

## March 28, 2019 City Council Regular Meeting

### CITY GOVERNMENT

### OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF CITY COUNCIL

### SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of Council was held at 2:01 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison followed by the invocation by Rabbi Zalman Wrexham, Director of the Chabad of Savannah.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Eddie W. DeLoach, Presiding

Aldermen Carol Bell, Julian Miller, Brian Foster, Bill Durrence, Van Johnson, II, Tony Thomas, John Hall and Estella E. Shabazz

Rob Hernandez, City Manager

Bret Bell, Assistant to the City Manager

Jennifer Herman, Interim City Attorney

William Shearouse, Assistant City Attorney

Upon motion of Alderwoman Bell, seconded by Alderman Johnson, unanimous approval was given to amend the agenda as follows:

- Move #22 to 3A;
- Move #21 to 5A; and
- Move #50 to 5B

Upon motion of Alderwoman Bell, seconded by Alderwoman Shabazz, unanimous approval was given for the Mayor to sign an affidavit and resolution on Real Estate, Litigation and Personnel for an Executive Session held today where no votes were taken.

#### **A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SAVANNAH AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AFFIDAVIT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah as follows:

At the meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019 the Council entered into a closed session for the purpose of discussing Real Estate, Litigation and Personnel. At the close of the discussions upon this subject, the Council reentered into open session and herewith takes the following action in open session:

1. The actions of Council and the discussions of the same regarding the matter set forth for the closed session purposes are hereby ratified;
2. Each member of this body does hereby confirms that to the best of his or her knowledge, the subject matter of the closed session was devoted to matters within the specific relevant exception(s) as set forth above;
3. The presiding officer is hereby authorized and directed to execute an affidavit, with full support of the Council in order to comply with O.C.G.A. §50-14-4(b); 17
4. The affidavit shall be included and filed with the official minutes of the meeting and shall be in a form as required by the statute.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED: MARCH 28, 2019 upon motion of Alderwoman Bell, seconded by Alderwoman Shabazz, and unanimously carried.**

Upon motion of Alderwoman Bell, seconded by Alderwoman Shabazz, unanimous approval was given for the Mayor to sign an affidavit and resolution on Personnel for an Executive Session held today where no votes were taken.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SAVANNAH AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AFFIDAVIT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION.**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Savannah as follows:

At the meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2019 the Council entered into a closed session for the purpose of discussing Personnel. At the close of the discussions upon this subject, the Council reentered into open session and herewith takes the following action in open session:

1. The actions of Council and the discussions of the same regarding the matter set forth for the closed session purposes are hereby ratified;
2. Each member of this body does hereby confirms that to the best of his or her knowledge, the subject matter of the closed session was devoted to matters within the specific relevant exception(s) as set forth above;
3. The presiding officer is hereby authorized and directed to execute an affidavit, with full support of the Council in order to comply with O.C.G.A. §50-14-4(b); 17
4. The affidavit shall be included and filed with the official minutes of the meeting and shall be in a form as required by the statute.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED: MARCH 25, 2019 upon motion of Alderwoman Bell, seconded by Alderwoman Shabazz, and unanimously carried.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**[1. Motion to Approve the Summary/Final Minutes for the City Council Work Session and City Manager's Briefing of March 14, 2019](#)**

**[Exhibit 1: Minutes - March 14, 2019 City Council Workshop.pdf](#)**

**[2. Motion to Approve the Summary/Final Minutes for the City Council Meeting of March 14, 2019](#)**

**[Exhibit 1: Minutes - March 14, 2019 City Council Meeting.pdf](#)**

Agenda items 1 and 2 were approved upon motion of Alderwoman Bell, seconded by Alderwoman Shabazz, and unanimously carried.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**[3. Appearance by Representatives of the Public Private Partnership Responsible for the Community Garden Project at the Pennsylvania Avenue Resource Center](#)**

Kerri Reid, Human Services Director, accompanied by Margaret Williams, Human Services Assistant Director; Carol Moon, PARC Program Manager; Paul Balducci, JE Dunn; Tanya Mandel, Mandel Designs; Eric Johnson and Lauren Pfeifer, Hussey, Gay & Bell Architects; and neighborhood association representatives appeared to announce that the Pennsylvania Avenue Resource Center (PARC), currently under construction, on the City's eastside is almost ready to open. Ms. Reid discussed some of the project highlights to include the community garden. She thanked the construction, design and landscape partners for donating over \$22,500 in landscaping and architectural support. The garden will be constructed on Thursday, April 4, 2019, from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Ms. Reid invited Council and the citizens of Savannah out to participate in the event. Mr. Johnson thanked the Mayor and Council for their support expressing his excitement about the project.

**Item 22: A Resolution Accepting the Donation of Materials and Equipment for the Construction of the Pennsylvania Avenue Resource Center (PARC) Community Garden.moved to 3A.**

The resolution was approved upon motion of Alderman Hall, seconded by Alderman Foster and unanimously carried.

**[4. Appearance by Savannah Chatham County Public School System Representatives to Receive a Proclamation Designating April 13, 2019 as Family Engagement Day in Savannah](#)**

Mayor DeLoach introduced Dr. Ann Levett, Superintendent of the Savannah Chatham County Public School System (SCCPSS), to receive a proclamation designating April 13, 2019 as Family Engagement Day. Mayor DeLoach read the proclamation. Dr. Levett thanked Mayor and Council for their assistance and support. She invited all families in Savannah to come out to celebrate literacy. The event will be held Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at Daffin Park. Dr. Levett introduced Connie Hall, District 3 representative, Dr. Angie Lewis, Office of College and Career Readiness Director and Dr. Kurt Hetegar, Chief Officer for Administrative Affairs.

**Item 4A: Appearance by the Sol C. Johnson High School Lady Atom Smashers for winning the State Championship**

Alderman Hall introduced the Johnson High School Lady Atom Smashers, basketball team congratulating them for winning their second and consecutive State championship in the Georgia High School Association (GHSA) Class 3A title game.

Brandon Lindsey, Lady Atom Smashers Head Coach, thanked the Mayor and Council for the honor. Coach Lindsey introduced and thanked his coaching staff for all their hard work. He also introduced and thanked the Lady Atom Smashers for all their hard work and dedication to the team.

**5. Recognition of the Quiz Bowl Teams from May Howard, Island High, Savannah Arts, and Godley K-8 schools**

Kim Simshauser, Library/Media Specialist from Islands High School provided a brief history of the Quiz Bowl and how it began.

Mayor DeLoach individually recognized the Quiz Bowl teams from May Howard, Godley K-8, Islands High School and Savannah Arts Academy.

Dr. Levett thanked the Mayor and Council for all their support of the Savannah Chatham County Public School System.

Mayor DeLoach added early learning is the key to success in this day and time and is needed in the community.

Alderwoman Bell thanked Dr. Levett and staff on their collaboration with the City.

**Item 21: A Resolution Accepting the Donation of 60 Naloxone Kits from No More ODs was moved up.**

Lesli Messenger, No More ODs Founder, and board members appeared to present the Savannah Fire Rescue Department with 60 naloxone kits. Ms. Messenger thanked the Mayor and Council expressing how overwhelmed she is by the empathy shown by everyone involved. Council was informed that approximately 200 firefighters were trained and over \$240,000 worth of naloxone was donated. Chief Revenue, Savannah Fire Rescue, stated the donation will help them as the department moves toward providing EMS services and protects firefighters in the event of accidental exposure. Captain Vandercook also thanked Ms. Messenger for all she does in the community.

The resolution was approved upon motion of Alderwoman Bell, seconded by Alderman Miller, and unanimously carried.

**Item 50: Motion to Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Savannah and the Trustees' Garden Club, Inc. to Create a Master Plan for Forsyth Park was moved up.**

Eleanor Rhangos, Forsyth Park Chair, along with Trustees Garden Club members appeared to thank the Mayor and Council for their partnership through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Trustees Garden Club and the City of Savannah to create a Master Plan for Forsyth Park. She informed Council that the Master Plan will include implementation guidance, act as a policy tool, and provide a platform for any potential future fundraising efforts as well as establishing a vision for Forsyth Park for decades to come.

The MOU was approved upon motion of Alderman Durrence, seconded by Alderman Foster, and unanimously carried.

**Upon motion of Alderwoman Bell, seconded by Alderman Miller, unanimous approval was given to amend the agenda to add the following items:**

53. A Resolution in Support of House Bill 346;

54. Motion to authorize the City Attorney to issue notice to Montgomery Market to Show Cause why its Alcoholic Beverage License should not be revoked; and

55. Motion to authorize the City Attorney to issue notice to The Hub to Show Cause why its Alcoholic Beverage License should not be revoked.

## **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE HEARINGS**

### [6. Motion to Approve a Class C Alcohol License with Sunday Sales for Loan Tran of Flock to the Wok at 37 Whitaker Street \(Aldermanic District 2\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Density Map - Flock to the Wok.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Alcohol Documents - Flock to the Wok.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Measurement Report - Flock to the Wok.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Alcohol Checklist - Flock to the Wok.pdf](#)

### [7. Motion to Approve a Class C Alcohol License with Sunday Sales for Jhonny Alarado of Antojo Latino at 44 Posey Avenue \(Aldermanic District 4\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Checklist Report - Antojo Latin.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Density Map - Antojo Latin.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Documents - Antojo Latin.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Antojo Latin.pdf](#)

### [8. Motion to Approve a Class E Alcohol License for Damini Patel of Discount Corner #5 at 1170 East DeRenne Avenue \(Aldermanic District 3\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Alcohol Documents - Discount Corner #5.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Measurement Report - Discount Corner #5.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Density Map - Discount Corner #5.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Checklist Report - Discount Corner #5.pdf](#)

The hearings for items 6, 7 and 8 were closed upon motion of Alderman Miller, seconded by Alderman Durrence, and unanimously carried.

The alcohol licenses for items 6,7 and 8 were approved upon of Alderman Miller, seconded by Alderman Durrence, and unanimously carried.

### [9. Motion to Approve a Class E Alcohol License for Uresh Patel of Eagle Market #1 at 2120 West Bay Street \(Aldermanic District 1\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Density Map - Eagle Market #1.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Alcohol Documents - Eagle Market #1.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Measurement Report - Eagle Market #1.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Checklist - Eagle Market #1.pdf](#)

Alderman Johnson briefly described the petitioner's request reminding Council and staff of the many discussions held in reference to the overabundance of alcohol serving establishments in the First District particularly on Bay Street. An Alcohol Overlay Ordinance which would restrict alcohol use in a specified area was created by the City Manager and staff after a request from Alderman Johnson was made. He added at some point the residents noticed a market being built at considerable cost with the intent to sell alcoholic beverages. From this Alderman Johnson concluded once the parameters of the overlay were drawn a loophole was found that allowed a business that correctly read the ordinance to fix their business in such a way to become compliant with the Overlay District. He added the business followed the rules set by the City but it was not in the spirit or intent of the Alcohol Overlay Ordinance. He expressed his concerns that the ball was dropped and stated the implications and rules were set and the residents were promised that no more alcohol serving establishments would be put in the area. He added his concerns are for the residents of the First and Fifth Districts because the two districts are in similar

situations with an abundance of alcohol serving establishments and if a loophole was found in the First District the residents in the Fifth District fear the same could hold true for them. He closed stating the City has to say what it means, and mean what it says particularly when it relates to alcohol and the overabundance of gaming machines which contribute to blight and a variety of detrimental uses. He added that Mr. Patel has agreed not to have gaming machines in his establishment.

City Manager Hernandez provided Council and citizens with a brief explanation of the issue related to the allowance of retail sales for certain properties over 5,000 square feet. He added initially when the Alcohol Overlay District was drafted staff wanted to ensure an unintended consequence did not occur informing everyone the goal has always been to attract a grocer to the area most of which sell some line of alcoholic beverages. He informed Council that 5,000 square feet was a number staff came up with that they felt no one would try to meet or surpass but they were incorrect because the market responded and the establishment was built and Mr. Patel (the applicant) has complied with all requirements.

Alderman Johnson suggested the City needs to ultimately define what convenience stores actually are in the ordinance.

City Manager Hernandez reminded Council that staff is actively engaged in public feedback for the next iteration of improvements to the ordinance and acknowledged that this matter is something that needs to be improved.

Alderwoman Shabazz recognized the representation from the Fifth District who would be speaking during the meeting in reference to this issue. She thanked Alderman Johnson for collaborating with her district and the City Manager and staff for allowing public input and acknowledging that the ordinance needs to be amended without loopholes to prevent the oversaturation of alcohol serving establishments in the First and Fifth Districts.

Marsha Buford, West Savannah Community, understands the license will pass but wanted to express to Council that the residents want the ordinance changed to specifically prohibit any additional convenience stores as they outnumber any other establishments in the neighborhood. Ms. Buford added in the one mile square radius there are a total of 16 entities with alcohol licenses, and Mr. Patel's business is 200 feet from another establishment that also sells alcohol.

Donna Myers, Fifth District resident, spoke about the oversaturation in the Fifth District and expressed her concerns that the same thing or something similar will occur in the Fifth District. She asked Council to revise the Overlay Ordinance wording to prevent this from occurring again so the residents in both districts can maintain a quality of life that isn't heavily oversaturated. She added the residents understand why it happened and how it happened but are suffering because Council failed to properly word the ordinance.

Pamela Howard Oglesby, West Savannah Community, expressed her displeasure with the number of alcohol serving establishments in her community as many of them sit at her front door. She also expressed her concerns about the amount of trash accumulated in the neighborhood from these establishments. She added the residents want businesses to come to the neighborhood but also want them to be good neighbors and bring things needed in the community. She closed by expressing her disappointment in the process.

Lindsey Grovenstein, Project Coordinator for Beyond the Bell, a non-profit organization to prevent underage alcohol and marijuana use in the community appeared in support of the West Savannah Community. Ms. Grovenstein provided Council with evidence that regulating the amount of alcohol outlets in an area can reduce the amount of alcohol consumption and all of its related harms. She added that Council needs to be aware of the risks to the community, kids and everyone overall.

Bernetta Lanier, Hudson Hill Community Organization President/Ivory Bay Community Development Organization President, CEO, appeared in agreement with Alderman Johnson and everyone before her that spoke. Ms. Lanier added when the Alcohol Overlay was established residents asked for a moratorium on development but the focus of the discussion was on alcohol at the time. She also added the Hudson Hill Community Organization has met with Mr. Patel about concerns which included fencing, employment opportunities and fresh fruits and vegetables. She informed Council that Mr. Patel has met the concerns of the neighborhood and if he supports the community the community will support him. In addition the residents are working with staff on the revisions to the ordinance.

Attorney Josh Yellin, Agent for the Uresh Patel, applicant, informed Council that Mr. Patel has met with the community and several meetings have been held. He added that Mr. Patel is engaged with the community and hopes to be an asset to the community providing fresh groceries and hot food items that are needed in the area.

Mayor DeLoach expressed his concerns about the cost of the fresh vegetables that will be in the establishment and asked that they be priced at a level for the residents to get a good product at a decent price. In addition he commended Mr. Patel on the look of his established but expressed concerns about it solely profiting from the sale of alcohol.

Attorney Yellin briefly described the requirements for the Class E alcohol license which solely and exclusively limits alcohol sales to 25% of the revenue for the establishment. He added that Mr. Patel will need to price his items competitively so people will patronize the establishment.

Alderman Hall expressed his concerns with the neighborhood members request of Mr. Patel to provide fresh fruits and vegetables. He noted that apples, oranges and bananas are the only fruits in most convenience stores like the one Mr. Patel owns and doesn't feel that it is fair to require something of him that isn't required of other convenience stores.

Attorney Yellin added he neglected to mention there will be fresh meats sold at the establishment as well. In addition he will continue to meet with the neighborhood members in the future.

Alderwoman Bell commended Ms. Lanier for sitting down with Mr. Patel and voicing the concerns of the residents and ensuring the needs of the community are met.

Alderman Thomas questioned who monitors (audits) the requirements of the Class E license as it relates to alcohol sales being limited to 25% of the revenue; and what questioned what would be done if sales exceeded the allotted amount.

City Manager Hernandez referred to Ashley Simpson, Revenue Director, to respond. Ms. Simpson informed Council that all establishments are required to submit an affidavit annually with their renewal each year. Establishments are randomly selected for auditing unless there are or have been complaints and they are required to submit backup documentation for all information provided. In the event an establishment is noncompliant the City's Attorney will provide notice to the location for a show cause hearing.

Alderman Thomas added establishments need to be held accountable for their actions and wants to make sure there is a component for cleaning around this establishment. In addition he suggested if the pricing is too high on the fruits and vegetables that the neighborhood possibly reach out to a local vendor to see if they can provide those services. He also commended Ms. Lanier on the work done to come to an agreement. Alderman Thomas questioned Mr. Patel on the types of hot foods that would be provided. Attorney Yellin informed Council it would be sandwiches, pizza and chicken along with the produce.

The hearing was closed upon motion of Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderwoman Shabazz, and unanimously carried.

The Class E alcohol license was approved upon motion of Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Miller, and carried with the following voting in favor: Mayor DeLoach, Aldermen Bell, Miller, Foster, Durrence, Johnson, Thomas and Hall. Alderwoman Shabazz voted against the motion.

Following the vote Alderman Johnson expressed the need for a definition for convenience stores to be included in the ordinance. Alderwoman Shabazz questioned the stay in the Fifth District and inquired if this could occur in her district. Attorney Herman informed her that is correct but the stay cannot be continued indefinitely.

Alderwoman Shabazz announced there is currently a survey on the city's website related to the alcohol ordinance updates and encouraged everyone to take advantage of the opportunity to provide feedback. The survey will be open until noon (12 p.m.) on Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Simpson added that there will be another public meeting held after the results are received, recommendation will be compiled and brought back to the public to get additional feedback.

The survey can be found by clicking or pasting the following link in your URL: <http://www.savannahga.gov/2388/Alcohol-Ordinance-Updates>

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

### [10. Motion to Approve the Second Reading of the Downtown Savannah Authority Bond Application](#)

[Exhibit 1: Council Agenda Information.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Award Recommendation Memo - DSA Series 2019 Bond.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Contract.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Resolution - Downtown Savannah Authority Bond.pdf](#)

The hearing was closed upon motion of Alderman Miller, seconded by Alderwoman Bell, and unanimously carried. Alderman Johnson was not present for the vote.

The bond application was approved upon motion of Alderman Miller, seconded by Alderwoman Bell, and carried with the following voting in favor: Mayor DeLoach, Aldermen Bell, Miller, Foster, Durrence, Thomas and Hall. Alderwoman Shabazz voted against the motion. Alderman Johnson was not present for the vote.

After the vote Mayor DeLoach informed the public of the overall savings and reason for the bonds which was to pay off bonds purchased in 2009. The total savings (actual cash) is \$642,000 and overall for the length of the bond it saved the City \$547,000.

## **ZONING HEARING**

### [11. Motion to Amend the Zoning Ordinance Regarding the Creation of a Conservation Overlay District for Daffin Park and Parkside \(Petitioner: Parkside Neighborhood Association\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Daffin Park-Parkside Conservation Overlay District Recommended Boundaries.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance - Daffin Park - Parkside Conservation Overlay District.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Historic District Metadata - Daffin Park - Parkside Place.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Historic District Application 1999 - Daffin Park - Parkside Place.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 5: Historic District Photos - Daffin Park - Parkside Place.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 6: Planning Commission Recommendation - Daffin Park - Parkside Conservation Overlay District.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 7: Parkside Notice.pdf](#)

Alderman Miller informed Council and the public that four weeks ago he requested items 11 and 12 be delayed because there were members of the community that informed him they were unaware of the intentions. The City sent out a notification to all property owners and since that time no concerns were raised to Council or staff.

Gretchen Hilmers, Social Media Coordinator for Parkside Neighborhood, informed Council that she was responsible for ensuring the residents received the information. She provided Council with a timeline and information about all notices and feedback received and provided.

The hearing was closed upon motion of Alderman Miller, seconded by Alderwoman Bell, and unanimously carried. Alderman Johnson was not present for the vote.

The amendment was approved upon motion of Alderman Miller, seconded by Alderwoman Bell, and unanimously carried. Alderman Johnson was not present for the vote.

### [12. Motion to Amend the Zoning Map to Designate Daffin Park and Parkside as a Conservation Overlay District \(Petitioner: Parkside Neighborhood Association\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Planning Commission Recommendation - Daffin Park - Parkside Conservation Overlay District Map.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: District Recommended Boundaries - Daffin Park - Parkside Conservation Overlay](#)

[Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance - Daffin Park - Parkside Conservation Overlay District \(w/ Map\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Courtesy Notice of Proposed Zoning Action for the Daffin Park - Parkside Conservation Overlay District.pdf](#)

The hearing was closed upon motion of Alderman Miller, seconded by Alderwoman Bell, and unanimously carried. Alderman Johnson was not present for the vote.

The zoning map amendment was approved upon motion of Alderman Miller, seconded by Alderwoman Bell, and unanimously carried. Alderman Johnson was not present for the vote.

## ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING

### [13. Motion to Rezone 2026 Habersham Street et al From TN-2 and TC-1 to TC-1 \(Petitioner: Jay Maupin for Heath Shelton\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Planning Commission Recommendation - 2026 Habersham.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance 2026 Habersham.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Aerial Map 2026 Habersham.pdf](#)

Alderman Thomas requested an explanation of the item.

Marcus Lotson, Metropolitan Planning Commission, appeared to briefly describe the request, informing Council the rezoning was approved at the previous meeting and consists of a series of properties that are split zoned. The rezoning will allow for multi-family development and a series of mixed uses at the corner of 37<sup>th</sup> and Habersham Streets. Mr. Lotson informed Council there was no opposition to the rezoning at the MPC meeting or the Council meeting.

Ordinance read for the first time in Council March 28, 2019, then by unanimous consent of Council read a second time, placed upon its passage, adopted and approved upon a motion by Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderwoman Bell, and unanimously carried. Alderman Johnson was not present for the vote.

The ordinance is on file in the Office of the Clerk of Council.

## ORDINANCES - SECOND READING

### [14. Motion to Approve a Revision to the Subdivision Regulations Ordinance](#)

[Exhibit 1: Plat Review Process Comparison - Other Large Cities in Georgia.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Subdivision Regulations \(Redline Version\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Subdivision Ordinance Changes.pdf](#)

The ordinance was approved upon motion of Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Durrence, and unanimously carried. Alderman Miller was not present for the vote.

The ordinance is on file in the Office of the Clerk of Council.

### [15. Motion to Amend the Future Land Use Category for 703 Louisville Road \(Petitioner: MPC staff\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Planning Commission Recommendation - 703 Louisville Rd with General Development Plan.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance - 703 Louisville Rd \(Future Land Use Map Category\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Aerial Map.pdf](#)

The ordinance was approved upon motion of Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Durrence, and carried with the following voting in favor: Mayor DeLoach, Aldermen Bell, Foster, Durrence and Hall. Aldermen Johnson, Thomas and Shabazz voted against the motion. Alderman Miller was not present for the vote.

The ordinance is on file in the Office of the Clerk of Council.

### [16. Motion to Rezone 703 Louisville Road from P-RIP-D with a GDP and I-H to P-RIP-D with a GDP \(Petitioner: WEDP Fund I, LLC\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Planning Commission Recommendation - 703 Louisville Rd \(Rezoning with GDP\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: GDP as Approved by the Planning Commission - 703 Louisville Rd.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: GDP as Approved by the Mayor and Aldermen at Zoning Hearing - 703 Louisville Rd.pdf](#)



[Exhibit 4: GDP Revision Request as Approved by the Mayor and Aldermen at First Reading - 703 Louisville Rd.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 5: 703 Louisville Rd Draft Ordinance.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 6: 703 Louisville Rd 20190228 PowerPoint Presentation.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 7: ALTA Survey of City Surplus Parcel.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 8: Development Agreement for City Surplus Parcel.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 9: 703 Louisville Rd 20190307 DRAFT Recombination Survey.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 10: Aerial Map.pdf](#)

The ordinance was approved upon motion of Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Durrence, and carried with the following voting in favor: Mayor DeLoach, Aldermen Bell, Foster, Durrence and Hall. Aldermen Johnson, Thomas and Shabazz voted against the motion. Alderman Miller was not present for the vote.

The ordinance is on file in the Office of the Clerk of Council.

[17. Motion to Rezone 317 and 323 East Broughton Street from the RIP-A to BC-1 \(Petitioner: Rob Brannen for Davenport House Endowment Fund \(D.H.E.F.\), Lisa Van Dusen, William H. Morrison, and Nancy Macaluso\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Planning Commission Recommendation - 317 and 323 E Broughton St.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance - 317 and 323 E Broughton St \(Rezoning\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Aerial Map.pdf](#)

The ordinance was approved upon motion of Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderman Durrence, and unanimously carried. Alderman Miller was not present for the vote.

The ordinance is on file in the Office of the Clerk of Council.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

[18. A Resolution in Support of the Creation of U.S. Bicycle Route 1](#)

[Exhibit 1: Proposed Resolution - U.S. Bike Route 1 \(Savannah\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Draft Route - U.S. Bike Route 1 \(Savannah\).pdf](#)

The resolution was approved upon motion of Alderwoman Bell, seconded by Alderman Durrence, and unanimously carried. Alderman Miller was not present for the vote.

[19. A Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Delegate the Execution of Cemetery Interment Rights and Perpetual Care Agreements](#)

[Exhibit 1: Resolution - Signature Delegation of Cemetery Interments and Perpetual Care Agreements.pdf](#)

Council members asked for an explanation of this item.

City Manager Hernandez briefly explained that he would like to delegate the responsibility to the Real Estate Services Director who's responsible for the Cemeteries Division to sign the documents. He also informed Council that a quarterly report can be provided to them if necessary.

Alderwoman Shabazz expressed her concerns with the matter, she feels the responsibility should lie with an authoritative figure such as the Mayor or City Manager. She suggested one of them get a stamp so the history and herstory of the City can be preserved for archival purposes.

The resolution was approved upon motion of Alderman Miller, seconded by Alderman Foster, and carried with the following voting in favor: Mayor DeLoach, Aldermen Bell, Miller, Foster, Durrence, Johnson, Thomas, and Hall. Alderwoman Shabazz voted against the motion.

#### [20. A Resolution Authorizing a Contract with the Downtown Savannah Authority and Approving the Issuance of Bonds](#)

[Exhibit 1: Council Agenda Information.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Award Recommendation Memo - DSA Series 2019 Bond.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Resolution - Downtown Savannah Authority Bond.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Contract.pdf](#)

The resolution was approved upon motion of Alderman Foster, seconded by Alderwoman Bell, and carried with the following voting in favor: Mayor DeLoach, Aldermen Bell, Miller, Foster, Durrence, Johnson, Thomas, and Hall. Alderwoman Shabazz voted against the motion.

#### [21. A Resolution Accepting the Donation of 60 Naloxone Kits from No More ODs](#)

[Exhibit 1: Naloxone Donation Resolution.pdf](#)

#### [22. A Resolution Accepting the Donation of Materials and Equipment for the Construction of the Pennsylvania Avenue Resource Center \(PARC\) Community Garden](#)

[Exhibit 1: PARC Community Garden Donation Resolution.pdf](#)

### **SPLOST PROJECTS**

#### [23. Motion to Award Construction Contract for the Restoration of the Caretakers' Cottage at the Savannah Police Central Precinct to Savannah Construction and Preservation \(Event No. 6824\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Caretakers' Cottage Purchasing Summary](#)

[Exhibit 2: Caretakers' Cottage Funding Verification](#)

[Exhibit 3: Caretakers' Cottage Bid Tab](#)

Alderman Johnson briefly explained the purpose of the caretaker's cottage restoration project which will be overseen by the Office of Capital Projects Management, and will consist of a complete renovation in keeping with the historic and architectural character of the building. The two-story structure is considered the most historically significant building on the site on Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard purchased by the City for construction of the first purpose-built precinct facility in Savannah in a century.

The contract was approved upon motion of Alderman Johnson, seconded by Alderman Durrence, and unanimously carried per the City Manager's recommendation.

#### [24. Motion to Award Contract to Savannah Construction and Preservation to Replace the Sylan Terrace Neighborhood Sign \(Event No. 6894\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Sylan Terrace Sign Purchasing Summary](#)

[Exhibit 2: Sylan Terrace Sign Funding Verification](#)

[Exhibit 3: Sylan Terrace Sign Scope](#)

[Exhibit 4: Sylan Terrace Sign Map and Plans](#)

[Exhibit 5: Sylan Terrace Sign Bid Tab](#)

Alderwoman Shabazz briefly explained the purpose of the project informing Council that the tree roots over decades uprooted the previous sign and this new sign will do the community justice.

The contract was approved upon motion of Alderwoman Shabazz, seconded by Alderwoman Bell, and unanimously carried per the City Manager's recommendation.

Following the vote Mayor DeLoach informed viewers that items 23 through 28 are being funded by the SPLOST penny.

[25. Motion to Procure Exercise Stations for Sylvan Terrace Park from Playworld Systems-PlayPower, Inc. \(Event No. 6978\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Sylvan Terrace Workout Stations Purchasing Summary.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Sylvan Terrace Workout Stations Funding Verification.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Sylvan Terrace Exercise Equipment Photos.pdf](#)

The contract was approved upon motion of Alderwoman Bell, seconded by Alderwoman Shabazz, and unanimously carried per the City Manager's recommendation.

[26. Motion to Approve Contract Modification No. 1 for Phase Two of the Central Precinct Facility with Johnson-Laux Construction \(Event No. 5956\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Central Precinct Purchasing Summary](#)

[Exhibit 2: Central Precinct Funding Verification](#)

The contract was approved upon motion of Alderman Miller, seconded by Alderwoman Bell, and unanimously carried per the City Manager's recommendation.

[27. Motion to Approve Contract Modification No. 1 for Lighting Services for Waters Avenue with Georgia Power \(Event No. 4498\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Waters Ave Purchasing Summary](#)

[Exhibit 2: Waters Ave Funding Verification](#)

The contract was approved upon motion of Alderman Durrence, seconded by Alderwoman Bell, and unanimously carried per the City Manager's recommendation.

Following the vote Mayor DeLoach commended staff for all the work being done on Waters Avenue and Georgia Power Company for installing the lighting.

[28. Motion to Approve Contract Modification No.7 with Thomas and Hutton for President Street, General McIntosh Boulevard, and Congress Street Improvements \(Event No. 7003\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: President Street Purchasing Summary](#)

[Exhibit 2: President Street Funding Verification](#)

The contract was approved upon motion of Alderman Durrence, seconded by Alderwoman Bell, and unanimously carried per the City Manager's recommendation.

## **PURCHASING ITEMS**

[29. Motion to Renew Annual Subscription for Developer and Career Coach Software from Economic Modeling Specialists International \(Event No. 5880\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: EMSI Purchasing Summary](#)

[Exhibit 2: EMSI Funding Verification.pdf](#)

The purchasing items 29, 30, 32-38 and 40-44 were approved upon motion of Alderwoman Bell, seconded by Alderman Hall, and unanimously carried per the City Manager's recommendation.

[30. Motion to Award Annual Contract for Financial Monitoring Services to William L. Kennemore, LLC \(Event No. 6724\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Financial Monitoring Purchasing Summary](#)

[Exhibit 2: Financial Monitoring Scope](#)

[Exhibit 3: Financial Monitoring Funding Verification](#)

[31. Motion to Award Contract for Gangway Platform Installation Services to Myrick Marine Contracting Corp. \(Event No. 6709\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Gangway Purchasing Summary.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Gangway Bid Tab.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Gangway Plans S-6.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Gangway Plans S-5.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 5: Gangway Plans S-3.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 6: Gangway Funding Verification.pdf](#)

The purchasing item was approved upon motion of Alderwoman Bell, seconded by Alderman Miller, and unanimously carried. Alderman Durrence recused himself from the vote.

[32. Motion to Approve Contract Modification No. 1 for Construction Services for the Industrial and Domestic Water Distribution Laboratory with Dabbs-Williams General Contractors, LLC \(Event No. 6047\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: I&D Lab Funding Verification](#)

[Exhibit 2: I&D Lab Purchasing Summary](#)

[33. Motion to Procure Microcontroller System Upgrade from Templeton and Associates \(Event No. 7005\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: TrojanUV Purchasing Summary](#)

[Exhibit 2: TrojanUV Funding Verification](#)

[34. Motion to Award Annual Contract for Grounds Maintenance for City-Owned FEMA Lots to Garcia Services, LLC \(Primary\) and Complete Lawn Care \(Secondary\) \(Event No. 6834\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: FEMA Lot Purchasing Summary](#)

[Exhibit 2: FEMA Lot Funding Verification](#)

[Exhibit 3: FEMA Lot Scope](#)

[Exhibit 4: FEMA Lot Attachment B](#)

[Exhibit 5: FEMA Lot Attachment C](#)

[Exhibit 6: FEMA Lot Attachment A](#)

[Exhibit 7: FEMA Lot Bid Tab](#)

[35. Motion to Award Annual Contract for Tree Planting Services to Pine Hollow Nursery and Landscaping \(Event No. 6918\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Tree Planting Purchasing Summary](#)

[Exhibit 2: Tree Planting Funding Verification](#)

[Exhibit 3: Tree Planting Scope](#)

[Exhibit 4: Tree Planting Locations and Species](#)

[Exhibit 5: Tree Planting Bid Tab](#)

[36. Motion to Procure a Small Steam Sterilizer from Steris Corporation \(Event No. 7004\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Steam Sterilizer Purchasing Summary](#)

[Exhibit 2: Steam Sterilizer Funding Verification](#)

[37. Motion to Procure a Long Reach Excavator from Grove River Machinery, Inc. \(Event No. 6754\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Long Reach Excavator Purchasing Summary](#)

[Exhibit 2: Long Reach Excavators Funding Verification](#)

[Exhibit 3: Long Reach Excavator Scope](#)

[Exhibit 4: Long Reach Excavator Bid Tab](#)

[38. Motion to Procure Two Street Sweepers from Environmental Products Group, Inc. \(Event No. 7019\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Sweepers Purchasing Summary.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Sweepers Funding Verification.pdf](#)

[39. Motion to Procure Malwarebytes Endpoint Protection from Malwarebytes \(Event No. 7007\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Malwarebytes Purchasing Summary](#)

[Exhibit 2: Malwarebytes Funding Verification](#)

Withdrawn per the request of the City Manager.

[40. Motion to Procure Four Small Sedans from J.C. Lewis Ford \(Event No. 6860\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Small Sedans Scope](#)

[Exhibit 2: Small Sedans Bid Tab](#)

[Exhibit 3: Small Sedans Funding Verification.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Small Sedan Purchasing Summary.pdf](#)

[41. Motion to Renew Annual Contract for Delinquent Property Tax Collection Services with Delinquent Tax Services, Inc. \(Event No. 4799\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Delinquent Tax Purchasing Summary](#)

[Exhibit 2: Delinquent Tax Funding Verification](#)

[Exhibit 3: Delinquent Tax Scope](#)

[42. Motion to Procure SmartForce Agency Management System Software from Adventos Corporation \(Event No. 6950\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: SmartForce Purchasing Summary](#)

[Exhibit 2: Smartforce Funding Verification](#)

[43. Motion to Award Annual Contract for Protective Clothing to Municipal Emergency Services, Inc. and Ten-8 Fire and Safety Equipment of GA \(Event No. 6736\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Protective Clothing Purchasing Summary](#)

[Exhibit 2: Protective Clothing Funding Verification](#)

[Exhibit 3: Protective Clothing Scope](#)

[Exhibit 4: Protective Clothing Bid Tab](#)

[44. Motion to Procure an Aerial Ladder Truck from Sutphen Corporation \(Event No. 7009\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Ladder Truck Purchasing Summary](#)

[Exhibit 2: Ladder Truck Funding Verification](#)

## **AGREEMENTS**

[45. Motion to Approve an Agreement between the City of Savannah and Warehouse Rentals for Fire and Rescue Services at 680 Bourne Avenue](#)

[Exhibit 1: Draft - Warehouse Rentals Fire Protection Agreement.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Signed - Warehouse Rentals Fire Protection Agreement.pdf](#)

City Manager Hernandez briefly explained the item which is located in Unincorporated Chatham County. The property was once covered by the Port Wentworth Fire Department who notified the property owner and the City of Savannah earlier last year to inform both parties the City was no longer in a position to provide the parcel with fire protection services. The City Manager suggested to the owner that a discussion could be held to annex the property into the City. In the interim in accordance with the Chatham County Service Delivery strategy from the assigned Agency Having Jurisdiction (AHJ), the City will offer fire rescue services at the constitutionally established rate of five mills which equates to approximately \$68,000 per year.

Alderwoman Bell briefly discussed Priority Based Budgeting as this is one of the examples the instructor discussed at a conference she recently attended.

[46. Motion to Approve a Water and Sewer Agreement with Savannah International Trade, LLC. at 302 and 310 International Trade Parkway](#)

[Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - 302 & 310 International Trade Parkway.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Vicinity Map - 302 & 310 International Trade Parkway.pdf](#)

The agreement was approved upon motion of Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderwoman Bell, and unanimously carried per the City Manager's recommendation.

[47. Motion to Approve a Water and Sewer Agreement with Supply Chain at 500 Morgan Lakes Industrial Boulevard](#)

[Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Supply Chain.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Vicinity Map - Supply Chain.pdf](#)

The agreement was approved upon motion of Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderwoman Bell, and unanimously carried per the City Manager's recommendation.

## **REAL ESTATE ITEMS**

[48. Motion to Approve a Exchange of Real Property with Row Pine Development, LLC.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Real Property Trade - Row Pine-signed Agreement.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Highlands Land Swap - Maps.pdf](#)

Withdrawn per the request of the City Manager.

[49. Motion to Approve a 30 Day Extension for a Services Contract with Coastal Heritage Society at Tricentennial Park](#)

[Exhibit 1: Coastal Heritage Society April Contract.pdf](#)

The contract was approved upon motion of Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Durrence, and unanimously carried per the City Manager's recommendation.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

[50. Motion to Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Savannah and the Trustees' Garden Club, Inc. to Create a Master Plan for Forsyth Park](#)

[Exhibit 1: History of Forsyth Park.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Master Plan Workshop Presentation - Forsyth Park.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Trustees' Garden Club \(Forsyth Park Project\) Stewardship Plan With Chart.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Trustees' Garden Club - Bio.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 5: Trustees' Garden Club - Memorandum of Understanding.pdf](#)

**ADDED AGENDA ITEMS**

[51. Motion to Award Contract with Danton Hydroblasting LLC for the Runway 10-28 and 1-19 Rubber Removal Project](#)

[EXHIBIT 1: Proposal Submission - Danton Hydroblasting.pdf](#)

[EXHIBIT 2: Runway 10-28 & 1-19 Rubber Removal - Bid Tabulation.pdf](#)

The contract was approved upon motion of Alderwoman Bell, seconded by Alderman Foster, and unanimously carried per the City Manager's recommendation.

[52. Motion to Approve a Co-Op Advertising Partnership with the Hilton Head Island Bluffton Chamber of Commerce for American Express Departures Magazine](#)

The contract was approved upon motion of Alderwoman Bell, seconded by Alderman Foster, and unanimously carried per the City Manager's recommendation.

[53. A Resolution in Support of House Bill 346](#)

[Exhibit 1: Resolution in Support of HB 346.pdf](#)

Alderman Miller informed the public this bill is currently before the Senate, its purpose is to protect tenants that have requested their landlords repair items they are legally required to repair and is something that Council wants to support.

The resolution was approved upon motion of Alderman Miller, seconded by Alderman Hall, and unanimously carried.

[54. Motion to Authorize the City Attorney to Issue Notice to The Hub to Show Cause Why its Alcoholic Beverage License Should Not be Revoked](#)

Attorney Herman requested Council approve a motion to authorize the City Attorney's Office to Issue Notice to The Hub to Show Cause why its Alcoholic Beverage License should not be revoked due to a series of violations which include: multiple underage sales to minors, failure to cooperate with law enforcement, smoking on premise and alcohol consumption on premise. The Show Cause Hearing will be held April 25, 2019.

The authorization was granted upon motion of Alderman Durrence, seconded by Alderwoman Shabazz, and unanimously carried per the City Attorney's recommendation.

#### [55. Motion to Authorize the City Attorney to Issue Notice to Montgomery Market to Show Cause Why its Alcoholic Beverage License Should Not be Revoked](#)

Attorney Herman requested Council approve a motion to authorize the City Attorney's Office to Issue Notice to Montgomery Market to Show Cause why its Alcoholic Beverage License should not be revoked due to a series of violations which include: multiple underage sales to minors, violating the ordinance which requires them to comply with law enforcement, aggravated assault on premise which resulted in bullet damage to the building (employees refused to cooperate).The Show Cause Hearing will be held April 25, 2019.

The authorization was granted upon motion of Alderwoman Shabazz, seconded by Alderman Hall, and unanimously carried per the City Attorney's recommendation.

City Manager Hernandez informed Council and the public that more than 500 City employees will take a break from their normal work to pick up litter throughout the City tomorrow (March 29). This event is part of the Great Litter Cleanup held earlier this month. The original Citywide pickup was scheduled for March 1 and had to be postponed due to rain. The event will culminate with an employee appreciation luncheon at Grayson Stadium.

Mayor DeLoach reminded Council and the public about the Special Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Council Chambers.

Alderman Miller announced there will be a meeting held on Thursday, April 4 at 6:00 p.m. at Oglethorpe Academy to discuss the storage unit being built at Beaumont Avenue and Hialeah Circle. The meeting will be hosted by Alderman Miller and Chatham County Commissioner Bobby Lockett due to many discussions about the project now that construction has begun.

Alderwoman Bell announced that she was in attendance at a Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) Georgia Cities Focus meeting with Mayors and Mayor Pro-Tems from across the State to discuss the nonprofit established by GMA to award grants to cities for specific initiatives. She informed Council to be on the lookout for that.

There being no further business, Mayor DeLoach declared this meeting of Council adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

The video recording of the Council meeting can be found by copying and pasting the below link in your url:

<https://savannahgovtv.viebit.com/player.php?hash=pLGuk6DxwRhD>

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**Mark Massey,  
Clerk of Council**