



Work Session and City Manager's Briefing

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 11:03 a.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. Tourism Ordinance/Tourism Service Vehicles. **[PRESENTED by City Manager Melder and Special Events, Film & Tourism Senior Director Susan Broker]**
2. Closed Executive Session Regarding Personnel, Real Estate, and Litigation. **[At 12:23 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to hold a closed executive session regarding real estate, seconded by Alderman Lanier, Alderman Miller Blakely, and Alderman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.]**

At 1:30 p.m., Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adjourn the closed executive session, seconded by Alderman Wilder-Bryan. 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 1:30 p.m.



Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:02 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Palumbo who introduced Deacon and Alderman Detric Leggett 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
Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2
Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 – Vice-Chair
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 – Chairman
Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5 – Mayor Pro Tem
Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

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AGENDA ITEMS:

*** Mayor Johnson announced that the Mayor and Aldermen conducted a closed executive session earlier about Real Estate 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 April 11, 2024. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0, as amended, removing agenda item #16 from the agenda as requested by the City Manager)**



APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on March 28, 2024, at 12:30 p.m. **(APPROVED #2, #3, #4 and #5 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on March 28, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2, #3, #4 and #5 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
4. Approval of the Minutes for the Special Called Meeting Visioning Session Retreat on March 25, 2024. **(APPROVED #2, #3, #4 and #5 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
5. Approval of the Minutes for the Special Called Meeting Visioning Session Retreat on March 26, 2024. **(APPROVED #2, #3, #4 and #5 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

PRESENTATIONS

6. An Appearance by Representatives of Advocates for Restorative Communities of Savannah (ARCS) to Receive a Proclamation Declaring the Month of April 2024 as "2nd Chance Month" in Savannah, GA. **[PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson]**
7. An Appearance by Representatives of the Live Oak Public Libraries to Receive a Proclamation Declaring April 7-15, 2024 as "National Library Week" in Savannah, GA. **[PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson]**
8. An Appearance by Representatives of Gamma Sigma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority to Receive a Proclamation Declaring April 11, 2024 as "AKA Black Maternal Health Day" in Savannah, GA. **[PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson]**
9. Presentation of the Employee Engagement Team and Recognition of the 2023 City of Savannah Employee of the Year. **[PRESENTED by the Employee Engagement Team]**
10. Presentation of the 2020-2023 City of Savannah Accomplishments Report. **[PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and City Manager Melder]**



ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

11. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales and a Class A (Liquor, Beer, Wine) Caterer License to Ryan Williamson for Flora & Fauna Savannah, LLC t/a Flora Fauna, a Restaurant Located at 2401-2403 Bull Street. The establishment is located between West 40th and West 41st Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Mayor Johnson opened the hearing for #11 and #12 (related items).

Speaker(s):

- **Edward Morrow, MPC representative**

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

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

ZONING HEARINGS

12. Petition from FARM-Starland Properties, LLC on Behalf of Ryan Williamson for a Special Use Permit to Establish a Restaurant with Alcohol Sales with Conditions at 2401-2403 Bull Street (PIN 20065 47009) within TC-1 Zoning District in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-001093-ZA).

Mayor Johnson opened the hearing for #11 and #12 (related items).

Speaker(s):

- **Edward Morrow, MPC representative**

CLOSED HEARING for #12 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.

(APPROVED SPECIAL USE PERMIT for #12 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)

ORDINANCES – FIRST AND SECOND READING

13. Ordinance to Amend of Chapter 1, Personal Conduct, of Part 9, Offenses, of the Code of the City of Savannah, Georgia.

(After the first reading was considered to be the second reading,

APPROVED #13 UNANIMOUSLY)

Speaker(s):

- **Georgia State Representative Anne Allen Westbrook**
- **Representatives of Moms Demand Action**



PURCHASING ITEMS

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Rental of Four (4) Vehicles with Premier Truck Rental in the Amount of \$64,621. These vehicles were used to ensure uninterrupted service delivery and mitigate any potential utility service disruptions. (Fleet) **(APPROVED #14, #15, #18, #21, and #22 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Ammunition with Gulf State Distributors in the Amount of \$74,783. The ammunition will be utilized for the training of new hires, current officers, and specialized units. (SPD) **(APPROVED #14, #15, #18, #21, and #22 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract and Maintenance Agreement with Vertosoft for OpenGov Software in the Amount of \$309,750. OpenGov is a budget and performance software solution used by the City for financial management operations in a cloud based environment for the public sector. This contract will provide regular maintenance and support as well as licensing to the City. (ITS) **(REMOVED during the adoption of the agenda, as requested by the City Manager)**

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Leasing of 300 Automated External Defibrillators with Avive Solutions in the Amount of \$114,999 Annually for Five Years, with a Total Amount Not to Exceed \$574,995. Leasing the defibrillators enables the City to outfit its facilities with the devices at a much lower cost while shifting much of its liability onto the vendor. (Risk Management) **(APPROVED #17 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Parking Matters Study with Stantec Consulting Services in the Amount of \$128,285. The Parking and Mobility Services Department will use Stantec to conduct the analysis, evaluate the existing parking situation, and develop strategies to optimize parking utilization and efficiency. (Parking & Mobility Services) **(APPROVED #14, #15, #18, #21, and #22 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Installation of New Ballfield Lights with MUSCO Sports Lighting, LLC in an Amount Not to Exceed



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\$838,445. The installation of new ballfield lights at the Guy Minick Youth Sports Complex will provide more opportunities for youth and adult sports teams to conduct practices and games during evening hours. (Recreation & Leisure Services) **(APPROVED #19 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Three (3) Elgin Pelican Street Sweepers with Environmental Product Group c/o Elgin Sweeper Company in the Amount of \$869,100. The new sweepers will replace units that are at the end of their useful life and have been identified as FY24 replacements. (Fleet) **(APPROVED #20 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Eight (8) Rear Loader Chassis with Battle Motors c/o Crane Carrier Company in the Amount of \$1,430,624. Seven (7) of the rear loader truck chassis are planned FY24 replacements and one (1) will be a fleet addition for the Sanitation Department. (Fleet) **(APPROVED #14, #15, #18, #21, and #22 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Three (3) Front Loading Refuse Trucks and Eight (8) Refuse Bodies with Solid Waste Applied Technologies c/o New Way Under in the Amount of \$2,163,000. The front-loading refuse trucks will replace units 6701, 6742, and 6743 which are planned FY24 replacements. (Fleet) **(APPROVED #14, #15, #18, #21, and #22 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

23. Approval to Purchase GPS Survey Equipment from Georgia Surveyors Exchange, in the Amount of \$35,200. **(APPROVED #23 through #30, #32, #33, and #34 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

24. Approval to Contract Services from KONE Inc. for the Installation of Elevator Door Lock Monitoring Devices on Four Terminal Elevators, in the Amount of \$63,345. **(APPROVED #23 through #30, #32, #33, and #34 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

25. Approval of Task Work Order No. 2 with Mead and Hunt for Design and Bid Phase Services for the Signage Upgrade Project, in the Amount of \$67,835. **(APPROVED #23 through #30, #32, #33, and #34 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**



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26. Approval to Purchase a Sweeper from Jerry Pate Turf & Irrigation, in the Amount of \$89,164. **(APPROVED #23 through #30, #32, #33, and #34 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
27. Approval to Procure One Skid Steer with High Flow Hydraulic System from Hendrix Machinery, in the Amount of \$123,099. **(APPROVED #23 through #30, #32, #33, and #34 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
28. Approval to Renew the 2024-2025 Annual Maintenance Agreement with KONE, Inc., in the Amount of \$164,482. **(APPROVED #23 through #30, #32, #33, and #34 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
29. Approval to Procure One Tractor with a Boom Mower from Hendrix Machinery, Inc., in the Amount of \$173,519. **(APPROVED #23 through #30, #32, #33, and #34 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
30. Approval to Amend the Purchase of Hold Room Seating to be Directly from Herman Miller, Inc., Replacing National Office Systems, in the Amount of \$204,787. **(APPROVED #23 through #30, #32, #33, and #34 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
31. Approval of Task Work Order No. 1 with AECOM for Design and Construction Phase Services to Upgrade the Runway 01 Instrument Landing System to a Mark 420 Instrument Landing System, in the Amount of \$224,800. **(APPROVED #31, 8-0-1, with Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz recusing herself for purposes of business)**
32. Approval to Contract Services from Otis Elevator Company to Provide a Comprehensive Modernization Package on the Economy North and South Parking Elevators, in the Amount of \$300,000. **(APPROVED #23 through #30, #32, #33, and #34 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
33. Approval of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Customs and Border Protection (CBP) for the Replacement of Information Technology and Communications Equipment, in the Amount NTE \$332,000. **(APPROVED #23 through #30, #32, #33, and #34 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
34. Approval to Ratify the Acceptance of Other Transactional Agreement No. 70T04024T7672N002 from the Transportation Security Administration, in the



Amount of \$1,091,109.67. **(APPROVED #23 through #30, #32, #33, and #34 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

35. Approval of Task Work Order No. 4 with AECOM for Architectural and Design Services for the In-line Checked Baggage Inspection System, in the Amount of \$1,281,180. **(APPROVED #35, 8-0-1, with Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz recusing herself for purposes of business)**

RESOLUTIONS

36. Resolution for the Adoption of the Vision Statement and Equity Definition for the 140th Administration of the City of Savannah, GA. **(APPROVED #36 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

AGREEMENTS

37. Authorize the City Manager to Accept the FY2024 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Grant Award in the Amount \$400,000 Transferring Dislocated Worker Funds to the Adult Funding Stream. The award will be used to provide training and supportive services to adults who are unemployed or underemployed from October 1, 2023, through June 30, 2025. The City serves as the fiduciary agent for the 10-county region. **(APPROVED #37 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

REAL ESTATE ITEMS

38. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Amendment to Extend the Intergovernmental Lease Agreement at the Coastal Georgia Center Located at 305 Fahm Street for Five Years at an Initial Rate of \$553,661 per Year (Escalating at 3% per Year). **(APPROVED #38 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

39. Settlement #1.
Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve #39, authorizing the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (slip and fall) of Christopher Eiseman in the amount of \$45,000.00, seconded by Ald. Wilder-Bryan, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.



MISCELLANEOUS

40. Approval of a Major Subdivision - Brookline Phase 3. This proposed property totals 17.453 acres and will consist of 63 single family lots with varying lot sizes. The property has own entrance off Highlands Boulevard at Brookline Drive in Alderman District 1. **(APPROVED #40 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

Following announcements, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at **4:04 p.m.**