



Work Session and City Manager's Briefing

The work session was held at 10:06 a.m., in the SCCPSS Board of Education Room located at the Whitney Administrative Complex, 2 Laura Avenue, Building G. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order, then recognized Alderman Kurtis Purtee 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
Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ABSENT: Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, Post 1 – At-Large

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Jay Melder
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Assistant Clerk of Council Renee Osborne

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Boards, Commissions, and Authorities. **[FACILITATED by Mayor Johnson]**
2. ~~Closed Executive Session: Litigation, Personnel, and Real Estate.~~
3. ~~City Manager's Agenda Review.~~

Following a review of **Boards, Commissions, and Authorities**, Mayor Johnson adjourned the work session at 12:13 p.m. No action was taken.



Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:04 p.m., in the SCCPSS Board of Education Room located at the Whitney Administrative Complex, 2 Laura Avenue, Building G. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order and recognized Alderman Purtee who introduced Dr. Danielle Pilgrim, Lead Organizer of Justice Unites Us Together Savannah, to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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Alderman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
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Alderman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5 – Mayor Pro Tem
Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ABSENT: Alderman Carolyn H. Bell, Post 1 – 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:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for October 11, 2024. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1, as amended by adding a proclamation designating October as Pride Month in Savannah. Ald. Bell was absent.)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on September 26, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.)**



3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on September 26, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.)**

PRESENTATIONS

ADD-ON: Proclamation Recognizing October as Pride Month in Savannah. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson. Also speaking were Ald. Purtee, PROUD Savannah Taskforce Chairwoman Candace Hardnett, and Savannah Pride Center Executive Director Michael Bell.)**

4. Proclamation Declaring and Recognition of the Month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Savannah. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson. Also speaking were SAFE Shelter representative Daisy Hernandez, 4 the Jewell N U Global, Inc. CEO Karen Alston, and Assistant Police Chief Robert Gavin.)**

ADD-ON: Recognition of the Crusader Club. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and Ald. Purtee. Also speaking was Kathy Manokey joined by various other children of past Crusader Club members in honor of the club's 70th Birthday.)**

5. Recognition of Folds of Honor that Provides Scholarships to the Spouses and Children of America's Fallen or Disabled Military and First Responders. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson. Also speaking was Folds of Honor Savannah Founder and Executive Director David Simons.)**
6. Recognition of Customer Service Representatives Across the Organization During National Customer Service Appreciation Week, October 7-11, 2024. **(PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and City Manager Melder to various employee representatives across the organization)**

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS



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7. Approval to Add a Class C (Wine) (By the Drink) and Class E (Wine) (By the Package) to their Existing Class E (Beer) (By the Package) and Class C (Beer) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Jocelyn Piccolo for White Whale Craft Ales, a Specialty Shop Located at 1207 Bull Street. The establishment is located between West Duffy Street and West Henry Street in Aldermanic District 2.
Mayor Johnson opened the hearings for #7, #8, #9, and #10.
No speaker(s).
CLOSED PUBLIC HEARINGS for #7, #8, #9, and #10 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1.
Ald. Bell was absent.
(APPROVED #7 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.)

8. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) to Jayant Kumar Patel for Food Mart, a Convenience Store Located at 1816 Montgomery Street. The establishment is located between West 34th and West 35th Streets in Aldermanic District 2.
Mayor Johnson opened the hearings for #7, #8, #9, and #10.
No speaker(s).
CLOSED PUBLIC HEARINGS for #7, #8, #9, and #10 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1.
Ald. Bell was absent.
(APPROVED #8 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.)

9. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Shailesh Patel for 520 Bistro, a Restaurant Located at 520 West Bryan Street. The establishment is located between Ann Street and Martin Luther King Boulevard in Aldermanic District 2.
Mayor Johnson opened the hearings for #7, #8, #9, and #10.
No speaker(s).
CLOSED PUBLIC HEARINGS for #7, #8, #9, and #10 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1.
Ald. Bell was absent.
(APPROVED #9 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.)

10. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine) (By the Package) Alcohol License to Jonathan Lee for Chinatown Market, a Grocery Store Located at 1215 Price Street. The establishment is located between East Henry Street and East Duffy Street in Aldermanic District 2.
Mayor Johnson opened the hearings for #7, #8, #9, and #10.
No speaker(s).



CLOSED PUBLIC HEARINGS for #7, #8, #9, and #10 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1.
Ald. Bell was absent.
(APPROVED #10 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.)

ZONING HEARINGS

11. Petition of Bridget Lidy on Behalf of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, Georgia for an Amendment to the Zoning Map from C-P (Park Conservation) to PD (Planned Development) for ~66.5 Acres at 4801 Meding Street (PIN 20108 01001) in Aldermanic District 5 (File No. 24-0044963-ZA).

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearing for #11.

Speaker(s):

- **Edward Morrow, representing the MPC**

(CLOSED HEARING for #11 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.)

See related agenda item #12.

ORDINANCES – FIRST AND SECOND READING

12. Petition of Bridget Lidy on Behalf of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, Georgia for an Amendment to the Zoning Map from C-P (Park Conservation) to PD (Planned Development) for ~66.5 Acres at 4801 Meding Street (PIN 20108 01001) in Aldermanic District 5 (File No. 24-0044963-ZA).

(After the first reading was considered the second reading, APPROVED #12, 7-0-2. Ald. Miller Blakely abstained and Ald. Bell was absent.)

PURCHASING ITEMS

13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for the Replacement of a Heat Exchanger with Huber Technologies, Inc in the Amount of \$15,931. The additional amount will cover the additional labor cost that will be needed to complete the installation. (Water Reclamation) **(APPROVED #13, #14, #15, and #17 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.)**

14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Microsoft Unified Services with Insight Public Sector in the Amount of \$64,444. Microsoft Unified Support is a



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24/7 unlimited proactive support with comprehensive coverage and faster response times, and a System Engineer dedicated to the City. In addition, on demand training and expert led engagements are available to employees. (IT) **(APPROVED #13, #14, #15, and #17 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.)**

15. Notification of an Emergency Purchase for Pump Repairs with Goforth Williamson, Inc. in the Amount of \$78,155. The Industrial & Domestic Treatment Plant will utilize the services to maintain the electrical components of the sludge pumps. (I&D) **(APPROVED #13, #14, #15, and #17 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.)**

16. Notification of an Emergency Purchase for the Sedimentation Basin Channel Leak Repairs with BRW Construction Group, LLC in the Amount of \$189,493. The services will be used to repair the six (6) sedimentation basin drainage system and improve the water filtration stages at the Industrial & Domestic Water Treatment Plant. (I&D) **(APPROVED #16 UNANIMOUSLY, 6-0-3. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz and Ald. Miller Blakely were away from the dais, and Ald. Bell was absent.)**

17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for South Casey Basin Drainage Model with EMC Engineering (LOCAL) in the Amount of \$140,000. The services provided will update the old 2011 drainage model for South Casey Basin for stormwater infrastructure for a 100-year storm. (Stormwater) **(APPROVED #13, #14, #15, and #17 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.)**

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

18. Approval to Release Payment to Sterling Seacrest Pritchard, Inc. for the 2023-2024 Workers Comp Audit, in the Amount of \$26,528. **(APPROVED #18 through #31 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.)**

19. Approval to Renew the Parking Access Revenue Control System Annual Maintenance Agreement with Carolina Time and Parking Group in the Amount of \$27,811. **(APPROVED #18 through #31 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.)**



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20. Approval to Procure Airfield Lighting Cable from CED, in the Amount of \$29,600. **(APPROVED #18 through #31 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.)**
21. Approval to Execute a Contract with ECS Southeast, LLC for Quality Assurance Testing, in the Amount of \$30,050. **(APPROVED #18 through #31 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.)**
22. Approval to Procure Emergency Vehicle Equipment and Installation from Dana Safety Supply, Inc., in the Amount of \$46,102. **(APPROVED #18 through #31 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.)**
23. Approval of Sponsor Certification Compliance Review & Program Support Task Order with Steven Baldwin Associates, LLC, in the Amount of \$65,570. **(APPROVED #18 through #31 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.)**
24. Approval of Change Order No. 1 with Collins Construction Services for Additional Construction Services for the Fuel Storage Facility Expansion, in the Amount of \$93,369. **(APPROVED #18 through #31 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.)**
25. Approval for the Purchase of Temporary Wall Modules from Starc System, Inc., in the Amount of \$101,747. **(APPROVED #18 through #31 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.)**
26. Approval of Task Work Order No. 5 with Mead and Hunt Inc. to Provide Professional Services for the Rental Car Facility Development Phase II Project, in the Amount of \$186,666. **(APPROVED #18 through #31 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.)**
27. Approval for the Lifecycle Replacement of One Bucket Truck from Wade Ford, in the Amount of \$194,514. **(APPROVED #18 through #31 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.)**
28. Approval of Supplemental Marketing Funds for the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce, in the Amount of \$250,000. **(APPROVED #18 through #31 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.)**



29. Approval to Ratify the Acceptance of a Grant from the Georgia Department of Transportation, in the Amount of \$636,947. **(APPROVED #18 through #31 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.)**

30. Approval of Change Order No. 1 with EE Reed Construction for the Construct Auxiliary Parking Lot Project, in the Amount of \$880,000. **(APPROVED #18 through #31 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.)**

31. Approval to Ratify the Acceptance of the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) Grant Offer No. 3-13-0100-081-2024 from the Federal Aviation Administration, in the Amount of \$11,465,048. **(APPROVED #18 through #31 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.)**

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

32. Boards, Commissions, and Authorities.

The following citizens were appointed:

- **William Shedrick Coleman – Historic District Board of Review (HDBR)**
- **Grace H. Taylor – Hospital Authority of Savannah**
- **Margaret Pringle – Keep Savannah Beautiful**
- **Andrew Logan Lawrence – Keep Savannah Beautiful**
- **Lillian Proveaux Breitbart – Keep Savannah Beautiful**
- **Theodore A. Robbins – Keep Savannah Beautiful**
- **Capt. Lux Lakshman – Pilotage Commission**
- **Rubin Huckabee – Savannah-Chatham Council on Disability Issues**
- **Christine Pendergrass – Savannah-Chatham Council on Disability Issues**

RESOLUTIONS

33. A Resolution Ratifying the Mayor's September 26, 2024, Emergency Declaration Order. **(APPROVED #33 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-2. Mayor Pro Term Dr. Shabazz was away from the dais and Ald. Bell was absent.)**



AGREEMENTS

34. Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with Chatham County (County) for the Intersection Improvement Project at Johnny Mercer Boulevard and Walthour Road. The City of Savannah (City) utilities will need to be relocated to accommodate the project. The City is requesting an IGA for the relocation design and construction. **(APPROVED #34 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-2. Mayor Pro Term Dr. Shabazz was away from the dais and Ald. Bell was absent.)**

REAL ESTATE ITEMS

35. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Land Exchange Documents with Chatham County for a Radio Tower Site on Wilmington Island. **(APPROVED #35 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.)**
36. Authorize the City Manager to Execute the Second Amendment to the Lease Agreement for the 200 and 300 Blocks of West St. Julian Street (City Market). **(APPROVED #36 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.)**

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

37. Settlement #1.
Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve #37, authorizing the City Attorney's Office to resolve the claim (worker's compensation matter) of Carrie Faggins in the amount of \$55,000.00, seconded by Ald. Palumbo and Ald. Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.
38. Settlement #2.
Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve #38, authorizing the City Attorney's Office to resolve the claim (worker's compensation matter) of Michael Hunter in the amount of \$133,240.00, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.



MISCELLANEOUS

39. Approval of Monument Application Part II: Final Design and Funding for a Monument in Columbia Square Commemorating the Seven Ladies.
(APPROVED #39 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.)

Speaker(s):

- **Municipal Archives Director Luciana Spracher**
- **Sue Adler, on behalf of family member Lucy Brannen**

40. Approval of a Major Subdivision: Tract N, Phase 4, The Highlands at Godley Station. This proposed phase totals 4.482 acres and will consist of 34 multi-family lots (townhomes) with varying lot sizes. Phase 4 of the development will share the entrance from Phase 1. The property is on Highlands Boulevard in Aldermanic District 1. **(APPROVED #40 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.)**

41. Approval of a Major Subdivision: Pearl Street Townhomes. The subject property is a newly created subdivision in Norwood Ward, Lots 72 through 78. This subdivision totals 0.317 acres and consists of nine (9) townhome lots. The nine lots have frontage along Pearl Street with the cross streets of Barnard and Bull Streets in Aldermanic District 5. **(APPROVED #41 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Ald. Bell was absent.)**

Following announcements by members of the City Council, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 12:13 p.m.