



Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:03 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Kurtis Purtee who introduced Reverend Billy Hester, Pastor of Asbury Memorial 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
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 October 12, 2023. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1, with Alderman Lanier being not present during the vote)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on September 28, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1, with Alderman Lanier being not present during the vote)**



PRESENTATIONS

- 3A. Mayor Johnson recognized visitors (adults and children) from the City of Atlanta representing Pearl Academy and Accent Higher Learning Experiences, Inc.
3. Appearance by Pratt Industries in Presentation of an Environmental Impact Award to the City of Savannah Honoring 15-years of Partnership and Dedication to Recycling and Sustainability Within the City of Savannah. **[PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to Sanitation staff members and representatives of Pratt Industries]**
4. Proclamation and Recognition of the Month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. **[PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and READ by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan to representatives of Safe Shelter]**
5. Appearance by Savannah State University to Announce the 2023 Homecoming Parade and Activities. **[PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to the Savannah State University Interim President Cynthia Alexander]**

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

6. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Prawesh Khadka for Giant Food Mart, a Convenience Store Located at 1606 West Gwinnett Street. The establishment is located between Nelson Street and Magazine Avenue in Aldermanic District 1.
Mayor Johnson opened the hearings for #6, #7, #8, and #9.
No speaker(s).
CLOSED HEARING for Items #6, #7, #8, and #9, UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1 with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being not present during the vote.
(APPROVED #6, UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1 with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being not present during the vote)
7. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Liquor and Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Jon Kline for The Bootlegger, a Restaurant Located at 115



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East River Street. The establishment is located between Drayton Ramp and Abercorn Ramp in Aldermanic District 2.

Mayor Johnson opened the hearings for #6, #7, #8 and #9.

No speaker(s).

CLOSED HEARINGS for #6, #7, #8, and #9 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1 with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being not present during the vote.

(APPROVED #7 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1 with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being not present during the vote)

8. Approval of a Class G (Beer, Wine) (Complimentary) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Keith Walston for Savannah Harbor Cruises, a Passenger Vessel Docked at 502 East River Street. The docking address is located between East Broad Ramp and East Lincoln Street in Aldermanic District 2.

Mayor Johnson opened the hearings for #6, #7, #8, and #9.

No speaker(s).

CLOSED HEARINGS for #6, #7, #8, and #9 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1 with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being not present during the vote.

(APPROVED #8 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1 with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being not present during the vote)

9. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Quantasha Brown for Chuck E Cheese # 605, a Restaurant Located at 6700 Abercorn Street. The establishment is located between Hood Street and Jackson Boulevard in Aldermanic District 4.

Mayor Johnson opened the hearings for #6, #7, #8, and #9.

No speaker(s).

CLOSED HEARINGS for #6, #7, #8, and #9 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1 with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being not present during the vote.

(APPROVED #9 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1 with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being not present during the vote)

PURCHASING ITEMS

10. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Maintenance and Repair Services with Motorola Solutions in the Amount of \$118,924. Public Safety, Public



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Works and Water Resources use the ASTRO radio equipment for communication support. (ITS) **(APPROVED #10, #11 and #14 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for Vactor Sewer Truck Rentals with EP Rents in the Amount of \$75,000. The Sewer Maintenance department's sewer truck fleet was in the shop for repairs waiting for parts that were on national backorder. Therefore, the two sewer excavation trucks were rented to ensure continuity of operations. (Fleet Services) **(APPROVED #10, #11 and #14 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of One (1) Mobile Walking Excavator from Great Southern Equipment in the Amount of \$542,217. The mobile walking excavator will be used by the Stormwater Management Division to maintain the drainage canals in the City. (Fleet Services) **(APPROVED #12 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Drainage Repair with F.H. Paschen (LOCAL) in the Amount of \$74,929. The playground at Lady Bamford Center does not drain properly causing it to hold water for long periods of time. (Capital Projects) **(APPROVED #13 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification No. 1 for the Reconstruction of Athletic Courts with Court Makers, Inc., in an Amount Not to Exceed \$347,148. This modification will expand the original scope of work to include the reconstruction of two (2) Tennis courts at Kennedy Park and two (2) Tennis courts at Cloverdale Park (Bo Levett Field) which are more than 25 years old and have deteriorated beyond repair. 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 and Leisure Services) **(APPROVED #10, #11 and #14 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

15. Approval to Procure Taxiway Light Fixtures and Connection Kits from Allen Enterprises, Inc., in the Amount of \$59,648. **(APPROVED #15 through 25 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1 with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being not present during the vote)**



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16. Approval to Execute a Four-Year Sponsorship Agreement with the RBC Heritage Golf Tournament, in the Amount of \$166,460. **(APPROVED #15 through #25 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1 with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being not present during the vote)**
17. Approval to Ratify the Acceptance of Airport Improvement Program Grant Offer No. 3-13-0100-075-2023 from the Federal Aviation Administration, in the Amount of \$2,203,287. **(APPROVED #15 through #25 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1 with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being not present during the vote)**
18. Approval to Ratify the Acceptance of Airport Infrastructure Grant Offer No. 3-13-0100-076-2023 from the Federal Aviation Administration, in the Amount of \$3,546,714. **(APPROVED #15 through #25 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1 with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being not present during the vote)**
19. Approval to Execute a Contract with Erickson Associates, Inc., for All Services Associated with the Lifecycle Replacement of Air Handler Units 2A-1 and 2B-1 Project, in the Amount of \$1,355,000. **(APPROVED #15 through #25 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1 with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being not present during the vote)**
20. Approval to Renew the Diio Software Subscription from Lexis Nexis Risk Solutions, in the Amount of \$63,950. **(APPROVED #15 through #25 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1 with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being not present during the vote)**
21. Approval to Renew the Parking Access Revenue Control System Maintenance Service Agreement with Carolina Time & Parking Group, in the Amount of \$26,741. **(APPROVED #15 through #25 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1 with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being not present during the vote)**
22. Approval to Procure Network Switches from Zones, LLC., in the Amount of \$227,430. **(APPROVED #15 through #25 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1 with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being not present during the vote)**
23. Approval to Procure Three (3) 4x4 Front Deck Diesel Mowers from Hendrix Machinery Inc., in the Amount of \$72,522. **(APPROVED #15 through #25**



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24. Approval to Procure One Mower from Blanchard Equipment Co. LLC., in the Amount of \$56,296. **(APPROVED #15 through #25 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1 with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being not present during the vote)**
25. Approval to Procure Two (2) Flex-Wing Mowers from Hendrix Machinery Inc., in the Amount of \$49,686. **(APPROVED #15 through #25 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1 with Alderwoman Miller Blakely being not present during the vote)**

AGREEMENTS

26. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with CCA Savannah, LLC for Capital Collective - Bryson Reed Building. This is for a development consisting of 154 apartment units located at 415 East Oglethorpe Avenue in the President Street Treatment Plant service area in Aldermanic District 1. **(APPROVED #26 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
27. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Wilmington Islands Partners LLC for Wilmington Island Marina Phase 1. This is for a development consisting of 310 apartment units, a restaurant and a marina located at 612 Wilmington Island Road in the Wilmington Island service area in unincorporated Chatham County. **(APPROVED #27, #28 and #31 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
28. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Coldwater Development, LLC for 11303 Abercorn Car Wash Facility. This is for a development consisting of a carwash located at 10300 Abercorn Street in the Wilshire Treatment Plant service area in Aldermanic District 6. **(APPROVED #27, #28 and #31 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
29. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Victory Apartments Owner, LLC for Avention Victory Drive. This is for a development consisting of 280 apartment units located at 1795 Wicklow Street in the President Street Treatment Plant service area Aldermanic District 1. **(APPROVED #29 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
30. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Savannah MOB, LLC for Memorial Medical Office Building. This is for a development consisting of a 75,000 sq. ft., 4-story medical office building located at 4700 Waters Avenue in the President



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Street Treatment Plant service area in Aldermanic District 1. **(APPROVED #30 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

31. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with SHDC, LLC for Savannah Highlands Phase 8. This is for a development consisting of 60 single family homes located at 610 Highlands Boulevard in the Crossroads Treatment Plant service area in Aldermanic District 1. **(APPROVED #27, #28 and #31 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

REAL ESTATE ITEMS

32. Authorize the City Manager to Declare Surplus and Available E 34th Street (PIN #20055 27006), a 1,000SF Remnant Parcel. Attorney Mathew McCoy, on behalf of his client, has requested a City-owned remnant parcel located at 34th St between Waters Avenue and Live Oak Street (PINs 20055 27006) be declared surplus and available for sale to the adjacent property owner. **(APPROVED #32, UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

Following some announcements, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:47 p.m.