount of \$81,659. The sheet piles were used to stabilize the Trade Center Riverwalk which were needed to prevent a full collapse of the Riverwalk. (Capital Projects) **(APPROVED #13 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1, with Alderman Purtee being absent)**
14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Urban Planning and Design Services with Sottile and Sottile (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$100,000. This contract will provide urban planning/design and architectural support services for various City projects. (Capital Projects) **(APPROVED #14, 5-3-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Alderwoman Lanier voting no, and Alderman Purtee being absent)**
15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Purchase Furniture for City Hall with JSI Division of Jasper Seating in c/o Mason, Inc. in the Amount of \$85,000. This contract will be used to acquire new furniture, fixtures, and equipment (FF&E) to renovate several conference rooms and offices, as well as create a new flex-space for visiting staff to use when at the facility. (Real Estate Services) **(APPROVED #15, 7-1-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no, and Alderman Purtee being absent)**
16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal with Health Plan, Inc. (HPI) to Provide Third Party Administration Services for the City of Savannah in an Amount Not to Exceed \$337,000. The City of Savannah uses this contract to provide self-funded health plan third-party administration (TPA) services to include: medical claims processing, COBRA administration and other plan administration services. **(APPROVED #16 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1, with Alderman Purtee being absent)**

**SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION**

17. Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Task Order No. 19 for the Fuel Storage Facility Expansion Project with AECOM, in the Amount of \$138,048. **(APPROVED #17, 7-0-2, with Alderman Purtee being absent. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz recused/abstained from voting, due to a business interest.)**



18. Approval to Execute Final Summary Change Order No. 2 with Independence Excavating, Inc., for the Air Cargo Apron Project, in the Amount of \$56,297. **(APPROVED #18 and #19 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1, with Alderman Purtee being absent)**
19. Approval to Procure Services from Eckard's Flooring Center to Replace the Carpet at the TSA Checkpoint, in the Amount of \$27,680. **(APPROVED #18 and #19 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1, with Alderman Purtee being absent)**

## **RESOLUTIONS**

20. Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages for On-Premises Consumption on Sunday, December 25, 2022. **(APPROVED #20 and #21 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1, with Alderman Purtee being absent)**
21. Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages for On-Premises Consumption on Sunday, December 31, 2023. **(APPROVED #20 and #21 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1, with Alderman Purtee being absent)**

## **AGREEMENTS**

22. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Live Oak Landing II, LP for Live Oak Landing Phase Two. This is for a development consisting of one apartment building with 54 units in the President Street service area. **(APPROVED #22, 6-2-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no, and Alderman Purtee being absent)**

## **CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**

23. Settlement #1. **(APPROVED #23 through #26 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1, with Alderman Purtee being absent)**  
**Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney's office to resolve the claim of George Dailey (worker's compensation matter) in the amount of \$40,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1, with Alderman Purtee being absent.**
24. Settlement #2. **(APPROVED #23 through #26 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1, with Alderman Purtee being absent)**



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**Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney's office to resolve the claim of Juanita Robinson (property damage matter) in the amount of \$33,577.22, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1, with Alderman Purtee being absent.**

25. Settlement #3. **(APPROVED #23 through #26 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1, with Alderman Purtee being absent)**

**Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney's office to resolve the claim of Samuel Somers (car wreck matter) in the amount of \$59,870.00, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1, with Alderman Purtee being absent.**

26. Settlement #4. **(APPROVED #23 through #26 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1, with Alderman Purtee being absent)**

**Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney's office to resolve the class action claim represented by Von Tropp Animal Lodge (water and sewer tap in matter) in the amount of \$3,500,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1, with Alderman Purtee being absent.**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

27. Approval of the Installation of a Historical Marker on Public Property in Cann Park to Commemorate Robert Edward "Robbie" Robinson, a Savannah Civil Rights Leader, Attorney, and City Council Member (1947-1989). **(APPROVED #27 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1, with Alderman Purtee being absent)**

28. Approval of the Installation of a Bronze Name Plaque on the Haitian Monument in Franklin Square Identifying James Mastin as the Sculptor. **(APPROVED #28 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1, with Alderman Purtee being absent)**

29. Approval of Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) Agreement. **(APPROVED #29 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1, with Alderman Purtee being absent, and as recommended by the City Manager in terms of the distribution percentages and to authorize the City Manager to make any necessary narrative changes)**

30. Item Added on 12/16: Recognition of Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd for Receiving the "2022 I Am Tourism Award" Presented by the Tourism Leadership



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Council. This award is one of the highest honors given to someone who embodies the spirit of tourism and promotes the “Hostess City of the South” mantra. **(RECOGNIZED by Mayor Johnson and City Manager Melder)**

**Following various announcements made by the Members of Council, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m.**