



Work Session and City Manager's Briefing

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 4:31 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. Board Appointments. **[FACILITATED by Mayor Johnson]**
2. Pension Update II. **[PRESENTED by Alderman Palumbo and City Manager Melder]**
3. Mid-year Financial Update. **[PRESENTED by City Manager Melder, Office of Management & Budget Director Melissa Carter, and Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd]**
4. ~~ADDED: City Manager's Update. [PRESENTED by City Manager Melder]~~

Following questions and comments from members of the City Council, Mayor Johnson adjourned the Work Session at 6:20 p.m.



Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:35 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Miller Blakely to introduce Reverend Dr. Leonard Small, pastor of Litway Missionary Baptist Church to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Invocation, Reverend Dr. Leonard Small, pastor of Litway Missionary Baptist Church.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for June 22, 2023. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0, as amended by request of Mayor Johnson to add a Resolution Honoring Andre' Jackson, former Police Department employee)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on June 8, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**



4. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on June 8, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

PRESENTATIONS

5. Recognition of and Resolution for President Kimberly Ballard-Washington on Her Retirement as President of Savannah State University. **(READ and PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson)**
6. Resolution Honoring the Life and Service of Innovation + Technology Services Employee, Harry Tucker Campbell, Jr. **(READ and PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson. APPROVED #6 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan being not present for the vote.)**

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

7. Approval of a Class C (Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License for Locally Made, an Ice Cream Shop at 223 West Broughton Street. The establishment is located between Jefferson and Barnard Streets in Aldermanic District 2.
Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for #7.
No speaker(s).
CLOSED HEARINGS for #7 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.
(APPROVED #7 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0, with approval given by the neighborhood association)
8. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License for Chevron, a Convenience Store at 7203 Abercorn Street. The establishment is located between Eisenhower Drive and Stephenson 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, 9-0-0.
(APPROVED #8 and #9 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)
9. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License for GX Market, a Convenience Store Located at 8900 White Bluff Road. The



establishment is located between Wesley Street and Paradise Drive in Aldermanic District 4.

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for #8 and #9.

No speaker(s).

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

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

10. 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 from June 8th City Council Meeting at petitioner's request.)

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for #10.

Speaker(s):

- **Attorney Pierre Ifill, representing the applicant**

CLOSED HEARING for #10 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.

(CONTINUED/POSTPONED #10 to the next City Council Meeting on July 27, 2023, contingent on entering into a good neighbor agreement, and with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Alderwoman Lanier voting no, 6-3-0)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

11. Public Hearing to Receive Comments on the 2023 Property Tax Millage Rate. The proposed millage rate of 12.20 mills for 2023 is unchanged from the final rate for 2022.

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for #11.

Speaker(s):

- **Monique – requested police protection and better support from the district attorney regarding a domestic violence issue.**

(CLOSED HEARING for #11 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)

The next two hearings concerning the millage rate will be held on July 27, 2023, at 10:00am and 6:30pm, respectively.



ZONING HEARINGS

12. Request for a Special Use Permit from Robert L. McCorkle, III (Agent) for Chris Moody (Agent) on Behalf of Train Track Investments, LLC (Owner) for a Restaurant with Accessory Alcohol Sales at 410 East 37th Street (PIN 20064 33001). Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 23-001765-ZA).

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for #12.

Speaker(s):

- **Melanie Wilson, MPC Executive Director**
- **Melissa Paul-Leto, MPC representative**
- **Edward Morrow, MPC representative**
- **Jason Combs – IN SUPPORT**
- **Robert L. McCorkle, III, representing the applicant**

CLOSED HEARING for #12, 9-0-0.

(APPROVED #12, 8-1-0, with Alderwoman Lanier voting no)

PETITIONS

13. Approval for an Honorary Street Designation for "Virginia Edwards-Maynor Way" Located on Hopkins Street Between West 52nd and West 53rd for Her Service as the First Savannah-Chatham County Public School's African American Female Superintendent. **(APPROVED #13 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

14. Approval to Amend the 2023 Revenue Ordinance, Adopt the 2023 Property Tax Millage Rate, and Adopt the Special Service District Tax Rate for the Water Transportation District. The proposed millage rate of 12.20 mills for 2023 is unchanged from the final millage rate of 2022. **(FIRST READING ONLY, as read by Mayor Johnson)**

PURCHASING ITEMS

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Water Meter Calibration Software with Mars Company in an Amount Not to Exceed \$67,707. The software



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measures water meter testing protocols and will allow the City Water Distribution to 'grade' the water meters that serve the customers of Savannah. (Water & Sewer Convey & Distribution) **(APPROVED #15 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

16. Notification of an Emergency Purchase of One Diesel Engine Generator from W.W. Williams Company in an Amount Not to Exceed \$205,981. The Industrial and Domestic Water Plant Division will replace one (1) of the four (4) generators that have failed to ensure continuing reliability in the event of loss of power. (Water Supply and Treatment) **(APPROVED #16 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

17. Appointments to Boards, Commissions, and Authorities. **(APPROVED #17 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0, as listed below)**
- **Coastal Region MPO Citizens Advisory Council** – appointed Robert R. Pirie (two-year term)
 - **Historic District Board of Review** – appointed Robert G. Becker (three-year term)
 - **Hospital Authority of Savannah** – reappointed Taqwaa Saleem and Grace H. Taylor, and appointed Dr. Jose de Arimateia da Cruz (four-year terms)
 - **Savannah-Chatham Historic Sites and Monuments Commission** – appointed Dr. Nicholas Henry (five-year term)

RESOLUTIONS

18. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Creation of Savannah's Waterfront Community Improvement District in Accordance with Section VII, Article IX of Georgia Constitution and State Senate Bill 640. **(APPROVED #18 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

AGREEMENTS

19. Approval of An Intergovernmental Agreement with Chatham County Board of Commissioners, Mayor of Alderman of the City of Pooler, and the Mayor and Alderman of the City of Savannah to Acknowledge the Mutual Benefits and to Facilitate the Approval of the De-annexation and Annexation of the Properties



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Bordering both the City of Savannah and the City of Pooler. **(POSTPONED #19, by unanimous consent as requested by staff)**

20. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Phase 4 GHB, LLC for The Palms Phase 4. This is for a development consisting of 112 single family homes in the Travis Field service area. **(APPROVED #20 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
21. Approval of Development Agreement with HP Ogeechee Road LLC for Hillpoint Multifamily Development. This is for water and sewer services for a proposed multi-family residential development located within the City of Savannah Water and Sewer Georgetown/Gateway Service Area. (Unincorporated Chatham County). **(APPROVED #21 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

REAL ESTATE ITEMS

22. Authorize the City Manager to Approve a Temporary Construction Easement to Drayton-Parker Companies, LLC. **(APPROVED #22 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

23. Settlement #1. **Authorized the City Attorney's Office to resolve the (motor vehicle collision) claim of Latarius Gordon for \$150,000.00 (APPROVED #23 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
24. **ADDED:** Resolution Honoring the Life and Service of Police Department Employee, Lt. Andre' Jackson. **(READ and PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson. APPROVED #24 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1, with Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan being not present for the vote.)**

Following announcements, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:18 p.m.