



Special Called Meeting/Work Session

The special meeting/work session was held at 10:03 a.m., in the City Council Chambers. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order, acknowledged Ald. Miller Blakely and her family, who lost her brother and stepmother, then recognized Alderman Purtee to offer a prayer.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
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

ABSENT: Alderman Carolyn H. Bell, Post 1 – At-Large
Alderman Alicia Miller Blakely, Post 2 – At-Large

ALSO, PRESENT:
Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Public Hearing on 2024 Property Tax Millage Rate.
[Mayor Johnson provided an overview, then Assistant City Manager Lloyd provided a presentation. Following the presentation, Mayor Johnson opened the millage rate public hearing. There were no speakers present, so the hearing was closed unanimously.]

Written comment(s) received:

- **Holly Shaw and Ron Weaver – OPPOSED**
2. Closed Executive Session: Litigation, Personnel, and Real Estate.
[Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to hold a closed executive session for the purpose of discussing litigation, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Lanier. The motion passed unanimously, 7-0-2. Ald. Bell and Ald. Miller



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Blakely were absent. The executive session began at 10:40 a.m., and ended at 10:59 a.m.]

- 3. City Manager's Agenda Review. [Following the executive session, Mayor Johnson and members of Council opened the doors and discussed options for handling agenda item #7, #8, #12, and #13, related agenda items regarding 2180 E. Victory Drive.**

There was no action taken during the special meeting/agenda review. Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.



Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:01 p.m. Mayor Johnson introduced Pastor Charles Robert O’Berry Jr., House of Freedom Worship Center, 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 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

ABSENT: Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, Post 2 – At-Large

ALSO, PRESENT:
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AGENDA ITEMS:

***Mayor Johnson announced that the Mayor and Aldermen conducted a closed executive session earlier regarding 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. Ald. Palumbo moved to approve, seconded by Ald. Purtee and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent. (APPROVED)**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for July 11, 2024. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES



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2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on June 27, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.)**
3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on June 27, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.)**

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

4. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, and Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Karnjana Sirimatueros for Sushi – Thai Savannah, a Restaurant Located at 317 W. Broughton Street. The establishment is located between Montgomery and Jefferson Streets in Aldermanic District 2.
Mayor Johnson opened the hearings for #4 and #5.
No speaker(s).
CLOSED PUBLIC HEARINGS for #4 and #5 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.
(APPROVED #4 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.)
5. Approval to Add a Class C (Beer) (By the Drink) to an Existing Class C (Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Marguerite Seckman for Superbloom, a Restaurant Located at 2418 DeSoto Avenue. The establishment is located between West 40th and West 41st Streets in Aldermanic District 2.
Mayor Johnson opened the hearings for #4 and #5.
Speaker(s):
 - **Judee Jones, Revenue Director****CLOSED PUBLIC HEARINGS for #4 and #5 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.**
(APPROVED #5 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.)

ZONING HEARINGS

6. Petition of Harold Yellin, Agent, on behalf of Gladys Hill and Joyce Durrence, Property Owners, for Cowan Investments LLC, Petitioner, for a Zoning Map Amendment with Conditions for 33.8 acres of the B-C (Community Business) to



RMF-2-18 (Residential Multifamily 2- 18 units per acre) of 0 Fort Argyle (PIN 21034 01008) in Aldermanic District 5 (File No. 24-002471-ZA).

Mayor Johnson opened the hearing for #6.

Speaker(s):

- **Melanie Wilson, MPC Executive Director and CEO**
- **Edward Morrow, representing the MPC**

(CLOSED HEARING for #6 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.) See related agenda item #11.

Written comment(s):

- **Kerrie Bieber – Expressed various concerns enumerated**
- **Leased Land of Robert & Lucy Grant – OPPOSED**

7. Petition of Joshua Yellin on behalf of 2180 E Victory Drive LLC for an Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map from Residential-General to Commercial-Suburban for 1.77 acres at 2180 East Victory Dr (PIN 20081 07003) in Aldermanic District 3 (File No. 24-002848-ZA).

Mayor Johnson opened the hearings for #7 and #8.

Speaker(s):

- **Melanie Wilson, MPC Executive Director and CEO**
- **Edward Morrow, representing the MPC**
- **Josh Yellin, representing the petitioner**
- **Enocha Van Lierop-Edenfield – OPPOSED**
- **Rene Hitt – OPPOSED**
- **Ellie Isaacs – OPPOSED**
- **Randy Tate – OPPOSED**
- **Brooke Powell – OPPOSED**
- **Jason Combs – OPPOSED**
- **Sue Adler – OPPOSED**
- **Greer Gadsden Larned, MD – OPPOSED**
- **Clinton Edminster – OPPOSED**
- **Emily Ullrich – OPPOSED**
- **Lynn Adams - OPPOSED**

(CLOSED HEARINGS for #7 and #8 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was away from the dais, and Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.) See related agenda items #12 and #13.



Written comment(s):

- ***See attached list at the end of the action minutes.**

8. Petition of Joshua Yellin of behalf of 2180 E Victory Drive LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment for 1.77 acres at 2180 E Victory Drive (PIN 20081 07003) from RSF-2-20 (Residential Multifamily 2-20 units per acre) to Office Institutional-Expanded (OI-E) in Aldermanic District 3 (File No. 24-002847-ZA).

HEARD TOGETHER WITH ITEM #7. See related agenda items #7, #12, and #13.

9. Petition of Ben Lockhart on behalf of In Beom Kang for Zoning Map Amendment for 0.833 acres at 3202 Ogeechee Road (PIN 20638 06007) from I-L (Light Industrial) to B-C (Community Business) in Aldermanic District 5 (File No. 24-002868-ZA).

Mayor Johnson opened the hearing for #9.

Speaker(s):

- **Edward Morrow, representing the MPC**
- **Ashley Lowden – OPPOSED**
- **Glynda M. Jones – IN SUPPORT, Provided additional historical info (CLOSED HEARING for #9 UNANIMOUSLY, 6-0-3. Ald. Leggett and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were away from the dais, and Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.)**

10. Petition of Derek Bergeon on behalf of Securcare Properties II, LLC to zone ~5.75 acres at 1721 Grove Point Road (PIN 11004 02007) from P-B-1 (Planned Business Limited) to P-B-1-CO (Planned Business Limited – County) to support annexation (File No. 24-002597-ZA)

Mayor Johnson opened the hearing for #10.

Speaker(s):

- **Bridget Lidy, Senior Director, Urban Planning & Design**
- CLOSED HEARING for #10 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.**

ORDINANCES – FIRST AND SECOND READING

11. Petition of Harold Yellin, Agent, on behalf of Gladys Hill and Joyce Durrence, Property Owners, for Cowan Investments LLC, Petitioner, for a Zoning Map



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Amendment with Conditions for 33.8 acres of the B-C (Community Business) to RMF-2-18 (Residential Multifamily 2- 18 units per acre) of 0 Fort Argyle (PIN 21034 01008) in Aldermanic District 5 (File No. 24-002471-ZA). **(After the first reading was considered the second reading, APPROVED #11 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.)**

12. Petition of Joshua Yellin on behalf of 2180 E Victory Drive LLC for an Amendment to the Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Map from Residential-General to Commercial-Suburban for 1.77 acres at 2180 East Victory Dr (PIN 20081 07003) in Aldermanic District 3 (File No. 24-002848-ZA). **(Motion to Approve FAILED for #12, 4-4-1. 4 yeas, 4 nays, and Ald. Miller Blakely was absent. See related agenda item #13.)**
13. Petition of Joshua Yellin of behalf of 2180 E Victory Drive LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment for 1.77 acres at 2180 E Victory Drive (PIN 20081 07003) from RSF-2-20 (Residential Multifamily 2-20 units per acre) to Office Institutional-Expanded (OI-E) in Aldermanic District 3 (File No. 24-002847-ZA). **(No vote was taken. See related agenda item #12.)**
14. Petition of Ben Lockhart on behalf of In Beom Kang for Zoning Map Amendment for 0.833 acres at 3202 Ogeechee Road (PIN 20638 06007) from I-L (Light Industrial) to B-C (Community Business) in Aldermanic District 5 (File No. 24-002868-ZA). **(After the first reading was considered the second reading, APPROVED #14 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was away from the dais, and Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.)**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

15. Petition of Derek Bergeon on behalf of Securcare Properties II, LLC to zone ~5.77 acres at 1721 Grove Point Road (PIN 11004 02007) from P-B-1 (Planned Business Limited) to P-B-1-CO (Planned Business Limited – County) to support annexation (File No. 24-002597-ZA). **(HEARD for FIRST READING ONLY)**
16. Approval for the Annexation of 5.77 Acres Located at 1721 Grove Point Road. The property owner desires to connect to City utilities at inside city rates. **(HEARD for FIRST READING ONLY)**



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17. Approval to Amend the 2024 Revenue Ordinance, Adopt the 2024 Property Tax Millage Rate, and Adopt the Special Service District Tax Rate for the Water Transportation District. The proposed millage rate of 12.20 mills for 2024 is unchanged from the final millage rate of 2023. **(HEARD for FIRST READING ONLY)**

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

18. An Ordinance to Amend the Charter of the City of Savannah Regarding Classified Service Demotion, Suspension, and Dismissal Action Appeal Processes in the Civil Service Ordinance. **(APPROVED #18 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.)**

PURCHASING ITEMS

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for One (1) Sweeper/Verticutter/Mower from Beard Equipment in the Amount of \$55,750. The Sweeper/Verticutter/Mower will be used by the Park and Tree Neighborhood Parks Division. This versatile equipment will play a vital role in enhancing the growing conditions and playability of sports fields and parks through cultural practice programs. (Fleet) **(APPROVED #19, #20, and #22 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.)**
20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Ben Tucker Theater Pit Repair with Lynn Construction in an Amount Not to Exceed \$99,277. This project is to enclose the unutilized orchestra pit in the Ben Tucker Theater at the Cultural Arts Center. (Capital Projects) **(APPROVED #19, #20, and #22 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.)**
21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for Solar Energy Services with Cherry Street Energy, LLC in the Amount not to Exceed of \$5,750,000. The Sustainability Department will use this agreement to fund the design, installation, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning of 1.26 MW of solar capacity across 14 City sites in support of the City's 100% Savannah goals, while also producing an estimated \$1,400,000 million in energy savings over the



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contract term. (Sustainability) **(APPROVED #21 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.)**

22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Debris Monitoring and Oversight Services with Goodwyn Mills Cawood (GMC) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$400,000. The service will be used to provide debris monitoring, management, recovery, and consulting services to support debris removal contractors in preparation and following a declared emergency activation. (Sanitation) **(APPROVED #19, #20, and #22 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.)**

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

23. Settlement #1.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve #23, authorizing the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (car accident) of Cora Cannady in the amount of \$150,000.00, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

MISCELLANEOUS

24. Approval of a Right-of-Way Dedication, also known as Four Lakes Parkway, Newton Neighborhood. The property is in Alderman District 5 at Street Location: Old River Road at the Chatham/Effingham County line. **(APPROVED #24 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.)**
25. Approve a Major Subdivision, Palms Townhomes. The proposed property totals 13.95 Acres and will consist of 62 Lots. The property has an entrance off Coconut Drive, located in Alderman District 5. **(APPROVED #25 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.)**

Following announcements, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 4:02 p.m.



Special Called Meeting (Millage Rate)

The special meeting was held at 6:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Alderman Carolyn H. Bell, Post 1 – 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 Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ABSENT: Alderman Alicia Miller Blakely, Post 2 – At-Large
Alderman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5 – Mayor Pro Tem

ALSO, PRESENT:
Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
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AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Public Hearing on 2024 Property Tax Millage Rate.
[Mayor Johnson provided an overview regarding the purpose and reasons for holding a millage rate public hearing. He also recognized SCCPS Board Chairman Roger Moss for being present now and earlier today.]

Speaker(s):

- **John Collier – Questions regarding the purpose of the public hearing and what to do with the Civic Center**

Written comment(s) received:

- **Holly Shaw and Ron Weaver – OPPOSED**

There was no action taken during the special meeting. Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

NAME	SUBJECT/ITEM	SUPPORT/OPOSE
1. Jane Stout	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes
2. Debbi Milligan Roland	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes
3. Sabine & Steven Smith	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes
4. Stephen Corrigan	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes
5. Laura Rychak	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes
6. Justin Rychak	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes
7. Felix T. Maher	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes
8. Andi Gray	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes
9. Rene Hitt	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes
10. Brenda Manning	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes
11. Annette Holliday	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes
12. Dale Worley	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes
13. Jenn Sexton	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes
14. Barry Atwood	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes
15. Emily Ullrich	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes
16. Brooke Powell	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes
17. M. Phan	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes
18. Sonja Fishkind	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes
19. Evelyn Kelly	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes
20. Jason Combs	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes
21. Natalie Joy Kurtz	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes

PUBLIC COMMENT

NAME	SUBJECT/ITEM	SUPPORT/OPOSE
22. Leighanna Bunton	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes
23. Andre Frattino	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes
24. Aquila Ingram	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes
25. Kathy Salter	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes
26. Caity Hamilton	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes
27. Jamie Holmes	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes
28. Sarah C. Harden	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes
29. Enocha Edenfield	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes
30. Charlotte Landon	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes
31. Christina Brantley	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes
32. Kylie Kline	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes
33. Lynn Adams	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes
34. Kirsten Pointer	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes
35. Gloria Martindale	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes
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37. Ryan Lee	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes
38. Katherine Grimmett	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes
39. Lillian Proveaux Breitbart	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes
40. Mariana Langlely (Molander)	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes
41. Sharon Mays	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes
42. Avondale SAV	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes
43. Lana Sanders	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes

PUBLIC COMMENT

NAME	SUBJECT/ITEM	SUPPORT/OPOSE
44. Millia Jimerson	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes
45. Anthony Teixeira	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes
46. Claire Nelson	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes
47. Jillison Parks	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes
48. Tammy Kenkel	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes
49. Sandra	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes
50. Connie Polk	Storage unit facility on Victory Drive; Item #7,8,12, and 13	Opposes

