



Work Session and City Manager's Briefing

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 12:00 p.m. Vice Chairman Nick Palumbo called the meeting to order and recognized Alderman Leggett to offer a prayer.

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

ALSO, PRESENT:
Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. 100 Days of Summer.
[PRESENTED by Assistant City Manager Lloyd, Chief Community Services Officer Taffanye Young, Police Major Shinita Young, Police Lt. Timothy Lewis, ONES Director John Bush, Assistant Fire Chief William Handy, Cultural Resources Program Manager Jenna Ward, Human Services Director Kerri Reid, Recreation & Leisure Services Acting Director Nick Roberts, and Marketing & Communication Services Director Nick Zoller]

Assistant City Manager Lloyd recognized Savannah Police Sgt. Kelvin Bernard Ansari who died in the line of duty four years ago, and he requested a moment of silence.

Following questions and comments from members of the City Council, Mayor Johnson adjourned the Work Session at 1:39 p.m.



Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:06 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Nick Palumbo who introduced Alderman Kurtis Purtee 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 May 11, 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 April 27, 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 April 27, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**



***Mayor Johnson announced that the City Manager was excused for particularly important reasons (getting married) and Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd is sitting in his stead.**

PRESENTATIONS

4. A Proclamation for HUGS (Heads-Up Guidance Services) in Honor of National Mental Health Month. HUGS is a local non-profit organization making quality mental health and addiction recovery services available to all motivated individuals by utilizing professional volunteers with the goal of increasing awareness of a critical need, decreasing the stigma of seeking emotional help, and recognizing the efforts of those providing counseling services in the community. **(READ and PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to HUGS Founder and Managing Director Andrea Epting)**
5. A Proclamation Declaring May as International Internal Audit Awareness Month. Internal auditing is an independent, objective assurance and consulting activity designed to enhance and preserve organizational value, and helps a business accomplish its objectives by bringing a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of risk management, control, and governance processes. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to Performance and Accountability Senior Director Len Tropea and Principal Internal Auditor Daniel Colello)**
6. A Proclamation Declaring May as Building Safety Month. The theme for Building Safety Month 2023, "It Starts with You," encourages us all to raise awareness about building safety on a personal, local and global scale, and in observance of Building Safety Month, people all over the world are asked to consider the commitment to improve building safety, resilience and economic investment at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments, fire prevention bureaus and federal agencies in protecting lives and property. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to Development Services Senior Director Julie McLean and Fire Marshal Whitney Williams Smith, and other team members joining them at the podium)**

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS



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7. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Alpaben Patel for Victorian Market at 1004 Abercorn Street, a Convenience Store between East Waldburg Street and East Park Avenue in Aldermanic District 2.

Mayor Johnson opened the hearings for #7, #8, #9 and #10.

No speaker(s).

CLOSED HEARINGS for #7, #8, #9, and #10 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.

(APPROVED #7 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)

8. Approval to Add Sunday Sales to Existing Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Ankur Patel for The Nest at 126 West Bay Street, a Restaurant between Barnard Street Ramp and East Upper Factor Walk in Aldermanic District 2.

Mayor Johnson opened the hearings for #7, #8, #9 and #10.

No speaker(s).

CLOSED HEARINGS for #7, #8, #9, and #10 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.

(APPROVED #8 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)

9. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Quianna Kears for 800 East, a Restaurant at 800 East Gwinnett Street between Paulson and Harmon Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Mayor Johnson opened the hearings for #7, #8, #9 and #10.

No speaker(s).

CLOSED HEARINGS for #7, #8, #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 Dipeshkumar Patel for Jasmine Food Mart, a Convenience Store at 9602 White Bluff Road between Paradise Drive and Wesley Street in Aldermanic District 4.

Mayor Johnson opened the hearings for #7, #8, #9 and #10.

No speaker(s).

CLOSED HEARINGS for #7, #8, #9, and #10 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.

(APPROVED #10 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)

PURCHASING ITEMS

11. Notification of an Emergency Purchase for One Excavator from Yancey Brothers Company in an Amount Not to Exceed \$124,814. The new excavator will be



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assigned to the Street Maintenance Department and will be replacing unit #3227, which has been deemed unsafe to operate on public roads. (Fleet) **(APPROVED #11 and #12 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for One-Ton Chlorine Cylinders with JCI Jones Chemicals, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$276,000. The one-ton cylinders are used to disinfect more than 14 billion gallons of drinking water and wastewater effluent. (Industrial and Domestic Water Plant) **(APPROVED #11 and #12 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Office Furniture for the Floyd Adams Jr. Complex with Young Office in an Amount Not to Exceed \$83,133. The furniture, which includes desks, chairs, storage cabinets, training tables, corkboards, and markerboards, will be used to functionalize office space for various departments. (Capital Projects) **(APPROVED #13 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Construction Services with SJ Hamil Construction, LLC in the Amount Not to Exceed \$5,872,540. This project is to widen the existing Bilbo Canal to achieve a 100-year conveyance North to Normandy Street. (Stormwater Management) **(APPROVED #14 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

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15. Approval to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Moore | Martin Real Estate Valuation Services, Inc., in the Amount of \$28,750. **(POSTPONED/CONTINUED #15 and #19)**

16. Approval to Procure Installation Services and Equipment from Infax, Inc., in the Amount of \$43,347. **(APPROVED #16, #17, #18, #20 and #21 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

17. Approval to Procure Darktrace Cybersecurity Platform from Darktrace, in the Amount of \$65,302. **(APPROVED #16, #17, #18, #20 and #21 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**



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18. Approval to Procure Two Vehicles from O.C. Welch Ford, in the Amount of \$94,290. **(APPROVED #16, #17, #18, #20 and #21 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

 19. Approval to Fund an Additional Year of the Professional Services Agreement with Carol Holladay & Associates, in the Amount of \$96,000.
(POSTPONED/CONTINUED #15 and #19)

 20. Approval to Procure Seven Vehicles from J.C. Lewis Ford Pooler, in the Amount of \$393,173. **(APPROVED #16, #17, #18, #20 and #21 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

 21. Approval of the 2023-2024 Airport Liability Insurance Program with Sterling Seacrest Pritchard, Inc., in the Amount of \$1,210,669.80. **(APPROVED #16, #17, #18, #20 and #21 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

Mayor Johnson exercised a moment of Mayoral privilege by recognizing Scenic Chatham Chair Ardis Wood, affiliate of Scenic America that focuses on improving the visual of the environment, to issue a Certificate of Appreciation to Benedictine Military School Headmaster Father Frank Ziemkiewicz, in appreciation for improving the border of their property, and beautifying their campus.

Following a few announcements, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 2:57 p.m.