



Work Session and City Manager's Briefing

The work session was held at 11:03 a.m., in the City Council Chambers. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order, then recognized Aldерwoman Carol Bell to offer a prayer.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Aldерwoman Carolyn H. Bell, Post 1 – At-Large
Aldерwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, Post 2 – At-Large
Aldерwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2
Aldерwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5 – Mayor Pro Tem

ABSENT: Aldерwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 – Vice Chair
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 – Chairman
Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:
Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
Deputy City Attorney Jen Herman
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Boards, Commissions, and Authorities Discussion. **[POSTPONED to the August 8, 2024 City Council Meeting, as requested by Mayor Johnson]**
2. Added: 2023 Financial & Compliance Audit. **[PRESENTED by Assistant City Manager Lloyd, CFO David Maxwell, and Trey Scott, partner with Mauldin & Jenkins]**
3. 2024 Mid-year Financial Update. **[PRESENTED by Office of Management & Budget Senior Director Melissa Carter]**
4. ~~City Manager's Update.~~

Following several comments/questions from city councilmembers, Mayor Johnson adjourned the work session at 12:40 p.m. No action was taken.



Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:02 p.m. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order and introduced Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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ALSO, PRESENT:
Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd
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City Attorney Bates Lovett
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AGENDA ITEMS:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for July 25, 2024. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1, as amended thereby postponing agenda item #12 as requested by Mayor Johnson. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Special Called Meeting Held on July 11, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. **(APPROVED #2, #3, and #4 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.)**



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3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on July 11, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2, #3, and #4 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.)**
4. Approval of the Minutes for the Special Called Meeting Held on July 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2, #3, and #4 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.)**

PRESENTATIONS

5. Presentation of the Employee Engagement Team and Recognition of the 2024 2nd Quarter Employee of the Quarter Winners. **(PRESENTED by Assistant City Manager Heath Lloyd)**

PUBLIC HEARINGS

6. Public Hearing on 2024 Property Tax Millage Rate.
Mayor Johnson read a prepared statement regarding the setting of a millage rate, the proposed rate of 12.20 mills, and how the city plans to utilize growth in three areas: drainage; transportation safety; and public safety compensation.
Mayor Johnson declared the public hearing open for #6.
Speaker(s):
 - **Timothy S. Mackey – IN SUPPORT, as explained by Mayor Johnson****Written comment(s) received:**
 - **Graham Zrostlik – IN SUPPORT of maintaining current millage rate****(CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING for agenda item #6 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.) See related agenda item #11.**

ZONING HEARINGS

7. Petition of Robert L. McCorkle, III on Behalf of Waters QOZB, LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment of 0.14-Acres at 1100 East 31st Street (PIN 20055 08016) from TR-2 (Traditional Residential-2) to TC-1 (Traditional Commercial-1) in



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Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-002022-ZA). Item continued from the June 27, 2024, meeting.

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearing for #7.

Speaker(s):

- **Edward Morrow, representing the MPC**
- **Robert McCorkle, representing the petitioner**

(CLOSED HEARING for #7 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent. See related agenda item #8.)

ORDINANCES – FIRST AND SECOND READING

8. Petition of Robert L. McCorkle, III on Behalf of Waters QOZB, LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment of 0.14-Acres at 1100 East 31st Street (PIN 20055 08016) from TR-2 (Traditional Residential-2) to TC-1 (Traditional Commercial-1) in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-002022-ZA). Item continued from the June 27, 2024. **(After the first reading was considered the second reading, APPROVED #8 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1, with consent from the petitioner to set aside 10% for low-income housing. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.)**

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

9. Petition of Derek Bergeon on Behalf of Securcare Properties II, LLC to Zone ~5.7 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). **(APPROVED #9 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.)**
10. 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. **(APPROVED #10 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.)**
11. 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. **(APPROVED #11 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.)**



PURCHASING ITEMS

12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Construction Contract for the Liberty City Community Center Parking Lot Expansion with Lynn Construction in an Amount Not to Exceed \$99,347. This project will construct an additional 11 parking spaces along the western border of the existing parking lot. (Capital Projects) **(POSTPONED by adoption of the agenda, as requested by Mayor Johnson)**

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

13. Approval to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Steven Baldwin & Associates, in the Amount of \$66,000. **(APPROVED #13, #15, #16, #17, #19, #20, and #21 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.)**
14. Approval of Task Work Order No. 9 with AECOM for the Design & Construction Services Fee Associated with the Construction of a Maintenance Equipment Building, in the Amount of \$106,067. **(APPROVED #14 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-2. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz recused herself from the vote for business purposes, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.)**
15. Approval to Execute a Contract with Terracon Consultants, Inc. for Special Inspections and Quality Assurance Testing for the Auxiliary Parking Lots Project, in the Amount of \$128,975. **(APPROVED #13, #15, #16, #17, #19, #20, and #21 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.)**
16. Approval for the Procurement and Installation of One South Vault Diesel Emergency Generator from Gen-Tec, Inc., in the Amount of \$159,515. **(APPROVED #13, #15, #16, #17, #19, #20, and #21 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.)**
17. Approval to Procure One Compact Crawler Boom Lift from Vermeer Southeast, in the Amount of \$165,335. **(APPROVED #13, #15, #16, #17, #19, #20, and #21 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.)**
18. Approval of Task Order No. 2 with AECOM for Construction Phase Services for the Extend Taxiway G & Bridge Project, in the Amount of \$207,270. **(APPROVED**



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#18 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-2. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz recused herself from the vote for business purposes, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.)

19. Approval of a Three-Year Cybersecurity Service Subscription Agreement with Darktrace, in the Amount of \$274,410. **(APPROVED #13, #15, #16, #17, #19, #20, and #21 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.)**

20. Approval to Execute a Contract with Terracon Consultants, Inc. for Special Inspections and Quality Assurance Testing for the Air Cargo Facility Project, in the Amount of \$558,625. **(APPROVED #13, #15, #16, #17, #19, #20, and #21 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.)**

21. Approval to Execute a Construction Contract with C.W. Matthews Contracting Co. Inc. for the Taxiway G and Bridge Project, in the Amount of \$15,732,000. **(APPROVED #13, #15, #16, #17, #19, #20, and #21 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.)**

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

22. Boards, Commissions, and Authorities. **(POSTPONED to the August 8, 2024 City Council Meeting, as requested by Mayor Johnson)**

AGREEMENTS

23. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with 501 East Bay Street LLC for 501 East Bay Street Apartments. This is for a development consisting of a four unit apartment complex on Bay Street in Aldermanic District 4 2. **(APPROVED #23 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.)**

24. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Augusta Transport & Land Clearing, Inc. for New Hampstead R9 North Subdivision. This is for a development consisting of 53 single family homes off Little Neck Road in Aldermanic District 5. **(APPROVED #24 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.)**



REAL ESTATE ITEMS

25. Approval to Grant a Time-Limited Easement and Revocable License for Encroachment for Use of City Rights-of-Way as Requested by Petitioner for the Construction of the Sabal House Hotel at 225 East President Street (PIN 20015 01003). **(APPROVED #25 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.)**

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

26. Settlement #1. **See agenda item #28.**
27. Settlement #2. **See agenda item #28.**
28. Settlement #3.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve #26, #27, and #28, seconded by Ald. Palumbo, as follows:

- **authorizing the City Attorney’s Office to settle the claim (worker’s compensation matter) involving Jemell Miller in the amount of \$60,000.00.**
- **authorizing the City Attorney’s Office to settle the claim (car wreck) involving Antoinette Joiner for \$62,500.00.**
- **authorizing the City Attorney’s Office to settle the claim (sewer backup) involving Robert Logan for \$29,500.00.**

The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.

MISCELLANEOUS

29. Approval of the Installation of a Historical Marker in the Southeast Quadrant of Johnson Square as Part of the Lafayette Trail. The applicant is requesting approval to install a 2' by 3' freestanding historical marker in the southeast quadrant of Johnson Square to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the Marquis de Lafayette's visit to Savannah from March 19-21, 1825. **(APPROVED #29 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was absent.)**

Speaker(s):

- **Luciana Spracher, Municipal Archives Director**
- **John Trussell – IN SUPPORT**



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- Jeffrey Loomis – IN SUPPORT
- Valerie Kuhn Granzow – IN SUPPORT
- Ty Butler – IN SUPPORT

Following various announcements, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:14 p.m.