



Work Session and City Manager's Briefing

The work session and City Manager's briefing was held at 11:02 a.m., in the 2nd Floor Media Room. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order and recognized Alderman Leggett to offer a prayer.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
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

ABSENT: Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, Post 1 – At-Large
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. Civic Center Development Update. **[PRESENTED by City Manager Melder and various Team Savannah leadership members]**
2. ~~Closed Executive Session: Litigation, Personnel, and Real Estate.~~
3. ~~City Manager's Agenda Review.~~

There was no action taken during the workshop. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz adjourned the meeting at 12:49 p.m.



Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:05 p.m. Mayor Johnson introduced Pastor Kaggia Kimathi Scott of West Board SDA Church, 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 23, 2024. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on May 9, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0)**
3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on May 9, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0)**



PRESENTATIONS

4. A Proclamation Declaring May as National Cities, Towns, and Villages Month. From the nation's smallest villages to its largest cities, America's local governments have been essential in transforming the United States of America into the greatest, most influential nation in world history. **[PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and READ by Ald. Wilder-Bryan]**
5. Presentation of the Employee Engagement Team & Recognition of the 2024 First Quarter Employee of the Quarter Winners. (Continued from the May 9, 2024, Council meeting) **[PRESENTED by City Manager Melder]**

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

6. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Len Johnson for Better Than Sex - A Dessert Restaurant, a Restaurant Located at 410 West Broughton Street. The establishment is located between Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Montgomery Street in Aldermanic District 2.
Mayor Johnson opened the hearing for #6.
No speaker(s).
CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING for #6 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0.
(APPROVED #6 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0)

ZONING HEARINGS

7. Petition of Bridget Lidy on Behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah for a Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Amendment of 66.5-Acres for 4801 Meding Street (PIN 20108 01001) from Parks and Recreation to Planned Development in Aldermanic District 5 (File No. 24-000287-ZA).
Mayor Johnson opened the hearing for #7.
Speaker(s):
 - Edward Morrow, representing the MPC
 - Gerald Ferrebee – asked questions, but **IN SUPPORT****(CLOSED HEARING for #7 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0). See related agenda item #11.**



8. Petition of Joshua Yellin for 1201 Abercorn LLC on Behalf of Asbury United Methodist Church to Amendment a Future Land Use Map from Traditional Neighborhood to Traditional Commercial at 1201 Abercorn Street and 115 E. Duffy Street (PIN 20053 03001 & 20053 03014) in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-002111-ZA). **(CONTINUED/POSTPONED #8, #9, #10, #12, and #13 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0, as requested by the petitioner)**
9. Petition of Joshua Yellin on Behalf of Asbury United Methodist Church for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 1201 Abercorn Street and 115 E. Duffy Street from TN-1 (Traditional Neighborhood-1) to TC-1 (Traditional Commercial-1) in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-002007-ZA). **(CONTINUED/POSTPONED #8, #9, #10, #12, and #13 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0, as requested by the petitioner)**
10. Petition of Joshua Yellin for 1201 Abercorn LLC on Behalf of Asbury United Methodist Church for Special Use Permit Requests to Allow 1) the Accessory Alcohol Sales in a Restaurant and 2) Hall, Banquet, or Reception within TN-1 (Traditional Neighborhood-1) at 1201 Abercorn Street and 115 E. Duffy Street in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-002006-ZA). **(CONTINUED/POSTPONED #8, #9, #10, #12, and #13 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0, as requested by the petitioner)**

ORDINANCES – FIRST AND SECOND READING

11. Petition of Bridget Lidy on Behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah for a Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map Amendment of 66.5 Acres for 4801 Meding Street (PIN 20108 01001) from Parks and Recreation to Planned Development in Aldermanic District 5 (File No. 24-000287-ZA). **(After the first reading was considered the second reading, APPROVED #11, 5-0-2, with Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Lanier abstaining from the vote)**
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ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

14. Approval for the Annexation of 7.25 Acres Located off State Route 204 near Middle Landing Road. The property owner desires to develop a self storage rental facility at the site. **(HEARD for FIRST READING ONLY)**

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

15. 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. **(APPROVED #15 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0)**
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). **(APPROVED #16 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0)**

PURCHASING ITEMS

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Three (3) Year Annual Maintenance Agreement for RockSolid Software with Granicus in the Amount of \$52,820. The Innovation + Technology Services Department utilizes this software to provide a 311 interface for citizens and City employees to submit tickets for maintenance work across the city. (ITS) **(APPROVED #17 through #23 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0)**



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18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Lot Clearing with Garcia Services, LLC (Primary)(LOCAL)(DBE) and Samjay Services, Inc. (Secondary)(LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$272,320. The Code Compliance Department will use the lot clearing services to provide prompt and efficient lot clearing services for properties in violation of city ordinances, helping to maintain a safe and clean environment for residents to thrive. (Code Compliance) **(APPROVED #17 through #23 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0)**
19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Network Maintenance Services, Equipment, and Security with Layer 3 Communications (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,045,000. The Innovation + Technology Services Department uses this contract for maintenance of the hardware and software utilized in core IT network services and infrastructure. (ITS) **(APPROVED #17 through #23 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0)**
20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Electrical Services with Aiken Harper Electrical Services, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,192,330. This service is for electrical repairs and modifications to ensure continuity of electrical operations throughout City facilities. (Public Works) **(APPROVED #17 through #23 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0)**
21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Construction Manager At Risk Services for the City Hall Restoration Phase 1 Project with C.E. Garbutt Construction Company in an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,455,103. The restoration work will include the entire first floor archives area to create a new interpretive/museum space for visitors and Council Chambers on the second floor. (Capital Projects) **(APPROVED #17 through #23 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0)**
22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Sidewalk, Curb, and Cobblestone Repair with Savannah River Utilities Co. (Primary), United Grounds Maintenance Services, Inc. (Secondary), and Savannah Paving Company (Tertiary) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$2,700,000. The Streets Maintenance Department will use this service to allow contractors to repair sidewalks, curbs, and cobblestone/concrete streets within the City limits. The contracted repairs will help alleviate the city's backlog of work orders, reduce liabilities, and improve neighborhood revitalization. (Transportation Services) **(APPROVED #17 through #23 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0)**



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23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Bio-Solids Hauling and Disposal Services with Synagro in an Amount Not to Exceed \$3,000,000. The services will be utilized to haul and dispose of bio-solids from the President Street Plant, which is necessary to maintain a healthy treatment process and avoid permit violations. (Water Reclamation) **(APPROVED #17 through #23 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0)**

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24. Approval to Renew the Annual License Subscription for M-Files from Laminin Solutions for a One-Year Period, in the Amount of \$25,645. **(APPROVED #24 through #35 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0)**
25. Approval of the Commission's Agreement Share for City Works License Renewal with Azteca Systems, LLC, in the Amount of \$54,400. **(APPROVED #24 through #35 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0)**
26. Approval to Execute Change Order No. 6 with Collins Construction, Inc. for Additional Work Related to the Terminal Security Checkpoint Expansion Project, in the Amount of \$67,765. **(APPROVED #24 through #35 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0)**
27. Approval to Enter into an Agreement with Leidos, Inc. for the Relocation of Existing Transportation Security Equipment (TSE) Pertaining to the Security Checkpoint Project, in the Amount of \$93,100. **(APPROVED #24 through #35 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0)**
28. Approval to Fund an Additional Year of the Professional Services Agreement with Carol Holladay & Associates, in the Amount of \$96,000. **(APPROVED #24 through #35 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0)**
29. Approval to Procure One ADA Transit Shuttle Bus from Model 1 Commercial Vehicles, Inc., in the Amount of \$108,370. **(APPROVED #24 through #35 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0)**
30. Approval to Renew the Public Address System Platinum Assurance Plan Agreement and Upgrades for Two Years with ALTEL Systems Group, Inc., in the Amount of \$117,470. **(APPROVED #24 through #35 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0)**



31. Approval to Procure One Wheelchair Aircraft Lift from Lift-A-Loft Acquisition, Inc., in the Amount of \$141,895. **(APPROVED #24 through #35 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0)**
32. Approval for the Lifecycle Replacement of One Bucket Truck from One Nation Distribution, LLC., in the Amount of \$149,890. **(APPROVED #24 through #35 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0)**
33. Approval to Purchase Palo Alto Networks Firewalls, Licensing, and Installation Services from DISYS Solutions, Inc. DBA DSI Tech, in the Amount of \$185,258. **(APPROVED #24 through #35 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0)**
34. Approval to Execute a Contract with Johnson-Laux Construction, LLC., for the Temporary Ground Boarding Walkways Project, in the Amount of \$1,412,910. **(APPROVED #24 through #35 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0)**
35. Approval to Ratify the Acceptance of Airport Infrastructure Grant Offer No. 3-13-0100-079-2024 from the Federal Aviation Administration, in the Amount of \$7,230,276. **(APPROVED #24 through #35 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0)**

RESOLUTIONS

36. Resolution (declaring PFAS a public nuisance). **(APPROVED #36 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0)**

AGREEMENTS

37. Authorize the City Manager to Accept the Modification to Extend the WorkSource Quality Jobs, Equity, Strategy and Training (QUEST) Disaster Recovery Dislocated Worker Grant Award. 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 #37 through #42 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0)**
38. Approval of PY2024 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Adult/Dislocated Worker and Youth Provider Sub-awards in the Amount of Up to \$2,146,606 for Delivery of Training and Support Services to Unemployed or Underemployed Adults and to Low-Income Youth Ages 16-24 in the 10-County Region. **(APPROVED #37 through #42 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0)**



39. Approval to Modify and Extend the PY2023 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Year-Round Youth, Adult and Dislocated Worker and One-Stop Operator Sub-awards Period of Availability for WIOA Services. **(APPROVED #37 through #42 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0)**
40. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Drayton-Parker Companies, LLC for Parker's Kitchen #100. This is for a development consisting of a 5,175 sq. ft. convenience store on Grove Point Road in Aldermanic District 6. **(APPROVED #37 through #42 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0)**
41. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Radhe Krishna Properties, Inc. for Spencer Connerat Phase 1. This is for a development consisting of 99 single family homes off Littleneck Road in Aldermanic District 5. **(APPROVED #37 through #42 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0)**
42. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with MCG Savannah Owner, LLC for Madison Savannah Apartments. This is for a development consisting of a 240-unit apartment complex at 7810 Abercorn Street in Aldermanic District 4. **(APPROVED #37 through #42 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0)**
43. Approval of an Updated Memorandum of Understanding Between The United States Attorney's Office, Southern District of Georgia, and The Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah Regarding the Appointment of a Special Assistant United States Attorney (SAUSA) to the United States Attorney's Office (USAO) to Further Local, State, and Federal Interests Related to Violent Crime in Savannah. **(APPROVED #43 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-0)**

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

44. Settlement #1.
Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve #44, authorizing the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (vehicle incident) of Henry Robinson in the amount of \$120,000.00, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-0.

Following announcements, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:07 p.m.