



Work Session and City Manager's Briefing

The work session was held at 11:05 a.m., in the 2nd Floor Media Room. Mayor Van R. Johnson, II called the meeting to order, then recognized Ald. Kurtis Purtee to offer a prayer.

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

ALSO, PRESENT:

City Manager Jay Melder
Assistant City Manager Taffanye Young
Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Deputy Clerk of Council Gwendolyn Jones

AGENDA ITEMS:

***A special introduction of the recently appointed Chief of Community Services Ashley Marshall was made by City Manager Melder.**

1. Public Safety Update. **[PRESENTED by City Manager Melder, Recreation and Leisure Services Director Nick Roberts, and ONSE (Neighborhood Safety and Engagement) Director Jimmie Johnson]**
2. Community Benefits Discussion. **[PRESENTED by City Manager Melder and Planning, Zoning and Urban Design Director Bridget Lidy]**
3. ~~Executive Session Regarding Personnel, Real Estate and Litigation; As Needed.~~
4. ~~City Manager Updates.~~



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The workshop was adjourned at 1:22 p.m., upon motion/vote the executive session concluded for which 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 Council Chambers. Following the roll call, Mayor Johnson called the meeting to order. He then recognized Ald. Alicia Miller Blakely who introduced Pastor Ricardo Rolando Manuel, Second Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States was recited in unison. Mayor Johnson first spoke in relation to and asked for a moment of silence in honor of the memory of the late Reverend Jesse Louis Jackson, Sr., then he ordered flags on City of Savannah facilities be flown at half-staff from March 1, 2026, to March 7, 2026.

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AGENDA ITEMS:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for February 26, 2026.
(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 February 12, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. **(APPROVED #2 & #3 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on February 12, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 & #3 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

PRESENTATIONS

4. Appearance and Recognition of Hyundai for Donation of Electric Vehicles to the City of Savannah. **[RECOGNITION PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson to Hyundai Motor Group Metaplant America Chief Administrative Officer Brent Stubbs and city staff]**
5. Appearance and Recognition of Savannah Fire Department Investigator Kenneth McDonald by the Georgia Arson Control as the 2025 Fire Investigator of the Year. **[APPEARED Fire Chief Derek Minard and Investigator Kenneth McDonald]**

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

6. Approval of a Class C (Liquor, Beer, Wine) (By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to David Howard for Marbled & Fin Savannah, a Restaurant Located at 520 East Oglethorpe Avenue Between Price Street and Houston Street in Aldermanic District 2. (New Applicant/New Business)
**Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for agenda items #6 and #7. No speaker(s).
CLOSED ALCOHOL HEARINGS UNANIMOUSLY for agenda items #6 and #7, 8-0-0. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was away from the dais during the vote.
(APPROVED #6 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-0. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was away from the dais during the vote.)**



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7. Approval of a Class G (Beer, Wine) (Complimentary) Alcohol License to Ronald Burriss for Flip Flop Shops, a Retail Store located at 100 Bull St. The establishment is Located Between East Broughton Street and East State Street in Aldermanic District 2. (New Applicant/Existing Business)

Mayor Johnson declared the hearings open for agenda items #6 and #7.

No speaker(s).

CLOSED ALCOHOL HEARINGS UNANIMOUSLY for agenda items #6 and #7, 8-0-0. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz was away from the dais during the vote.

(APPROVED #7 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)

ORDINANCES – SECOND READING

8. Approval of Amendment to the Stopping, Standing, and Parking Prohibited Ordinance. (Transportation Services) **(APPROVED #8 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

PURCHASING ITEMS

9. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Amendment No. 2 for Engineering and Construction Inspection Services for the I&D Surface Water Treatment Plan Optimization and Expansion to Hussey Gay Bell (HGB) in the Amount of \$9,200,000. (Industrial & Domestic Water Plant) **(APPROVED #9 through #16, and #18 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
10. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Multi-Function Copier Equipment with ABR in the Amount Not to Exceed \$300,000. (ITS) **(APPROVED #9 through #16, and #18 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Software and Implementation with SpryPoint in the Amount Not to Exceed \$1,631,700. (ITS) **(APPROVED #9 through #16, and #18 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for WinCan Software with Environmental Products Group in the Amount Not to Exceed \$56,100. (ITS) **(APPROVED #9 through #16, and #18 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**



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13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Computer Replacement Devices with Dell, Inc. in the Amount of \$1,094,000. (ITS) **(APPROVED #9 through #16, and #18 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
14. Authorize City Manager to Execute a Renewal of Contract with Kintronics, Inc. LLC for the Purchase of Ocularis Software Maintenance & Support in the Amount of \$55,000. (ITS) **(APPROVED #9 through #16, and #18 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Phase I & Phase II with ShotSpotter in an Amount Not to Exceed \$274,458 Annually. (SPD) **(APPROVED #9 through #16, and #18 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
16. Authorize City Manager to Execute a Modification No. 1 of the Contract for the Purchase of Aluminum Sulfate with Chemtrade Chemicals US, LLC. in the Amount of \$283,977. (Industrial & Domestic Water Plant) **(APPROVED #9 through #16, and #18 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 2 for Major Special Event Catering Services for City Staff from Ardsley Station in an Amount Not to Exceed \$138,600. (Special Events, Film & Tourism) **(APPROVED #17 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Contract Modification No. 2 for Medical and Pharmacy Stop Loss Carrier with International Assurance of Tennessee, Inc. in the Amount of \$1,318,000. (Human Resources) **(APPROVED #9 through #16, and #18 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Installation of a New Splash Pad at Sunset Park with Great Southern Recreation c/o Water Play Solutions Corp., in an Amount Not to Exceed \$124,100. (Recreation and Leisure Services) **(APPROVED #19 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Design, Procurement, and Installation of a Prefabricated Storage Building at Daffin Park with Gordian,



Inc., in an Amount Not to Exceed \$330,191. (Recreation and Leisure Services)
**(CONTINUED/POSTPONED by unanimous consent to the March 12, 2026
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21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Cab Cameras with Samsara, Inc. in an Amount Not to Exceed \$269,576. (Sanitation Department)
(APPROVED #21 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

22. Approval of a Condé Nast Traveler Promotional Campaign Partnership with the Hilton Head Island–Bluffton Chamber of Commerce, in the Amount of \$300,000.
(APPROVED #22 and #24 through #30 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)
23. Approval of Task Work Order No. 22, with AECOM for Gate Planning Services, in the Amount of \$77,565. **(APPROVED #23 UNANIMOUSLY, 8-0-1. Mayor Pro Tem Dr. Shabazz recused herself/abstained for business purposes.)**
24. Approval of a 3-Year Broadband Service Agreement with Comcast Business Communications, LLC, in the Amount of \$34,487. **(APPROVED #22 and #24 through #30 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
25. Approval to Execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with SEDA and Chatham County to Construct a Signalized Intersection, in an Amount Not to Exceed \$818,375. **(APPROVED #22 and #24 through #30 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
26. Approval to Sponsor the 2026 Southeast Chapter of the American Association of Airport Executives Annual Conference, in the Amount of \$60,000.
(APPROVED #22 and #24 through #30 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)
27. Approval to Procure Services from Elevated Facility Services to Refurbish Six Escalators in the Hourly/Long-Term Parking Garage, in the Amount of \$1,483,176. **(APPROVED #22 and #24 through #30 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**
28. Approval to Execute a Contract with Founders Maintenance & Restoration for the Replacement of Five Handicap Ramps and Seven Entrance Walkways, in



the Amount of \$188,385. **(APPROVED #22 and #24 through #30 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

29. Approval to Execute a Four-Year Annual Preventative Maintenance Service Agreement with Brooks Building Solutions, in the Amount of \$185,600. **(APPROVED #22 and #24 through #30 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

30. Approval to Execute a Contract with W.S. Nielson Company, Inc., to Replace Nine Skylight Glass Panels, in the Amount of \$97,704. **(APPROVED #22 and #24 through #30 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

RESOLUTIONS

31. A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages for On-Premises Consumption on Sunday, March 15, 2026. (Revenue Department) **(APPROVED #31 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

32. Approval of a Resolution Creating a Committee to Advise on the Commemoration of the Burial Ground in Whitefield Square. **(APPROVED #32 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

AGREEMENTS

33. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with D.R. Horton for The Pines at New Hampstead Phase 5 in Aldermanic District 5. (Water & Sewer) **(APPROVED #33 through #36 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

34. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with D.R. Horton, Inc. for The Pines at New Hampstead Phase 6 in Aldermanic District 5. (Water Resources Planning & Engineering) **(APPROVED #33 through #36 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

35. Approval of a Water & Sewer Agreement with Surekhaben M. Patel for MDH Benton Commercial Subdivision in Aldermanic District 1. (Water Resources Planning & Engineering) **(APPROVED #33 through #36 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**



36. Authorize the City Manager to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the City of Savannah and the Metropolitan Planning Commission for Pictometry Imagery Services in the Amount of \$37,710 annually, for a combined total of \$226,260 for the years 2026-2031. (Office of Management & Budget) **(APPROVED #33 through #36 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0)**

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

37. Settlement #1. **[APPROVED #37 UNANIMOUSLY, 9-0-0, authorizing the City Attorney's Office to settle the claim (vehicle incident) of Minakshy Rawl for \$45,000.00)**

Following announcements made by the Mayor and Aldermen, Mayor Johnson adjourned the regular meeting at 3:39 p.m.