



Work Session and City Manager's Briefing

The work session was held at 12:10 p.m., in the SCCPSS Board of Education Room located at the Eli 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 Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ABSENT: Alderman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5 – Mayor Pro Tem

ALSO, PRESENT:

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

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Authorities. **[FACILITATED by Mayor Johnson]**
2. 2025 Mid-Year Financial Update. **[PRESENTED by City Manager Melder, Interim Budget Senior Director Sancia Joseph Jarvis, and Chief Financial Officer David Maxwell]**
3. Closed Executive Session Regarding Litigation and Personnel. **[HELD.]**

Ald. Lanier moved to hold an executive session regarding personnel, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.



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Ald. Palumbo moved to adjourn the executive session/workshop, seconded by Mayor Johnson. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.]

4. ~~City Manager's Update.~~

Mayor Johnson ended the workshop at 1:52 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 Eli Whitney Administrative Complex, 2 Laura Avenue, Building G. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order, then recognized Ald. Nick Palumbo who introduced Minister Ja'Quan Omari Oliver, JOO Ministries who offered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States was recited in unison.

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AGENDA ITEMS:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for June 26, 2025.
(ADOPTED/APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on June 12, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. **(APPROVED #2 & #3 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0)**



3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on June 12, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 & #3 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0)**

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

4. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Keyur Patel for Hyatt Place Savannah, a Hotel at 4 Stephen S. Green Drive. The Establishment is Located Between Clyde E. Martin Drive and Sylvester C. Formey Drive in Aldermanic District 1.

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for #4, #5, and #6.

No speaker(s).

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARINGS for #4, #5, and #6 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.
(APPROVED #4 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0)

5. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Yasser Amer for Untitled, a Restaurant at 10 Whitaker Street Unit D. The Establishment is Located Between West Bay and West Bryan Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for #4, #5, and #6.

No speaker(s).

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARINGS for #4, #5, and #6 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.
(APPROVED #5 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0)

6. Approval of a Class C (Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sale to Andria Canella for Sweet Patricia's, a Restaurant at 1722 Habersham Street. The Establishment is Located Between East 33rd and East 34th Streets in Aldermanic District 2. (Continue from May 22, 2025 Council Meeting)

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for #4, #5, and #6.

No speaker(s).

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARINGS for #4, #5, and #6 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.
(APPROVED #6 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0)



PUBLIC HEARINGS

7. Public Hearing on the Draft Savannah GPS Strategic Plan.
Mayor Johnson declared the hearing open for agenda item #7.
Speaker(s):
- **City Manager Melder**
 - **Daphanie Williams, Chief of Staff**
- (CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING for #7 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0.)**

ZONING HEARINGS

8. Petition of John D. Northup III on Behalf of Siete Wines, LLC for a Special Use Permit to Allow the Sale of Wine by the Glass for On-Premises Consumption in Association with a Wine Specialty Shop within the D-N Zoning District for a 0.06-Acre Property at 508 East Broughton Street (PIN 20005 14007) in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 25-001420-ZA).
Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for #8.
Speaker(s):
- **Edward Morrow, MPC Representative**
- CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING for #8 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0.**
(APPROVED #8 UNANIMOUSLY for the special use permit, 8-0-0)
9. Petition of Harold B. Yellin on Behalf of Dennis Hoffman for the Owner 17 South Mini Storage to Amend the Future Land Use Map of a 4.62-Acre Property at 4119 Ogeechee Road (PIN 10791 02007) from Industry-Light to Commercial Suburban (25-002531-ZA). An Annexation Petition Accompanies This Request.
Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearings open for #9 and #10. See related agenda items #21, #22, and #23.
Speaker(s):
- **Edward Morrow, MPC Representative**
 - **Harold Yellin, representing the petitioner**
- CLOSED PUBLIC HEARINGS for #9 and #10 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0.**



10. Petition of Harold B. Yellin on Behalf of Dennis Hoffman for the Owner 17 South Mini Storage to Amend the Zoning Map of a 4.62-Acre Property at 4119 Ogeechee Road (PIN 10791 02007) from P- B (Planned Business – Chatham County) and B (Business) to B-C (Community Business) (25-002530-ZA). An Annexation Petition Accompanies This Request.

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearings open for #9 and #10. See related agenda items #21, #22, and #23.

Speaker(s):

- **Edward Morrow, MPC Representative**
- **Harold Yellin, representing the petitioner**

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARINGS for #9 and #10 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0.

11. Petition of Timothy Kinsey on Behalf of Ambaji Properties, LLC to Amend the Future Land Use Map from Commercial-Regional to Residential-General for the ~16.19-Acre Property Located at 0 Ft. Argyle Road (PIN 21033 01002) in Aldermanic District 5 (File No. 25-002525-ZA). (This Item has been Continued to the July 10, 2025 City Council Meeting.) **(UNANIMOUSLY CONTINUED/POSTPONED #11 and #12 TO THE JULY 10, 2025, CITY COUNCIL MEETING, 8-0-0)**

12. Petition of Timothy Kinsey on Behalf of Ambaji Properties, LLC to Amend the Zoning Map from B-C (Community Business) to RMF-2-20 (Residential Multifamily-2-20) for the ~16.19-Acre Property Located at 0 Ft. Argyle Road (PIN 21033 01002) in Aldermanic District 5 (File No. 25-002524-ZA). (This Item has been Continued to the July 10, 2025 City Council Meeting.) **(UNANIMOUSLY CONTINUED/POSTPONED #11 and #12 TO THE JULY 10, 2025, CITY COUNCIL MEETING, 8-0-0)**

13. Petition of Steve Paschall on Behalf of 1000 Town Center, LLC to Amend the Future Land Use Map from Traditional Neighborhood to Traditional Commercial for the 0.17-Acre Property at 101 E. 34th Street (PIN 20065 01001) in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 25-001706-ZA).

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearings open for #13 and #14. See related agenda items #16 and #17.

Speaker(s):

- **Edward Morrow, MPC Representative**



CLOSED PUBLIC HEARINGS for #13 and #14 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0.

14. Petition of Steve Paschall on Behalf of 1000 Town Center, LLC to Amend the Zoning Map from TN-2 (Traditional Neighborhood-2) to TC-2 (Traditional Commercial-2) for the 0.17-Acre Property at 101 E. 34th Street (PIN 20065 01001) in Aldermanic District 2 was Denied. The Planning Commission Recommended Approval of Rezoning the Property to TC-1 (Traditional Commercial-1) (File No. 25-001705-ZA).

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearings open for #13 and #14. See related agenda items #16 and #17.

Speaker(s):

- **Edward Morrow, MPC Representative**

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARINGS for #13 and #14 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0.

15. Petition of Gary Wiggins on Behalf of Highlands Park Commercial, LLC for a Master Plan Amendment of 9.8 Acres of Property for the Highlands Park – Godley Station PD (Planned Development) Located at 143, 149, and 155 Shellbark Way (PINs 21016 02120, 21016 02119 and 21016 02118) to Establish a Multifamily Residential Land Use in Aldermanic District 1 (File No. 25-000046-ZA).

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for #15. See related agenda item #18.

Speaker(s):

- **Edward Morrow, MPC Representative**
- **Gary Wiggins, Petitioner**

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING for #15 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0.

See related agenda item--*As required by Section 2-202 of the Charter of the City of Savannah (GA. LAWS 1898, P. 255, Secs., 1, 2), Mayor Johnson vetoed this action of Council, which was filed the 30th Day of June, 2025, with the Clerk of Council and made a part of the Council Papers of these minutes.



ORDINANCES – FIRST AND SECOND READING

16. Petition of Steve Paschall on Behalf of 1000 Town Center, LLC to Amend the Future Land Use Map from Traditional Neighborhood to Traditional Commercial for the 0.17-Acre Property at 101 E. 34th Street (PIN 20065 01001) in Aldermanic District 2 (File No. 25-001706-ZA). **(After the first reading was considered the second, APPROVED #16 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0.)**

17. Petition of Steve Paschall on Behalf of 1000 Town Center, LLC to Amend the Zoning Map from TN-2 (Traditional Neighborhood-2) to TC-2 (Traditional Commercial-2) for the 0.17-Acre Property at 101 E. 34th Street (PIN 20065 01001) in Aldermanic District 2 was Denied. The Planning Commission Recommended Approval of Rezoning the Property to TC-1 (Traditional Commercial-1) (File No. 25-001705-ZA). **(After the first reading was considered the second, APPROVED #17 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0.)**

18. Petition of Gary Wiggins on Behalf of Highlands Park Commercial, LLC for a Master Plan Amendment of 9.8 Acres of Property for the Highlands Park – Godley Station PD (Planned Development) Located at 143, 149, and 155 Shellbark Way (PINs 21016 02120, 21016 02119 and 21016 02118) to Establish a Multifamily Residential Land Use in Aldermanic District 1 (File No. 25-000046-ZA). **(After the first reading was considered the second, APPROVED #17 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0.)**

***As required by Section 2-202 of the Charter of the City of Savannah (GA. LAWS 1898, P. 255, Secs., 1, 2), Mayor Johnson vetoed this action of Council, which was filed the 30th Day of June, 2025, with the Clerk of Council and made a part of the Council Papers of these minutes.**

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

19. Approval to Amend the 2025 Revenue Ordinance to Adopt the Rollback Millage Rate of 11.749 Mills as the Final Millage Rate for 2025. **(HEARD for First Reading Only)**



20. Motion to Amend Article R and Article U of the 2025 Revenue Ordinance.
(HEARD for First Reading Only)

21. Petition to Annex ~4.62 Acres Located at 4119 Ogeechee Road (10791 02007) from Chatham County to the City of Savannah (25-215). **(HEARD for First Reading Only)**

22. Petition of Harold B. Yellin on Behalf of Dennis Hoffman for the Owner 17 South Mini Storage to Amend the Future Land Use Map of a 4.62-Acre Property at 4119 Ogeechee Road (PIN 10791 02007) from Industry-Light to Commercial Suburban (25-002531-ZA). An Annexation Petition Accompanies This Request. **(HEARD for First Reading Only)**

23. Petition of Harold B. Yellin on Behalf of Dennis Hoffman for the Owner 17 South Mini Storage to Amend the Zoning Map of a 4.62-Acre Property at 4119 Ogeechee Road (PIN 10791 02007) from P- B (Planned Business – Chatham County) and B (Business) to B-C (Community Business) (25-002530-ZA). An Annexation Petition Accompanies This Request. **(HEARD for First Reading Only)**

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

24. A Resolution Adopting the Savannah GPS Strategic Plan for the City of Savannah. **(APPROVED #24 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0)**

PURCHASING ITEMS

25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Management Review Audit with the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) in the amount of \$96,913. This Management Review will Provide Key Insights for Decision-Makers to Use to Steer the Revenue Division and The Utility Billing Division. (Management Services) **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY #25, #26, #27, #30, #31, and #32, 8-0-0)**



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26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for One Semi-Tractor from the Pete Store in the Amount of \$213,157. The Semi-Tractor will be Utilized by The Stormwater Management Division to Haul Heavy-Duty Equipment, the Semi-Tractor is a FY25 Scheduled Replacement for Unit 8207. (Fleet Services) **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY #25, #26, #27, #30, #31, and #32, 8-0-0)**
27. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Four Dump Trucks with Dump Bodies from Freightliner of Savannah c/o Daimler Truck North America in the Amount \$ 872,872. The Trucks will be Utilized by the Street Cleaning Division, the Stormwater Management Department, and The Water Reclamation Department of The Four Units, Three are Planned FY25 Replacements and will Replace Units 5701, 6730, and 4244. The Fourth Unit is a Planned FY25 Fleet Addition. (Fleet Services) **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY #25, #26, #27, #30, #31, and #32, 8-0-0)**
28. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Chatham Savannah Authority for the Homeless for the Provision of Street Outreach & Transportation Services for People Experiencing Homelessness in an Amount Not to Exceed \$273,715. This Team will Target Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness and/or at Risk of Homelessness to Expand The Points of Access to Services and Provide Transportation Services Needed to Increase Their Health, Safety, and Quality of Life. (Human Services) **(CONTINUED/POSTPONED #28 FOR TWO WEEKS, 4-3-1. Ald. Bell, Ald. Miller Blakely, and Ald. Lanier voted no. Ald. Palumbo was away from the dias.)**
29. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Union Mission, Inc., for the Provision of Extended Intake Hours for Emergency Shelter for People Experiencing Homelessness in an Amount Not to Exceed \$97,678. The Purpose of The Extended Intake Hours for Emergency Shelters is to Increase the Utilization of Available Shelter Beds for Individuals Who Wish to Receive Shelter After Normal Business Hours and on Weekends. (Human Services). **(APPROVED #29, 7-0-1, Ald. Purtee recused himself from the vote.)**



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30. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Sludge Pond Dredging with Water Solve in an Amount Not to Exceed \$1,400,843. The Services are for Dredging the Ponds at the Following Locations Georgetown Treatment Facility and Wilshire Treatment Facility. (Water Reclamation) **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY #25, #26, #27, #30, #31, and #32, 8-0-0)**
31. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Ditch Hand Mowing with ASAP Landscape Management in an Amount Not to Exceed \$200,000. These Services will Furnish all Labor, Equipment, Fuel, and Other Necessary Items to Perform Grass Mowing and Brush/Tree Clearing by Hand Using Small, Mechanized Equipment on Ditches and Their Associated Rights-of-Way and Easements within the City Limits. (Stormwater Management) **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY #25, #26, #27, #30, #31, and #32, 8-0-0)**
32. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Two Centrifugal Water-Cooled Chillers from Trane U.S, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$571,842. The Chillers will Provide a Long-Term Solution to Cool the Savannah Civic Center. (Facilities) **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY #25, #26, #27, #30, #31, and #32, 8-0-0)**
33. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Garney Companies, Inc. to Perform Pre-Construction Services Related to the Expansion and Upgrade of the Industrial & Domestic (I&D) Water Treatment Facility in an Amount Not to Exceed \$700,000. (Water Supply & Treatment) **(UNANIMOUSLY CONTINUED/POSTPONED TO THE JULY 10, 2025, CITY COUNCIL MEETING, 8-0-0)**

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

34. Approval of Advertising Placement in the 2026 Hilton Head Island and Bluffton Vacation Planners, in the Amount of \$51,620. **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY #34 through #45, 8-0-0)**



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35. Approval to Procure One Electric Passenger Shuttle from Gatormoto Utility Vehicles & More, LLC, in the Amount of \$47,365. **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY #34 through #45, 8-0-0)**
36. Approval to Purchase Integration Services and Common Use Kiosks from Infax, Inc., in the Amount of \$63,364 **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY #34 through #45, 8-0-0)**
37. Approval to Renew Cisco Umbrella DNS Security with Port53, in the Amount of \$38,340. **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY #34 through #45, 8-0-0)**
38. Approval to Execute a Contract with Erickson Associates, Inc. for the Air Handler Units Lifecycle Replacement Project, in the Amount of \$2,569,000. **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY #34 through #45, 8-0-0)**
39. Approval to Purchase One Compact 60 Horsepower Tractor from Hendrix Machinery, Inc., in the Amount of \$74,796. **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY #34 through #45, 8-0-0)**
40. Approval of Task Order No. 8 with Mead & Hunt to Conduct a Condition Assessment of the Parking Garage Structures, in the Amount of \$45,133. **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY #34 through #45, 8-0-0)**
41. Approval to Execute Amendment No. 1 to Task Work Order No. 34 with AECOM for Architectural Design Services for the Terminal Improvements Project, in the Amount of \$478,330. **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY #34 through #45, 8-0-0)**
42. Approval to Execute Amendment No. 1 to Task Work Order No. 30 with AECOM for Architectural Design Services for the Concourse Expansion Project, in the Amount of \$208,860. **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY #34 through #45, 8-0-0)**
43. Approval of Change Order No. 1 with Shamrock Concrete Construction, Inc. for the Demo Air Cargo Phase 1B Project, in the Amount of \$141,986. **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY #34 through #45, 8-0-0)**



44. Approval to Execute a Contract with Terracon Consultants, Inc. for Material Testing & Quality Assurance for the Construct Apron Phase 1B, Construct Road Project, in the Amount of \$71,970. **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY #34 through #45, 8-0-0)**
45. Approval to Execute Task Work Order No. 17 with AECOM for the Inspection of the Taxiway A Overpass Bridge, in the Amount of \$56,531. **(APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY #34 through #45, 8-0-0)**

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

46. Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Authorities.
The following residents/citizens were appointed:
- **Chatham Area Transit (CAT):** Ald. Detric Leggett and Mary Snowden.
 - **Chatham-Savannah Authority for the Homeless:** Ald. Linda Wilder-Bryan and Ald. Kurtis Purtee.
 - **Cultural Affairs Commission:** Ashanti N. Brown and Melissa Memory.
 - **Greater Savannah International Alliance (GSIA):** KeyShawn Housey.
 - **Historic Preservation Commission (HPC):** Kiersten Connor and Kathy Ledvina.
 - **Keep Savannah Beautiful:** Brian A. Woods, LaToya S. Brannen, Tarcia Bush, Jamie Hansbrough, Katrina Myers, and Hunter Chadwick.
 - **Savannah Development and Renewal Authority (SDRA):** Austin M. Rojas, Brian A. Woods, Yolandra Shipp, Kathy Ledvina, Whitney C. Parker, and Jamie Hansbrough.
 - **Savannah Recreation Commission:** Lillian P. Brietbart and Jamie Hansbrough.
 - **Savannah Zoning Board of Appeals:** Betty M. Jones

AGREEMENTS

47. Approval of the Sixth Amendment to the Water Service Agreement with Port Wentworth. **(APPROVED #47 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0)**



REAL ESTATE ITEMS

48. Authorize the Approval of Real Property Exchange with LTI Properties, LLC for Improvement of Savannah & Ogeechee Canal. **(APPROVED #48 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0)**

Following the announcements made by members of the City Council, Mayor Johnson adjourned the regular meeting at 4:06 p.m.