



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
Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, Post 1 – At-Large (**ABSENT**)
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:

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. Hurricane Preparedness. [**PRESENTED** by City Manager Melder and Emergency Management Services Director David Donnelly]
2. Quiet Zone Update. [**PRESENTED** by City Manager Melder and Policy and Governmental Affairs Director Joseph Shearouse, Jr.]
3. ~~City Manager's Update.~~

Following questions and comments from members of the City Council, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz adjourned the Work Session at 1:42 p.m.



Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:04 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Detric Leggett who introduced Reverend Tammie Latice McFadden, Pastor of Greater Gaines Chapel AME 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 August 10, 2023. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0, as amended to add-on an agenda item proclaiming the week of August 6 through August 12, 2023, as Health Center Week)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Special Meeting regarding the 2023 Millage Rate Held on July 27, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. **(APPROVED #2, #3, and #4 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0, with a request of Alderman Gibson-Carter for the**



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record to reflect a 6-3 vote with respect to adoption of the millage rate at the prior meeting)

3. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on July 27, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. **(APPROVED #2, #3, and #4 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0, with a request of Alderwoman Gibson-Carter for the record to reflect a 6-3 vote with respect to adoption of the millage rate at the prior meeting)**
4. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on July 27, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. **(APPROVED #2, #3, and #4 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0, with a request of Alderwoman Gibson-Carter for the record to reflect a 6-3 vote with respect to adoption of the millage rate at the prior meeting)**

PRESENTATIONS

5. A Presentation by the Employee Engagement Team Recognizing the Second Quarter 2023 Employee of the Quarter. **[PRESENTED by Human Resources Director Jeff Grant, City Manager Melder, along with participation of the Employee Engagement Team and recognition of the first Employees of the Quarter selected by service centers]**
6. A Proclamation Recognizing the 40th Anniversary of the Coastal Empire Habitat for Humanity. **[PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and READ by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan]**
7. An Appearance by Denise Watts, the Newly Appointed 25th Superintendent of Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools. **[PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to SCCPS Superintendent Denise Watts]**

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

8. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Derrick Law-Staton for Slopee Toppee, a Restaurant Located at 1308 Montgomery Street Between West Anderson and West Henry Streets in Aldermanic District 2. (Continued from the July 27th City Council Meeting at the petitioner's request.).



Mayor Johnson opened the hearing for #8.

Speaker(s):

- **David Williams, representing the applicant as manager/business partner**
- **Nancy Maia (Victorian Neighborhood Association) – OPPOSED**

Written comment(s):

- **Caroline Berry – OPPOSED**
- **Kacey Kennickell Ray – OPPOSED**
- **William Ray – OPPOSED**
- **Ronald Berry - OPPOSED**

CLOSED HEARING for #8 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.

(APPROVED #8 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0, conditioned upon the hours of operation closing on Sunday through Thursday by 10:00 p.m., and closing on Friday and Saturday by 12:00 a.m. [midnight])

9. Approval to add Class C (Liquor) (By the Drink) with Sunday Sales Alcohol License to the Existing Class C (Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) with Sunday Sales to Meng Wang for Juicy Seafood, a Restaurant, Located at 7805 Abercorn Street Suite 15. The establishment is located between Mall Boulevard and Echols Street in Aldermanic District 4.

Mayor Johnson opened the hearing for #9.

No speaker(s).

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

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

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

10. Zoning Map Amendment for Bryan Wardlaw from Landmark 24 on Behalf of William Fawcett (owner) to Rezone ~105 Acres on Wild Heron Road (PIN 21003 03001) from A-1 (Agriculture-1) to RSF-5 (Residential Single Family-5) and RMF-1 (Residential Multifamily-1) with Conditions. Aldermanic District 6 (File No. 22-002692-ZA). [Continued to the November 21, 2023, Agenda per the Petitioner's Request] **(CONTINUED/POSTPONED to the November 21, 2023 City Council Meeting)**



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PURCHASING ITEMS

11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Guardrail Repair and Installation with E & D Contracting Services, Inc. (LOCAL)(DBE) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$200,000. The Street Maintenance Department will use this contract to repair damaged guardrails throughout the City. (Mobility Services) **(APPROVED #11 through #16 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal and Modification No. 1 for Pressure Washing Services with Samjay Services, Inc.(LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$100,000. This contract is used citywide to provide pressure washing services for City of Savannah facilities and assets. (Facilities Maintenance) **(APPROVED #11 through #16 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Multi-Station Play Structure with Gametime c/o Dominica Recreation Products, Inc., in the Amount of \$75,966. The play structure will be used to expand the current playground feature at Daffin Park and restore the unit to its original size for children ages 5-12. (Recreation and Leisure Services) **(APPROVED #11 through #16 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Court Makers, Inc. for the Reconstruction of Two Basketball Courts at Forsyth Park and Two Basketball Courts at West Side Park, and Three Tennis Courts at Daffin Park in an Amount Not to Exceed \$588,230. The reconstruction will ensure the safety of the public by excavating and leveling the surface and improving the amenity by installing new asphalt, court lines, fencing, goals, and nets. (Recreation & Leisure Services) **(APPROVED #11 through #16 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Dan Foss Variable Frequency Device with Goforth Williamson, Inc., in an Amount Not to Exceed \$101,617. The Industrial & Domestic Treatment Plant will utilize this equipment to replace the previously failed Dan Foss Unit. (I & D Water Treatment Plant) **(APPROVED #11 through #16 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Professional Services to Assist in the Revenue Solution Selection with InfoTech Research Group in an Amount Not to Exceed \$146,000. The Innovation and Technology Department (IT)



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will use the consultant for RFP development, facilitating proposal scoring and vendor demonstrations with the goal of selecting the best fit solution for the City. (IT) **(APPROVED #11 through #16 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

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17. Approval of the Distribution of Advertising (Official Vacation Planners) in Hilton Head Island and Bluffton, in the Amount of \$49,372. **(APPROVED #17, #18, #19, and #21 through #28 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
18. Approval to Participate in Co-Op International Marketing Events in the UK, Ireland, and Locally, in the Amount of \$150,000. **(APPROVED #17, #18, #19, and #21 through #28 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
19. Approval of Amendment No. 1 with CHA Consulting, Inc., for Additional Design Work on the Construct Auxiliary Parking Lots Project, in the Amount of \$43,470. **(APPROVED #17, #18, #19, and #21 through #28 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
20. Approval of Task Work Order No. 28 with AECOM, for Design Services for the New Ticket Counter Conveyor and Airline Ticket Office Renovations Project, in the Amount of \$311,104. **(APPROVED #20, 8-0-1, with Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz recusing herself from the vote due to business purposes)**
21. Approval to Enter into a Reimbursable Agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to Upgrade the Mark 1F Instrument Landing System (ILS) for Runway 01, in the Amount of \$1,165,436. **(APPROVED #17, #18, #19, and #21 through #28 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
22. Approval to Procure One Passenger Stairway Truck from Technology International, Inc., in the Amount of \$209,500. **(APPROVED #17, #18, #19, and #21 through #28 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
23. Approval to Procure Budgeted Environmental Services Supplies from Home Depot, Haskins-Doyle Chemical & Supply, South-Eastern Paper Group, and Unipak Corporation, in the Amount NTE \$500,000. **(APPROVED #17, #18, #19, and #21 through #28 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**



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24. Approval for Sterling Seacrest Pritchard, Inc. to Purchase Property Liability Insurance for 2023-2024, in the Amount of \$807,187. **(APPROVED #17, #18, #19, and #21 through #28 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
25. Approval to Procure One Backhoe Frontend Loader from Yancey Brothers – CAT Equipment, in the Amount of \$84,783. **(APPROVED #17, #18, #19, and #21 through #28 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
26. Approval to Procure Two 4x4 Tractors from Tidewater AG, in the Amount of \$300,000. **(APPROVED #17, #18, #19, and #21 through #28 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
27. Approval of an Annual Contract with GoApron for a Gate Management System, in the Amount of \$44,500. **(APPROVED #17, #18, #19, and #21 through #28 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
28. Approval to Ratify the Acceptance of Airport Improvement Program Grant Offer No. 3-13-0100-074-2023 from the Federal Aviation Administration, in the Amount of \$1,579,469. **(APPROVED #17, #18, #19, and #21 through #28 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

AGREEMENTS

29. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with the Chatham County Board of Commissioners for the Chatham County New Trial Courts Building. This is for a development consisting of a new four story trial court building in the President Street Plant Service area. **(APPROVED #29 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

REAL ESTATE ITEMS

30. Authorize the City Manager to Approve an Easement in Connection with the Renovation Project to the Tomochichi Federal Courthouse at 125 Bull Street. **(APPROVED #30 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

MISCELLANEOUS

31. Approval of Theme, Location and Preliminary Design for a Commemorative Fountain in honor of Mary R. Myrick in Kavanaugh Park Within the Ardsley



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Park/Chatham Crescent Neighborhood. **(APPROVED #31 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

32. Approval of a Major Subdivision, Cobblestone Subdivision Phase-1 70 Lots (Lots 10-26, 34-45, & 63-103). The property is in Alderman District 5 at Street Location: Bush Road, adjacent to the Savannah and Ogeechee Canal, southwest of Little Neck Road. **(APPROVED #32, 6-3-0, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Alderwoman Lanier voting no)**

Written comment(s):

- **Kerrie Bieber - OPPOSED**

33. ADD-ON: Proclamation recognizing August 6 through August 12, 2023, as Health Center Week. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to representatives of J.C. Lewis Primary Health Care Center, Inc.)**

Following several announcements, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:24 p.m.