



Work Session and City Manager's Briefing

The work session was held at 11:01 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
Alderman Carolyn H. Bell, Post 1 – At-Large
Alderman Alicia Miller Blakely, Post 2 – 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 Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5 – Mayor Pro Tem
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
Assistant Clerk of Council Renee Osborne

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. FY25 Proposed Budget Framework/Proposed Five-Year Capital Plan Overview. **[PRESENTED by City Manager Melder, Interim Chief of Management Services Melissa Carter, Interim Senior Director of Management & Budget Sancia Joseph-Jarvis, and Principal Budget Analyst Victoria Keller]**
2. Daffin Park Signature Playground. **[PRESENTED by City Manager Melder, Chief of Community Services Taffanye Young, and Senior Director Nick Roberts]**
- ~~3. Closed Executive Session: Litigation, Personnel, and Real Estate.~~
- ~~4. City Manager's Agenda Review.~~



SAVANNAH CITY COUNCIL
(Preliminary)
ACTION MEETING MINUTES
Tues., NOVEMBER 26, 2024

Mayor Johnson adjourned the executive session at 12:46 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., 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 Ald. Alicia Miller Blakely who introduced Ald. Carolyn H. Bell to offer the invocation. Mayor Johnson also asked to observe a moment of silence in honor of the passing of Georgia Labor Commissioner Bruce Thompson. 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 November 26, 2024. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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



3. Approval of the Minutes for the Special Meeting (Show Cause Hearing) Held on November 7, 2024, at 12:30 p.m. **(APPROVED #3 and #4 UNANIMOUSLY)**
4. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on November 7, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #3 and #4 UNANIMOUSLY)**

PRESENTATIONS

***Mayor Johnson and Ald. Leggett recognized the Oglethorpe Charter Academy Titans coach and players for winning the Middle School Championship.**

5. Appearance by The Homeless Authority and Proclamation Declaring November as Homelessness Awareness Month. **[READ and PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to City Manager Melder, Homeless Authority board members Ald. Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Purtee, and Executive Director Interagency Council on Homelessness Stephanie Kaple]**
6. Proclamation Declaring November 2024 as National Caregivers Month in Savannah, GA. **[PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and Human Resources Director Jeff Grant. Also speaking was Program Coordinator for Hospice Savannah's Edel Caregiver Institute Jill Costello (Marilyn Johnston).]**
7. Proclamation Declaring Saturday, November 30, 2024, as Small Business Saturday in Savannah, GA. **[PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and Ald. Palumbo. Also speaking/present were Economic Development Interim Director MarRonde Lumpkin-Lotson, Somi Benson Jaja (Buy Local Savannah), Bert Brantley (Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce), Tigerlity Harrington (The Creative Coast), Stephen Plunk (South of DeRenne Avenue), Marianne Ganem-Poppell (ACE Women's Empowerment Center), Toby Browne (Savannah Downtown Business Association), Leslie Cato (SBAC), and Dr. Zelonia Williams (Future Minds).]**

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

8. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Gretchen Holm for Aloft Savannah Downtown Historic District, A



Hotel Located At 512 West Oglethorpe Avenue. The establishment is located between Ann Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard in Aldermanic District 2.

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for #8 and #9.

No speaker(s).

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARINGS for #8 and #9 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.

(APPROVED #8 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)

9. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Gretchen Holm for Fairfield Inn and Suites Savannah Downtown Historic District, a hotel located at 135 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. The establishment is located between Oglethorpe Avenue and Alton Street in Aldermanic District 2.

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for #8 and #9.

No speaker(s).

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARINGS for #8 and #9 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.

(APPROVED #9 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

10. First Public Hearing to Receive Comments on the 2025 Proposed Service Program and Budget.

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for #10.

Speaker(s):

- **Mr. Tre Singleton – IN SUPPORT of funding for violence prevention programming**
- **Ms. Gerry Long – IN SUPPORT of funding for Crime Stoppers of Savannah-Chatham County**
- **Mr. Eduardo Delgado – IN SUPPORT of more funding for translation services, Latino initiatives/equity (Migrant Equity Southeast)**

ZONING HEARINGS

11. Petition of Joshua Yellin on Behalf of Jessica Glenn for Anderson & Waters, LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 0.14 Acres at 1105 East Anderson Street (PIN 20055 08014) from TR-2 (Traditional Residential-2) to Traditional



Commercial-1 (TC-1) in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-005184-ZA).
Continued from November 7, 2024.

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for #11. See related agenda item #15.

Speaker(s):

- **Edward Morrow, representing the MPC**
- **Ardis Wood - OPPOSED**
- **Josh Yellin, representing the petitioner**

12. Petition of Robert McCorkle on Behalf of 1210 Drayton, LLC for a Future Land Use Map (FLUM) Amendment at 108 East Henry Street (20053 03018), 112 East Henry Street (20053 03005), and 1210 Drayton Street (20053 03017) to Change the FLUM Category from Traditional Neighborhood to Traditional Commercial in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-005524-ZA). **(CONTINUED/POSTPONED #12, #13, #14, #16, and #17 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0).**

13. Petition of Robert McCorkle on Behalf of 1210 Drayton, LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment of 0.14 acres at 112 East Henry Street (PIN 20053 03005) to Rezone from Traditional Neighborhood-1 (TN-1) to Traditional Commercial-1 (TC-1) in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-005471-ZA). **(CONTINUED/POSTPONED #12, #13, #14, #16, and #17 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0).**

14. Petition of Robert McCorkle on Behalf of 1210 Drayton, LLC for a Special Use Permit to Allow a Parking Facility at 108 East Henry Street (20053 03018), 112 East Henry Street (20053 03005), and 1210 Drayton Street (20053 03017) with Conditions in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-005474-ZA). **(CONTINUED/POSTPONED #12, #13, #14, #16, and #17 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0).**

ORDINANCES – FIRST AND SECOND READING

15. Petition of Joshua Yellin on Behalf of Jessica Glenn for Anderson & Waters, LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone 0.14 Acres at 1105 East Anderson Street (PIN 20055 08014) from TR-2 (Traditional Residential-2) to Traditional Commercial-1 (TC-1) in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-005184-ZA).



Continued from November 7, 2024. **(After the first reading was considered the second reading, APPROVED #15, 8-1-0. Ald. Miller Blakely voted no.)**

16. Petition of Robert McCorkle on behalf of 1210 Drayton, LLC for a Future Land Use Map (FLUM) Amendment at 108 East Henry Street (20053 03018), 112 East Henry Street (20053 03005), and 1210 Drayton Street (20053 03017) to Change the FLUM Category from Traditional Neighborhood to Traditional Commercial in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 24-005524-ZA). **(CONTINUED/POSTPONED #12, #13, #14, #16, and #17 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0).**
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ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

18. Approval of the 2025 Revenue Ordinance. Each year, City Council adopts a Revenue Ordinance to authorize the collection of taxes and fees. **(HEARD for FIRST READING ONLY). See related agenda item #10.**

PURCHASING ITEMS

19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Repairs of a Bulldozer with Yancey Brothers in an Amount not to Exceed \$54,634. The Bulldozer is Used for Waste Handling to Support the Operations at the Dean Forest Landfill. (Sanitation) **(APPROVED #19 through #30 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Water Quality Analysis Agreement with Savannah State University (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$96,654. This Agreement will Enhance the Understanding of Riverine Chemistries and Improve Management Strategies for Local Water Resources. (Public Works) **(APPROVED #19 through #30 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**



21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Elevator Door Repairs from TK Elevator (LOCAL) in an Amount Not to Exceed \$68,720. These Services are to Upgrade the Hardware and Software to the Door Lock Monitoring System of Nine (9) City-Owned Elevators. (Facility Maintenance) **(APPROVED #19 through #30 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Five-Year Lease Agreement for a Mail Postage Machine and Software from Pitney Bowes in an Amount Not to Exceed \$113,089. This agreement is for the City's mailing services and includes the machine, software, maintenance training, and full vendor support. (Facilities Maintenance) **(APPROVED #19 through #30 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Multi-Station Playground Structures with GameTime c/o Dominica Recreation Products Inc., in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,147,692. This equipment will be used to create Savannah's first signature playground which will be located at Daffin Park, at the corner of East Victory Drive and Waters Avenue. (Recreation and Leisure Services) **(APPROVED #19 through #30 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 For Sidewalk, Curb, and Cobblestone Repair With Savannah River Utilities Co. (Primary),(LOCAL) United Grounds Maintenance Services, Inc. (Secondary), and Savannah Paving Company (Tertiary) in the Amount Not To Exceed \$1,900,000. The proposed increase will help account for the accelerated rate of sidewalk repairs by having three active contractors providing repair services. Additionally, this modification will continue to support permanent traffic table installations as part of the residential traffic calming efforts. (Transportation Services) **(APPROVED #19 through #30 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for Survey and Drafting Services with Coleman Company (Primary)(LOCAL) and EMC Engineering (Secondary)(LOCAL) in the Amount of \$125,000. Various City of Savannah Departments have a critical need for general surveying services to supplement ongoing design, construction, or maintenance activities. (Capital Projects) **(APPROVED #19 through #30 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**



26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for One (1) 40ft Forestry Bucket Truck with Versalift C/O Fouts Bros, Inc., dba Smyrna Truck in the Amount of \$182,900. The 40ft forestry bucket truck will be utilized by the Park and Tree Forestry Division. The truck will be used daily to perform routine tree maintenance. The forestry bucket truck will also be used to clear city streets for emergency response following storm events and to haul wood debris to the landfill. (Fleet) **(APPROVED #19 through #30 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
27. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Upgrade of the City Fueling Locations at Sallie Mood and Police Headquarters with Central Industries (LOCAL) in the Amount of \$166,339. New dispensers will provide faster transaction times, improved monitoring capabilities, and greater accuracy, leading to increased customer satisfaction and reduced wait times. (Fleet) **(APPROVED #19 through #30 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
28. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Annual Contract for the Purchase of Live Video Production and Camera System for City Hall with Stage Front (LOCAL) in the Amount of \$94,479. The Marketing & Communications department will use the live video production system to replace the current inoperable system to ensure government transparency during live Council workshop and regular meeting sessions. (Public Communications) **(APPROVED #19 through #30 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
29. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Upgrade the Audiovisual System with Inter-Technologies in the Amount Not to Exceed \$231,218. This is an audiovisual system upgrade for the media room and the council chamber to enhance communication and presentation capabilities and support effective government and public interaction. (ITS) **(APPROVED #19 through #30 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
30. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for City Hall Restoration Phase 2 with C.E. Garbutt Construction in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,999,508. Phase 2 will include the Bay Street entrance lobby, the rotunda first floor, and the building's main stairwell between the first and second floor. (Capital Projects) **(APPROVED #19 through #30 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**



31. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Construction Contract for Liberty City Community Center Parking Lot Expansion with Lynn Construction in the Amount of \$99,347. This project is to construct an additional 11 parking spaces along the western border of the existing parking lot at the Liberty City Community Center. (Capital Projects) **(APPROVED #31 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
32. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Construction Contract for Summerside Park Phase II with Johnson-Laux Construction, LLC (LOCAL) in the Amount of \$173,359. This final phase will provide a picnic shelter with picnic tables, a water fountain, and landscaping. (Capital Projects) **(APPROVED #32 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
33. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Construction Contract for the New Hampstead West Modular Public Safety Facility with Johnson-Laux Construction, LLC (LOCAL) in the Amount of \$3,591,375. The project provides a fire station and a police substation on presently undeveloped City-owned property at 3002 Highgate Boulevard, to provide adequate fire service delivery and a satellite police operations base in west New Hampstead while awaiting completion of future permanent public safety facilities in the New Hampstead area. (Capital Projects) **(APPROVED #33 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

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34. Approval to Participate in Co-Op International Golf Marketing Events with the Hilton Head Island Chamber of Commerce, in the Amount of \$160,000. **(APPROVED #34 through #40 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
35. Approval to Contract with Axtell's Pavement Solutions, LLC for Airfield Painting and Rubber Removal, in the Amount of \$290,395. **(APPROVED #34 through #40 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
36. Approval of a Design Sprint Collaboration Agreement with the Savannah College of Art and Design, in the Amount of \$55,000. **(APPROVED #34 through #40 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
37. Approval to Procure a VX216TB Video Surveillance Storage Server from ICE Automation Group, in the Amount of \$43,575. **(APPROVED #34 through #40 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**



38. Approval to Award Building Inspection Services to Bureau Veritas North America, Inc., in the Amount of \$124,022. **(APPROVED #34 through #40 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
39. Approval to Execute a Contract with ECS Southeast, LLC for Special Inspections and Quality Assurance Testing for the Terminal Concourse Expansion, in the Amount of \$292,975. **(APPROVED #34 through #40 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
40. Approval of Amendment No. 5 to Task Order No. 4 with Pond & Company for the Air Cargo Facility Project, in the Amount of \$206,905. **(APPROVED #34 through #40 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
41. Approval of Task Work Order No. 5 with AECOM for the Construct Apron Phase 1B Project, in the Amount of \$494,525. **(APPROVED #41, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz abstained for business purposes.)**
42. Approval of Task Work Order No. 12 with AECOM for the Reconstruct and Expand North Apron Project, in the Amount of \$327,360. **(APPROVED #42, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz abstained for business purposes.)**

AGREEMENTS

43. Authorize the City Manager to approve the City of Savannah's Economic Development Department to partner with the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce and the Savannah Economic Development Authority to create and host a paid internship for a rising college senior at Savannah State University. **(APPROVED #43 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
44. Intergovernmental Agreement with Chatham County for Joint Improvements to Little Neck Road and the Orderly Annexation of 668 Acres off Little Neck Road. **(APPROVED #44 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

REAL ESTATE ITEMS

45. Authorize the City Manager to Declare Surplus and Available for Sale to the Adjoining Property Owner a 0.062-Acre at Weilville Avenue and a 0.094-Acre at



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Fair Street Parcel of Vacant Land at a Price of \$63,000. **(APPROVED #45 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

46. Approval of a Major Subdivision: Savannah Highlands, Phase 9. This proposed property totals 29.770 acres and will consist of 104 lots with varying lot sizes. The property is in Alderman District 1 at Street Location: Telford Street and Orkney Road. **(APPROVED #46 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

47. Approve of Major Subdivision Brookline Phase 4. The subject property is located within the Brookline Subdivision, which is a part of the Highlands Development in the North Godley PUD. This proposed phase totals 11.344 acres and will consist of 46 single family lots with varying lot sizes. Brookline Phase 4 is located along the northern right-of-way line of Highlands Boulevard and Brookline Drive. Located in Aldermanic District 1. **(APPROVED #47 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

Following the announcements made by members of the City Council, Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:38 p.m.