



Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz 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
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 September 28, 2023. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1, Alderman Gibson-Carter was not present for the vote)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on September 14, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1)**



PRESENTATIONS

3. An Appearance by America's Second Harvest Staff and Proclamation Recognizing September as Hunger Action Month. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia Executive Director Mary Jane Crouch)**
4. A Proclamation Declaring September 22, 2023, as International Day of Peace in Savannah. To commemorate the International Day of Peace in Savannah, "Peace in the Park" will be held on Sunday, October 1, from 12-4 p.m. at Daffin Park. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and Alderman Palumbo to Mediation Center Executive Director Jill Cheeks, along with recognition of the 2023 Peace Builders Ambassadors)**
5. ~~Presentation by Chatham County's Resilience Program Manager on the County's Resilience Program~~ Presentation by the Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) - Building a Network for Regional Resilience. **(PRESENTED by MPC Planner Anna B. McQuarrie)**

PURCHASING ITEMS

6. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for One (1) Leaf Vacuum Trailer from Environmental Products Group in the Amount of \$59,800. The leaf vacuum will be utilized by the Park and Tree Department to collect piles of leaves that need to be removed during City Park maintenance. The new leaf vacuum trailer is a planned FY23 fleet addition to support the departments' back-to-basics initiative. (Fleet Services) **(APPROVED #6 through #12, and #15 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
7. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Six (6) Utility Tractors from Shea Tractor and Equipment in the Amount of \$265,729. The six (6) utility tractors will be utilized by Greenscapes Maintenance for mowing athletic fields and parks, and by the Industrial and Domestic Water and Water Reclamation Departments for department facilities maintenance. The utility tractors are planned FY23 replacements. (Fleet Services) **(APPROVED #6 through #12, and #15 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
8. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of One (1) Hydraulic Excavator from National Equipment Dealers, LLC. in the Amount of



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\$299,950. The hydraulic excavator will be used by the Stormwater Management Division to maintain the drainage canals in the City. The annual maintenance of the canals ensures positive drainage and reduces the incidence of flooding during rain events. The new hydraulic excavator will be replacing unit #1203, which is a planned replacement for FY23. (Fleet Services) **(APPROVED #6 through #12, and #15 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

9. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Three (3) Bucket Trucks from Fouts Bros Inc., dba Smyrna Truck in the Amount of \$423,345. The bucket trucks will be utilized by the Innovation and Technology Services (ITS), Signals and Street Lights, and Facility Maintenance Departments for various maintenance related tasks. (Fleet Services) **(APPROVED #6 through #12, and #15 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

10. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 with Alan Jay Fleet in the Amount of \$1,446,327. This modification will be used to equip 106 police vehicles with warning lights, seat partitions, center consoles, face plates and MDT stands, decals, and other necessary equipment, which are used for routine law enforcement services. (Fleet Services) **(APPROVED #6 through #12, and #15 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Annual Contracts for Janitorial Services with Jani-King of Savannah (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,027,464. This contract will be used to provide janitorial services for 55 city facilities approximating 680,000 SF. This contract has a 38% DBE goal. (Facilities Maintenance) **(APPROVED #6 through #12, and #15 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Turning Target System and Ballistic Protective Knee Wall (Protective Ground Barrier for Target System) with Action Target Inc., in the Amount of \$166,213. The Savannah Police Department (SPD) will utilize this system to safely train officers in dynamic settings, preparing them for real-world encounters. (Police) **(APPROVED #6 through #12, and #15 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Rehabilitation of Three (3) City Swimming Pools with Smith Aquatics, Inc. in the Amount of \$614,829. Repairs will be made to the Daffin Park, W.W. Law, and Tompkins Center pools.



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The repairs include re-plastering, installing lane line tiles, and other upgrades.
(Capital Projects) **(APPROVED #13 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for the Ogeechee Road Water & Sewer Relocations with Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) in the Amount of \$684,432. The City of Savannah entered into an agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation to construct water and sewer utility relocations along Ogeechee Road. The additional funding requested is for the difference between the Engineer's Opinion of Probable cost and the project Bid for Construction, recently accepted by GDOT. (Public Works & Water Resources) **(APPROVED #14 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for a Pilot Odor Control System from PureAir Filtration, LLC in an Amount Not to Exceed \$80,000. This system will address the recurring issues associated with the President Street Water Reclamation Plant, reducing the moisture content of the bio-solids disposed at landfills in addition to air regulations imposed by EPA. (Water Reclamation) **(APPROVED #6 through #12, and #15 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

AGREEMENTS

16. Agreement Between the City of Savannah and Georgia Power for Light Up Savannah Initiative – Georgia Power Audit and Inventory Assessment.
(APPROVED #16 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)

Following announcements, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.