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## **Work Session and City Manager's Briefing**

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The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 4:33 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 – **[ABSENT]**  
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  
Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. Homelessness Initiatives Update. **[PRESENTED by Executive Director of Interagency Council on Homelessness Stephanie Kaple and Executive Director of the Chatham Savannah Authority for the Homeless Jennifer Dulong]**
2. 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 6:15 p.m.



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## **Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen**

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The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:40 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Wilder-Bryan to introduce Edward Fuller, Jr., Pastor/Teacher of the Prayer House Mission Holiness Church to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

**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 – **[ABSENT]**  
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:**

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for August 24, 2023. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0)**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on August 10, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0)**
3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on August 10, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0)**



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**PRESENTATIONS**

ADD-ON: 4A. Proclamation recognizing Monday, September 4, 2023 (Labor Day) 2023) as Meddy Settles Day in Savannah, Georgia. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson)**

4. Recognition of the "Working Savannah" Task Force in Observance of Labor Day 2023. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson)**
5. Presentation of the Savannah Fire Department's Camp Ignite Participants. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson)**
6. Presentations from the Qualified Square Naming Applications. **(PRESENTED by Nine Separate Applicants)**

**ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS**

7. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Liquor, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol license with Sunday Sales to Brian Garbrandt for A Taco Affair, a Restaurant Located at 401 West Hall Street. The establishment is located between Martin Luther King Boulevard and Montgomery Street in Aldermanic District 2.  
**Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for #7 and #8.**  
**No speaker(s).**  
**CLOSED HEARINGS for #7 and #8 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0.**  
**(APPROVED #7 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0)**
8. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Liquor, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Edilma Martin Lopez for Las Palmeras Seafood and Grill, a Restaurant Located at 11412 Abercorn Street. The establishment is located between Largo and Idlewood Drive in Aldermanic District 6.  
**Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for #7 and #8.**  
**No speaker(s).**  
**CLOSED HEARINGS for #7 and #8 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0.**  
**(APPROVED #8 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0)**



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**ZONING HEARINGS**

9. Petition of Ryan Williamson, Agent for Strangebird Savannah LLC, on Behalf of Martin Smith, Agent for Savannah College of Art and Design, for a Special Use Permit with Conditions, to Allow on Premises Consumption of Alcohol (Beer and Wine) in Association with a Restaurant at 1220 Barnard Street (20044 35006). Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 23-002961-ZA)

**Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for #9.**

**Speaker(s):**

- Edward Morrow, MPC representative
- Ryan Williamson, applicant

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

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

10. Petition of Andre Gadson on Behalf of Eco Friendly Construction and Design, Inc., for a Special Use Permit with Conditions, for an Event Venue for the 1.76 Acre Property Located at 1600 Staley Avenue (PIN 20642 01048). Aldermanic District 5 (File No. 23-003460-ZA).

**Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for #10.**

**Speaker(s):**

- Edward Morrow, MPC representative
- Andre Gadson, applicant

**CLOSED HEARING for #10, 8-0-0.**

**(APPROVED #10 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0)**

11. Petition of Joshua Yellin on Behalf of Michael Condon, Vintage Home Restoration, LLC, for a Zoning Map Amendment of the 0.04-Acre Property Located at 222 West Duffy Street (PIN 20052 16013) from TN-1 (Traditional Neighborhood-1) to TC-1 (Traditional Commercial-1). Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 23-003454-ZA). **(CONTINUED/POSTPONED #11, #12, and #14**

**UNANIMOUSLY to the September 14, 2023 City Council Meeting, 8-0-0).**

**See related agenda items #12 and #14.**

12. Petition of Joshua Yellin on Behalf of Michael Condon, Vintage Home Restoration, LLC, for a Special Use Permit with Conditions to Allow on Premises Consumption of Alcohol in Association with a Restaurant Located at 222 West Duffy Street (PIN 20052 16013). Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 23-003455-ZA).



(CONTINUED/POSTPONED #11, #12, and #14 UNANIMOUSLY to the September 14, 2023 City Council Meeting, 8-0-0). See related agenda items #11 and #14.

Written comment(s):

- Cynthia Grayson – OPPOSED
- Viola Jackson & Clara Low – OPPOSED
- John Taylor – IN SUPPORT

## PETITIONS

13. Approval of Name for Square Located Between Abercorn and East Wayne Street. **(APPROVED #13 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0)**

Written comment(s):

- Joshua L. Scott – IN SUPPORT of naming Major Clayton Carpenter Square
- Andrew Jones (with 89 signatures) – IN SUPPORT of naming Casey Square
- Pamela Stevenson-Beasley – IN SUPPORT of naming Hostess City of the South Square
- Amanda M. Cannon – IN SUPPORT of naming W.W. Law Square
- Rita Fuller-Yates – IN SUPPORT of naming Jane DeVeaux Square
- Art Peltier – IN SUPPORT of naming Major Clayton Carpenter Square
- Rose Moss – IN SUPPORT of naming Major Clayton Carpenter Square
- Jeff Hyatt - IN SUPPORT of naming Major Clayton Carpenter Square
- Ellen Woodall - IN SUPPORT of naming Major Clayton Carpenter Square
- Zach Northway - IN SUPPORT of naming Major Clayton Carpenter Square
- J. Loyd Fennell – IN SUPPORT of naming Hostess City of the South Square
- Aaron Monegan - IN SUPPORT of naming Major Clayton Carpenter Square
- Robby Bryan - IN SUPPORT of naming Major Clayton Carpenter Square



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- **Jeanne Glover - IN SUPPORT of naming Susie King Taylor Square**

Following the approval of agenda item #13, Mayor Johnson recessed the meeting for a seven-minute intermission while business was pending.

**ORDINANCES – FIRST AND SECOND READING**

14. Petition of Joshua Yellin on Behalf of Michael Condon, Vintage Home Restoration, LLC, for a Zoning Map Amendment of the 0.04-Acre Property Located at 222 West Duffy Street (PIN 20052 16013) from TN-1 (Traditional Neighborhood-1) to TC-1 (Traditional Commercial-1). Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 23-003454-ZA). **(CONTINUED/POSTPONED #11, #12, and #14 UNANIMOUSLY to the September 14, 2023 City Council Meeting, 8-0-0). See related agenda items #11 and #12.**

**PURCHASING ITEMS**

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Maintenance Agreement for the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System (SCADA) with Layer 3 Communications, LLC (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$98,374. The annual maintenance agreement will be used by the Water Supply and Treatment Department to provide support and maintenance for the SCADA system. (Water Supply and Treatment) **(APPROVED #15 and #18 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0)**
16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Grayson Stadium Grandstand Renovations with Beers Construction in an Amount Not to Exceed \$294,050. The Real Estate Services Department will use the services to repair leaks in the locker rooms and beneath the grandstands, spalling of the steel beams, and repairs of wooden bench seating. (Facilities Maintenance) **(APPROVED #16, 7-0-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being not present during the vote)**
17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Construction Materials Testing with Whitaker Labs (LOCAL)(Primary) and Terracon (Secondary) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$500,000. The construction materials testing annual contract will be used by various City of Savannah departments for construction and environmental testing. This contract will cover six areas of testing which include



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soils testing, pavement testing, structural concrete, industrial hygiene, environmental testing, and special inspections. (Capital Projects) **(APPROVED #17, 7-0-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being not present during the vote)**

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for 250 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus with Ten-8 Fire & Safety, LLC in an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,535,861. The SFD will utilize this equipment to comply with NFPA Standard 1981. NFPA 1981, Standard on Open-Circuit Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for Emergency Services establishes the minimum respiratory protection and functional requirements for SCBA used by emergency services personnel. (Savannah Fire Department) **(APPROVED #15 and #18 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0)**

**BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

19. Boards, Commissions, and Authorities. **(APPROVED #19 UNANIMOUSLY, appointing Cynthia Knight to Savannah's Waterfront Community Improvement District, 7-0-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being not present during the vote)**

**RESOLUTIONS**

**Heard #20 and #21, following the approval of the minutes.**

20. Resolution Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Star Corporal Benjamin Douglas (Twin) Herron of the Savannah Police Department. **(APPROVED #20 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0)**
21. Resolution Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Donna Elaine Long, Manager of Residential Refuse Services of the Sanitation Department. **(APPROVED #21 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0)**
22. Authorize the City Manager to Amend the Resolution Creating the Savannah Waterfront Community Improvement District. **(APPROVED #22 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter being not present during the vote. Thereby changing the membership of the CID from seven members to five members with the City of Savannah retaining two seats.)**



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**AGREEMENTS**

23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Agreement with the Savannah-Georgia Convention Center Authority for Hotel Motel Tax in Accordance with State Law O.C.G.A. 48-13-51(b). **(APPROVED #23, 6-1-1, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no, and Alderman Purtee recusing himself from the vote.)**

Following announcements, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 9:41 p.m.