



## **Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen**

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:03 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz called the meeting to order and recognized Alderman Purtee to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

**PRESENT:** 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  
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 – Chairman  
Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5 – Mayor Pro Tem  
Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

**ABSENT:** Mayor Van R. Johnson, II  
Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 – Vice Chair

**ALSO, PRESENT:**  
City Manager Jay Melder  
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams  
City Attorney Bates Lovett  
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

### **AGENDA ITEMS:**

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for August 22, 2024. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-2, as amended thereby continuing agenda items #4, #5, #6, #7, #8, #9, #10, #11, #24, #34, and adding-on agenda item #36. Mayor Johnson and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent.)**

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on August 8, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-2. Mayor Johnson and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent.)**



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**ZONING HEARINGS**

4. Petition of Ellen Harris on Behalf of James Silver for an Amendment to the Future Land Use Map Category from Residential General to Traditional Commercial at 0 William Street (PIN 20084 04012) on 0.27 Acres in Aldermanic District 3 (File No. 24-003649-ZA). (Postponed to September 12, 2024, Council Meeting) **(CONTINUED/POSTPONED #4 through #11, #24, and #34 to the September 12, 2024 City Council Meeting, with the adoption of the agenda)**
5. Petition of Ellen Harris on Behalf of James Silver for an Amendment to the Zoning Map from RSF-6 (Residential Single Family-6) to TC-1 (Traditional Commercial-1) at 0 William Street (PIN 20084 04012) with Conditions on 0.27 Acres in Aldermanic District 3 (File No. 24-003648-ZA). (Postponed to September 12, 2024, Council Meeting) **(CONTINUED/POSTPONED #4 through #11, #24, and #34 to the September 12, 2024 City Council Meeting, with the adoption of the agenda)**
6. Petition of Robert McCorkle on Behalf of HOS Management, LLC for a Zoning Text Amendment to Article 7, Sec. 7.8 Savannah Downtown Historic District, Sec. 7.8.10(b) Historic District Height Map to Permit a Five-story Development on Parcels Adjoining Cohen and Selma Streets with Conditions in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-000559-ZA). (Continued to September 12, 2024, Council Meeting) **(CONTINUED/POSTPONED #4 through #11, #24, and #34 to the September 12, 2024 City Council Meeting, with the adoption of the agenda)**
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**ORDINANCES – FIRST AND SECOND READING**

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**PURCHASING ITEMS**

12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Small Public Safety Enterprise Agreement Annual Subscription for ArcGIS Services and a Jumpstart Package with ESRI in an Amount Not to Exceed \$56,640. This technology will aid SPD in automating data displays and allow for a better use of manpower to focus on intelligence and crime analysis. (Police) **(APPROVED #12, #13, and #15 through #23 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-2. Mayor Johnson and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent.)**
  
13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Facilitation and Execution of a Hazardous Material Full-Scale Exercise with Sentinel Crisis Solutions in an Amount Not to Exceed \$70,000. Emergency Management will use this contract to facilitate the execution of a full-scale exercise that encompasses multiple venues, agencies, and response timeframes. (Emergency Management) **(APPROVED #12, #13, and #15 through #23 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-2. Mayor Johnson and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent.)**
  
14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Employee Background Verification Services with Accurate Background, LLC in an Amount Not to Exceed \$96,385. This background screening service will be primarily utilized by the Office of Human Resources, Savannah Police Department, and Savannah Fire Department. Background services are both a common practice and a requirement for the City's interest in recruiting and retaining a fully qualified and credible workforce. (Human Resources) **(APPROVED #14 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-2. Mayor Johnson and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent.)**
  
15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Asphaltic Concrete with US Home Solutions (Primary) and APAC-Atlantic, Inc (Secondary) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$100,000. The Streets Maintenance Division will use this contract to repair and complete utility cuts from the Sewer, Water, and Stormwater Departments. In addition, in-house repairs will be made to potholes, pavement defects, and low patches. (Transportation Services Department) **(APPROVED #12, #13, and #15 through #23 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-2. Mayor Johnson and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent.)**



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16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Replacement of the Driving Range Netting at the Bacon Park Golf Course with Netting Professionals, LLC in an Amount Not to Exceed \$120,400. This purchase is to replace the driving range netting at the Bacon Park Golf Course. (Facilities Maintenance) **(APPROVED #12, #13, and #15 through #23 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-2. Mayor Johnson and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent.)**
17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Elevator Repairs with TK Elevator Corporation (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$143,968. The repairs are for labor and materials required to replace the motor, ropes, and rope gripper in elevator No. 1 of the State Street Garage. (Facilities Maintenance) **(APPROVED #12, #13, and #15 through #23 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-2. Mayor Johnson and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent.)**
18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 2 for Lift Station 23 Upgrades & Force Main Replacement with Astra Grading and Pipe, LLC in the Amount of \$127,995. The increased cost are to include two additional concrete thrust blocks that are significantly larger and more complex than normally required to tap and restrain the existing sanitary force main. (Public Works & Water Resources) **(APPROVED #12, #13, and #15 through #23 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-2. Mayor Johnson and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent.)**
19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase of Three Blowers with Aerzen USA Corporation in an Amount Not to Exceed \$256,496. The blowers will be used at the Water Reclamation Crossroads Facility to supply the necessary air for the digester tanks and equalization basin. (Water Reclamation) **(APPROVED #12, #13, and #15 through #23 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-2. Mayor Johnson and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent.)**
20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Generator Maintenance with W. W. Williams Company, LLC (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$307,145. This service will provide maintenance for the emergency standby generator equipment at the City's President Street Plant, Regional Plants, and Industrial and Domestic Water Facility. (Water Reclamation) **(APPROVED #12, #13, and #15 through #23 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-2. Mayor Johnson and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent.)**



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21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Stormwater Structure Inspections with Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$665,000. These inspections are required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Program to ensure effective management and maintenance of stormwater infrastructures. (Stormwater) **(APPROVED #12, #13, and #15 through #23 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-2. Mayor Johnson and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent.)**
22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Construction Contract for Pool Deck Resurfacing with Smith Aquatics, Inc in the Amount of \$290,639. This work will be done at the Daffin Park, W.W. Law, and Tompkins Center Pools. The work includes, but is not limited to, the removal of the existing concrete, preparation of the existing deck, and installation of a new pool deck surface, which will be a cooling deck. (Capital Projects) **(APPROVED #12, #13, and #15 through #23 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-2. Mayor Johnson and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent.)**
23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Truman Trail 2B Lighting with Georgia Power in the Amount of \$357,527. This expenditure is for the upfront lighting cost for Georgia Power to install 90 LED lights for the Truman Linear Trail 2B. (Capital Projects) **(APPROVED #12, #13, and #15 through #23 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-2. Mayor Johnson and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent.)**
24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Design Services of the Eastside Gym Addition at PARC with Hussey Gay Bell (LOCAL) in the Amount of \$452,500. These services will be used to develop addition plans to construct a gym at the existing building at PARC. The program of spaces will include a gymnasium, player locker rooms, gym office and storage, public restrooms, and lobby. (Capital Projects) (This item has been postponed) **(CONTINUED/POSTPONED #4 through #11, #24, and #34 to the September 12, 2024 City Council Meeting, with the adoption of the agenda)**

**SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION**

25. Approval of a Mobile License Plate Recognition (LPR) System from Survision, LLC, in the Amount of \$26,600. **(APPROVED #25, #27, #28, and #31 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-2. Mayor Johnson and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent.)**



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26. Approval of Task Order No. 10 with AECOM for Design, Bid, and Construction Phase Services for the Demo Quail Run Lodge Facility Project, in the Amount of \$97,230. **(APPROVED #26, #29, and #30 UNANIMOUSLY, 6-0-3. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz recused herself for business purposes, and Mayor Johnson and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent.)**
27. Approval of a Three-Year Cyber Penetration Testing Agreement with Horizon3 AI, Inc., in the Amount of \$144,000. **(APPROVED #25, #27, #28, and #31 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-2. Mayor Johnson and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent.)**
28. Approval of a Two-Year Savannah Ghost Pirates Sponsorship with Zawayer Sports, Owners & Operators of the ECHL Team, in the Amount of \$160,000. **(APPROVED #25, #27, #28, and #31 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-2. Mayor Johnson and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent.)**
29. Approval of Task Work Order No. 6 with AECOM to Prepare a Runway 10-28 Needs Assessment Document, in the Amount \$241,717. **(APPROVED #26, #29, and #30 UNANIMOUSLY, 6-0-3. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz recused herself for business purposes, and Mayor Johnson and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent.)**
30. Approval of Task Order No. 11 with AECOM to Prepare the Master Plan Update, in the Amount of \$1,384,068. **(APPROVED #26, #29, and #30 UNANIMOUSLY, 6-0-3. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz recused herself for business purposes, and Mayor Johnson and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent.)**
31. Approval to Ratify the Acceptance of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) - Airport Terminal Program (ATP) Grant Offer No. 3-13-0100-080-2024 from the Federal Aviation Administration, in the Amount of \$5,000,000. **(APPROVED #25, #27, #28, and #31 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-2. Mayor Johnson and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent.)**

**AGREEMENTS**

32. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Dream Finders Homes LLC for Hidden Pointe Phase 2. This is for a development consisting of 59 townhomes on Navajo Road in Aldermanic District 6. **(APPROVED #32 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-2. Mayor Johnson and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent.)**



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33. Approval of an Amendment to an Existing Executed Water and Sewer Agreement for the New Hampstead PUD. The original agreement is for 9,800 units of mixed development in Aldermanic District 5. **(APPROVED #33 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-2. Mayor Johnson and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent.)**
34. Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Friends of Forsyth Conservancy Inc. and City of Savannah Which Outlines Mutually Beneficial Roles and Responsibilities to Promote and Maintain the Preservation, Historic Integrity, and Open Access of Forsyth Park for All of Its Users. (Postponed to the September 12, 2024, Council Meeting) **(CONTINUED/POSTPONED #4 through #11, #24, and #34 to the September 12, 2024 City Council Meeting, with the adoption of the agenda)**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

35. Approval of a Petition to Rename Normandy Street to East Perry Lane in Order to Avoid Potential Public Confusion with the Current Street Names. **(APPROVED #35 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-2. Mayor Johnson and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent.)**
36. Added Item: Presentation - City Manager to Provide Recognition of Excellent Public Service. **(PRESENTED by City Manager Melder to Heath Lloyd and Bret Bell)**

**Following comments and announcements made by the City Council, Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz adjourned the meeting at 3:15 p.m.**