



Work Session and City Manager's Briefing

The work session was held at 12:34 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. Purtee to offer 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:
Chief Community Services Officer Taffanye Young
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
Deputy City Attorney Jennifer Herman
Interim Deputy Clerk of Council Gwendolyn Jones
Assistant to the Clerk of Council Renee Osborne

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. 100 Days of Summer.
[Presented by Chief Community Services Officer Taffanye Young, Cultural Resources' Senior Director Stuart Miller, Human Services' Director Kerri Reid, Recreation & Leisure Services' Director Nick Roberts, Fire Chief Elize Kitchens, Police Chief Lenny Gunther, and Communications' Strategic Communications Manager Aurelle Ross.]
2. ~~Closed Executive Session Regarding Personnel, Real Estate, and Litigation.~~
3. ~~City Manager's Update.~~

The workshop was adjourned at 1:53 p.m. No action was taken.



Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:14 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 to introduce Bishop Lee F. Jenkins, Jr., Pastor and Founder of Fresh Fire from Heaven Christian Church to offer the invocation. Mayor Johnson also asked to observe a moment of silence in honor of the passing of Pope Francis. 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 April 24, 2025.
(ADOPTED/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 April 10, 2025, at 12:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**



3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on April 10, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

PRESENTATIONS

***Mayor Johnson took moments of mayoral privilege to make two announcements, one additional appearance, and one additional proclamation:**

- **Mayor Johnson was newly elected as President of the African American Mayors Association.**
 - **The City of Savannah was awarded a \$125,000 grant from the African American Mayors Association in partnership with the American Beverage Foundation for a Healthy America.**
 - **Mayor Johnson recognized President Krishon Seastrunk of the Savannah Metropolitan Chapter of the National Forum of Black Public Administrators (NFBPA) for receiving acknowledgment and an award at NFBPA's forum held in San Francisco. Recognition was also given to city staff and alderpersons who were members of the Chapter.**
 - **Mayor Johnson presented a proclamation recognizing April 26th as a day to celebrate the vital role of family and community engagement in student learning to Roger Moss, President of the Savannah-Chatham County School District Board of Public Education, along with Dr. Angie Lewis and Ms. Idel Miles.**
4. **A Proclamation to Proclaim May 4 - May 9, 2025, as National Small Business Week in Savannah. (PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to Economic Development's Senior Director MarRonde Lumpkin-Lotson and Savannah's Small Business Leadership Team on behalf of US Small Business Administration and Georgia Representative Ms. Terri Denison.)**
 5. **A Proclamation Declaring April 21 thru April 26, 2025, as Georgia Cities Week. (PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to Acting Chief of Information & Public Affairs Joe Shearouse and the planning team for Georgia Cities Week events)**



ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

6. Approval of a Class G (Wine) (By the Drink) Complimentary Service Alcohol License to Shanay Frazier for Studio 18, a Nail Salon at 4410 Ogeechee Road. The establishment is located between Chatham Parkway and Savannah Speedway in Aldermanic District 5.

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for #6, #7, #8, and #9.

No speaker(s).

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARINGS for #6, #7, #8, and #9 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1, Ald. Lanier was away from the dais during the vote.

(APPROVED #6 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1, Ald. Lanier was away from the dais during the vote.)

7. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Christopher Clarke for Coach's Southside, a Restaurant at 11215 Abercorn Street, Unit 2. The establishment is located between Deerfield Road and Largo Drive in Aldermanic District 6.

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for #6, #7, #8, and #9.

No speaker(s).

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARINGS for #6, #7, #8, and #9 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1, Ald. Lanier was away from the dais during the vote. (APPROVED #7

UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1, Ald. Lanier was away from the dais during the vote.)

8. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sale to Tracey Jones for Foxtail Coffee Co., a Restaurant at 601 Indian Street. This establishment is located Between North Fahm and Pullen Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for #6, #7, #8, and #9.

No speaker(s).

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARINGS for #6, #7, #8, and #9 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1, Ald. Lanier was away from the dais during the vote. (APPROVED #8

UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1, Ald. Lanier was away from the dais during the vote.)



9. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer) (By the Drink) Alcohol License to Sonji Leach for Crave Hot Dogs and BBQ, a Restaurant located at 630 Indian Street, Ste D. The establishment is located between North Fahm and McGuire Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for #6, #7, #8, and #9.

No speaker(s).

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARINGS for #6, #7, #8, and #9 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1,

Ald. Lanier was away from the dais during the vote. (APPROVED #9

UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1, Ald. Lanier was away from the dais during the vote.)

ZONING HEARINGS

10. Petition of Bridget Lidy on Behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, GA to Amend the City of Savannah's Zoning Map to include the Affordable Housing Overlay District (AHOD) (File No. 25-001546-ZA).

Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for #10. See related agenda item #11.

Speaker(s):

- **Bridget Lidy, Director of Planning & Urban Design**
- **Edward Morrow, MPC representative**
- **Tigerlily Harrington – SUPPORT**
- **Ellie Isaacs – SUPPORT**
- **Jo Claire Hickson – SUPPORT**
- **Kristen Russell – SUPPORT**
- **Scott Gooch – OPPOSED**
- **Quin Peterson – SUPPORT**
- **Burt Karmiel – SUPPORT**
- **Malcolm Allen -- SUPPORT**

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARINGS for #10 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.



ORDINANCES – FIRST AND SECOND READING

11. Petition of Bridget Lidy on Behalf of the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah, GA to Amend the City of Savannah's Zoning Map to include the Affordable Housing Overlay District (AHOD) (File No. 25-001546-ZA).
(After the first reading was considered the second reading, APPROVED #11, 7-2-0, Ald. Miller Blakely and Ald. Lanier voted no.)

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

12. Petition of Josh Yellin on Behalf of SRL Land Venture, LLC for an Amendment to the Savannah River Landings (Eastern Wharf) Planned Development Master Plan for the Inclusion of ~1.49 Acres Located at East President Street (PIN 20006 03002) within Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 25-000900-ZA).
(APPROVED #12, 6-1-2, Ald. Wilder-Bryan voted no, Ald. Bell and Ald. Palumbo were away from the dais during the vote.)

PURCHASING ITEMS

13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Savannah Police Department Furniture Package with Mason, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$750,000. The furniture will support the Savannah Police Department Headquarters project. This purchase will include desks, office chairs, storage and filing components, conference and training tables, and multipurpose chairs. (Capital Projects) **(APPROVED #13, #14, #16, #17, #18, #19, and #20 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-2, Ald. Bell and Ald. Palumbo were away from the dais during the vote.)**
14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Scrap Tire Disposal with Quality Tire Recycling, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$194,775. This contract will provide scrap tire disposal services for the following City locations: Dean Forest Road Landfill, Bacon Park Convenience Center, and Fleet Services. (Sanitation) **(APPROVED #13, #14, #16, #17, #18, #19, and #20 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-2, Ald. Bell and Ald. Palumbo were away from the dais during the vote.)**



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15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for various multi-station play structures with GameTime c/o Dominica Recreation Products, Inc., in an Amount Not to Exceed \$139,995. The multi-station play structures will replace aging playground equipment which will consist of the renovation and addition of play features at 14 parks and playgrounds. (Recreation and Leisure Services) **(APPROVED #15 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to procure replacement of rubberized surface material for the Forsyth Park Playground with GameTime c/o Dominica Recreation Products, Inc., in an Amount Not to Exceed \$228,756. This playground is the most popular unit within the City's Park System, serving thousands of children and families each year. (Recreation and Leisure Services) **(APPROVED #13, #14, #16, #17, #18, #19, and #20 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-2, Ald. Bell and Ald. Palumbo were away from the dais during the vote.)**
17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for One Container Carrier Truck from National Automotive Fleet Group in the Amount of \$120,499. The new container carrier trucks will be utilized by the City's Commercial Refuse Division. Its primary functions will include delivering, collecting, and spotting containers for new routes or customers. (Fleet) **((APPROVED #13, #14, #16, #17, #18, #19, and #20 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-2, Ald. Bell and Ald. Palumbo were away from the dais during the vote.)**
18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Six Rear Loader Garbage Truck Cab & Chassis from Battle Motors c/o Associated Fuel Systems in the Amount of \$1,078,092. The rear loader garbage truck cab & chassis will be used by the Sanitation Department's Residential Refuse, Recycling & Litter Services Division. (Fleet) **(APPROVED #13, #14, #16, #17, #18, #19, and #20 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-2, Ald. Bell and Ald. Palumbo were away from the dais during the vote.)**
19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Two Automated Side Loader Trucks and Six 25-Cubic Yard Refuse Bodies from New Way c/o Solid Waste Applied Technologies in the Amount of \$1,775,600. The automated side loader trucks and refuse bodies will be used by the Sanitation Department's Recycle & Litter Division. (Fleet) **(APPROVED #13, #14, #16, #17, #18, #19,**



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and #20 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-2, Ald. Bell and Ald. Palumbo were away from the dais during the vote.)

20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Three Elgin 3-Wheel Street Sweepers and Two Elgin Truck Mounted Sweepers from Elgin Sweeper Company c/o Environmental Products Group in the Amount of \$1,650,500. These street sweepers will be used by the Street Cleaning Division to maintain weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, and quarterly sweeping schedules. (Fleet) **(APPROVED #13, #14, #16, #17, #18, #19, and #20 UNANIMOUSLY, 7-0-2, Ald. Bell and Ald. Palumbo were away from the dais during the vote.)**

RESOLUTIONS

21. Resolution to support the Savannah-Chatham County Interagency Council on Homelessness's Five-Year Strategic Plan to End Homelessness. **(APPROVED #21 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

AGREEMENTS

22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with Chatham County for the Engineering Design and Relocation of Existing City Water and Sewer Utilities in conflict with the County Roadway and Drainage Improvements on Garrard Avenue for an Estimated Amount of \$457,376. (Water Resources Planning and Engineering) **(APPROVED #22 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
23. Second Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Between the Georgia Department of Transportation and the City of Savannah to Proceed with Preliminary Engineering Commitments Related to the I-16 at Montgomery Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard Ramp and Overpass Removal (PI No. 0011744). (Staff requested item to be removed from the agenda.) **(Removed from agenda at staff's request.)**



REAL ESTATE ITEMS

24. Authorize the City Manager to Approve a Release and Quitclaim Deed of a vacated Utility Easement at 4222 Waters Avenue. **(APPROVED #24 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

Following the announcements made by members of the City Council, Mayor Johnson adjourned the regular meeting at 4:39 p.m.