



Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:03 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Aldерwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter who introduced Bishop Raphael Watson, member of The New/Historic New Ogeechee Church Inc., under the leadership of Apostle Zinna Williams, Pastor, to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Aldерwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, Post 1 – At-Large
Aldерwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, Post 2 – At-Large
Aldерwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
Aldерman Detric Leggett, District 2
Aldерwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3
Aldерman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice Chairman
Aldерwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem
Aldерman 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 November 9, 2023. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1, with Aldерwoman Miller Blakely being not present)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on October 26, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1, with Aldерwoman Miller Blakely being not present)**



PRESENTATIONS

3. Appearance by the Veterans Council of Chatham County to Introduce the New Veteran of the Year and the 2023 Veteran's Day Parade Grand Marshal. **[PRESENTED by representatives of the Veterans Council of Chatham County]**
4. Appearance by the Chatham Retired Educators Association (CREA) and Proclamation Recognizing November 5, 2023, as Georgia Retired Educators Day. **[PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to representatives of the Chatham Retired Educators Association]**
5. A Proclamation and Recognition of the Stand Down for Homelessness Event in Support of National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week, from November 13 Through November 21. **[PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to Chatham-Savannah Authority for the Homeless Executive Director Jennifer DeLong. The proclamation was READ by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan]**
6. A Proclamation Recognizing November as National Runaway Prevention Month. **[PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to representatives of Greenbriar Childrens Center and Park Place Outreach. The proclamation was READ by Alderman Palumbo.]**
7. A Proclamation Declaring November 12 Through November 18 as Literacy Week in the City of Savannah, Georgia. **[PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson. The proclamation was READ by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz.]**

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

8. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Alkesh Patel for Waters Market, a convenience store located at 4402 Waters Avenue. The establishment is located between East 59th and East 60th Streets in Aldermanic District 3.
Mayor Johnson opened the hearings for #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, and #13. No speaker(s).



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CLOSED HEARINGS for #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, and #13 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.

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

9. Approval to add Class A (Caterer) (Liquor, Beer, and Wine) to their existing Class C (Liquor, Beer, and Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Ryan Williamson for Common Thread, a restaurant located at 122 East 37th Street. The establishment is located between Drayton and Abercorn Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Mayor Johnson opened the hearings for #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, and #13.

No speaker(s).

CLOSED HEARINGS for #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, and #13 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.

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

10. Approval to add Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) to their existing Class C (Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Ryan Williamson for Wildflower Café on Telfair Square, a restaurant located at 207 West Oglethorpe Avenue. The establishment is located between Jefferson and Barnard Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Mayor Johnson opened the hearings for #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, and #13.

No speaker(s).

CLOSED HEARINGS for #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, and #13 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.

(APPROVED #10 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)

11. Approval of a Class D (Liquor, Beer, and Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Radseh Patel for Jack's Package Shop, a package shop located at 3320 Ogeechee Road. The establishment is located between Mills B. Lane and Liberty Parkway in Aldermanic District 5.

Mayor Johnson opened the hearings for #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, and #13.

No speaker(s).

CLOSED HEARINGS for #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, and #13 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.

(APPROVED #11 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)



12. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, and Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Taia Harris for King Oliver’s Creole Jazz Bar, a restaurant located at 514 Martin Luther King Junior Boulevard. The establishment is located between West Gaston and West Huntingdon Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Mayor Johnson opened the hearings for #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, and #13.

No speaker(s).

CLOSED HEARINGS for #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, and #13 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.

(APPROVED #12 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)

13. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, and Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Osama Mustafa for Toast All Day, a restaurant located at 1 West Broughton Street. The establishment is located between Whitaker and Bull Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Mayor Johnson opened the hearings for #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, and #13.

No speaker(s).

CLOSED HEARINGS for #8, #9, #10, #11, #12, and #13 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.

(APPROVED #13 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

14. Second Public Hearing to Receive Comments Concerning the City’s 2024 One Year Action Plan.

Mayor Johnson opened the public hearing for #14.

No speaker(s).

CLOSED HEARING for #14 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.

ZONING HEARINGS

15. Petition of Joshua Yellin (agent) on Behalf of The Habersham School, Inc. (owner) for Bludworth Holdings, LLC to Change the Future Land Use Map Amendment from Residential – Suburban Single-family to Residential – General at 505 E. 54th Street (PIN 20086 27004) Aldermanic District 4. (File No. 23-004628-ZA). (Item continued by the Petitioner until November 21, 2023).



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CONTINUED/POSTPONED #15 and #16 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0, as requested by the petitioner.

16. Petition of Joshua Yellin (agent) on Behalf of The Habersham School, Inc. (owner) for Bludworth Holdings, LLC to Rezone 1.37 Acres at 505 E. 54th Street (PIN 20086 27004) from RSF-6 (Residential Single Family-6) to RMF-2-19 (Residential Multi-family 2- 19 units per acre) Aldermanic District 4. (File No. 23-004627-ZA). (Item continued by the Petitioner until November 21, 2023).

CONTINUED/POSTPONED #15 and #16 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0, as requested by the petitioner.

PURCHASING ITEMS

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Financial Audit Services with Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC (LOCAL) in the amount of \$139,000. The Financial Services Department will use this contract for the financial statements dated December 31, 2023. The City is required by state and federal regulations to undergo an annual external audit to determine whether the published financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards. (Finance). **(APPROVED #17, #18, #20, #22, and #23 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for Rental Services with Big Truck Rental, LLC in an Amount Not to Exceed \$150,000. The modification of this rental contract is aimed at maintaining the current equipment levels and ensuring the continuity of operations for the City of Savannah's Residential Refuse Division. (Fleet Services) **(APPROVED #17, #18, #20, #22, and #23 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Sports Equipment with Ridell All American Sports, Inc., in an Amount Not to Exceed \$81,900. The Recreational and Leisure Services Division will utilize the sports equipment for the athletic sports programs and youth football teams. The items include helmets and pads and are being purchased as part of the City's Recreation Reimagined initiative to improve recreational programming and services to the public. (Recreation & Leisure Services) **(APPROVED #19 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**



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20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for One (1) Compact Track Loader and One (1) Skid Steer Loader with Bobcat of Savannah in the Amount of \$161,760. The Compact Loader will be utilized by Park & Tree and the Skid Steer Loader will be utilized by Street Maintenance. The new loaders will be replacing units 7621 and 0202, which are planned replacements. (Fleet Services) **(APPROVED #17, #18, #20, #22, and #23 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for One (1) 36 Passenger Bus with The Bus Center Atlanta, LLC., in the Amount of \$188,717. The 36 Passenger Bus will be utilized for Senior Programming by the Recreation & Leisure Services Department. The new bus will be replacing unit #3614, which is a planned replacement for FY23. (Fleet Services) **(APPROVED #21 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Three (3) Dump Trucks with Freightliner of Savannah in the Amount of \$794,145. The dump trucks will be utilized by the Water Reclamation Division and Street Cleaning Division. The new trucks will be replacing vehicles # 2831, #8892, and #5722, which are planned FY23 replacements. (Fleet Services) **(APPROVED #17, #18, #20, #22, and #23 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for One (1) Toro Turf Sprayer with Jerry Pate Turf and Irrigation in the Amount of \$111,781. The new turf sprayer will be utilized by the City's Park and Tree Department. The new turf sprayer will be replacing unit 2242, which is a planned FY23 replacement. (Fleet Services) **(APPROVED #17, #18, #20, #22, and #23 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

24. Approval to Renew Out-of-Home Advertising on Hwy 278 and Hwy 170 with Adams Outdoor Advertising, in the Amount of \$280,904. **(APPROVED #24 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

RESOLUTIONS

25. Approval of a Resolution Adopting the City of Savannah's 2024 One Year Action Plan, Authorize the City Manager to submit the plan to the U.S. Department of



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Housing and Urban Development (HUD), and to enter into grant agreements with subrecipients. **(APPROVED #25 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

26. Approval of a Resolution to Authorize the City Manager to Adopt and Execute the City of Savannah's Updated Economic Development Administration Revolving Loan Fund (EDA RLF) Administrative Plan, to execute a Request to Defederalize the City's RLF Award #04-39-04101, and to Execute an "Agreement to Release" the EDA Federal Interest in the Revolving Loan Fund. **(APPROVED #26 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

AGREEMENTS

27. Authorize the City Manager to Accept a WorkSource Quality Jobs, Equity, Strategy and Training (QUEST) Disaster Recovery Dislocated Worker Grant Award in the Amount of \$731,000. The award will be used to fund training activities for dislocated workers in key regional high demand industries. The City serves as the fiduciary agent for the ten-county region. **(APPROVED #27 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

REAL ESTATE ITEMS

28. Authorize the City Manager to Approve a Pedestrian Access Easement Agreement and Acceptance of a Deed of Open Space/Park Sites at Eastern Wharf. **(APPROVED #28, #29, and #30 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
29. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Sewer and Drainage Pipeline Easements with the Secretary of the Army on Hunter Army Airfield. **(APPROVED #28, #29, and #30 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
30. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Purchase and Sale Agreement for the Acquisition of Real Property for \$13,000 located at 5215 Augusta Road, Garden City, GA to facilitate the installation of a Water & Sewer Infrastructure Project. **(APPROVED #28, #29, and #30 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

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31. Approval of a Major Subdivision, Sister's Corner Subdivision. The property is in Aldermanic District 2 located at Abercorn Street and 37th Street. **(APPROVED #31, #32, and #33 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

32. Approval of a Major Subdivision for Eastern Wharf. The subject property is in the established lands known as Eastern Wharf, Aldermanic District 2. The proposed totals 7.711 acres and will consist of 12 varying lot sizes. **(APPROVED #31, #32, and #33 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

33. Approval of a Major Subdivision, Edgewater Phase 1A New Hampstead Subdivision. The property is located in Aldermanic District 5, East of Little Neck Rd Savannah, GA and north of the intersection of Little Neck Road and New Hampstead Parkway. **(APPROVED #31, #32, and #33 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

Following announcements, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:06 p.m.