



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 Detric Leggett to introduce First Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church Executive Minister Derek Mallow also Georgia State Senator, 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:

*Mayor Johnson recognized Chatham County Commissioner Aaron “Adot” Whitely and Chatham County Board of Elections Member Glynda Jones for being present in the audience. He also acknowledged the recent passing of Patricia Gustin, a Recreation Services team member.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for December 19, 2023. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on December 7, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**



PRESENTATIONS

3. Appearance and Presentation by Lieutenant Colonel Bob Cuthbertson, Hunter Army Airfield Garrison Commander, in Support of National Wreaths Across America Day on December 16, 2023. **(PRESENTED by Lieutenant Colonel Bob Cuthbertson to Mayor Johnson)**
4. Appearance by Audrey King, New Senior Vice President of External Affairs for Georgia Power. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson)**
5. An Appearance by the Westside Whippers, 10 and Under, and 12 and Under Boys Football Teams, 2023 GRPA State Champions. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to the coaches, team members, and their families)**

ORDINANCES SECOND READING

6. Petition of Bridget Lidy on Behalf of Mayor and Aldermen for the City of Savannah to Amend Article G, Design Standards of the Subdivision Regulations, Article 3.0, Application and Review Procedures, and Article 7.0, Overlay Districts of the Zoning Ordinance to Require a Certificate of Appropriateness for Subdivisions within the Savannah Downtown Historic Overlay District in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 23-005697-ZA). **(APPROVED #6 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
7. Zoning Map Amendment for Bryan Wardlaw from Landmark 24 on Behalf of William Fawcett (Owner) to Rezone ~105 Acres on Wild Heron Road (PIN 21003 03001) from A-1 (Agriculture-1) to RSF-5 (Residential Single Family-5) and RMF-1 (Residential Multifamily-1) with Conditions in Aldermanic District 6 (File No. 22-002692-ZA). (Item was continued from the November 21, 2023, Council meeting). **(APPROVED #7, 6-3-0, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Alderwoman Lanier voting no, and with the understanding that traffic calming measures to include the roundabout begin no later than the completion of 150 homes in the subdivision)**

PURCHASING ITEMS



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8. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for NEOGOV Software Maintenance from GovernmentJobs.com, Inc. in the Amount of \$56,693. The Innovation + Technology Services Department will utilize the NEOGOV tracking system for automation during the hiring process. (DoIT) **(APPROVED #8, #10, #12, #13, #16, and #17 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
9. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for The Emerge Job Training Program with Savannah Technical College (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$196,000. The Emerge Job Training Program provides scholarships for high-demand and high-wage entry-level employment opportunities for residents of the City of Savannah. Scholarships are available to applicants who meet the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development income guidelines which help to defray the cost of tuition, equipment, and supplies associated with the job certification programs. (Human Services) **(APPROVED #9 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
10. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for One (1) Boom Truck with Crane with Altec Industries, Inc. in the Amount of \$331,235. The new boom truck will be utilized by the Industrial and Domestic Water Plant Division and will be replacing unit 0809, which is a planned replacement for FY23. (Fleet) **(APPROVED #8, #10, #12, #13, #16, and #17 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Amendment to the Final Project Closeout Modification for the Delaware Center Project with Johnson-Laux Construction (LOCAL) in the Amount of \$81,439. This amendment covers changes due to additional roof replacement, upgrading newly installed HVAC units to the City's HVAC automation system, installation of gutters to correct unforeseen drainage issues, and permanent lettering on the exterior of building. (Capital Projects) **(APPROVED #11, 8-1-0, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no)**
12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Recoat the Lincoln Street Bike Lane Markings with Angco Inc. (DBE) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$249,460. The Mobility & Parking Services Department will utilize these services to recoat pavement markings for the bicycle lane on Lincoln Street. (Mobility & Parking) **(APPROVED #8, #10, #12, #13, #16, and #17 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**



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13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of a Mechanical By-Pass Pump with Mersino in the Amount of \$109,997. The pump serves as an emergency backup pump in case of electrical and generator failure for Lift Station 194. The lift station will have increased flow due to the new Hyundai Plant requiring a much higher pumping capacity than currently available through existing bypass pumps. (Public Works and Water Resources) **(APPROVED #8, #10, #12, #13, #16, and #17 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for Lift Station No. 23 Repairs with Astra Grading and Pipe, LLC in the Amount of \$501,270. The increased cost was due to the omission of 354 linear feet of pipe from the project, the addition of a retaining wall to support the generator pad on the side slope, and upgrading electrical strips from copper to silver plating for increased life. (Public Works & Water Resources) **(APPROVED #14 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Engineering Consulting Services for the Industrial & Domestic (I&D) Surface Water Treatment Plant Optimization Project with Hussey Gay Bell (LOCAL) in the Amount of \$1,499,570. The I&D Surface Water Treatment Plant Upgrade project will include enhancements/upgrades to the drinking water treatment and finished water production process. It also increases the water system distribution capacity to sustain and enhance high-quality water supply and fire protection to Savannah and the region, supports our local economy, and provides regional leadership in water resource management. (Public Works & Water Resources) **(APPROVED #15 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Placentia Drainage Improvements with Platinum Paving in the Amount of \$2,570,958. The Stormwater Department will use these services to construct a stormwater detention pond and upgrade stormwater conveyance on 24 City Owned FEMA lots along Bonnie Drive, Vicksburg Drive and Laroche Court between Vicksburg Drive and Derenne Avenue. (Stormwater) **(APPROVED #8, #10, #12, #13, #16, and #17 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Materials for Lift Station 193 Force Main from Ferguson Waterworks in the Amount of \$7,888,287. The materials being purchased are pipe, fittings and valves for the "Lift Station 193



Force Main Upgrades” construction contract. The purchase of the materials will expedite the installation of the new 24-inch force main from the New Hampstead area's existing lift station 193 to the existing force main near Interstate I-95 and Chatham County Megasite. (Public Works & Water Resources) **(APPROVED #8, #10, #12, #13, #16, and #17 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

18. Approval to Procure a Sourcing Software for Electronic Bidding from Bonfire Interactive Ltd., in the Amount of \$27,500. **(APPROVED #18, #19, #20, #21, #22, #24, #25 and #27 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
19. Approval to Rewrite the History Book of the Airport with Janice McDonald, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$30,000. **(APPROVED #18, #19, #20, #21, #22, #24, #25 and #27 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
20. Approval of the 2024 Airports Council International-North America (ACI-NA) Airport Membership Dues, in the Amount of \$33,443. **(APPROVED #18, #19, #20, #21, #22, #24, #25 and #27 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
21. Approval to Execute a Contract with Terracon Consultants, Inc. for Special Inspections and Quality Assurance Testing in the Amount of \$33,520. **(APPROVED #18, #19, #20, #21, #22, #24, #25 and #27 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
22. Approval to Purchase a New Friction Grip Tester from Runway Safe, Inc., in the Amount of \$79,850. **(APPROVED #18, #19, #20, #21, #22, #24, #25 and #27 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
23. Approval of Task Order No. 31 with AECOM for Design Services for Temporary Ground Boarding Walkways, in the Amount of \$93,320. **(APPROVED #23 and #26, 8-0-1, with Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz recusing herself for business purposes)**
24. Approval to Procure One (1) Transient Shuttle Bus from The Bus Center Atlanta, LLC, in the Amount of \$116,340. **(APPROVED #18, #19, #20, #21, #22, #24, #25 and #27 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**



25. Approval to Execute a Contract with Reeves Construction Company for the Mill and Pave Project, in the Amount of \$331,285. **(APPROVED #18, #19, #20, #21, #22, #24, #25 and #27 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
26. Approval of Task Order No. 30 with AECOM for Design and Construction Phase Services for the Terminal Concourse Expansion Project, in the Amount of \$870,200. **(APPROVED #23 and #26, 8-0-1, with Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz recusing herself for business purposes)**
27. Approval to Execute a Contract with Collins Construction Services, Inc., for All Services Associated with the Fuel Storage Facility Expansion Project, in the Amount of \$7,719,531. **(APPROVED #18, #19, #20, #21, #22, #24, #25 and #27 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

RESOLUTIONS

28. Approval of a Resolution to Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification with Union Mission, Inc. in the Amount of \$350,000. This modification will be to provide Homelessness Day Center Services for one additional year with two options to renew for an additional 12 months. **(APPROVED #28 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

REAL ESTATE ITEMS

29. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Reciprocal Easement Agreement with CGI Realty, LLC at 275 Police Memorial Drive. **(APPROVED #29 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
30. Authorize the City Manager to Approve the Purchase of an 0.038 Acre of Land to Facilitate Parking Expansion at the Liberty City Community Center Located at 1413 Mills B. Lane Boulevard (PIN: 20594 06004). **(APPROVED #30 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
31. Authorize the City Manager to Approve the Transfer of Title of 1710 Augusta Avenue (PIN 20027 03013) to the Savannah Chatham County Land Bank Authority. **(APPROVED #31 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS



32. Settlement #1. **(NO ACTION TAKEN)**

33. Settlement #2. **(NO ACTION TAKEN)**

MISCELLANEOUS

34. Approve a Major Subdivision: Sweetwater Station Phase 10. The subject property is the 10th phase of an established subdivision named Sweetwater Station located at 500 Grove Point Road in Aldermanic District 6. The subdivision has its own dedicated entrance off Grove Point Road west of GA Highway 204 and the proposed phase totals 13.704 acres, consisting of 47 single family lots with varying lot sizes. **(APPROVED #34, 8-1-0, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no)**

Mayor Johnson made the following recognitions on behalf of the 139th Administration (Mayor and Aldermen):

- **Sharonte Turner and Marty Johnston in the Mayor's Office;**
- **Jay Melder (City Manager), Bates Lovett (City Attorney), and Mark Massey (Clerk of Council); and,**
- **Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter for her public service, along with a presentation of a Key to the City.**

Following announcements, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:37 p.m.