



Work Session and City Manager's Briefing

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 12:04 p.m., in the 2nd Floor Media Room of City Hall. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order and recognized Alderman Purtee to offer a prayer.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Alderman Carolyn H. Bell, 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 – Vice Chair
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 – 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:

1. Saint Patrick's Day Celebration/Festival Ordinance. **[PRESENTED]**
2. Closed Executive Session Regarding Personnel, Real Estate, and Litigation.
[At 1:24 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to hold a closed executive session regarding real estate, personnel, and litigation, seconded by Alderman Miller Blakely, Alderman Wilder-Bryan, and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.]

At 2:01 p.m., Alderman Leggett moved to adjourn the closed executive session, seconded by Alderman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. [NO ACTION WAS TAKEN.]

3. City Manager's Agenda Review.



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There was no action taken during the workshop and executive session; therefore, Mayor Johnson adjourned the pre-meetings at 2:01 p.m.



Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:11 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Leggett who introduced Most Reverend Bishop Stephen D. Parkes, Bishop of the Diocese of Savannah to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, Post 1 – At-Large
Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, Post 2 – At-Large
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AGENDA ITEMS:

*** Mayor Johnson announced that the Mayor and Aldermen conducted a closed executive session earlier on the topic of Personnel, Real Estate, and Litigation for which no votes were taken. Mayor Johnson entertained a motion to that effect, thereby granting him authority to sign the required resolution and affidavit. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. (APPROVED)**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for March 14, 2024. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0, as amended, continuing agenda item #8 to the March 28, 2024 City Council Meeting, removing agenda item #21 from the agenda, and adding #40 Resolution on Closing of Georgia’s Health Insurance Coverage Gap)**



APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on February 22, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on February 22, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

PRESENTATIONS

4. Appearance by the Saint Patrick's Day Parade Committee Grand Marshal and Aides, and Presentation by Mayor Van R. Johnson II of the 2024 Saint Patrick's Day Parade Permit Commemorating the Parade's 200th Anniversary. The parade will be held on March 16, 2024. **[Following a presentation by Savannah St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee General Chairman Timothy "Tim" P. Mahoney, Mayor Johnson entertained a motion to authorize the Parade Permit for the 200th Anniversary. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. (APPROVED)]**
5. Proclamation Recognizing March 10-16, 2024, as Navy League Week. **[PRESENTED BY MAYOR JOHNSON]**
6. Proclamation Recognizing Parent University's 25th Anniversary. **[PRESENTED BY MAYOR JOHNSON]**
7. Appearance by the City of Savannah Purchasing Department Staff to Recognize March as National Procurement Month. **[PRESENTED BY MAYOR JOHNSON]**

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

8. Approval to Add a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) and a Class A (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (Caterer) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Christian Santiago for Orale Tacos & Tequila, a Restaurant Located at 36 Martin Luther



King Jr. Boulevard. The establishment is located between Congress and Broughton Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

(CONTINUED/POSTPONED #8 to the March 28, 2024 City Council Meeting, during the adoption of the agenda)

9. Approval to Add a Class C (Beer) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Christopher Emerick for Squealing Hog BBQ, a Restaurant Located at 206 East Bay Street. The establishment is located between Abercorn and Lincoln Street Ramps in Aldermanic District 2.

Mayor Johnson opened the hearing for #9.

No speaker(s).

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

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

10. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Ruth Threatt for T&T Jazz Bar, a Bar/Lounge Located at 2501 Bull Street. The establishment is located between West 41st and West 42nd Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Mayor Johnson opened the hearing for #10.

No speaker(s).

CLOSED HEARING for #10 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.

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

ZONING HEARINGS

11. Petition of Ruth Threatt on Behalf of Robinson Theresa Trustee for a Special Use Permit to Allow a Bar/Lounge with Conditions at 2501 Bull Street (PIN 20074 07003) within TC-1 (Traditional Commercial-1) Zoning District in Aldermanic District 2. (File No. 24-000227-ZA)

Mayor Johnson opened the hearing for #11.

Speaker(s):

- **Edward Morrow, MPC representative**

CLOSED HEARING for #11 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.

(APPROVED SPECIAL USE PERMIT for #11 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)



PURCHASING ITEMS

12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Environmental Compliance Services with Atlantic Coast Consulting, Inc. (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$69,000. The Sanitation Department will use this service to provide general environmental compliance management, monitoring, and reporting to ensure that the Dean Forest Road Landfill is in compliance with applicable state/federal regulations and existing permits. (Sanitation Department) **(APPROVED #12 through #20, #22, #23, and #24 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for SPD Ballistic Vests and Tactical Gear with TYR Tactical, LLC in an Amount Not to Exceed \$81,639. The ballistic vests and tactical gear will be utilized by the Savannah Police Department SWAT Team. (Police). **(APPROVED #12 through #20, #22, #23, and #24 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Temporary Staffing Services with Robert Half International (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$125,000. The Information Technology Department will use the temporary staffing services to provide technical knowledge and skills in specialized computer applications for all City users. These will include software and PC upgrades, helpdesk, and network services support as well as program/project support. (ITS) **(APPROVED #12 through #20, #22, #23, and #24 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for CityWorks Implementation Services with Woolpert Inc. in the Amount of \$189,758. The goal of this project is to upgrade and migrate the current CityWorks locally hosted software version to the CityWorks On-Line version. (ITS) **(APPROVED #12 through #20, #22, #23, and #24 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Three (3) Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) Fill Stations with Sub Aquatics, Inc. (Breathing Air Systems) in the Amount of \$283,334. SCBAs are the foundational tool that provides the greatest amount of airway protection from toxic gas and harmful particulates resulting from a fire. Savannah Fire currently uses a 16-year-old unit that is corroding to refill the SCBA. (Savannah Fire Department) **(APPROVED #12 through #20, #22, #23, and #24 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**



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17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for Sludge Pump Repairs with GoForth Williamson in an Amount Not to Exceed \$500,000. Pump equipment is a critical component used in various applications to convey wastewater to the next process. If pumps are not maintained or repaired in a timely manner, raw sewage could spill into receiving streams which will compromise the health and safety of City residents. (Water Reclamation) **(APPROVED #12 through #20, #22, #23, and #24 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Two (2) Log Loader Grapple Trucks with National Auto Fleet Group in the Amount of \$603,800. The two (2) log loader grapple trucks are essential to the Park and Tree Forestry Division's tree removal program. The Forestry Division removes dead and hazardous trees from city-owned property for public safety and also necessary to clear city streets for emergency response following storm events and to haul large logs and wood debris to the landfill. (Fleet) **(APPROVED #12 through #20, #22, #23, and #24 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) Upgrade with Control Instruments, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$684,385. The upgrade will include an overhaul for the 29-year-old system and is needed because the components of the Programmable Logic Controls (PLC) are obsolete and replacement parts are difficult to find. (Water Reclamation) **(APPROVED #12 through #20, #22, #23, and #24 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for Aluminum Sulfate with Chemtrade Chemicals USA, LLC, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$325,400. This modification will ensure an adequate supply of aluminum sulfate is maintained as it is an integral part for the sludge treatment process. (Public Works) **(APPROVED #12 through #20, #22, #23, and #24 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for Grounds Maintenance for Public Rights of Ways with J Corbett Enterprises, Inc., DBA Mow Masters (LOCAL, DBE) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,525,000. The contract will be used by the Park & Tree Greenscapes Division to maintain grounds on approximately 170 miles of rights of ways adjacent to streets and highways. The work will include mowing, edging, line trimming, leaf/debris



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removal, litter/trash removal before mowing, and the application of pesticides and herbicides to control weed and wild growth. (Park & Tree) (This item has been postponed.) **(REMOVED/WITHDREW #21, during the adoption of the agenda)**

22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for Gas and Diesel Fuel with Sunoco LP and James River Solutions (DBE) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$6,432,939. The contract will allow Fleet Services to procure transport truckloads of fuel for the three fueling locations (Adams Complex, Sallie Mood and Police Headquarters) that will be utilized by various City departments to fuel vehicles and equipment for daily operations. In addition, the contract allows various City departments to procure fuel by the tank wagons for smaller capacity tanks, generators, etc. (Fleet) **(APPROVED #12 through #20, #22, #23, and #24 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
23. Authorize The City Manager to Execute a Contract for Towing of Abandoned and Derelict Vehicles with Staley Auto Parts DBA Cash-N-Carry (LOCAL)(Primary) and Jackson Brothers Towing (LOCAL)(Secondary). The Code Compliance Department will use this contract to ensure prompt and efficient towing of vehicles in violation of city ordinances, helping to maintain safety and compliance within our community while providing cost-effective solutions for handling abandoned vehicles. (Code Compliance) **(APPROVED #12 through #20, #22, #23, and #24 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Critical Workforce Transportation with GETZ Transport Solutions, LLC in an Amount that Varies Based on the Severity of the Natural Disaster. The Critical Workforce personnel are required to respond to and work immediately before, during, and after disasters, particularly at a time when residents and businesses are evacuating. (Savannah Fire Department) **(APPROVED #12 through #20, #22, #23, and #24 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

25. Approval to Award Services to Heat Transfer Sales, LLC to Refurbish Two Secondary Chill Water Pumps and Motors, in the Amount of \$31,894. **(APPROVED #25 through #37 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**



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26. Approval to Purchase One Sports Utility Vehicle from OC Welch Ford, in the Amount of \$41,730. **(APPROVED #25 through #37 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
27. Approval to Purchase a Utility Van from J.C. Lewis Ford, in the Amount of \$59,982. **(APPROVED #25 through #37 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
28. Approval to Procure Two Towable Passenger Stairs from AERO Specialties, in the Amount of \$74,434. **(APPROVED #25 through #37 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
29. Approval to Participate in the 2024 Hilton Head Island Concours d'Elegance and Motoring Festival as the Award Stage Sponsor, in the Amount of \$90,000. **(APPROVED #25 through #37 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
30. Approval to Purchase New Airfield Sign Panels from Allen Enterprises, in the Amount of \$99,668. **(APPROVED #25 through #37 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
31. Approval to Procure Two 4x4 Pickup Trucks from J.C. Lewis Ford, in the Amount of \$99,684. **(APPROVED #25 through #37 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
32. Approval to Procure Four (4) Police Interceptor Explorers from OC Welch Ford, in the Amount of \$171,860. **(APPROVED #25 through #37 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
33. Approval to Purchase Hold Room Seating from National Office Systems, in the Amount of \$204,787. **(APPROVED #25 through #37 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
34. Approval to Participate in the 2024 Visit Savannah Co-Op Digital Advertising Campaign, in the Amount of \$300,000. **(APPROVED #25 through #37 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
35. Approval to Procure One Airfield Sweeper Truck from Wastebuilt Environmental Solutions, in the Amount of \$348,994. **(APPROVED #25 through #37 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
36. Approval to Purchase Six (6) Passenger Ground Boarding Ramps from Keith Consolidated Industries, Inc., in the Amount of \$672,116. **(APPROVED #25 through #37 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**



37. Approval of the 2024-2025 Airport Liability Insurance Program with Sterling Seacrest Pritchard, Inc., in the Amount of \$886,479. **(APPROVED #25 through #37 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

AGREEMENTS

38. An Intergovernmental Agreement Between Chatham County, City of Savannah, and City of Pooler for the De-annexation of Property within the City Limits of Pooler and Savannah and Swap Each Jurisdiction's De-annexed Property with the Properties being Annexed into the Other Jurisdiction. After the swap of properties, both municipalities would re-annex said swapped property back into each of their respective jurisdictions. **(APPROVED #38 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

MISCELLANEOUS

39. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Underground Easement to Benefit Georgia Power Company for a Utility Project at 16 E. 35th Street (PIN 20065 05001). **(APPROVED #39 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
40. Added: Resolution on Closing of Georgia's Health Insurance Coverage Gap. **(APPROVED #40 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

Following announcements, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:42 p.m.