



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 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. Public Safety Update.
[PRESENTED by Police Chief Lenny B. Gunther, ONES Director John Bush, and Fire Chief Elzie Kitchen]

Following questions and comments from members of the City Council, Mayor Johnson adjourned the Work Session at 6:16 p.m.



Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:41 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Kesha Gibson-Carter who introduced Prophetess Dr. Hazel Scott, Pastor of Resurrection Pentecostal Temple, 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 January 26, 2023. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on January 12, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on January 12, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**



PRESENTATIONS

4. Appearance by and Recognition of the Inaugural City Manager's Emerging Leaders Academy Participants. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and City Manager Melder)**

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

5. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Yue Bin Wang for Crab Du Jour, a Restaurant at 7804 Abercorn Street between Mall Boulevard and East Fairmont Avenue in Aldermanic District 4.

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for #5 and #6.

Speaker(s):

- Wei Lin, representing the applicant
- Yue Bin Wang, applicant

CLOSED HEARINGS for #5 and #6 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.
(APPROVED #5 and #6 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)

6. Approval of a Class D (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Atlulkumar Patel for Waters Liquor, a Package Shop at 5817 Waters Avenue between East 71st and East 72nd Streets in Aldermanic District 4.

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for #5 and #6.

No speaker(s).

CLOSED HEARINGS for #5 and #6 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.
(APPROVED #5 and #6 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)

ZONING HEARINGS

7. Petition of Josh Yellin on Behalf of Jeremy Huggins, 12500 Apache, LLC, to Secure a Special Use Permit at 12500 Apache Avenue (PIN 20861 02001) for Accessory Alcohol Sales by the Drink in Association with a Marina Restaurant. Aldermanic District 6 (File No. 22-004426-ZA). (Continued from January 12, 2023 Meeting).

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for #7.

Speaker(s):



- **Marcus Lotson, MPC representative**
CLOSED HEARING for #7 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.

8. Petition of Robert McCorkle on Behalf of Telfair Business Center, LLC, to Zone Approximately 13.3 acres Located at 115 Bamboo Lane (PIN 11029 05012) from P-IL (Planned Light Industrial) to I-L (Light Industrial) to Support the Annexation of this Parcel into the City of Savannah (File No. 22-005857-ZA).

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for #8.

Speaker(s):

- **Bridget Lidy, Senior Director, Planning & Urban Design**
- **Matt McCoy, representing the applicant**

CLOSED HEARING for #8 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.

ORDINANCES – FIRST AND SECOND READINGS

9. Adoption of an Ordinance to Amend Division II, Part 6, Chapter 1, Article H, Alcoholic Beverages, to Address Recent State Law Changes, Clarify Certain Provisions of the Current Alcoholic Beverage Ordinance, and Create New Administrative Provisions Related to Licensing and Ordinance Enforcement.

Speaker(s):

- **Jim Deagle**
- **Mike Vacquer**

(After the first reading was considered the second reading, APPROVED #9 amending Section 13(a), Section 7(t), and Section 12(e), as read by City Manager Melder, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no, 7-2-0)

ORDINANCES – FIRST READINGS

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11. Approval to Annex 13.3 Acres Located off Bamboo Lane near Ogeechee Road. The property owner desires service by city utilities at in-side city rates. **(HEARD #11 FOR FIRST READING ONLY)**

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

12. Petition of Josh Yellin on Behalf of Jeremy Huggins, 12500 Apache, LLC, to Rezone 2.08 Acres Located at 12500 Apache Avenue (PIN 20861 02001) from RSF-E (Residential Single-Family-Estate) to B-M (Maritime Business). Aldermanic District 6 (File No. 22-004424-ZA). **(APPROVED #12, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no, 8-1-0)**

PURCHASING ITEMS

13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Procurement of a Rough Terrain Forklift with Low Country JCB in the Amount of \$87,505. This rough terrain forklift will be utilized by the Water Reclamation Department and driven over uneven and rocky surfaces during the installation and removal of pumps and the loading and offloading of chemicals. (Fleet) **(APPROVED #13 and #15, UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Procure a Multi-Station Play Structure with GameTime c/o Dominica Recreation Products, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$81,183. The multi-station play structure will replace an aging playground feature removed at the start of construction of the New Hudson Hill Community Center. (Recreation & Leisure Services) **(APPROVED #14, with Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan being not present for the vote, 8-0-1)**
15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Ready Mix Concrete with Savannah River Utilities Company (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$204,000. The Street Maintenance Division, Stormwater and Water Reclamation Departments will use the ready-mix concrete to repair utility cuts, sidewalks, curbing, and roadways within the City of Savannah limits. **(APPROVED #13 and #15 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

AGREEMENTS



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16. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Ivanenko, Inc. for Allcargo Solution Facility. This is for a development of a warehouse consisting of 30,000 sq.ft. at 2353 Tremont Road. **(APPROVED #16, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no, 8-1-0)**
17. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia. This is for a receiving and distribution facility development for the Second Harvest Food Bank. **(APPROVED #17 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

REAL ESTATE ITEMS

18. Authorize the City Manager to Approve an Easement Relocation at Abercorn Commons Phase II-A. The water and sewer lines were previously relocated and the associated plats showing the new locations were approved by the City. The former easement currently located on the privately-owned parcels is no longer needed and can be relocated. **(APPROVED #18 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

MISCELLANEOUS

19. Added Item: Presentation - Announcement of the Designation of the City of Savannah and Chatham County, GA as a World War II American Heritage City by the National Park Service. **(PRESENTED by Pete Nichols, Communications and Marketing Manager, National Museum of the Mighty Eighth Air Force)**
20. Added Item: Resolution - Adoption of a Civility Resolution as Proposed in a New Initiative of the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA). **(APPROVED #20, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Alderwoman Lanier abstaining, 6-0-3)**
21. Presentation: Recognition of Olympia Café as One of the Top 10% of Restaurants in the World According to Tripadvisor. Olympia Café is owned and operated by Nickolas (Nick) Pappas and Vasilis (Vas) Varlagas. **(RECOGNIZED by Mayor Johnson)**

Following a few announcements, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.