



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. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order and recognized Alderman Purtee to offer a prayer.

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

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. 100 Days of Summer. **[PRESENTED by City Manager Melder and various Team Savannah leadership members]**
2. Closed Executive Session: Litigation, Personnel, and Real Estate. **[HELD @11:53 a.m. No action was taken.]**
3. City Manager's Agenda Review.

There was no action taken during the workshop and executive session. Upon motion and second to close the Executive Session, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meetings at 12:55 p.m.



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 Kurtis Purtee to introduce Pastor Lydia Syed of Grace & Deliverance Kingdom Church of Christ, to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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AGENDA ITEMS:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for May 9, 2024. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on April 25, 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 April 25, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**



PRESENTATIONS

4. Presentation of a Proclamation Declaring May 10th, 2024, as Childcare Provider Appreciation Day. The day provides an opportunity to recognize the contributions childcare providers make in their community. **[PRESENTED and READ by Mayor Johnson]**
- ~~5. Presentation of the Employee Engagement Team & Recognition the 2024 First Quarter Employee of the Quarter Winners. (Continued to the May 23, 2024, Council meeting)~~
6. A Proclamation Declaring May as Building Safety Month. Building Safety Month is sponsored by the International Code Council to remind the public about the critical role of our communities' largely unknown protectors of public safety who assure us of safe, sustainable, and affordable buildings that are essential to our prosperity. **[READ by Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz]**
7. A Proclamation Declaring May 19-25, 2024, as National Public Works Week in Savannah. Public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities, and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to public health, high quality of life, and well-being of the people. **[READ by Chairman Palumbo]**

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

8. Approval to Add a Class B (Liquor) (Manufacturer) Alcohol License to the Existing Class B (Beer) (Manufacturer) Alcohol License to James Massey for Two Tides Brewing Company, LLC. t/a Third Wave Spirits, a Manufacturer Located at 12 West 41st Street between Bull and Whitaker Streets in Aldermanic District 2. (Continued from the April 25, 2024, City Council Regular Meeting at the request of City Staff.)
Mayor Johnson opened the hearings for #8 and #10.
No speaker(s).
CLOSED PUBLIC HEARINGS for #8 and #10 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.
(APPROVED #8 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)



9. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Victoria Hill for Bellwether House, a Bed and Breakfast Inn Located at 211 E. Gaston Street. The establishment is located between Abercorn Street and Lincoln Street in Aldermanic District 2. (Continued to the June 27, 2024, City Council Meeting at the request of City Staff)

(CONTINUED #9 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0, to the June 27, 2024 City Council Meeting)

10. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Blake Greco for Parker's #100, a Convenience Store Located at 1750 Grove Point Road Between Sweetwater Station and Pine Grove Drives in Aldermanic District 6.

Mayor Johnson opened the hearings for #8 and #10.

No speaker(s).

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARINGS for #8 and #10 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.

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

ZONING HEARINGS

11. Petition of Robert L. McCorkle, Agent for Travis Stringer of Foram Development, LLC on Behalf of 621 Gwinnett, LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 810 E. Broad Street, 613-623 E. Gwinnett Street, and 610-614 E. Bolton Street (PIN 20043 07001, -04, -05, -06, -13, -15, -18, -19, and -20) from TC-2 to DX. The item was recommended as a PD-S (Small Planned Development) in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 23-001408-ZA). (Continued from the March 28, 2024, and April 25, 2024, Council Meetings. Recommendation Pending.)

Mayor Johnson opened the hearing for #11.

Speaker(s):

- **Edward Morrow, representing the MPC**
- **Robert McCorkle, representing the applicant**
- **Ellie Isaacs (HSF) – OPPOSED**
- **Dicky (Richard) Mopper – IN SUPPORT**
- **Denise Flojo – OPPOSED**
- **Tony Riley – OPPOSED**
- **Andrew Jones – OPPOSED**
- **Ed Pynch – OPPOSED**



- **Mary Anne Gojdics – OPPOSED**
- **James Hundsrucker – OPPOSED**
- **Karen Jarrett – OPPOSED**

(CLOSED HEARING for #11 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)

See related agenda item #17.

Written comment(s):

- **Katie Glusica – OPPOSED**
- **Nancy Maia (VNA) – IN SUPPORT**
- **Jason Combs – IN SUPPORT**
- **Chantel Morton – OPPOSED**
- **Whitney Shephard – IN SUPPORT**
- **James (Jim) Hundsrucker) – OPPOSED**
- **Ed Pynch - OPPOSED**

12. Petition of Robert L. McCorkle, Agent for Ramsey Khalidi, LLC for a Text Amendment to Section 5.4 to Add the Indoor Amusement Use as a Limited Use in the I-L (Light Industrial) Zoning Districts (File No. 24-000624-ZA). (Continued from the March 28, 2024, and April 25, 2024, Council Meetings.)

Mayor Johnson opened the hearing for #12.

Speaker(s):

- **Edward Morrow, representing the MPC**
- **Robert McCorkle, representing the applicant**
- **Roshida Edwards – asked questions concerning the rezoning**

(CLOSED HEARING for #12 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)

See related agenda item #18.

13. Petition of Miles Hansford, LLC on Behalf of J. Underwood for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 279.2 Acres at 100 Little Neck Road (PIN 21007 02003) from R-A-CO (Residential Agriculture-County) and Planned Community Business-County (P-B-C-CO) to Planned Development (PD) with Conditions (File No. 23-003457-ZA).

Mayor Johnson opened the hearing for #13.

Speaker(s):

- **Edward Morrow, representing the MPC**



(CLOSED HEARING for #13 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0). See related agenda item #19.

14. Petition of Josh Yellin on Behalf of Starland Bull LLC for a Special Use Permit at 2517 Bull Street (PIN 20074 07005) for Accessory Alcohol Sales in Association with a Restaurant, Bar/Tavern, and Wine Specialty Shop Uses in the Traditional Commercial-1 (TC-1) within Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-001058-ZA).

Mayor Johnson opened the hearings for #14 and #15.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, representing the MPC
- Josh Yellin, representing the applicant

CLOSED HEARINGS for #14 and #15 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.

(APPROVED #14 Special Use Permit UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)

15. Petition of Josh Yellin on Behalf of Starland Bull LLC for a Special Use Permit at 2517 West 42nd Street (PIN 20074 07006) for Accessory Alcohol Sales in Association with a Restaurant, Bar/Tavern, and Wine Specialty Shop Uses in the Traditional Commercial-1 (TC-1) within Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-001104-ZA).

Mayor Johnson opened the hearings for #14 and #15.

Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, representing the MPC
- Josh Yellin, representing the applicant

CLOSED HEARINGS for #14 and #15 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.

(APPROVED #15 Special Use Permit, 7-2-0, with Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Lanier voting no)

16. Petition of Patrick Warner on Behalf of J. Eady Enterprises for Juan Eady to Zone Approximately 5.776 Acres at 4 ACL Boulevard (PIN 10747 05004) from R-1 (Residential One) to R-1-CO (Residential One-County) (File No. 24-002002-ZA).

Mayor Johnson opened the hearing for #16.

Speaker(s):

- Bridget Lidy, representing Planning & Urban Design
- Arizona Brown – OPPOSED
- Khadejah Hicks – asked questions regarding rezoning

(CLOSED HEARING for #16 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)



See related agenda items #21 and #22.

ORDINANCES – FIRST AND SECOND READING

17. Petition of Robert L. McCorkle, Agent for Travis Stringer of Foram Development, LLC on Behalf of 621 Gwinnett, LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 810 E. Broad Street, 613-623 E. Gwinnett Street, and 610-614 E. Bolton Street (PIN 20043 07001, -04, -05, -06, -13, -15, -18, -19, and -20) from TC-2 to DX. The item was recommended as a PD (Small Planned Development) in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 23-001408-ZA). (Continued from the March 28, 2024, and April 25, 2024, Council Meetings. Recommendation Pending.) **(DENIED #17, 6-3-0, with Ald. Bell, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Purtee voting against the motion to deny)**
18. Petition of Robert L. McCorkle, Agent for Ramsey Khalidi, LLC for a Text Amendment to Section 5.4 to Add the Indoor Amusement Use as a Limited Use in the I-L (Light Industrial) Zoning Districts (File No. 24-000624-ZA). (Continued from the March 28, 2024, and April 25, 2024, Council Meetings.) **(APPROVED #18, 7-2-0, with Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Lanier voting no)**
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20. Ordinance to Require Sound Control Devices on Tour Service Vehicles. This ordinance will regulate unreasonably intrusive levels of sound emanating from tour service vehicles. **(After the first reading was considered the second reading, APPROVED #20 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0).**
Speaker(s):
- David McDonald – IN SUPPORT
- Written comment(s):**
- Patrick Connell – OPPOSED



ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

21. Approval for the Annexation of 5.776 Acres Located off Gamble Road near ACL Boulevard. The Property Owner desires to develop approximately 21 single family residential lots on the property. **(HEARD for FIRST READING ONLY)**
22. Petition of Patrick Warner on Behalf of J. Eady Enterprises for Juan Eady to Zone Approximately 5.776 Acres at 4 ACL Boulevard (PIN 10747 05004) from R-1 (Residential One) to R-1-CO (Residential One-County) (File No. 24-002002-ZA). **(HEARD for FIRST READING ONLY)**

PURCHASING ITEMS

23. Notification of an Emergency Procurement of a Dan Foss Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) Pump and Installation with Goforth Williamson, Inc in the Amount of \$56,570. The Industrial & Domestic Treatment Plant (I&D) will utilize this equipment to replace the outdated VFD pump that drives the booster pump at Lathrop, which blew up and needs to be replaced. (Industrial & Domestic Water Plant) **(APPROVED #23, #24, #26, and #27 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Automatic Car Washing and Detailing Services with Coastal Properties Unlimited DBA AutoShine Car Wash (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$58,248. This contract will be utilized for cleaning and detailing City Vehicles for all departments. This contract is available for any vehicle currently in the fleet that may require this service. (Fleet) **(APPROVED #23, #24, #26, and #27 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Dedicated Network Circuits with Comcast (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$75,000. The Innovation and Technology Services Department will use this contract for consolidating and improving data-dedicated line connectivity for critical infrastructure sites. (DoIT) **(APPROVED #25 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Refurbishment, Structural Welding and Fabrication Services of Trash Compactors with Atlantic Commercial Construction, LLC in an Amount Not to Exceed \$341,089. The refurbishment



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services will be a cost-effective measure to restore the City's compactors and machinery to a functional state. (Sanitation Department) **(APPROVED #23, #24, #26, and #27 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

27. Authorized the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Removal of Emergent Aquatic Vegetation with MPW Construction, LLC (LOCAL)(DBE) in the Amount of \$1,300,000. The alum sludge pond is located on-site at the Industrial & Domestic water treatment facility and is roughly 10 acres in size. (Industrial & Domestic Water Plant) **(APPROVED #23, #24, #26, and #27 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

AGREEMENTS

28. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Jai Prabhu Investments, LLC for Benton Center Expansion. This is for a development consisting of 6,800 sq. ft. of retail space on Jimmy Deloach Parkway in Aldermanic District 1. **(APPROVED #28, #29, and #30 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

29. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Sweetwater Developers of Georgia, LLC for Sweetwater Station Phase 12. This is for a development consisting of 45 single family homes in Aldermanic District 6. **(APPROVED #28, #29, and #30 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

30. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Standard 601 Liberty Owner, LLC for 601 East Liberty Street. This is for a development consisting of a 217-unit apartment complex on East Liberty Street in Aldermanic District 2. **(APPROVED #28, #29, and #30 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

REAL ESTATE ITEMS

31. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Board of Education for Placement of Playgrounds on Three Board Properties. **(APPROVED #31, 8-0-1, with Ald. Purtee recusing himself for business purposes)**



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32. Authorize the City Manager to Accept Donation of a 1.15 Acres Property Located Off East 60th Street (PIN 20104 24023). **(APPROVED #32 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

MISCELLANEOUS

33. Approval of Major Subdivision: Tract N Phase 2, a Portion of Parcel 4B at The Highlands at Godley Station. This proposed property totals 5.804 acres and will consist of 46 single family lots with varying lot sizes. The property has its own entrance off Slade Street in Aldermanic District 1. **(APPROVED #33 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

***Mayor Johnson entertained a motion authorizing him to sign a resolution and affidavit, thereby indicating that the City Council held an executive session earlier in the day regarding personnel, litigation and real estate, where no votes/action was taken. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0. (APPROVED)**

Following announcements, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 4:59 p.m.