



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

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 6:31 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Rabbi Robert Haas, spiritual leader of Congregation Mickve Israel, 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 26, 2023. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on October 12, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**



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**PRESENTATIONS**

3. An Appearance by Survivors, Supporters and Advocates, in Observance of National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to WSAV Anchor Tina Tyus-Shaw in recognition of her efforts with Buddy Check 3 during Breast Cancer Awareness Month, attending along with Olivia Hamilton, Gwendolyn Green, Vera Lawrence, Sharon Wanda Aikens, and LaTeia Lott Parker, a former Clerk of Council's office city employee)**

**PURCHASING ITEMS**

4. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for Knuckle Boom Truck Rentals with Environmental Products Group, in an Amount not to Exceed \$85,000. This modification will ensure continuity of operations for the City of Savannah's Residential Refuse Division at the existing equipment level until the newly ordered equipment, which is scheduled for delivery in December 2023, arrives. (Flee Services) **(APPROVED #4, #5, #6, and #7 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
5. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for the Final Project Closeout for the Entrepreneurial Center Renovations with RL Construction, in the Amount of \$36,528. The modification is needed to cover the additional costs incurred for wood blocking and repair of the wood cornice. Both items exceeded the estimated quantity in the contract due to the discovery of additional deterioration after the wood decking was exposed under the roof and the historic internal gutter was opened. This project came in under the allocated budget. (Capital Projects) **(APPROVED #4, #5, #6, and #7 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
6. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification No. 1 for Bilbo Canal Widening with SJ Hamill Construction in the Amount of \$81,086. In an effort to acquire additional geotechnical data, City staff required the contractor to perform pile data analysis (PDA) which requires a diesel hammer and was not originally part of the original scope. This modification will be reimbursed per the cost share development agreement executed March 23, 2022. (Stormwater) **(APPROVED #4, #5, #6, and #7 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**



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7. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a contract for structural engineering services with GEL Engineering in an amount not to exceed \$400,000. The City of Savannah has an ongoing need for structural engineering services, with a particular focus on the Condition and Capacity Assessment of its existing facilities. This contract will also provide structural safety evaluations after disaster events. (Capital Projects) **(APPROVED #4, #5, #6, and #7 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

**AGREEMENTS**

8. Authorize the City Manager to Accept a Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Youth Grant Award in the Amount of \$1,056,019. The award will be used to provide youth programs from April 1, 2023 to June 30, 2025 to low-income youth between the ages of 16 and 24. The City serves as the fiduciary agent for the 10-county region. **(APPROVED #8 and #9 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
9. Authorize the City Manager to Accept the Initial PY23 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Grant Awards for Adult (\$155,788) and Dislocated Worker (\$303,973) Programs. The awards will be used to provide programs from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025 to adults who are unemployed or underemployed, and adults who have lost their jobs. The City serves as the fiduciary agent for the 10-county region. **(APPROVED #8 and #9 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
10. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with Cobblestone AC LLC for Cobblestone Subdivision. This is for a development consisting of 142 single family homes and clubhouse in Aldermanic District 5. **(APPROVED #10 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

**CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS**

11. Settlement #1. **(APPROVED #11 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**  
**Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney's office to resolve the claim of Gregory Robertson (worker's compensation matter) in the amount of \$60,030.00, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.**
12. Settlement #2. **(APPROVED #12 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**  
**Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney's office to resolve the claim of Berry Rice (car accident claim) in the amount of**



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**\$40,000.00, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.**

Following announcements, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 7:06  
p.m.