



Work Session and City Manager's Briefing

The work session was held at 11:04 a.m., in the 2nd Floor Media Room. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order, then recognized Alderman Kurtis Purtee to offer a prayer.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Alderwoman Carolyn H. Bell, Post 1 – 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 Alicia Miller Blakely, Post 2 – At-Large

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

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. ~~City Manager's Update.~~
2. Closed Executive Session Regarding Personnel, Real Estate and Litigation.

Mayor Johnson welcomed everyone back to City Hall and to the renovated Media Room.

City Manager Melder recognized several Aldermen/Alderwomen by presenting them with their 5 Years of Service.

Mayor Johnson indicated that an executive session regarding personnel, litigation, and real estate was needed, so he asked for a motion.



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Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the work session and enter into a closed executive session regarding personnel, litigation, and real estate, seconded by Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 5-0-0. Ald. Miller Blakely, Ald. Lanier, Ald. Leggett, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan were absent during the vote.

Mayor Johnson recessed the work session for the executive session to be held on the 3rd Floor in the City Attorney's conference room at 11:07 a.m. No action was taken.

Ald. Palumbo moved to end the executive session/work session, seconded by Ald. Leggett. The motion passed unanimously, 8-0-0. Ald. Miller Blakely was absent.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the executive session at 1:25 p.m.



Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Aldermen

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:03 p.m., in Council Chambers. Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order, then recognized Alderman Kurtis Purtee who introduced Reverend August Alderman, Asbury Memorial Baptist Church to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States was recited in unison.

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
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
Assistant City Manager Taffanye Young
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Gwendolyn Jones

AGENDA ITEMS:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for August 14, 2025.
(ADOPTED/APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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



PRESENTATIONS

3. Welcome and Blessing of Restored City Council Chamber. **(PRESENTED)**
4. An Appearance by the Iman and Members of Masjid Jihad Temple in Honor of Their 50th Anniversary. **(PRESENTED)**
5. An Appearance by Savannah College of Art and Design to Present and Award of \$971.935 from the SCAD Serve Community Funds Grant to the City of Savannah. **(PRESENTED)**
6. Appearance and Recognition of the Youth Participants for the 2025 Path Forward Program. **(PRESENTED)**

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

7. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Anthony Debrecey for Fishbar, a Restaurant at 2218 Bull Street. The Establishment is Located Between East 38th and East 39th Street in Aldermanic District 2.
Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for #7, #8, #9, and #10.
No speaker(s).
CLOSED PUBLIC HEARINGS for #7, #8, #9, and #10 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0. (APPROVED #7 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was away from the dais during the vote.)
8. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Robert Young for The Darling Oyster Bar, a Restaurant at 27 Montgomery Street. The Establishment is Located Between West Saint Julian and West Congress Streets in Aldermanic District 2.
Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for #7, #8, #9, and #10.
No speaker(s).
CLOSED PUBLIC HEARINGS for #7, #8, #9, and #10 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0. (APPROVED #8 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was away from the dais during the vote.)



9. Approval of a Class A (Wine) (Caterer) Alcohol License to Danya Lee for Savannah Wine Institute, a Specialty Shop, located at 602 East Henry Street. The Establishment is Located Between East Broad Street and Atlantic Avenue in Aldermanic District 2.

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for #7, #8, #9, and #10.

No speaker(s).

**CLOSED PUBLIC HEARINGS for #7, #8, #9, and #10 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.
(APPROVED #9 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

10. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Joshua Sexton for The Sexton Pub and Provisions, a Restaurant. The Establishment is Located at 7 West 43rd Street Between Whitaker and Bull Streets in Aldermanic District 2.

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for #7, #8, #9, and #10.

No speaker(s).

**CLOSED PUBLIC HEARINGS for #7, #8, #9, and #10 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.
(APPROVED #10 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

ZONING HEARINGS

11. Petition of Robert McCorkle, III on behalf of Volpi Holdings, LLC and Pooler Reserve, LLC for a Special Use Permit for a Parking Facility for ~0.61 acres zoned TC-1 (Traditional Commercial - 1) and TN-2 (Traditional Neighborhood – 2) at 0 Bull St. and 12, 14, 16 E. 40th Street (PIN 20065- 39011, -39012, -39013, -39015) in Aldermanic District 2 (25-002526-ZA).

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

Speaker(s):

- **Edward Morrow, MPC Representative**

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING for agenda item #11 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0.

Mayor Johnson was absent during the vote.

(APPROVED #11 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0. Mayor Johnson was absent during the vote.)



12. Petition of Josh Yellin on behalf of Stateswold Group LLC for a Future Land Use Map Amendment from Traditional Neighborhood to Traditional Commercial for the Property at 312 East 38th Street (20065 33001) in Aldermanic District 2 (25-002529-ZA).

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearings open for agenda items #12 and #13. See the related agenda items #18 and #19.

Speaker(s):

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

**CLOSED ZONING HEARINGS for agenda items #12 and #13
UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.**

13. Petition of Josh Yellin on behalf of Stateswold Group LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment from Traditional Neighborhood-2 (TN-2) to Traditional Commercial-1 (TC-1) for the property at 312 East 38th Street (20065 33001) in Aldermanic District 2 (25-002528-ZA).

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearings open for agenda items #12 and #13. See the related agenda items #18 and #19.

Speaker(s):

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

**CLOSED ZONING HEARINGS for agenda items #12 and #13
UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.**

14. Petition of Hitendra Patel and Dipika Patel for a zoning map amendment of a ~0.76 acres at 1402 Stiles Avenue (20068 09025) from B-L (Business Limited) to B-N (Neighborhood Business) with Conditions in Aldermanic District 1 (25-002835-ZA)

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing open for agenda item #14. See the related agenda item #20.

Speaker(s):

- **Edward Morrow, MPC representative**
- **Dwayne Stephens – OPPOSED**
- **Hitendra Patel, representing the petitioner**



CLOSED ZONING HEARING for agenda item #14 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.

Written comment(s):

- **Kerrie Bieber – Requested an additional IGA for this area**

15. Petition of P. Bart Smith on behalf of Progressive One Realty, LLC for a Future Land Use Amendment of ~0.2 acres from Residential Suburban - Single Family to Commercial - Neighborhood at 1103 E. 69th Street (20114 19002) in Aldermanic District 3 (25-003226-ZA).

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearings open for agenda items #15 and #16. See the related agenda items #21 and #22.

Speaker(s):

- **Edward Morrow, MPC Representative**
- **Richard T. Makin - OPPOSED**

CLOSED ZONING HEARINGS for agenda items #15 and #16 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.

16. Petition of P. Bart Smith on behalf of Progressive One Realty, LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment of 0.2 Acres from O-I (Office-Institutional) to B-N (Neighborhood Business) with Conditions at 1103 E. 69th Street (20114 19002) in Aldermanic District 3 (25-003170-ZA).

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearings open for agenda items #15 and #16. See the related agenda items #21 and #22.

Speaker(s):

- **Edward Morrow, MPC Representative**
- **Richard T. Makin - OPPOSED**

CLOSED ZONING HEARINGS for agenda items #15 and #16 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.

17. 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 agenda item #17. See the related agenda item #23.



Speaker(s):

- Edward Morrow, MPC representative
- Emmanuel Zamuduo – OPPOSED
- Shannon Brown – OPPOSED
- Julie Ratchford – OPPOSED
- Barry Ellingson – OPPOSED
- Rosanna Horton – requested developer set aside a percentage for affordable housing
- Ald. Bernetta Lanier read a prepared statement.

CLOSED ZONING HEARING for agenda item #17 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.

Written comment(s):

- Jasmine Polley – OPPOSED
- John Sherwood – OPPOSED
- Nadine Akpeti – OPPOSED
- Barbara & Tom Stuck – OPPOSED
- John Hawkins – OPPOSED
- Sara Walkington – OPPOSED
- Kevin Knell – OPPOSED
- Megan Bishop – OPPOSED
- Thomas East – OPPOSED
- Elizabeth Bullard – OPPOSED
- Abe Massa – OPPOSED
- James & Michele Ellison – OPPOSED
- JoAnna Ambrozich – OPPOSED
- Juan C. Julio – OPPOSED
- Rich Holste – OPPOSED
- Shannon D. Brown – OPPOSED
- Myriam Baker – OPPOSED
- Lexi Smith – OPPOSED
- Lisa Wiggins – OPPOSED
- Sabrina Petterson – OPPOSED
- Christopher J. Kane – OPPOSED

ORDINANCES – FIRST AND SECOND READING



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18. Petition of Josh Yellin on behalf of Stoteswold Group LLC for a Future Land Use Map Amendment from Traditional Neighborhood to Traditional Commercial for the property at 312 East 38th Street (20065 33001) in Aldermanic District 2 (25-002529-ZA). **(After the first reading was considered the second, APPROVED #18 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-1-0. Ald. Miller Blakely voted no.)**
19. Petition of Josh Yellin on behalf of Stoteswold Group LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment from Traditional Neighborhood-2 (TN-2) to Traditional Commercial-1 (TC-1) for the property at 312 East 38th Street (20065 33001) in Aldermanic District 2 (25-002528-ZA). **(After the first reading was considered the second, APPROVED #19 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-1-0. Ald. Miller Blakely voted no.)**
20. Petition of Hitendra Patel and Dipika Patel for a zoning map amendment of a ~0.76 acres at 1402 Stiles Avenue (20068 09025) from B-L (Business Limited) to B-N (Neighborhood Business) with Conditions in Aldermanic District 1 (25-002835-ZA). **(HEARD #20 on First Reading Only, as requested by Mayor Johnson)**
21. Petition of P. Bart Smith on behalf of Progressive One Realty, LLC for a Future Land Use Amendment of ~0.2 acres from Residential Suburban - Single Family to Commercial - Neighborhood at 1103 E. 69th Street (20114 19002) in Aldermanic District 3 (25-003226-ZA). **(HEARD #21 and #22 on First Reading Only, as requested by Ald. Wilder-Bryan)**
22. Petition of P. Bart Smith on behalf of Progressive One Realty, LLC for a Zoning Map Amendment of ~0.2 acres from O-I (Office-Institutional) to B-N (Neighborhood Business) with Conditions at 1103 E. 69th Street (20114 19002) in Aldermanic District 3 (25-003170-ZA). **(HEARD #21 and #22 on First Reading Only, as requested by Ald. Wilder-Bryan)**
23. 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 #23, 5-4-0. Ald. Bell, Ald. Miller Blakely, Ald. Lanier, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Purtee voted yea. Mayor Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz, Ald. Wilder-Bryan, and Ald. Leggett voted no.**)

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

24. An Ordinance to Amend Division II, Part 6, Licensing and Regulation, Chapter I, Business and Occupations, Article R, Tour Services for Hire, Division 3, Horse Drawn Carriages, of The Code of The City of Savannah to Provide for Temperature Heat Stress Measurements; to Repeal All Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; and for Other Purposes.

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for agenda item #24 and #25
Speaker(s):

- **IN SUPPORT OF RESTRICTIONS – Shreya Vikram, Benjamin Samuels, Ashley Byrne, Joseph Layden, Paris House, Jason Arons, Robyn Lowe, Kathryn Strickland Dum, Gloria Dorsey, Samantha Crowe, Ruth Arnone, Patti Hewitt, Jennifer Miller, Joseph, Griff Karth, Nichole Bradley, Randy Tate, Calum Crampton**
- **OPPOSED TO CHANGES – Ann Sosbe, DeAnne Davis, Gary Sessoms, Carrie Daugherty, Mason Savickie, Virginia Parsons, Alexander Levine, Cara Marshall, Daniel Sparks, Jacob Sparks, Leah Ryals, Diane Brannen, Jason Combs, Kristy Crill, Marti Cross**

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARINGS for #24 and #25 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0.
(Ald. Palumbo moved to approve an Ordinance as amended below, seconded by Ald. Purtee and Ald. Miller Blakely. The motion passed, 5-4-0. Ald. Bell, Ald. Miller Blakely, Ald. Lanier, Ald. Palumbo, and Ald. Purtee voted yea. Mayor Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz, Ald. Leggett, and Ald. Wilder-Bryan voted no.)

“(b) Heat guidelines. The following heat indices and air temperatures shall apply:



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- 1. From August 20, 2025 to December 31st, 2025, Temperature of 92 degrees Fahrenheit or higher or a heat index of 107 degrees Fahrenheit or higher.*
- 1. Effective January 1, 2026, Temperature of 85 degrees Fahrenheit or higher or a heat index of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher.”*

Written comment(s):

- **IN SUPPORT OF DRY BULB - Courtney Peters, Patricia Underwood, Cassandra Everett, Deborah Lloyd Lewis, Jeremy Sloeb, Brenda Sama, Courtney Watson, Eileen Munson, Fiorella Valvida, Caroline Sansone, Ernesto Recinos, Tracey Kennedy, Paul Wong, Angel Lugo, Meg Gatch, Antonia Abutrabe, Patrick McWeeny, Grecia Roman, Onyx Helper, Kandace Mirzadeh, Kortney K., Brian Thibeault, Leena Aly, Haley Grubor, Trey Morrow, Cielo Gonzalez, Brigid Lawless, Joy Joy, Natlie Boydston, Brian Garvin, Jessica Malk, Carol H. Williamson, Annunziata Laurenzi, Alice Peacock, Kim Turner, Robert Nagell, Ruth Arnone, Dr. Alexa Martinelli, Jennifer Miller, Lady Justine Faeth, Anna Aldrich, Marcela Sumano, Erin Schneider, Aileen Gendel, Michelle Erotas, Reagan Verdi, Kristen Pfeffer, Barbara Endes, Kait Stinchcomb, Bianca Van Breemen, Taylor Lashay, Ashlee Carrozza, Jessica Pierce, Shari Kressman, Marina James, Ava Maggioni, Vikram Chhikara, Aliz Tunell, C.A., Emily Sahuto, Sara Aly, Justina Testa, Ellen Kennedy, Laura L. Levy, Stephanie Wilson Reeve, Hannah Evans, Melissa Rodermund, Margaret Hibbard, Clair Crider, Rachel Meighan, Josie Levy, Julie Schneider, Kendal Kiley, Parker Bergeron, Nikki Greenwood, Amy Vuong, Kathryn Lagerstrom, Jessica Carlsen, Catherine Miranda, Jennifer Mohr, Taylor Raftree, Jennifer Padovani, Allison Weight, Anna Vereschagina, Joshua Dies, Adam Katherman, Madeline Billhimer, Leeann Crumley, Kate Braglia, Chanel Vidal, Lucille Hansen, Aimee Cane, Morrissey Perfetti, Kayla Bernstein, Natalie Asport, Courtney G., Grace Newland, Kathy Prendergast, Karen Finckenor, Sarah Yerger, Kristen Strauch, Ellie Hasbrouck, Dipali Desai, Macy Fern, Madeline Read, Caroline Q., Thalia Melo, Vaness Ayala, Leah Simon, Savannah Cofer, Kevin Jones, Edward LaRossa,**



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Ana Soto, Michelle Morrow, Cayden Crider, Brittany Jacobsen, Sarah Barham, Jaclyn Huntington, Dana Davis, Joyce Castro, Jessica Brune, Maureen Wilce, Julia Martin, Rebecca Shen, Mackayla Malone, Maya Kenny, Marie Rose, Shannon O'Hara, Peggy Oki, Caitlin Gamble, Mario Modano, Madi McKenzie, Matias Pen Brito, Kianna Demientieff, Isa Salisbury, Vanessa Rodrigues, Diane B. Brannen, Lori Norden, Nethra Rajendran, Jessica Carlsen, Beverley Avey, Gail Lane, Karen Elger, Claire Coats, Nanci Alexander, Terry Kastens, Ryan Hanretta, Ticia Pilati, Parth Patel, Anjala Yadavalli, Debbie Robinson, Joyce Castro, Barbara Gellert, Madeline Billhimer, Megan Ball, Zoe Greenwood, Marsha Hargreaves, Suzanne Moccia, Brad Garon, Emily Robertson Hood, Julien Haberkorn, Sidney Kiari Cameron, Ed & Suzanne, Nance Kramer

- **BAN USE OF HORSES** - Meg Pace, Valeria Mariel, Nicole Brennan, Sophie G., Renee Jones, Peter Van Brussel, Catherine Evelyn, Sowmith Vatsavai
- **STAY THE SAME (NO CHANGES)** – Ann Sosbe, Diane B. Brannen, Monque Swyer, Mary LeRoy, Tiffany Vaughn

25. An Ordinance to Amend Division II, Part 6, Licensing and Regulation, Chapter I, Business and Occupations, Article R, Tour Services for Hire, Division 3, Horse Drawn Carriages, of The Code of The City of Savannah to Provide for Wet Bulb Globe Temperature Heat Stress Measurements; to Repeal All Ordinances in Conflict Herewith; and for Other Purposes. **(See #24)**

PURCHASING ITEMS

26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Two Forklifts from Thompson Lift Truck Company c/o Hyundai, in the Amount of \$75,094. The Forklifts will be Utilized by the Water Reclamation Department to Support Daily Operations. (Fleet Services) **(APPROVED #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #32, #33, #34, #35, #36, and #38 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was away from the dais during the vote.)**



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27. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Three Utility Tractors from Shea Tractor & Equipment c/o Kubota, in the Amount of \$169,498. The Three Utility Tractors will be Utilized by the Refuse Disposal Division, City Cemeteries, and the Neighborhood Park Maintenance Division to Support Daily Operations. (Fleet Services) **(APPROVED #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #32, #33, #34, #35, #36, and #38 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was away from the dais during the vote.)**
28. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Seven Bypass Pumps from Mersino Dewatering, Inc., dba Global Pumps, in the Amount of \$415,088. The Seven Bypass Pumps will be used by the City's Sewer Maintenance Division in Situations that Require Heavy-Duty Pumping of Sewage and other Liquids Containing Solids. (Fleet Services) **(APPROVED #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #32, #33, #34, #35, #36, and #38 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was away from the dais during the vote.)**
29. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for DNA Laboratory Services for the Savannah Police Department with Serological Research Institute in the Amount not to Exceed \$65,000. The Savannah Police Department (SPD) will use the DNA Laboratory Services to Provide DNA Testing for Criminal Investigations on Firearms, Shell Casings, and Other Evidence Found at Crime Scenes. (SPD) **(APPROVED #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #32, #33, #34, #35, #36, and #38 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was away from the dais during the vote.)**
30. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Modular Firing Range Ammunition Storage Building for Savannah Police Department (SPD) with Lynn Construction Contracting in an Amount not to Exceed \$261,200. The Modular Ammunition Storage Building Will Improve Ammunition Storage Capacity and Ensure that Ammunition is Being Stored in Proper Conditions. (Capital Projects Management) **(APPROVED #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #32, #33, #34, #35, #36, and #38 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was away from the dais during the vote.)**



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31. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 1 for Springfield Terrace Design with Ethos Preservation, LLC (LOCAL, DBE) in the Amount of \$72,900 to Repair Extensive Storm Damage, Roof Damage, and Termite Mitigation and to Ensure the Building is Structurally Sound. (Capital Projects) **(APPROVED #31 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
32. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Daffin Signature Playground with JOC Construction in the Amount of \$384,150. This will Improve Current Amenities and Provide Groundwork for Accessible Play Structures, a Splash Pad, and a Bathroom Facility. (Capital Projects Management) **(APPROVED #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #32, #33, #34, #35, #36, and #38 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was away from the dais during the vote.)**
33. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Savannah Fire Department (SFD) Training Center Project Phase 1 with United Grounds Maintenance in the Amount of \$66,000. This will Cover the Demolition and Cleanup of the Current Burn Building and Training Tower. This Initial Investment is Critical to Restoring Essential Training Infrastructure for the Savannah Fire Department (SFD) Personnel. (Capital Projects Management) **(APPROVED #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #32, #33, #34, #35, #36, and #38 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was away from the dais during the vote.)**
34. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 2 to Extend Contract Administration Services with Ethos Preservation, LLC (LOCAL, DBE) Through Phase 3 of the City Hall Restoration Project in the amount of \$70,000. (Capital Projects Management) **(APPROVED #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #32, #33, #34, #35, #36, and #38 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was away from the dais during the vote.)**
35. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 4 for Construction Manager at Risk Services for the City Hall Restoration Phase 3 with C.E. Garbutt Construction Company in the amount of \$1,700,000. Phase Three will Include Plaster Repairs to Walls and Ceilings, Repairs to Marble Stair Slabs and Treads, Refinishing Historic Doors, Including the Entrance to the City Clerk's Office and Refinishing the Historic Woodwork on the Stairs and within the



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Rotunda on the 3rd and 4th Floors of City Hall. (Capital Projects Management) **(APPROVED #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #32, #33, #34, #35, #36, and #38 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was away from the dais during the vote.)**

36. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 2 for Structural Engineering Services Contract with The GEL Group, Inc. in the Amount of \$550,000. The Contract Modification is Needed to Support the City's Ongoing Needs for Structural Engineering Services (Capital Projects Management) **(APPROVED #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #32, #33, #34, #35, #36, and #38 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was away from the dais during the vote.)**

37. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract with SamJay Services, Inc. (LOCAL) for the Springfield Terrace Remediation and Cleanup in the Amount of \$78,100. Services will be for the Required Removal of Debris Contaminated by Asbestos and Lead Prior to the Beginning of Design Services. **(APPROVED #37 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

38. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 3 for Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Line Repair with Southern Champion in an Amount not to Exceed \$4,800,000. Additional Funding will Support the Continued Repair Services Related to Water, Sewer, and Stormwater Infrastructure. (Water Resources) **(APPROVED #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #32, #33, #34, #35, #36, and #38 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0. Ald. Wilder-Bryan was away from the dais during the vote.)**

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

39. Approval of a Two-Year Official Airport Partnership with the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce for the Kingdom Cup, in the Amount of \$600,000. **(APPROVED #39 through #48 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**



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40. Approval to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with Steven Baldwin & Associates, in the Amount of \$66,000. **(APPROVED #39 through #48 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
41. Approval to Remit the 2024–2025 Workers' Compensation Premium Balance to Sterling Seacrest Pritchard, Inc., in the Amount of \$53,017. **(APPROVED #39 through #48 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
42. Approval to Procure Two Mobile Baggage X-Ray Units from Point Security Inc., in the Amount of \$61,460. **(APPROVED #39 through #48 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
43. Approval to Renew the Diio Mi Software Subscription from Lexis Nexis Risk Solutions Group, in the Amount of \$34,073. **(APPROVED #39 through #48 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
44. Approval to Execute a Contract with Suncoast Restoration & Waterproofing LLC for the Rehabilitate Runway Intersection and Terminal Apron Project, in the Amount of \$1,294,177. **(APPROVED #39 through #48 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
45. Approval to Award a Contract to Insulated Roofing Contractors for the Restoration of Five Hangars, in the Amount of \$275,000. **(APPROVED #39 through #48 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
46. Approval to Ratify the Acceptance of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law - Airport Infrastructure Grant Offer No. 3-13-0100-084-2025 from the Federal Aviation Administration, in the Amount of \$4,181,845. **(APPROVED #39 through #48 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
47. Approval to Ratify the Acceptance of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law - Airport Infrastructure Grant Offer No. 3-13-0100-085-2025 from the Federal Aviation Administration, in the Amount of \$1,296,196. **(APPROVED #39 through #48 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**



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48. Approval to Ratify the Acceptance of a Grant from the Georgia Department of Transportation, in the Amount of \$760,334. **(APPROVED #39 through #48 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

RESOLUTIONS

49. Motion to Authorize the City Manager to Approve a Resolution for Chatham Savannah Authority for the Homeless to receive a \$1,858,407 Savannah Affordable Housing Fund Loan and a \$3,105,415 HUD HOME-ARP Grant for the Acquisition of 39 Cottages, a Caretaker House, and a Resident Services Building Located at Dundee Cottages, 65 Dundee Street and for the Permanent Financing for the Construction of 12 Tiny Homes Located at The Cove at Dundee, 75 Dundee Street, Savannah, Chatham County, Georgia. **(APPROVED #49 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

AGREEMENTS

50. Approval of a Development and Limited Use Agreement Between the City of Savannah and the Trustees Garden Club for the Shade Garden at Forsyth Park. **(APPROVED #50 through #55 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
51. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Restricted Sale Agreement with Hyundai Motor America for Two 2025 Hyundai IONIQ-5 Vehicles in the Amount of \$2.00. **(APPROVED #50 through #55 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
52. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Development Agreement with CHSA Development, Inc. for the Public Infrastructure Improvements to Support an Affordable Housing Development Located at 916 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Adjacent Parcels. **(APPROVED #50 through #55 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
53. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with The 912 Savannah, LLC for Plant Street Apartments. This is for a Development Consisting of 14 Apartment Units and 2,500sf Department Store at 2020 Habersham Street Near 37th Street in the President Street Treatment Plant Service Area and in Aldermanic District 2. **(APPROVED #50 through #55 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**



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54. Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Amended Agreement with Forsyth Commons LLC to Build a Garage at the Corner of Whitaker Street and Park Avenue. **(APPROVED #50 through #55 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

55. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Radhe Krishna Properties, Inc. for Spencer Connerat Entrance Road. This is a Development Consisting of the Installation of 1,249 Linear Feet of 12" Water Main and 1,160 Linear Feet of 10" Sewer Main to Serve the Meadow Lakes Subdivision off Littleneck Road in the Travis Field Service Area and in Aldermanic District 5. **(APPROVED #50 through #55 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

REAL ESTATE ITEMS

56. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Development Agreement with Rhowe Design + Build, LLC and Authorization to Expend up to \$50,000 in Cumulative Costs and Fees. **(APPROVED #56 through #60 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

57. Authorize the City Manager to Approve an Easement Donation from Georgia Ports Authority for Sewer Force Main Located on a Portion 790 Louisville Road. **(APPROVED #56 through #60 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

58. Authorize the City Manager to Approve the Purchase of Easements and Land to Facilitate a Southwest Quadrant Sewer Project. **(APPROVED #56 through #60 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

59. Authorize the City Manager to Approve the Purchase of an Easement to Facilitate a Water Main Extension along Dawes Avenue. **(APPROVED #56 through #60 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

60. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Second Amendment with Fans First Entertainment for use of Grayson Stadium. **(APPROVED #56 through #60 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS



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61. Approval of Major Subdivision of Hopeton Tract 7 Phase 1A. The Subject Property is the First Phase in a Subdivision Named Hopeton Tract 7 Phase 1A Located on Little Neck Road. This Proposed Phase Totals 47.255 Acres and will Consist of 79 Single Family Lots with Varying Lot Sizes. The Property is in Aldermanic District 5 at Praline Road and Shelling Way. **(APPROVED #61 through #63 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
62. Approval of Major Subdivision Beacon Point at New Hampstead Phase 1A. This Proposed Property Totals 18.622 Acres and will Consist of 69 Lots with Varying Lot Sizes. The Property is in Aldermanic District 5 at 3401-A Highgate Boulevard and Bayne Boulevard. **(APPROVED #61 through #63 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
63. Approval of Major Subdivision Aspire at New Hampstead Phase 2. This Project Includes the Second Phase of Aspire at New Hampstead. 134 Single-Family Lots are to be Developed. The Property is in Aldermanic District 5 at Regatta Lane and Kingswood Circle. **(APPROVED #61 through #63 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
64. Added Item (City Attorney Items): Settlement #1. **(APPROVED #64 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0. Authorized the City Attorney's Office to resolve the claim of Holly Pace for \$90,000.00.)**
65. Added Item (Approval of SCAD Serve Community Grant): Approval of SCAD SERVE Community Funds Grant in the amount of \$971,935 to the City of Savannah for the Purpose of Public Safety Technology. **(APPROVED #65 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

Mayor Johnson adjourned the regular meeting at 6:31 p.m.



Special Called Meeting (Show Cause Hearing)

The special meeting was held at 6:52 p.m., in Council Chambers. Mayor Johnson called the special meeting (hearing) to order.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Alderswoman Carolyn H. Bell, Post 1 – At-Large
Alderswoman Alicia Miller Blakely, Post 2 – At-Large
Alderswoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2
Alderswoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3 – Vice Chair
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4 – Chairman
Alderswoman 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
Assistant City Attorney Denise Cooper
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Gwendolyn Jones

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Show Cause Hearing for Henry Street Bistro, 1308 Montgomery Street To Show Cause Why Your Alcohol License Should Not Be Revoked.

Written comment(s):

- **Joint Statement – OPPOSED by Jacob Jarvis (Thomas Square NA), Nancy Maia (Victorian NA), and Gloria Williams (Cuyler-Brownville NA)**

Mayor Johnson provided an overview regarding the purpose for the show cause hearing and the process that would be exercised.

Assistant City Attorney Denise Cooper represented the city, and Attorney Courtney Gilchrist represented the Henry Street Bistro.



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The following witnesses took an oath, administered by Mayor Johnson, to provide testimony during the hearing.

- Judee Jones, Revenue Director
- David Williams, owner/manager

After both attorneys presented their case, made statements and completed their questioning, members of the City Council asked questions and deliberated.

City Manager Melder made his recommendation.

Mayor Johnson moved to accept the City Manager's recommendation to take no action at this time in good faith based upon the testimony, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Shabazz and Ald. Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously, 9-0-0.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the hearing at 8:11 p.m.