



Work Session and City Manager's Briefing

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the City Council Work Session and City Manager's Briefing was held via Zoom video communications at 10:36 a.m. Alderman Leggett offered the invocation.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding
Alderman Kesha Gibson-Carter, Post 1, Chairman
Alderman Alicia Miller Blakely, Post 2
Alderman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1
Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2
Alderman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice Chairman
Alderman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem
Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:

Commissioner Larry "Gator" Rivers, 2nd District
Commissioner Bobby Lockett, 3rd District
Commissioner Tanya Milton, 5th District
Commissioner Aaron "Adot" Whitely, 6th District
County Manager Lee Smith
Assistant County Manager Michael A. Kaigler
Assistant County Manager Linda B. Cramer
Acting City Manager Michael B. Brown
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey
Maggie Weese, Harvard Fellow

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Poverty in Chatham County and Savannah. (**INTRODUCED** by Acting City Manager Brown and **PRESENTED** by various Georgia Family Connection Partnership representatives and partners)
 - **Gaye Smith, Executive Director**
 - **Elizabeth Turner, Research and Outreach Manager**
 - **Rebecca Rice, Georgia KIDS COUNT Manager**
 - **Akia Lewis, Strategic Innovation Manager & GGR Campaign Director**
 - **Lizann Roberts, Executive Director, Coastal GA Indicators Coalition**
 - **Jeff Kole, Kole Management Company**



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Following a question and answer period, Mayor Johnson adjourned the work session at 1:05 p.m.



City Council Regular Meeting

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the regular meeting of the City Council was held via Zoom video communications at 2:00 p.m. Following the roll call, Mayor Johnson recognized Alderwoman Gibson-Carter to introduce Master Storyteller & Historian Patt Gilliard Gunn, Founder/Director of Underground Tours, who offered a meditative moment and prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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Alderwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3
Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice Chairman
Alderwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem
Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

ALSO, PRESENT:
Acting City Manager Michael B. Brown
City Attorney Bates Lovett
Clerk of Council Mark Massey

AGENDA ITEMS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for June 10, 2021. **(APPROVED #1 UNANIMOUSLY, as amended)**

ADD-ONS:

4A. Proclamation Proclaiming June 19, 2021 as JUNETEENTH Day in the City of Savannah.

30. CLOSED Executive Session regarding Personnel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2. Approval of Minutes for the Work Session & City Manager's Briefing held on May 27, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY)**



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3. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on May 27, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. **(APPROVED #2 and #3 UNANIMOUSLY)**

PRESENTATIONS

4. A Proclamation Designating June 14-18, 2021 as Waste & Recycling Workers Week in Savannah. **(READ by Mayor Johnson and PRESENTED to Gene Prevatt, Sanitation Director)**
 - 4A. A Proclamation Proclaiming June 19, 2021 as JUNETEENTH DAY in the City of Savannah. **(READ and PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson)**

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

5. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Procure 23 Variable Frequency Drives for the President Street Plant from GoForth Williamson, Inc. in the Amount of \$94,718 (Event No. 8463). The Drives are Electrical Controllers for Pumps, Cooling Fans and Sludge Conveyor Belts within the President Street Plant which Treats 18 Million Gallons of Water per Day. **(APPROVED #5 UNANIMOUSLY)**

PURCHASING ITEMS

6. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Replace Two Street Sweepers with Environmental Products Group in the Amount of \$465,400. Twelve Sweepers Clean 31,630 Miles of Curbed Streets Annually. Work Organized Under 46 Routes, Most Sweepers Used for Night Cleaning (4 Daily, 8 Nightly). Crews Sweep 17 Routes of High-Traffic Streets Weekly, Representing 65% of Total Miles Swept. (See Memo). **(APPROVED #6 UNANIMOUSLY)**
7. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for Cover Material for the Dean Forest Landfill with Sabe, Inc. for up to \$833,000. This is Soil Delivered and Stored on Site to Cover Deposited Waste. Six Inches of Soil is Used to Cover an Estimated 1/2 Acre Daily to Control Disease Vectors, Minimize Rainwater Infiltration, Reduce Leachate Generation, Prevent Fires and Control Odor. **(APPROVED #7, #8, #9, #11 and #12 UNANIMOUSLY)**



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8. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for an Electronic Timekeeping System for Automated Control of Time Worked by 2,421 Employees at 106 Work Sites, Generating 7,500 Pay Checks per Month, to Work4orce Systems Group for up to \$471,196. (Total Includes a One-Time Fee of \$354,696 for Time Clocks, Software and Installation Costs and \$116,500 for Annual Maintenance and System Costs). **(APPROVED #7, #8, #9, #11 and #12 UNANIMOUSLY)**

9. Authorize the City Manager to Execute Two Contracts for Generator Maintenance with Cummins Power South and Yancey Caterpillar in the Amount of \$131,105. 23 Generators Ranging from 75 to 1500KW will Provide Back-Up Power, Pumping 33,000 Gallons of Water per Day, at Seven Stormwater Pump Stations in the Event of an Emergency; Routine Maintenance Ensures Systems are Always in a Ready State. **(APPROVED #7, #8, #9, #11 and #12 UNANIMOUSLY)**

10. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Placentia Canal Drainage Improvements on N. and S. Thompkins Blvd., at Savannah State University, with Griffin Contracting, Inc. in the Amount of \$1,242,880 for Upgrading Two Double 48" Concrete Pipe Culverts to Double 10'x5' Concrete Boxes. This is the City's Third Improvement to Address Bottlenecks in the Placentia Basin in the Last 12 Months. **(APPROVED #10 UNANIMOUSLY)**

11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Truck and Tractor Tires with Dorsey Tire Company, LLC for an Amount up to \$171,704 to Replace Worn and Damaged Tires on Heavy-Duty Vehicles, Tractors and Off-Road Equipment. Tires are Available in Sixteen Sizes at an Average Cost of \$163 Per/Tire. Inventory will be Maintained at the Vendor's Location and Available for Staff Pick-up As-Needed. **(APPROVED #7, #8, #9, #11 and #12 UNANIMOUSLY)**

12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Passenger Vehicle Tires with SOS Radial Tire for an Amount up to \$137,881 to Replace Worn and Damaged Tires for Light-Duty and Midsize Vehicles and Trailers. Tires are Available in 36 Sizes at an Average Price of \$84 per Tire. Inventory will be Maintained at the Vendor's Location and Available for Staff Pick-Up on an As-Needed Basis. **(APPROVED #7, #8, #9, #11 and #12 UNANIMOUSLY)**



SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

13. Approval of a One-Year Professional Services Agreement with Steven Baldwin & Associates for Executive Recruitment Services for an Amount up to \$84,000. **(APPROVED #13, #14 and #15 UNANIMOUSLY)**
14. Approval to Amend the Military Cooperative Construction Agreement (MCAA) with the Georgia Air National Guard (GA ANG) for the Southeast Quadrant Storm Water Drainage Improvement Projects in the Amount of \$1,860,480. **(APPROVED #13, #14 and #15 UNANIMOUSLY)**
15. Approval of a Contract with Independence Excavating, Inc. for the Air Cargo Apron Project in the Amount of \$7,309,651. **(APPROVED #13, #14 and #15 UNANIMOUSLY)**

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

16. Approval of a Class C (Beer,Wine)(By the Drink) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Louis A. Cobello for Screamin' Mimi's, a Restaurant, at 513 E. Oglethorpe Ave., Between Price and Houston Streets in District 2. No Concerns by Police. Resident Concerns Addressed in Neighborhood Agreement (Exhibit 5). Distance Measurement Met. Cont'd from May 13th per Applicant. (New Owner/Existing Business).
Speaker(s):
-Al Wallen, representing the applicant – Signed a good neighbor agreement
(CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING for #16. APPROVED #16 UNANIMOUSLY, contingent on the signed good neighbor agreement)
17. Approval of a Class E (Beer, Wine)(By the Package) Alcohol License to Zinalben K. Patel for OM Foodmart, a Convenience Store at 8408 White Bluff Rd, between W. Montgomery Cross Roads and Seneca Road in District 4. No concerns by the Savannah Police Department or Issues with Litter or Loitering at Location. No Active Neighborhood Association. Distance Measurement Met. (New Owner/Existing Business).
No speakers.
(CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING for #17. APPROVED #17 UNANIMOUSLY)



ZONING HEARINGS

18. Petition of Marguerite Seckman (Agent) on Behalf of Starland Partners II, LLC (Owner) for a Special Use Permit to Allow Alcohol Sales in Association with a Restaurant for 2418 Desoto Avenue, Between West 41st Street and West 42nd Street, (PIN 20065 47011) Aldermanic District 2 File No. 21-000499-ZA. **(CONTINUED/POSTPONED #18 and #19 for two weeks to June 24, 2021)**
19. Petition of Marguerite Seckman (Agent) for Yvonne Jouffrault (Owner) for a Special Use Permit to Allow Alcohol Sales in Association with a Restaurant for 17 West 41st Street, Between Whitaker Street and Desoto Avenue, (PIN 20074 07001) Aldermanic District #2 File No. 21-000500-ZA. **(CONTINUED/POSTPONED #18 and #19 for two weeks to June 24, 2021)**
20. Amendment to Zone Approximately 12.34 Acres at 0 Grove Point Road, Near Sweetwater Station Drive and Clubhouse Drive, (PIN 11004 02029) from the Residential-Agricultural (RA) Zoning Classification to the Residential-Agricultural-County (RA-CO) Zoning Classification. File No. 21-003048-ZA. **No speakers.**
(CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING for #20, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voting no)

ORDINANCES – FIRST READING

21. Approval for the Annexation of 12.34 Acres Located off Sweetwater Station Drive near Clubhouse Drive. The Property is Currently Vacant Land and the Owner Plans to Expand the Sweetwater Station Subdivision by Developing Approximately 60 Detached, Single-Family Homes on the Parcel. **(FIRST READING ONLY)**
22. Amendment to Zone Approximately 12.34 Acres at 0 Grove Point Road (PIN 11004 02029) from the Residential-Agricultural (RA) Zoning Classification to the Residential-Agricultural-County (RA-CO) Zoning Classification. File No. 21-003048-ZA. **(FIRST READING ONLY)**

RESOLUTIONS

23. Approval of a Resolution Accepting a \$7,500 Donation from Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund (SAHF). The Fund Supports the Volunteer and Minor Home Repair Programs



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to Address Local Affordable Housing Needs. (Grant Award Made by First Chatham Bank).

(APPROVED #23 and #24 UNANIMOUSLY)

24. Approval of a Resolution Accepting a \$10,000 Donation from Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund (SAHF). The Fund Supports the Volunteer and Minor Home Repair Programs to Address Local Affordable Housing Needs for Veterans. (Grant Award Made by CSX Transportation). **(APPROVED #23 and #24 UNANIMOUSLY)**

REAL ESTATE ITEMS

25. Authorize the City Manager to Approve a Five-Year Lease Extension with City Market Partners Limited Partnership, for Property Located at 219 W. Bryan Street for Use by the Savannah Police Department as a Mini-Precinct. No Rental Cost is Included in the Agreement for Use of the Space. **(APPROVED #25 UNANIMOUSLY)**

CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

26. Settlement #1. **Daniel Grooms, an injury claim in the amount of \$500,000.00.**
27. Settlement #2. **Thunderbird Inn, a damage claim in the amount of \$450,000.00.**
28. Settlement #3. **Jasmyn Palmer, an injury lawsuit in the amount of \$42,500.00.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to authorize the City Attorney to settle items #26, #27 and #28. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

29. Item Added: A Proclamation Recognizing June 2021 as "Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Pride Month". **(READ and PRESENTED by Alderman Purtee)**



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ADD-ON

30. CLOSED Executive Session regarding Personnel. **(NO ACTION TAKEN)**

At 4:08 p.m., Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to recess the meeting and conduct a closed executive session regarding Personnel, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

The executive session began at 4:15 p.m.

Alderman Leggett moved to close and exit the executive session, seconded by Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.