



Work Session and City Manager's Briefing

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 4:32 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. REAL Taskforce Update. **[PRESENTED by REAL Taskforce members]**
2. Inclusionary Zoning. **[PRESENTED by City Manager Melder and Director of Planning & Urban Design Bridget Lidy]**
3. City Manager Update. **[PRESENTED by City Manager Melder]**

Following questions and comments from members of the City Council, Mayor Johnson adjourned the Work Session at 6:15 p.m.



Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:38 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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Alderman Alicia Miller Blakely, Post 2 – At-Large
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AGENDA ITEMS:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for April 27, 2023. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0, as amended by request of Mayor Johnson to add a Proclamation Declaring April 30th through May 6th as National Small Business Week, and a Point of Personal Privilege to acknowledge the loss/passing of Darlene Ward Jackson, an employee of the Human Services Department.)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on April 13, 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 April 13, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

PRESENTATIONS

*ADDED: Proclamation Declaring April 30th through May 6th National Small Business Week. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to MaRonde Lumpkin-Lotson and Deanna Gibbs)**

4. Appearance by and Recognition of the City of Savannah Age 10 and Under Youth Basketball Team, the Savannah Stallions, Along with Coaches Chris Pickett and Rommel Waldburg, for Winning the City, District, and Georgia Recreation and Park Association State Basketball Championship for their Age Group. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson)**
5. Appearance by the Memorial Day School Boys Basketball Team, Along with Coach Mark Sussman, to Recognize the Team for Winning the 2023 Class A Boys GIAA State Basketball Tournament. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson)**

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

6. Approval of a Class C (Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales and Class E (Wine) Alcohol License to Jason Boehm for The Hamilton-Turner Inn Located at 330 Abercorn Street Between East Harris and East Charlton Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for #6.

No speaker(s).

CLOSED HEARING for #6 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.

(APPROVED #6 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)

ZONING HEARINGS

7. 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) in Aldermanic District 3 (File No. 22-004421-ZA). (Item continued from the March 23, 2023 agenda).

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for #7.

Speaker(s):

- **Marcus Lotson, MPC representative**
- **Robert McCorkle, representing applicant.**
- **Travis Coles – OPPOSED**
- **Mark Fountain – OPPOSED**
- **Robin Wright Gunn – OPPOSED**
- **John McDowell – OPPOSED**
- **Kinte Taylor – OPPOSED**
- **Alex Wolfe – OPPOSED**
- **Oliver Casson-Gary – OPPOSED**
- **Thomas Pigage – OPPOSED**
- **Mira Harrison – OPPOSED**

Written comment(s) received:

- **Jeff Kole – IN SUPPORT**
- **Jessica Jung – OPPOSED**
- **Margaret Edwards – OPPOSED**
- **Robin Wright Gunn – OPPOSED**
- **Michael Mayhew – OPPOSED**

CLOSED HEARING for #7 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0. See related agenda item #9.

8. Petition of Robert McCorkle (Agent) on Behalf of Northpoint Industrial XVI, LLC (Petitioner) for Speir Property, LLC (Owner) to Zone ~667.895 Acres at 420 Bush Road and 302 Bush Road (PIN 11026 01017 and 11026 01002C) from RA (Residential Agriculture) to RA-CO (Residential Agriculture-County) and PDR-SM (Planned Development Reclamation-Surface Mining) to PDR-SM-CO (Planned Development Reclamation-Surface Mining-County). Petition Supports Annexation.

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for #8.

Speaker(s):

- **Marcus Lotson, MPC representative**
- **Robert McCorkle, representing applicant**
- **Amanda Wilson – OPPOSED**



- **John Yates – OPPOSED**
- **Kerrie Bieber – OPPOSED**
- **Michael A. Love – OPPOSED**
- **Rhonda Moss – OPPOSED**
- **Bennie Warshaw – OPPOSED**
- **Jennifer Hilborn – OPPOSED**
- **Leslie Pickett Sheehan – OPPOSED**
- **David Kuhn – OPPOSED**
- **Connie Shreve – OPPOSED**

CLOSED HEARING for #8 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0. See related agenda items #10 and #11.

ORDINANCES – FIRST AND SECOND READINGS

9. 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) in Aldermanic District 3 (File No. 22-004421-ZA). (Item continued from the March 23, 2023 agenda). **(DENIED #9, 8-1-0, with Alderman Palumbo voting no.)**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

10. Approval to Annex 667.895 Acres Located on Little Neck Road near Bush Road. The property is proposed to be developed as light industrial. **(DENIED #10 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
11. Petition of Robert McCorkle (Agent) on Behalf of Northpoint Industrial XVI, LLC (Petitioner) for Speir Property, LLC (Owner) to Zone ~667.895 Acres at 420 Bush Road and 302 Bush Road (PIN 11026 01017 and 11026 01002C) from RA (Residential Agriculture) to RA-CO (Residential Agriculture-County) and PDR-SM (Planned Development Reclamation-Surface Mining) to PDR-SM-CO (Planned Development Reclamation-Surface Mining-County). Petition Supports Annexation. **(DENIED #11 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**



PURCHASING ITEMS

12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No.1 of an Annual Contract for Multifunction Copier Equipment with Automated Business Resources (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$288,055. These devices will be connected to the City's network and will provide printing, copying, scanning, and faxing functions. (Innovation+Technology Services) **(APPROVED #12 through #15, UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for Grounds Maintenance for City-Owned Vacant Lots from Sam Jay Services, Inc. (LOCAL) In an Amount Not to Exceed \$180,000. The services will ensure that all City-owned vacant lots are properly maintained within a three-week rotation during the growing season. (Park & Tree) **(APPROVED #12 through #15, UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Training Ammunition with Precision Delta Corporation in an Amount Not to Exceed \$61,925. The Savannah Police Department will utilize this contract for the purchase of training ammunition to conduct firearms familiarity, training for new recruits, and in-service training for current officers and special operations teams. (Police) **(APPROVED #12 through #15, UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Letter Processing Services with T2 Systems, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$57,873. The Parking & Mobility Services, Code Compliance, and Sanitation Departments (Street Cleaning Division) utilize this service to send customers notifications of outstanding citations. (Parking & Mobility) **(APPROVED #12 through #15, UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Final Project Close-out Amendment with AECOM/Hunt for the Stiles Avenue Widening, Underground Unforeseen Sitework Conditions, and Additional City Lot Sitework Beyond the Original Scope in the Amount of \$4,593,897. (Capital Projects) **(APPROVED #16, 5-3-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Alderwoman Lanier voting no, and Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz recused herself from the vote for business reasons/purposes.)**



AGREEMENTS

17. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Beacon New Homes, LLC for The Resort at New Hampstead. This service agreement is for a development consisting of 305 single family homes in the Travis Field service area.
(APPROVED #17, with Alderman Palumbo being not present for the vote, 8-0-1)

Following a few announcements, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at **9:54 p.m.**