



APRIL 14, 2022, 2:00 p.m. - CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
CITY GOVERNMENT
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE MAYOR AND ALDERMEN
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:06 p.m. Mayor Johnson recognized Alderman Palumbo who introduced Dr. Stephen Williams, Minister of First Presbyterian Church of Savannah, to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

PRESENT: Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Alderwoman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1, Chairman

Alderwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

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:

City Manager Joseph A. Melder

Chief of Staff Daphanie Williams

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

Deputy Clerk of Council Margaret Fox

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

[1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for April 14, 2022.](#)

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to reconsider entering into Executive Session for personnel matter(s) involving the Police Department (concerning a 128-page report, officer involved shootings, and departmental turmoil), seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion failed, 3-6-0, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, and Alderwoman Lanier voting yea.

Mayor Johnson advised these matters are under the purview of the City Manager, pursuant to our Charter/laws.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda for April 14, 2022, with a request from Alderwoman Miller Blakely to include the appointment of Mr. Jeffrey Notrica to the Historic Preservation Commission, since he qualifies as a city resident, given a recent resignation. Mayor

Johnson advised he will rule on this request later in the meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

[2. Approval of the Minutes for the Work Session and City Manager's Briefing Held on March 24, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.](#)

[Exhibit 1: WS Draft Minutes - March 24, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. the motion passed unanimously.

[3. Approval of the Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on March 24, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.](#)

[Exhibit 1: RM Draft Minutes - March 24, 2022 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. the motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

[4. Appearance and Recognition of Galvan Foundation's Donation of \\$50,000 to the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund.](#)

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and Alderman Palumbo. Mayor Johnson introduced Community Housing Services Agency Executive Director Anita Smith-Dixon.

Ms. Smith-Dixon introduced Mr. Dan Kent of Galvan Foundation who presented the City with a check for \$50,000.00 for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund. Mr. Kent thanked Council Members, Ms. Smith-Dixon and Housing & Neighborhood Services Director Martin Fretty for the opportunity to participate in the affordable housing efforts in Savannah.

[5. A Proclamation Declaring April as Safe Digging Month. Georgia 811 is utilized not only by municipalities, but homeowners and contractors also. Calling 811 before digging helps locate vital utilities during construction so damages do not occur to those utilities. When a utility is damaged, it not only costs money, but sometimes property damage and, in some cases, even peoples lives.](#)

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and READ by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz.

Assistant City Manager Lloyd briefly explained the importance of good underground utilities and thanked Mayor and Council for the Proclamation. He introduced Water Engineering & Planning Director James (Jim) Laplander who introduced members of the water & sewer staff: Stephen Altman & David Myers, Locators; Andrew Collins, Water & Sewer Distribution Superintendent; and Southeast Georgia Right of Way Inspector Jamie Coursey from Atlanta Gas & Light. Mr. Coursey thanked Mayor and Council for the recognition and Mr. Collins recognized Stephen Altman, David Myers and a third member of the team who was unable to attend, for locating and responding to over 21,000 request last year through the 811 call system from residents.

[6. A Proclamation Declaring April as Donate Life Month. This provides an opportunity to share information about the need for organ and tissue donation in your community through public education and efforts to increase organ donation such as this proclamation can improve lives.](#)

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and READ by Alderman Leggett.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recognized Fred Robinson (her uncle), 2nd District resident Mr. Mark Smith, and Reverend Doctor Leonard Small as an organ donor/recipient.

Mayor Johnson recognized in 2021 41,354 transplant patients in the United States received life-saving organ transplants; over 1,243 were Georgians, but still over 3,500 Georgians are awaiting organ donations. This month is an opportunity to sign-up for organ donation. Information to donate an organ will be posted on the Savannah web site.

[7. A Proclamation Declaring April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month. National Child Abuse Prevention Month recognizes the importance of families and communities working together to strengthen families to prevent child abuse and neglect. Through this collaboration, prevention services and supports help protect children and produce thriving families.](#)

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson and READ by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan.

Rose-Grant Robinson Director of Coastal Children's Advocacy Center accepted and thanked Mayor and Council for the recognition and staff members were introduced. Ms. Robinson encouraged adults to listen to children when they have a problem, it just might be child abuse.

[8. A Proclamation Declaring April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.](#)

PRESENTED and READ by Mayor Johnson.

Director of Coastal Children's Advocacy Center Ms. Robinson accepted the Proclamation on behalf of Executive Director Doris Williams of Mary's Place who was unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Williams sent apologies for not attending, but thanked Mayor and Council for the recognition and for declaring April as sexual assault awareness month.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely recognized Alderwoman Gibson-Carter as a strong advocate against sexual assault and read as follows, 'The Rape Crisis Center has rescinded the June 5, 2018 termination, accepted Ms. Gibson-Carter's resignation, and provided Keshia Gibson-Carter a positive letter of reference incorporating the findings by Butler as to her many contributions to The Rape Crisis Center, including the fact that he found Alderwoman Keshia Gibson-Carter to be completely gracious, quiet, kind, and passionate about the victims she and The Rape Crisis Center served. We want to give her the recognition she deserves.'

Alderman Purtee raised a point of order, Mayor Johnson acknowledged.

Alderman Leggett raised a point of order, Mayor Johnson acknowledged.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan raised a point of order, Mayor Johnson acknowledged.

Mayor Johnson stated we appreciate that, but we want to recognize the work with the individuals here today.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter thanked Alderwoman Miller Blakely and indicated she is a strong supporter of sexual assault and she's humbled by the recognition. She asked Mayor Johnson to outline his proposal/design for providing information and education for the community to address sex trafficking, especially with regard to the airport.

Mayor Johnson indicated, at the appropriate time, he will.

[9. Recognition of all Team Savannah Departments Involved in the Successful Return of St. Patrick's Day Festivities.](#)

PRESENTED by Mayor Johnson who was joined by City Manager Melder and Director of Sanitation Gene Prevatt. Recognition was given to the entire sanitation staff for the outstanding work performed during and after the St. Patrick's Day Celebration.

Council Members thanked and congratulated the sanitation department for the work performed every day for the City.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked that the sanitation department be included in the catered meals and to give the sanitation workers an additional bonus for working during the St. Patrick's Day festivities.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to give the sanitation workers a bonus for working during the St. Patrick's Day celebration, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter. The motion was ruled inappropriate by the Mayor.

Following Item #9, Mayor Johnson took a point of personal privilege to introduce students from Harvard University here in Savannah helping the Mayor's office to research various boards that have oversight for police and how data is collected and stored:

- Kenashia Thompson, Spartanburg, SC - Master of Divinity candidate
- Merida Brimhall, Boston, MA - Master of Public Health
- Jerald Watson, Brooklyn, NY - Masters in Business Administration & Master of Public Policy
- Alexis Williams, Cary, NC - Master of Business Administration & Master of Public Policy
- Marisa Palmer, South Jersey - Nieman Foundation for Journalism
- Megan Russo, Acworth, GA - Master of Public Policy & Juris Doctor (Unable to attend meeting)

ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

[10. Approval to Add a Class C \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\) \(By the Drink\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Existing Class C \(Beer, Wine\) \(By the Drink\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to William W. Wilder for Double Wide Diner, a Restaurant at 135A W. Bay Street Between Barnard and Whitaker Streets in District 2.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Checklist - Double Wide Diner.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Density Map - Double Wide Diner.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Double Wide Diner.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Double Wide Diner.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Double Wide Diner.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings for Items #10, #11, #12 and #13 open.

No speaker(s):

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #10, #11, #12, and #13, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #10, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

[11. Approval of a Class C \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\) \(By the Drink\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Joseph C. Rauers for Fontaine's, a Bar at 214 E. Bay Street Between Abercorn Street Ramp and Lincoln Street Ramp in Aldermanic District 2.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Checklist - Fontaines.pdf](#)

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

[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Fontaines.pdf](#)

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

[Exhibit 5: Security Plan - Fontaines.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings for Items #10, #11, #12 and #13 open.

No speaker(s):

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #10, #11, #12, and #13, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #11, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

[12. Approval of a Class E \(Beer, Wine\) \(By the Package\) Alcohol License to Krunal Patel for 3G, A Convenience Store at 703 Wheaton Street, Between Randolph and Harmon Streets in Aldermanic District 2. \(Staff Recommended Continuation of Item to the April 14, 2022 City Council Meeting from the March 24, 2022 meeting\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: Checklist - 703 Wheaton Street.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Density Map - 703 Wheaton Street.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Documents - 703 Wheaton Street.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - 703 Wheaton Street.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 5: Security Plan - 703 Wheaton Street.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings for Items #10, #11, #12 and #13 open.

No speaker(s):

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #10, #11, #12, and #13, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #12, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

[13. Approval of a Class D \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\) \(By the Package\) Alcohol License to Ashok Patel for ABC Warehouse, a Package Store at 1100 Eisenhower Drive, Unit 10, Between Waters Avenue and Seawright Drive in Aldermanic District 4.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Checklist - ABC Warehouse.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Density Map - ABC Warehouse.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - ABC Warehouse.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - ABC Warehouse.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 5: Security Plan - ABC Warehouse.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the alcohol hearings for Items #10, #11, #12 and #13 open.

No Speaker(s):

a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol hearings for Items #10, #11, #12, and #13, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

b. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #13, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

ZONING HEARINGS

[14. Petition of Ellen Harris from Ethos Preservation on Behalf of Heath Shelton for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone Williams Street \(PIN 20084 05003\) from B-N \(Neighborhood Business\) to TC-1 \(Traditional Commercial-1\) in Aldermanic District 3. File No. 22-000444-ZA.](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for Williams Street \(File No. 22-000444-ZA\)](#)

[Exhibit 2: Combined Maps for Williams Street \(File No. 22-000444-ZA\)](#)

[Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for Williams Street \(File no. 22-000444-ZA\)](#)

Mayor Johnson declared the zoning hearing for Item #14 open.

Speaker(s):

- Marcus Lotson, MPC Representative

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #14, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

[15. Petition of Ellen Harris from Ethos Preservation on Behalf of Heath Shelton for a Zoning Map Amendment to Rezone Williams Street \(PIN 20084 05003\) from B-N \(Neighborhood Business\) to TC-1 \(Traditional Commercial-1\) in Aldermanic District 3. File No. 22-000444-ZA.](#)

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[Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for Williams Street \(File no. 22-000444-ZA\)](#)

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed

and passed upon its adoption, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #15, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

ORDINANCES - SECOND READING - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

[16. Approval of the Annexation of 2.593 Acres on Sweetwater Station Drive near Abercorn Street \(Carlton J. Ray Petitioner\) \(Continued to the April 28, 2022 Council Regular Meeting\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: Annexation Petition - Carlton J. Ray.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Annexation Ordinance - Carlton J. Ray.pdf](#)

Alderman Purtee moved to CONTINUE/HOLD Items #16 and #17 to the April 28, 2022, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion was passed unanimously.

[17. Petition of Carlton J. Ray on Behalf of Drayton Parker Companies, LLC to Zone 1750 Grove Point Rd. & 1754 Pine Grove Rd. \(PINs 10993A04001 and 10993A04002\) from P-B \(Planned Business\) to B-C \(Community Business\) and Zone 1758 Grove Point Road \(PIN 10993A05001\) from R-A \(Residential Agriculture\) to R-A-CO \(Residential Agriculture-County\) to Support Annexation Petition. \(Continued to 4/28/22\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: Summary of Rezoning for Annexation of 1750 Grove Point Road, 1754 & 1758 Pine Grove Road \(File No. 22-000483-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Maps for Grove Point Road & Pine Grove Road \(File No. 22-000483-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Proposed Site Plan \(File No. 22-000483-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Uses Allowed in the County's B Zoning District \(File No. 22-000483-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 5: Uses Allowed in the City's B-C Zoning District \(File No. 22-000483-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 6: Uses Allowed in the County's RA Zoning District \(File No. 22-000483-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 7: Draft Ordinance \(File No. 22-00483-ZA\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 8: Traffic Impact Study SR204 Parker's Kitchen \(File No. 22-000483-ZA\)](#)

Alderman Purtee moved to CONTINUE/HOLD Items #16 and #17 to the April 28, 2022, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion was passed unanimously.

PURCHASING ITEMS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

[18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification with Total Systems Commissioning, Inc. \(TSCx\) in the Amount of \\$1,875 for Additional Local Workforce Training Related to Arena Commissioning Services. Commissioning ensures that all the separate mechanical systems installed operate efficiently together. This expenditure was included in Project Budget. \(Arena\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - LEED.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - LEED.pdf](#)

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked City Manager Melder what is the outstanding balance on the Arena project. City Manager Melder will follow up with the Alderwoman, but he indicated Item #18 and Item #19 was included in the original cost of the Arena. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter is requesting the balance information to assure the City's General Fund is not used for the project.

Mayor Johnson requested City Manager Melder to send Council Members a written update on the guaranteed maximum price and spending on the Arena Project.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #18, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed unanimously.

[19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Construction and Installation of an Entrance Gate with MSC Industries Inc. in the Amount of \\$41,018. This entrance gate will be installed at the Enmarket Arena entrance to minimize dirt getting tracked into the building by visitors. This expenditure was included in Project Budget. \(Arena\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Arena Entrance Gate.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Arena Entrance Gate.pdf](#)

Item #19 was part of the Item #18 discussion. Alderman Purtee asked City Manager Melder if the Item #19 expenditure will be taken from the SPLOST fund or capital improvement fund. City Manager Melder answered, the expenditure is contained in the capital improvement project (CIP) Arena furniture & finishing (FF&E) budget which was previously planned, but the supply chain was delayed (not SPLOST). This item was previously approved by Council.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Item #19, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no.

[20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification and Renewal for Mail Courier Services with R. Jackson Enterprise, Inc. \(LOCAL\) in an Amount up to \\$96,000 \(an increase of \\$11,000 annually\). This increase is due to increased operating cost impacted by inflation and recent contract re-negotiations. \(Municipal Operations\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Mail Courier.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2-Purchasing Notes Mail Courier.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #20, #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32, #34, #35, #36 and #37, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recusing herself from voting on Item #20, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1.

[21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for Senior Meals with Senior Citizen Inc. \(LOCAL\) in an Amount up to \\$98,750. This contract modification will cover additional meals served to seniors in 2021. \(Community Services\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Senior Meals.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Senior Meals.pdf](#)

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked the difference between Savannah's senior meals versus the Medicaid meals for seniors. City Manager Melder will send Alderwoman Gibson-Carter the information via written email.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Item #21, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

[22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Child Development Associate Certification Training with Summit Training Specialist LLC in an Amount not to Exceed \\$44,000. The contract will provide four instructional units annually for approximately 165 participants to become certified in child development. \(Community Services\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Child Development Associate.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Child Development Associate.pdf](#)

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked how the training program is being advertised to the public. Mayor Johnson and City Manager Melder indicated, once approved by Council, the public communications department will work with staff to notify/educate the public about the program.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Item #22, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

[23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Apex Officer Virtual Reality Training Simulator from Ti Training Solutions in the Amount of \\$83,830. This simulator provides law enforcement training of randomized scenarios that includes use of force and de-escalation instruction. \(Police\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Apex Officer Virtual Reality Training Simulator.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Apex Officer Virtual Reality Training Simulator.pdf](#)

City Manager Melder indicated a grant made it possible for the city to obtain the training for the police department. Alderman Purtee is pleased to see this training implemented for the city's law enforcement officers. This will help them make the correct life/death decisions.

Alderman Leggett wants to make sure the training will be utilized by the officers. He asked the City Manager to make sure the city has a plan in place to make sure all officers will utilize the technology.

Mayor Johnson reiterated that the Savannah Police Department has training beyond State requirements. He invited Council Members, with City Manager Melder's approval, along with the police chief to have the first opportunity to go through the training to witness/see the various situations police officers face everyday.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter discussed current data on Georgia and City of Savannah homicides and expressed the police department is understaffed and responsibilities should be reevaluated and officers' duties reallocated. Mayor Johnson stated the Alderwoman's data was incorrect.

City Manager Melder requested to address Alderwoman Gibson-Carter's concerns. He stated there is no greater focus than to ensure the residents of Savannah have the resources needed to be and feel safe, which starts with the police department. He along with staff are earnest about making sure the Savannah officers have the resources needed to protect its residents and look for every opportunity to hire qualified officers or to train new officers. It is an A-1 priority.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #23, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

[24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for ShotSpotter with ShotSpotter, Inc. in the Amount of \\$255,000. The modification will expand the ShotSpotter coverage of the existing services in all districts. \(Police\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - ShotSpotter Flex Gunfire Location, Alert, and Analysis Service.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - ShotSpotter Flex Gunfire Location, Alert, and Analysis Service.pdf](#)

Alderman Purtee stated he needs additional ShotSpotter coverage in the 6th District. The current coverage is inadequate for the various neighborhood communities. He requested City Manager Melder to investigate public/private partnerships, if the city cannot afford the additional ShotSpotter coverage. Mayor Johnson offered assistance with the partnerships to expand the program. City Manager Melder will work on continuing to expand the ShotSpotter program.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz thanked the City Manager for including ShotSpotter on the agenda and offered her assistance, along with Mayor Johnson's, with private partnerships.

Alderman Palumbo called on the adjacent surrounding Counties to partner with Savannah to expand the radius of ShotSpotter to achieve 100% coverage. This is about holding illegal gunfire accountable in all areas.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely expressed concern for a resident who experienced gunfire over the past weekend, and she asked if ShotSpotter cameras were in the 38th and Harding Streets areas. City Manager Melder will follow-up with the Alderwoman and Council Members concerning the area coverage and the incident.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked about the radius of ShotSpotter. Major Gavin indicated the purchase today will cover 3.5 square miles. The completed ShotSpotter coverage is the current 4

square miles + today's 3.5 square miles + 2 Square miles from SCAD, a total radius of 9 miles. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked for radius information per ShotSpotter. Each ShotSpotter is different, it varies from 1/4 to 1-1/2 mile radius. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter suggested pairing ShotSpotter with cameras and traffic lights, and asked for the current cost of ShotSpotter. Major Gavin indicated, staff is currently working on various options to increase coverage and the cost is approximately \$525,000.00.

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #24, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

[25. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Cure Violence Community Based Partner with Youth Advocate Program, Inc \(YAP\) \(Local\) in the Amount of \\$584,106. YAP will be responsible for hiring, training, and supervising a team of local credible messengers to serve as violence interrupters and outreach workers to work with high risk youth and young adults. \(ONSE\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Cure Gun Violence Community Based Partner](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Cure Gun Violence Community Based Partner](#)

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked is this youth program paired with the program offered by the Office of Neighborhood Safety & Engagement (yes).

Alderman Leggett reminded Council that a periodic (quarterly) update on the programs provided by the Office of Neighborhood Safety & Engagement was requested and should be distributed next month to Council Members. He asked for the total dollar amount for both programs (\$1.58 million + the CIP allocated funds).

Alderwoman Lanier asked how the program's success will be monitored. Since this is a nationally recognized program, City Manager Melder indicated evaluations are part of the programs. He suggested a workshop on these type programs.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked how many individuals will be hired for the program. City Manager Melder answered there will be seven paid staff members who will target the highest risk youth and supply mentorship and engagement.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #25, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

[26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Additional Office Furniture for the Floyd Adams Jr. City Services Complex in Care of Mason Inc. in the Amount of \\$86,035. Furniture will support the administrative and programming functions of the Administration Building and three \(3\) operations buildings that are part of the new facilities at the Adams Complex. \(Capital Project Management\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Furniture Floyd Adams Jr. Complex.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Furniture Floyd Adams Jr. Complex.pdf](#)

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[27. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Final Close-Out Modification for the Floyd Adams Jr. City Services Complex with TQ Constructors Inc. in the Amount of \\$418,273. The modification is needed to cover costs associated with various credits, added costs due to unforeseen conditions, constructability items, clarification in plans, and owner's changes. \(Capitol Project Management\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Final Close Out Modification.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Final Close Out Modification.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #20, #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32, #34, #35, #36 and #37, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recusing herself from voting on Item #20, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

[28. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Lab Equipment with Seal Analytical in the Amount of \\$48,425. This equipment will be used by the City's five wastewater facilities for analyzing, monitoring, and recording chemical compounds in wastewater. To improve water quality, over 2000 tests are performed monthly. \(Water Reclamation\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Analyzer.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Note - Analyzer.pdf](#)

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[29. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for a Replacement Grit Removal System with Trillium Pumps for \\$135,111. The hydrogritter is a high performance system used by the Water Reclamation Department that removes and dewateres 8 ½ tons of grit from primary sludge or influent for safe transport and disposal. \(Water Reclamation\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Hydrogritter.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Hydrogritter.pdf](#)

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[30. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Backflow Preventers with Ferguson Enterprises \(LOCAL\) in the Amount of \\$173,856. The backflow preventers will](#)

[be used by the Water Distribution Department to prevent reverse flow of water in City water laterals and prevent polluted water from entering the potable water system. \(Central Warehouse\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Blackflow Preventers.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #20, #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32, #34, #35, #36 and #37, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recusing herself from voting on Item #20, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

[31. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Fire Hydrants & Repair Parts with Ferguson Enterprises \(LOCAL\) in the Amount of \\$271,280. The fire hydrants are maintained in inventory at the Central Warehouse and are used by the Water Distribution Department to replace failing fire hydrants in the water system. \(Central Warehouse\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Fire Hydrants and Repair Parts.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #20, #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32, #34, #35, #36 and #37, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recusing herself from voting on Item #20, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

[32. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Two \(2\) Excavators with GJ & L, Inc. DBA Border Equipment in the Amount of \\$190,454. The excavators will be utilized by Sewer Maintenance and Industrial & Domestic Water to replace units 9821 and 4841 which have reached the end of their useful life and are no longer economical to maintain. \(Fleet\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Backhoes.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Backhoe Loaders.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #20, #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32, #34, #35, #36 and #37, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recusing herself from voting on Item #20, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

[33. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Two \(2\) Knuckle Boom Trucks with Environmental Products Group, Inc. DBA Environmental Products of Georgia in the Amount of \\$443,160. The knuckle boom trucks are FY22 fleet additions that will be utilized by the Residential Refuse Division to provide weekly curbside pickup of bulk items and large debris removal. \(Fleet\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Knuckle Boom Trucks.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Knuckle Boom Trucks.pdf](#)

City Manager Melder and staff requested Item #33 be REMOVED/WITHDRAWN from the Agenda.

[34. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Four \(4\) Rear Loader Bodies with Solid Waste Applied Technologies c/o New Way in the Amount of \\$493,052. The rear loader refuse trucks are FY22 fleet additions that will be utilized by the Recycling & Litter Services Division to collect recyclables and litter. \(Fleet\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Rear Loader Bodies.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Rear Loader Bodies.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #20, #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32, #34, #35, #36 and #37, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recusing herself from voting on Item #20, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

[35. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Four \(4\) Garbage Truck Chassis with Battle Motors c/o Crane Carrier Company in the Amount of \\$674,392. The rear loaders refuse trucks are FY22 fleet additions that will be utilized by the Recycling & Litter Services Division to collect recyclables and litter. \(Fleet\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Garbage Truck Chassis.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Garbage Truck Chassis.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #20, #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32, #34, #35, #36 and #37, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recusing herself from voting on Item #20, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

[36. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Tree Pruning Services with Kolcun Tree Care, LLC in an Amount up to \\$1,500,000. Services will be utilized to prune and maintain approximately 65,000 trees on various rights of ways throughout the City. \(Greenscapes\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Tree Pruning Services.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Tree Pruning Services.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #20, #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32, #34, #35, #36 and #37, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recusing herself from voting on Item #20, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

[37. Notification of an Emergency Procurement for Know the Facts + Get the Vax Campaign with Healthy Savannah, Inc. in the Amount of \\$28,659. The Office of the City Manager \(Michael Brown\) initiated this campaign during a time of emergency and lock down due to the spread of COVID-19 and the resulting hospitalizations and deaths. \(Strategic Services\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Know the Facts+Get the Vax Campaign](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Know the Facts+Get the Vax Campaign](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #20, #26, #27, #28, #29, #30, #31, #32, #34, #35, #36 and #37, with Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recusing herself from voting on Item #20, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

[38. Approval to Procure One Flygt Submersible Pump from Xylem Water Solutions USA, Inc. in the Amount of \\$38,303.](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #38, #39, #40, and #41, seconded by

Alderman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

[39. Approval to Procure Two \(2\) Police Interceptor SUVs from Step One Automotive dba Ford Crestview in the Amount of \\$73,450.](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #38, #39, #40, and #41, seconded by Alderman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

[40. Approval to Renew the 2022-2023 Annual Maintenance Agreement with Kone, Inc. in the Amount of \\$149,389.](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #38, #39, #40, and #41, seconded by Alderman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

[41. Approval to Renew the 2022 – 2023 Airport Liability Insurance Program with USI Insurance Services in the Amount of \\$1,135,991.](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #38, #39, #40, and #41, seconded by Alderman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)

[42. Approval of a Resolution Accepting a \\$50,000 Donation from Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. via Galvan Foundation for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund.](#)

[Exhibit 1: CHSA Galvan Foundation SAHF Donation Resolution.pdf](#)

HEARD after Item #4.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #42, seconded by Alderman Miller Blakely, Alderman Lanier, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

AGREEMENTS

[43. Approval to Renew the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Sub-Recipient Award to In The Door for \\$200,000 to Support the "One-Stop Delivery System" To Ensure Mandated Partners Comply with Agency Policies as it Pertains to Job Training, Preparation and Placement Services in Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, Long, McIntosh and Screven Counties.](#)

[Exhibit 1: CWDB Executive Committee Agenda - OSO Sub-award.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #43, #44, #45, #46 and #47, seconded by Alderman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

[44. Approval to Modify and Extend the PY2021 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act \(WIOA\) Year-Round Youth Sub-Awards to Include Administration of the WIOA Youth Summer Work Experience Program in the Amount of \\$425,000.](#)

[Exhibit 1: CWDB Executive Committee Agenda.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: PY21 Youth Statement of Award.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #43, #44, #45, #46 and #47, seconded by Alderman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

[45. Approval to Renew the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Sub-recipient Awards with Ross I.E.S. and Eckerd Connects-Paxen in the Amount of \\$876,473 for Career, Case Management, and Training Services for Adults \(ages 18 and older\) and Dislocated Workers \(unemployed or laid off\) in Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, Long, McIntosh, and Screven counties.](#)

[Exhibit 1: CWDB Executive Committee Agenda - CM Sub-award.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #43, #44, #45, #46 and #47, seconded by Alderman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

[46. Approval to Renew the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Sub-Recipient Award with Ross I.E.S. in the Amount of \\$1,033,383 for Academic, Career Development, and Training Services for Youth \(Ages 16-24\) in Bryan, Bulloch, Camden, Chatham, Effingham, Glynn, Liberty, Long, McIntosh, and Screven Counties.](#)

[Exhibit 1: CWDB Executive Committee Agenda - Youth Subaward.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #43, #44, #45, #46 and #47, seconded by Alderman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

[47. Approval of a Water and Sewer Agreement with The Kroger Co. for the Kroger 609 Expansion, a Development Consisting of a Store Expansion. The water and sewer systems have adequate capacity to serve this 5.33 water and 3.47 sewer equivalent residential unit development located at 495 Johnny Mercer Boulevard. This will generate \\$20,053.25 in revenue.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Water & Sewer Agreement - Kroger 609 Expansion.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #43, #44, #45, #46 and #47, seconded by Alderman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS

[48. Approval of a Major Subdivision: Savannah Gardens Parcels C4-D, D-2 and D-3. Three existing properties will be subdivided into eighteen individual parcels \(Lots 115-131\) for the development of Savannah Gardens. The proposed subdivision also coincides with the Savannah Gardens VI development agreement between the City of Savannah and Mercy Housing.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Subdivision Plat Savannah Gardens Parcels C4-D, D-2 and D-3](#)

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #48, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

Upon conclusion of the agenda, Alderwoman Miller Blakely inquired about the Board Appointment matter she presented during the adoption of the agenda. Mayor Johnson advised he will take the information under advisement. He understands there may be some other issues he needs to investigate. He will report the information back to the Alderwoman in writing. Alderwoman Miller Blakely advised she has already investigated the issue, along with the Clerk of Council. Mayor Johnson advised he needs to understand the issue, given obvious miscommunication.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to have a discussion regarding a change in the Rules of Council (From 5 individuals to 3 individuals), seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter. Mayor Johnson ruled the motion out of order, given it is not on the agenda. Alderwoman Miller Blakely requested the matter to be included on the next agenda.

Alderman Palumbo moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Leggett.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 3:56 p.m. He stated God Bless and wished everyone a happy Holy Week.

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: _____

Signature: _____

