

Summary/Final Minutes – Work Session – March 30, 2017

Savannah City Government SUMMARY/FINAL MINUTES COUNCIL WORK SESSION & CITY MANAGER'S BRIEFING March 30, 2017 – 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Eddie W. DeLoach, Presiding
Mayor Pro-Tem Carol Bell
Alderman Julian Miller, Chairman of Council
Brian Foster, Vice-Chairman of Council
Aldermen Bill Durrence, John Hall, Tony Thomas,
Van Johnson, II (arrived at 10:35 a.m.), Estella Shabazz (arrived at 11:10 a.m.)

City Manager Rob Hernandez
City Attorney W. Brooks Stillwell
Assistant City Attorney William Shearouse

Mayor DeLoach called the 10:00 a.m. Council Work Session to order.

City Manager Hernandez asked each Council member to fill out an iPhone Order Form and stated

Hurricane Debris Removal Update was presented by Gene Prevatt, Sanitation Bureau Chief. Mr. Prevatt stated to date 445,393 cubic yards of debris has been removed. The third pass for mixed debris removal will be taking place soon as 100 of 105 zones have been completed. Total stumps and rootballs removed are 316 units and there are approximately 266 units remaining. They hope to have everything completed within the next three weeks which includes closing the debris management sites.

Savannah River Landing Master Plan Revisions Pete Shonka, Assistant City Manager, introduced Trent Germano, Mariner Group and Reid Freeman – President, Regent Partners who presented a PowerPoint Presentation. **(Presentation on file in the Office of the Clerk of Council)**

Drayton and Whitaker Streets Traffic Calming the first part of the presentation was presented by Kevin Klinkenberg, Executive Director, Savannah Development and Renewal Authority showing traffic calming efforts if the bike lanes were added to Drayton and Whitaker Streets. Mike Weiner, Traffic Engineering Director presented the second half of the presentation showing the effects and impacts if the bike lanes were added. His recommendation to Council for Whitaker Street is to have a rectangular rapid – flashing beacons and a dedicated bicycle path in Forsyth Park. The recommendation for Drayton Street is to have one of the following: a signalized intersection, mid-block pedestrian signal or rectangular rapid – flashing beacons. City Manager Hernandez stated his recommendations were sent in a memo on March 19, 2017 which included: relocating the Trolley Stop, implementing a pedestrian and safety public awareness campaign, expanding the existing sidewalk around Forsyth Park to create a separate bicycle facility, installing pedestrian activated beacon systems at various intersections and consider other infrastructure alternatives. **(Presentations on file in the Office of the Clerk of Council)**

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Historic District Hotel Study was presented by Shane Corbin, Zoning Administrator (**Presentation on file in the Office of the Clerk of Council**)

Council recessed for lunch and returned at 12:30 p.m.

Downtown Residential Development Incentives was presented by Shane Corbin, Zoning Administrator (**Presentation on file in the Office of the Clerk of Council**)

St. Patrick's Day Festival Recap was presented by Marty Johnston, Deputy Assistant to the City Manager. Ms. Johnston stated staff is ways away from giving final numbers from the festivities. She thanked City Manager Hernandez and Mayor DeLoach for coming out to see the behind the scenes effects of the St. Patrick's Day festival. A brief video of the festivities was shown to Council. 77,413 wristbands were sold \$3.00 of which goes to the City. Final numbers will be given within the next couple weeks. City Manager Hernandez expressed his concerns about the damage made to the squares and suggested a lottery system or restrict use for next year. His major concern was the general disregard for Chippewa Square. Ms. Johnston also suggested putting Police Officers in the squares or possibly shutting the square down for a year which would spread the crowd out to other squares that are more family friendly.

Alderman Johnson asked for a percentage breakdown of local (City of Savannah) business licenses and licenses given to individuals from other places that were given during the St. Patrick's Day festivities.

Alderman Shabazz asked City Manager Hernandez for an update on three proposals which were discussed during a Town Hall meeting she held approximately a year ago. She asked him to prepare three proposals for the following by April 27, 2017: Small Business Opportunity Proposal, Living Wage Proposal and a Local Hire Proposal.

Executive Session

Upon motion of Alderman Miller, seconded by Alderman Bell, and unanimously carried Council went into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Litigation and Real Estate.

Upon completion of this session, a motion was made to come out of Executive Session by Alderman Thomas, seconded by Alderman Miller, and unanimously carried.

City Manager Hernandez presented the City Manager's Briefing of the agenda items for the Council Meeting of March 30, 2017. The agenda is attached and made a part of the permanent record.

Mayor DeLoach adjourned this meeting.



Dyanne C. Reese, MMC
Clerk of Council