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## **Work Session and City Manager's Briefing**

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The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 12:03 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. Discussion on Boards, Commissions, and Authorities.  
**[FACILITATED by Mayor Johnson and DISCUSSED by the City Council]**
2. Purchasing Policies and Procedures.  
**[PRESENTED by City Manager Melder, Purchasing Director Johnnie Coker, and Economic Development Business Opportunity Manager MaRonde Lumpkin-Lotson]**
3. Impact Fees Recommendations.  
**[PRESENTED by City Manager Melder]**

Following questions and comments from members of the City Council, Mayor Johnson adjourned the Work Session at 1:37 p.m.



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

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The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:05 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Alicia Miller Blakely who introduced Reverend Dr. Leonard Small of Litway Missionary Baptist Church to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

**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  
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### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for February 7, 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 26, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on January 26, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**



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**ORGANIZATIONAL ITEMS**

4. Resolution of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah in Support of the General Assembly Enacting a Local Law Amending the City Charter to Provide for Aldermanic Term Limits. **(APPROVED #4, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier voting no, 7-2-0)**

**Written comment(s):**

- **Ivan Cohen – OPPOSED (completed a speaker card)**
5. Resolution of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah to Provide for Compensation and Resources for Future Councils. **(APPROVED #5, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Alderwoman Lanier voting no, 6-3-0)**

**PRESENTATIONS**

6. Recognition of Sandra Hoffmann from Halle, Germany, a Participant in the International Exchange Firefighter Program. The exchange program is part of an agreement to bring the two cities together for cultural and tourist exchanges. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson, Fire Chief Elzie Kitchen, and Fire Department employee Brooke Mollenkemp)**
7. Appearance by and Recognition of St. Joseph's/Candler Health System's Donation for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson, Paul Hinchey, CHSA Executive Director Anita Smith-Dixon, and other housing representatives. Ms. Breonna Frazier read into the record her story of becoming a new homeowner.)**
8. A Proclamation Declaring February 17, 2023, as the Annual Arbor and Tree Planting Day in the City of Savannah. **(PRESENTED and READ by Mayor Johnson)**



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**ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS**

9. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Parth Patel for Avom Food Mart, a Convenience Store at 1402 Stiles Avenue between Hearn Street and Ogeechee Road in Aldermanic District 1.

**Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for #9 and #10.**

**No speaker(s).**

**CLOSED HEARINGS for #9 and #10 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.**

**(APPROVED #9 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

10. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Amkit Amin for Smart Shop, a Convenience Store at 1114 Abercorn Street between East Park Avenue and East Duffy Street in Aldermanic District 2.

**Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for #9 and #10.**

**No speaker(s).**

**CLOSED HEARINGS for #9 and #10 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.**

**(APPROVED #11 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

11. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Matthew Burnett for Bellwether House, a Bed and Breakfast Inn at 211 East Gaston Street between Abercorn and Lincoln Streets in Aldermanic District 2. (Staff recommends continuation.)

**At the request of the City Manager and by unanimous consent,  
POSTPONED #11 INDEFINITELY.**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

12. First of Two Public Hearings to Adopt the Impact Fee Ordinance.

- **City Manager Melder provided an overview of the proposed Impact Fee Ordinance.**
- **Mayor Johnson opened the hearing for public comment.**
- **Mayor Johnson acknowledged the written communication presented by Mike Vaquer (present in the audience) on behalf of the Homebuilder's Association of Greater Savannah – OPPOSED.**



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**ZONING HEARINGS**

13. Petition of Josh Yellin on Behalf of Savannah Country Day School to Rezone ~ 0.81 Acres at 0 Merrydell Drive (PIN 20653 01001) from RSF-6 (Residential Single Family-6) to OI-E (Office and Institutional-Expanded) with Conditions. Aldermanic District 6 (File No. 22-005457-ZA). Continued to March 9, 2023 Meeting. **(CONTINUED #13 UNANIMOUSLY to the March 9, 2023 City Council Meeting, 9-0-0)**

**ORDINANCES – FIRST READING**

14. Adoption of the Impact Fee Ordinance. (2nd Reading Scheduled for February 23, 2023) **(HEARD #14 FOR FIRST READING ONLY)**

**ORDINANCES – SECOND READING**

15. 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). **(APPROVED #15, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no, 8-1-0)**
16. Approval to Annex 13.3 Acres Located at 115 Bamboo Lane near Ogeechee Road. The property owner desires service by city utilities at inside city rates. **(APPROVED #16, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no, 8-1-0)**

**PURCHASING ITEMS**

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Commercial Refuse Containers with Lewis Steel Works, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$90,975. The Sanitation Department will use these items to replace worn, damaged, and unserviceable front-end commercial refuse containers. (Sanitation) **(APPROVED #17 and #18 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Roll-Off Containers with Lewis Steel Works, Inc. in the amount of \$59,235. The Sanitation Department will



use these to replace worn, damaged, and serviceable roll-off containers. (Sanitation) **(APPROVED #17 and #18 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Final Close-Out Savings Modification for the Springfield Canal Bulkhead and Widening Project at the Old City Lot with C.A. Murren & Sons Heavy Civil LLC (LOCAL) in the Reduced Amount of \$534,436. This is the first phase of a SPLOST-funded project to improve drainage in the Springfield basin by widening the canal to its outfall. (Stormwater) **(APPROVED #19 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Thomas & Hutton (LOCAL) for the Lift Station 193 Force Main Upgrade in the Amount of \$464,785. The vendor will design and oversee the construction of the upgrade for lift station 193 force main which is needed to convey additional sewage to the Travis Field Treatment Plant to serve new residential and industrial development in the Southwest Quadrant (New Hampstead). (Public Works and Water Resources) **(APPROVED #20, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no, 8-1-0)**
21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Agreement for Ogeechee Road Water and Sewer Relocations with Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) in the Amount of \$2,980,672. GDOT is planning to widen Ogeechee Road from I-516 to Victory Drive and to update the intersections and traffic signals for better roadway safety. (Public Works & Water Resources) **(APPROVED #21, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no, 7-2-0)**

#### **SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION**

22. Approval to Renew Contract for Professional Services with Ailevon Pacific Aviation Consulting, in the Amount of \$165,000. **(APPROVED #22, #23 and #24 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
23. Approval for Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport to Participate in a Local Advertising Campaign to Promote New Service on Breeze Airways, in the Amount of \$134,151. **(APPROVED #22, #23 and #24 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
24. Approval for Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport to Participate in a Co-Op International Golf Marketing Event with the Hilton Head Island Chamber of



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Commerce, in the Amount of \$60,000. **(APPROVED #22, #23 and #24 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

25. Approval for Task Order No. 21 for the SAV PCR Development Project with AECOM, in the Amount of \$50,690. **(APPROVED #25 and #26, with Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz recusing herself from the vote due to business reasons, 8-0-1)**

26. Approval for Task Order No. 22 for the Review of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan with AECOM, in the Amount of \$37,310. **(APPROVED #25 and #26, with Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz recusing herself from the vote due to business reasons, 8-0-1)**

27. Approval to Modify and Extend a Five-Year Software Subscription from ESi Acquisitions, Inc., in the Amount of \$162,438. **(APPROVED #27 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

## **BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

28. Boards, Commissions, and Authorities. **(By majority vote, the following appointments and/or reappointments were made.)**
- **Cultural Affairs Commission – Emilee J. Cantrell Kornegay**
  - **Historic District Board of Review – Stan Houle**
  - **Historic Preservation Commission – Pamela A. Miller**
  - **Metropolitan Planning Commission – Karen M. Jarrett**
  - **Civil Service Board – Ryan Martin**
  - **Park and Tree Commission – Erika Archibald**
  - **Savannah Airport Commission – Randy Houston**
  - **SEDA – Charles P. Roberson**
  - **Savannah Zoning Board of Appeals – Michael T. Condon & Armand J. Turner**

## **AGREEMENTS**

29. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Riverchase Apartments Owner, LLC for Riverchase Vista Apartments. This is for a development consisting of an apartment complex on Chatham Center Drive off Chatham Parkway. **(APPROVED #29 and #30, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no, 8-1-0)**



30. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Beacon Builders, Inc. for The Palms Phase 3. This is for a development consisting of 132 single family homes in the Travis Field Service area. **(APPROVED #29 and #30, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no, 8-1-0)**

#### **REAL ESTATE ITEMS**

31. Authorize the City Manager to Approve an Easement to the General Services Administration under Whitaker Street (Petition 21-057). **(APPROVED #31 and #32 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
32. Authorize the City Manager to Declare Surplus and Available for Sale a Portion of a City Service Road Fronting 10421 Abercorn Street. **(APPROVED #31 and #32 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

#### **MISCELLANEOUS**

33. Approval of a Major Subdivision - Savannah Highlands Phase 8. This subdivision is part of the Highlands Development in the North Godley PUD. This proposed phase totals 19.476 acres and will consist of 60 single family lots with varying lot sizes. It is located along the northern right-of-way line of Highlands Boulevard. Continued from January 12, 2023 meeting. **(APPROVED #33 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
34. Approval of a Major Subdivision - Sweetwater Station Phase 8. The subject property is the eighth phase in the established subdivision of Sweetwater Station. This proposed phase totals 8.963 acres and will consist of 34 single family lots with varying lot sizes. **(APPROVED #34, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no, 8-1-0)**
35. Approval of a Major Subdivision - Rockingham Farms Tract 7. The subject property is the second phase within the Rockingham Farms subdivision/development. This proposed phase totals 448.807 acres and will consist of three large lot sizes. **(APPROVED #35, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no, 7-2-0)**



**SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL**  
**(Preliminary)**  
**ACTION MEETING MINUTES**  
**Tuesday, February 7, 2023**

36. Petition of Josh Yellin on Behalf of Jeremy Huggins, 12500 Apache, LLC, to Secure a Special Use Permit with Conditions 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). **(APPROVED #36, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no, 8-1-0)**

Following a few announcements, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:49 p.m.