



Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:32 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Linda Wilder-Bryan who introduced Bishop Jermaine Oliver, Pastor of New Life Resurrection 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
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 F. Fox

AGENDA ITEMS:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for March 23, 2023. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0, as amended to postpone/continue agenda items #11 and #13 regarding 1800 East 63rd Street, as requested by the petitioner).**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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



PRESENTATIONS

4. Proclamation Designating the Month of March as Muscular Sclerosis Education Awareness Month. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to representatives of P.R.Y.M.E. 2 and M.B.H.M., Mobilizing & Balancing Health Management, Inc.)**
5. Proclamation Recognizing the Month of March as Habitat for Humanity Women's Build Month. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to Jessica Leavitt, representative of The National Association of Women in Construction – NAWIC, Coastal Georgia chapter #380)**
6. Appearance by a Representative of the by the Ardsley Park/Chatham Crescent Garden Club and Recognition of their Generous Donation of \$11,985 Towards the Enhancement of the Solomon and Guekenheimer Parks (Aldermanic District 4). **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson, READ by Alderman Palumbo, and presented to garden club representatives Trish Lawrence, Arleen Vieira, and Park and Tree Director Gordon Denney). See #19.**
7. Appearance by and Recognition of Brittni Evans, the Miss Savannah 2023 Competition Winner. (Item postponed) **(NOT PRESENTED)**

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

8. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Raghav Sapra for The Drayton Hotel, a Hotel Located at 7 Drayton Street Between East Bay and East Bryan Streets in Aldermanic District 2.
Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for #8 and #9.
No speaker(s).
CLOSED HEARINGS for #8 and #9 UNANIMOUSLY.
(APPROVED #8 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)
9. Approval of Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Mital Patel for Marathon, a Convenience Store Located at 329 East Montgomery Crossroads Between Edgewater Road and Aegean Avenue in Aldermanic District 4.
Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for #8 and #9.
No speaker(s).



CLOSED HEARINGS for #8 and #9 UNANIMOUSLY.
(APPROVED #9 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)

ZONING HEARINGS

10. Map Amendment for Gregory Polster (Agent) on Behalf of Martin Polster Commercial Holdings, LLC to Rezone ~0.76 Acres Located at 11903 Middleground Road (PIN 20782 02005) from B-L (Limited Business) to OI-E (Office Institutional-Expanded) Aldermanic District 6 (File No. 23-000305-ZA).
Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for #10.

Speaker(s):

- **Marcus Lotson, MPC representative**

Written comment(s) received:

- **Jennifer Lee Crumpton – IN SUPPORT**

(CLOSED HEARING for #10 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0). See #13.

11. Map Amendment for Robert McCorkle (Agent) on Behalf of Richard G. Mika and Savannah Health Services, LLC to Rezone ~20.5 Acres Located at 1800 East 63rd Street (PIN 20104 30014 and a portion of 20105 10008) from RSF-6 (Residential Single Family-6) to RMF-2-20 (Residential Multi-family-2-20 units per acre) Aldermanic District 3 (File No. 22-004421-ZA).

(POSTPONED/CONTINUED #11 and #13, with the adoption of the agenda. See #1.)

Written comment(s) received:

- **Thomas Pigage, Jr. - OPPOSED**

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

12. Map Amendment for Gregory Polster (Agent) on Behalf of Martin Polster Commercial Holdings, LLC to Rezone ~0.76 Acres Located at 11903 Middleground Road (PIN 20782 02005) from B-L (Limited Business) to OI-E (Office Institutional-Expanded) Aldermanic District 6 (File No. 23-000305-ZA).
(After the first reading was considered the second reading, APPROVED #12 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)



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(POSTPONED/CONTINUED #11 and #13, with the adoption of the agenda. See #1.)

PURCHASING ITEMS

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of Badger Tablets from Badger Meter, Inc. in the Amount of \$96,441. The Revenue Department has an immediate need to upgrade its meter reading handheld devices to ensure accuracy, transparency, and accountability in the meter reading process for services provided to the citizens of Savannah. (Revenue) **(APPROVED #14 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for an Accounting Software Upgrade from MHC Software Holdings, Inc. in the Amount of \$86,100. The Finance Department is requesting this software upgrade to provide an additional software module for document self service (DSS) for City employees and retirees. (Finance) **(APPROVED #15, #17, and #18 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for a Learning Management System with Cornerstone OnDemand in the Amount of \$104,259. This contract provides education, professional development, and learning pathways for all City of Savannah employees, to include regulatory and compliance trainings, professional development and growth training, and educational advancement. (ITS) **(APPROVED #16 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for Barracuda's Cloud-Based Email Archive System from SHI International in the Amount of \$78,000. The Department of Innovation+Technology Services uses the Barracuda message archive system to provide critical service for email filtering with advanced threat protection. This service scans and protects incoming and outgoing emails to sure that accidental or intentional malicious data is not introduced into our environment. This cloud-based service protects the integrity of the network and systems that the



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Innovation+Technology Services supports. (ITS) **(APPROVED #15, #17, and #18 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Well Maintenance Services with Layne Christensen (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$175,000. The well maintenance services will be utilized to service City wells for preventive maintenance and repairs including video inspection, flow testing, and repairs to well pumps and casings. Five wells are pulled on a cycle for complete inspection and maintenance and repairs. (Water Supply & Treatment) **(APPROVED #15, #17, and #18 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

RESOLUTIONS

19. A Resolution Accepting the Donation of \$11,985 from the Ardsley Park/Chatham Crescent Neighborhood Association Garden Club. **(APPROVED #19 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
20. A Resolution Accepting the Donation of \$100,000 to the Savannah Fire Department from the Proper No. Twelve founded by Conor McGregor. **(APPROVED #20 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

AGREEMENTS

21. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Teal Lake Development, LLC for Teal Lake SD Phase 2. This is for a development consisting of 42 single family homes in the Teal Lake service area. **(APPROVED #21 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

Following a few announcements, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.