



Work Session and City Manager's Briefing

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 12:02 p.m. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order and recognized Alderman Purtee to offer a prayer.

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 Fox

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Capital Construction Update. **[PRESENTED by City Manager Melder, Capital Projects Management Director Cristy Lawrence, and Stormwater Management Director Zach Hoffman]**
2. Pension Plan. **[PRESENTED by City Manager Melder and Finance Director David Maxwell]**
3. ~~City Manager's Update.~~

Following questions and comments from members of the City Council, Mayor Johnson adjourned the Work Session at 1:33 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 Aldерwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter who introduced Father Pablo Migone, Pastor of Corpus Christi Catholic Church 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 June 8, 2023. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0, as amended thereby continuing/postponing agenda item #5 as requested by the applicant)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on May 25, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on May 25, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. **(APPROVED #3 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0, as amended with a correction to**



the minutes pertaining to medical cannabis dispensaries agenda item #6, to include within Alderwoman Lanier's comments that dispensaries should be able to go or be placed wherever a pharmacy can go.)

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

4. Approval of a Class C (Liquor) (By the Drink) Alcohol License for Sobremesa, a Bar/Lounge Located at 2312 Abercorn Street Between East 39th and East 40th Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Mayor Johnson opened the hearing for #4.

No speaker(s).

CLOSED HEARING for #4 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.

(APPROVED #4, 8-1-0, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no, due to the City Council's previous action taken regarding the Cru Lounge)

5. Request for a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Derrick Law-Staton for Sloppee Toppee, a Restaurant Located at 1308 Montgomery Street Between West Anderson and West Henry Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

(CONTINUED/POSTPONED #5 to the June 22, 2023, City Council Meeting, during the adoption of the agenda)

Written comment(s):

- **Nancy Maia, representing Victorian Neighborhoods Association – OPPOSITION requested to continue**

ZONING HEARINGS

6. Special Use Permit for Josh Yellen (Agent) for Susanne Warnekros on Behalf of 14 W. 43rd, LLC (Owner) to Allow for a Restaurant with On Premises Consumption of Alcohol at 2602 Whitaker Street (20074 14001) with Conditions. Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 23-000865-ZA).

Mayor Johnson declaring the hearing open for agenda item #6.

Speaker(s):

- **Marcus Lotson, MPC representative**
- **Josh Yellin, representing the applicant**
- **Noah Estes – IN SUPPORT**



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

(APPROVED #6, 8-1-0, with Alderwoman Miller Blakely voting no, due to the City Council's previous action taken regarding the Cru Lounge)

Written comment(s):

- **More than 200 letters received IN-SUPPORT, as submitted by the applicant's agent (Josh Yellin)**
- **Andrew Brochu – IN SUPPORT**

PURCHASING ITEMS

7. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Wastewater Debris Removal Parts with Parkson in the Amount of \$64,995. The Crossroads Water Treatment Facility will use the parts to remove floating debris from the wastewater treatment process. (Water Reclamation) **(APPROVED #7 through #13 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
8. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for Generator Maintenance with Current Edge Solutions, LLC (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$500,000. This increase is due to unforeseen required critical repairs for generators which power the City's stormwater pumping stations which are vital to ensuring flooding does not occur during severe rain and hurricane events. (Stormwater) **(APPROVED #7 through #13 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
9. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Stadium Seating at Grayson Stadium with Irwin Seating Company in the Amount of \$131,625. This request will be utilized to replace 620 seats at Grayson Stadium that are dilapidated. (Facilities Maintenance) **(APPROVED #7 through #13 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
10. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Recyclable Materials Processing Services with Pratt Recycling, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$728,000. The Sanitation Department will use the recyclable materials processing services to process all single stream recycling material collected by the City of Savannah. (Sanitation) **(APPROVED #7 through #13 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Microsoft Enterprise Software with Insight Public Sector, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,445,000.



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The software will allow all city departments to utilize this cloud-based environment by providing increased security, expansion of accessibility to daily operational resources, and delivering a platform for disaster recovery. (Innovation+Technology) **(APPROVED #7 through #13 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Final Closeout Modification for Renovations at Waters Avenue Shopping Center (Savannah Impact Program) with Johnson-Laux Construction (LOCAL)(DBE) in the Amount of \$73,613. The final project closeout modification entails replacing the roof over the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (ONSE) office, an area that was not included in the original contract. The ONSE office was previously a community room that received minimal roof repair work during its construction in 2015. However, the occurrence of increasing leaks in the ONSE office throughout 2022 has necessitated the installation of a new roof. (Capital Projects) **(APPROVED #7 through #13 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Final Closeout Modification for the Grant Center Gymnasium with Dabbs-Williams General Contractors, LLC. (LOCAL) in the amount of \$76,300. The final project close-out amendment is required to account for additional costs associated with various factors, including credits, unforeseen conditions, constructability items, plan clarifications, and owner-requested changes. (Capital Projects) **(APPROVED #7 through #13 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Batting Cages with H2i Group Inc. in the Amount of \$69,804. This purchase is for the replacement of the batting cage at Paulson Sports Complex and an additional batting cage at Guy Minnick Sports Complex. (Parks & Recreation) **(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. **(APPROVED #15, #16, #17, #18, #19, and #20 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**



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16. Approval to Renew the Software License and Support Agreement with Civix for One Year, in the Amount of \$69,195. **(APPROVED #15, #16, #17, #18, #19, and #20 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
17. Approval to Enter into an Engagement with PFM Financial Advisors, LLC., in an Amount Not to Exceed \$75,000. **(APPROVED #15, #16, #17, #18, #19, and #20 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
18. Approval to Procure Two Vehicles from JC Lewis Ford Savannah, in the Amount of \$90,500. **(APPROVED #15, #16, #17, #18, #19, and #20 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. **(APPROVED #15, #16, #17, #18, #19, and #20 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
20. Approval to Renew the Paychex Service Subscription for up to Five Years, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$550,000. **(APPROVED #15, #16, #17, #18, #19, and #20 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

RESOLUTIONS

21. Resolution to Authorize the City Manager to Execute Two FY2023 HOPWA Grant Applications to the Housing and Urban Development on Behalf of the Project Sponsor, Union Mission, Inc. to provide permanent supportive housing for low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS. **(APPROVED #21 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

AGREEMENTS

22. Approval to Modify and Extend the PY2022 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Year-Round Youth Sub-Awards to Provide Summer Work Experience Opportunities. The extension will allow Service Provider, Ross-IES, Inc., to provide Youth Summer Work Experience opportunities for the ten-county region: Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, Long, McIntosh and Screven counties. **(APPROVED #22 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**



REAL ESTATE ITEMS

23. Authorize the City Manager to Accept an Easement Donation from Belk's Department Store of Savannah Georgia, Inc. Belk's is in the process of selling its property and has agreed to donate a utility easement for the existing sewer lines, force main, and Lift Station #41 to the City of Savannah before closing on the transaction. **(APPROVED #23 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

24. Settlement #1.
Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney's Office to resolve the claim (worker's compensation) of Timothy Alston for \$75,000.00, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

MISCELLANEOUS

25. Approval of a Major Subdivision - Lot 31 A, a Recombination of Lot 31 and the South 50 feet of Lot 32, Hull Subdivision, Situated Near the Intersection of Bee Road and Victory Drive in Aldermanic District 3. The proposed subdivision totals 0.39 acres and consists of five lots. **(APPROVED #25 and #26 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0, with a signed community agreement)**
26. Approval of a Major Subdivision - The Palms Phase 4 Located at the End of Coconut Drive in the New Hampstead Area in Aldermanic District 5. The proposed subdivision totals 38.65 acres and consists of 112 lots. **(APPROVED #25 and #26 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0, with a signed community agreement)**
27. Approval of Monument Application Part I: Theme, Location, and Preliminary Design for the Creation and Installation of a 5'8" Tall Bronze Bust of Reverend Andrew Bryan in Yamacraw Square. The applicant has selected artist Jerome Meadows for the creation of the bust and the budget for the monument is \$14,500. **(APPROVED #27 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
28. Added Item: An Appearance by the PROUD Savannah Task Force and Others to Receive a Proclamation Designating June 2023 as PRIDE Month in Savannah. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and Alderman Purtee)**



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Following several announcements, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:32 p.m.