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**SAVANNAH CITY GOVERNMENT**  
**SUMMARY/FINAL MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**AUGUST 12, 2021 – 2:00 p.m.**

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the regular meeting of the City Council was held at 2:02 p.m., via Zoom video communications. Mayor Johnson recognized Aldерwoman Wilder-Bryan to introduce Reverend Dr. Bernita Rivers Smalls, Pastor of Second Bethlehem Baptist Church, who offered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Van R. Johnson, II, Presiding

Aldерwoman Keshа Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1, Chairman

Aldерwoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Aldерwoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Aldерwoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman

Aldерwoman Dr. Estella Edwards Shabazz, District 5, Mayor Pro-Tem

Alderman Kurtis Purtee, District 6

**ALSO, PRESENT:**

Acting City Manager Health Lloyd

City Attorney Bates Lovett

Clerk of Council Mark Massey

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

[1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for August 12, 2021](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve the agenda as presented, Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

[2. Approval of Minutes for the Special Called Meeting \(Mid-Year Budget Workshop\) held on July 13, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.](#)

[Agenda Plus\\_SCM DRAFT MINUTES July 13, 2021 City Council Special Meeting \(re\\_2021 Mid-Year Budget Workshop\).pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3, #4 and #5, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

[3. Approval of Minutes for the Special Called Meeting \(Fairgrounds Presentations\) held on July 15, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.](#)

[Agenda Plus\\_SCM DRAFT MINUTES July 15, 2021 City Council Special Meeting \(re\\_Fairgrounds Property Development Conceptual Presentations\).pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3, #4 and #5, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

[4. Approval of Minutes for the Work Session & City Manager's Briefing held on July 22, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.](#)[Agenda Plus\\_WS DRAFT MINUTES\\_July 22, 2021 City Council Workshop.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3, #4 and #5, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

[5. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on July 22, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.](#)[Agenda Plus\\_RM DRAFT MINUTES\\_July 22, 2021 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2, #3, #4 and #5, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

**ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS - (CITY MANAGER RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF ALL ITEMS IN THIS SECTION UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE)**[6. Approval of a Class C \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\)\(By the Drink\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Wen Zhang for OD Crab House, a New Restaurant at 1915 E. Victory Dr., between Skidaway Rd. and Harry S. Truman Pkwy in District 3. No Concerns by Savannah Police Department or Neighborhood Association. No Issues with Litter or Loitering at Location. Distance Measurement Met.](#)[Exhibit 1: Checklist - OD Crab House Savannah20210727\\_16224355.pdf](#)[Exhibit 2: Density Map - OD Crab House Savannah20210727\\_16232589.pdf](#)[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - OD Crab House Savannah20210727\\_16240848.pdf](#)[Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - OD Crab House Savannah20210727\\_16250716.pdf](#)[Exhibit 5: Overlay Map for Skidaway Rd20210805\\_17204785.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearings for Item #6 through #10.

**No speaker(s).**

- a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the hearing for Items #6 and #8, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #6 conditioned upon a good neighbor agreement, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

[7. Approval of Class C \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\)\(By the Drink\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to M. Douglas Godley for Ballastone Inn, at 14 Oglethorpe Ave., Between Bull St. and Drayton St. in District 2. No concerns Noted by Neighborhood Association or the Police. No Issues with Littering or Loitering. \(Existing Business/New Owner\)](#)[Exhibit 1: Checklist - Ballastone Inn20210727\\_16140327.pdf](#)[Exhibit 2: Density Map - Ballastone Inn20210727\\_16154010.pdf](#)[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Ballastone Inn20210727\\_16162740.pdf](#)[Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Ballastone Inn20210727\\_16174992.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearings for Item #6 through #10.

**No speaker(s):**

- a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the hearing for Item #7, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #7, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

[8. Approval of Class C \(Wine\) and Class G \(Wine\)\(Complimentary\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Angela King for Presidents Quarter, an Inn at 225 E. President St., Between Abercorn St. and Lincoln St. in District 2. No concerns Noted by Neighborhood Association or the Police. No Issues with Littering or Loitering. \(Existing Business/New Owner\)](#)[Exhibit 1: Checklist - Presidents Quarter Inn20210727\\_16261609.pdf](#)[Exhibit 2: Density Map - Presidents Quarter Inn20210727\\_16270400.pdf](#)[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Presidents Quarter Inn20210727\\_16274071.pdf](#)[Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Presidents Quarter Inn20210727\\_16294759.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearings for Item #6 through #10.

**Speaker(s):**

- . Josh Yellin, representing the applicant.
- a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the hearing for Items #6 and #8, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.
  - b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #8, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

Acting City Manager Lloyd indicated there were outstanding items for clarity and the petitioner is requesting a continuation for Item #8.

- c. Alderman Leggett moved for reconsideration of Item #8, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lloyd recommended continuation to the August 26, 2021 Meeting to allow code enforcement to comply with the outstanding issues. Alderman Leggett recommended code enforcement address petitioner's issues prior to listing items on the agenda. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked for the security plans for each application be attached to the agenda item, prior to Council Meetings.

d. Alderman Leggett moved to postpone/continue Item #8 to the August 26, 2021 City Council Meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

[9. Approval of a Class E \(Beer, Wine\)\(By the Package\) Alcohol License to Vinaybhai Patel for Eagle Market, a Convenience Store, at 2120 W. Bay St. in District 1. Original License Issued Before Alcohol Overlay District; Time Period for Re-establishing Use Met. No concerns by Police or Neighborhood Association. No Issues with Littering or Loitering, Distance Measurement Met. Existing Business/New Owner](#)

[Exhibit 1: Checklist - Eagle Market20210727\\_16184639.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Density Map - Eagle Market20210727\\_16201330.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Report - Eagle Market20210727\\_16210033.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Eagle Market20210727\\_16214542.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 5: Overlay Map for West Bay Street Area20210805\\_17274807.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearings for Item #6 through #10.

**Speaker(s) present:**

- Justin D. Maines, representing applicant – SUPPORTED
- Jason T. Whipple, hired employee – SUPPORTED
- Diedra Lewton, hired employee – SUPPORTED

**Written comment(s) received:**

- Joann Johnson Polite – OPPOSED
- Lucille Jackson – OPPOSED
- Tonia Miller – OPPOSED
- Jacqueline White – OPPOSED
- Vinay Patel (submitted a petition list) - SUPPORTED

Alderwoman Lanier moved to postpone/continue Item #9 to the September 9, 2021 Meeting, pending a good neighbor agreement, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

[10. Approval of a Class C \(Beer, Wine\)\(By the Drink\) and Class A \(Wine\)\(Caterer\) Alcohol License and Resolution Providing Zoning Conditions \(See Exhibit 6 for Details\) to Robert Evangelista for Bellwether House, A New Hotel at 211 E. Gaston St., Between Abercorn and Lincoln St. in District 2. No Concerns by Police or Issues with Littering or Loitering, Distance Measurement Met. \(Item Cont'd from 7/22\)](#)

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

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

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

[Exhibit 4: Zoning Report - Bellwether House.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 5: Measurement Report - Bellwether House.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 6: Resolution of Zoning Conditions for Bellwether House.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 7: Signed Good Neighborhood Agreement](#)

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearings for Item #6 through #10.

**Speaker(s) present:**

- Robert Evangelista, applicant – SUPPORTED
- a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the hearing for Item #10, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #10, conditioned upon a good neighbor agreement, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

**ZONING HEARINGS**

[11. Petition of Phillip R. McCorkle from McCorkle, Johnson & McCoy, LLP \(Petitioner\) on behalf of Whitaker @ Charlton Lane, LLC \(Owner\) for a Special Use Permit to have a Restaurant at 348 Whitaker Street \(PIN 20032 05001\). Aldermanic District 2. File No. 21-002772-ZA.](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for 348 Whitaker Street](#)

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearings for Items #11, #12, #13 and #14.

Alderman Leggett moved to continue Item #11 to the August 26, 2021 City Council Meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

**Speaker(s) present:**

- John Northup - OPPOSED

**Written comment(s) received:**

- Terry & Marlborough Packard – OPPOSED
- Ardis Wood – OPPOSED
- Mary Wegman, Joan Levy, and Dr. & Mrs. Finger – OPPOSED
- Austin Hill – SUPPORTED
- Angus & Leslie Littlejohn – SUPPORTED
- Cheryl Lang – SUPPORTED
- Henry & Heidi Reed – SUPPORTED
- Celia Dunn – SUPPORTED
- Glen Nicotra – SUPPORTED
- Vance Peacock & Darren Bryenton – SUPPORTED

[12. Petition of Bob Isaacson \(Agent\) on behalf of Savannah Core \(Owner\) to Amend the Zoning Map for 527 E. 39th Street \(PIN 20075 05010\) from TN-2 \(Traditional Neighborhood-2\) to East Broad Market Lofts PUD, Aldermanic District 2. \(File No. 21-002411-ZA\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet 21-002411-ZA](#)

[Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance 20-002411-ZA](#)

[Exhibit 3: East Broad Market Lofts PUD Proposed Map](#)

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearings for Items #11, #12, #13 and #14.

**Speaker(s):**

- Marcus Lotson, MPC representative - MPC staff recommended denial of Items #12 and #13, MPC Board recommended approval for Item #12 and denial for Item #13. Baldwin Park Community Association recommended approval with conditions.
- Bob Isaacson, agent - SUPPORTED

**Written comment(s) received:**

- Bob Isaacson – SUPPORTED
- Kathryn Dillon – SUPPORTED
- Smith Mathews – SUPPORTED
- Dr. Daniel Chapman – SUPPORTED
- Scott Cleveland – SUPPORTED
- Megan Miller - SUPPORTED

Mr. Lotson, Mayor and Council Members discussed the property's current and future use, affordable housing opportunities, prior redevelopment efforts, area gentrification, community opportunity zone possibilities (not in an opportunity zone per City staff), community benefits, and current ownership of the PUD area.

Council Members had concerns with displacement of current residents and with the petitioner having stakehold in the community.

City staff recommends approving both or denial of both.

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

[13. Petition of Bob Isaacson \(Agent\) on behalf of Savannah Core \(Owner\) to Amend East Broad Market Lofts PUD to include 527 E. 39th Street \(PIN 20075 05010\), Aldermanic District 2. \(File No. 21-002377-ZA\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Report File No. 21-002377-ZA](#)

[Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance 21-002377-ZA](#)

[Exhibit 3: East Broad Market Lofts Proposed PUD Map](#)

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearings for Items #11, #12, #13 and #14.

**Speaker(s):**

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- Bob Isaacson, agent - SUPPORTED

**Written comment(s) received:**

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- Dr. Daniel Chapman – SUPPORTED
- Scott Cleveland – SUPPORTED
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Mr. Lotson, Mayor and Council Members discussed the property's current and future use, affordable housing opportunities, prior redevelopment efforts, area gentrification, community opportunity zone

possibilities (not in an opportunity zone per City staff), community benefits, and current ownership of the PUD area.

Council Members had concerns with displacement of current residents and with the petitioner having stakehold in the community.

City staff recommends approving both or denial of both.

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

[14. Petition of Chris Rowland on behalf of Macmillan Properties, Inc. to Rezone a Portion of Ogeechee Road \(PIN 20873 01003\) from B-C \(Business Community\) to I-L \(Light Industrial\), Aldermanic District 1. \(File No. 21-001285-ZA\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for Ogeechee Road \(File No. 21-001285-ZA\)](#)

[Exhibit 2: Final Plat for Lot Recombination \(File No. 21-001285-ZA\)](#)

[Exhibit 3: Parcels 1 and 2](#)

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearings for Items #11, #12, #13 and #14.

### **Speaker(s):**

- Marcus Lotson, MPC representative

a. Alderwoman Lanier moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #14, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was not present.

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

[15. Petition of Bob Isaacson \(Agent\) on behalf of Savannah Core \(Owner\) to Amend the Zoning Map for 527 E. 39th Street \(PIN 20075 05010\) from TN-2 \(Traditional Neighborhood-2\) to East Broad Market Lofts PUD, Aldermanic District 2. \(File No. 21-002411-ZA\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet File No. 21-002411-ZA](#)

[Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance 20-002411-ZA](#)

[Exhibit 3: East Broad Market Lofts Proposed PUD Map](#)

a. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Items #15 and #16 with the following conditions: There was no second, the motion was not carried.

- hours of operation from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.;
- no full service kitchen operation; and
- no alcohol sales

Mayor Johnson recommended sending Items #15 and #16 back to MPC for stronger conditions per Council Member's concerns.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recommend staff spend time in due diligence to identify concerns of Council, i.e. affordable housing, opportunity zones, gentrification, etc., prior to placing item on the agenda.

b. Alderman Leggett withdrew the previous motion and moved to send Items #15 and #16 back to MPC for stronger conditions as discussed by Council Members, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely.

Rather than sending Items #15 and #16 back to MPC for stronger conditions, Acting City Manager Lloyd requested time for City staff to coordinate with MPC on revised conditions and then resubmit Items #15 and #16 to Council.

c. Alderman Leggett moved to postpone/continue Items #15 and #16 to the September 9, 2021 City Council Meeting, thereby allowing the Acting City Manager time to coordinate with MPC on revised conditions to be presented to the Mayor and Aldermen/Alderwomen, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was not present.

[16. Petition of Bob Isaacson \(Agent\) on behalf of Savannah Core \(Owner\) to Amend East Broad Market Lofts PUD to include 527 E. 39th Street \(PIN 20075 05010\), Aldermanic District 2. \(File No. 21-002377-ZA\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Report File No. 21-002377-ZA](#)

[Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance 21-002377-ZA](#)

[Exhibit 3: East Broad Market Lofts Proposed PUD Map](#)

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- no full service kitchen operation; and
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Alderwoman Gibson-Carter recommend staff spend time in due diligence to identify concerns of Council, i.e. affordable housing, opportunity zones, gentrification, etc., prior to placing item on the agenda.

**b.** Alderman Leggett withdrew the previous motion and moved to send Items #15 and #16 back to MPC for stronger conditions as discussed by Council Members, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely.

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**c.** Alderman Leggett moved to postpone/continue Items #15 and #16 to the September 9, 2021 City Council Meeting, thereby allowing the Acting City Manager time to coordinate with MPC on revised conditions to be presented to the Mayor and Aldermen/Alderwomen, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was not present.

[17. Petition of Chris Rowland on behalf of Macmillan Properties, Inc. to Rezone a Portion of Ogeechee Road \(PIN 20873 01003\) from B-C \(Business Community\) to I-L \(Light Industrial\), Aldermanic District 1. \(File No. 21-001285-ZA\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet File No. 21-001285-ZA](#)

[Exhibit 2: Final Plat for Lot Recombination File No. 21-001285-ZA](#)

[Exhibit 3: Parcels 1 and 2](#)

After the first reading was considered the second reading and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #17, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was not present.

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

[18. Approval to Amend the 2021 Revenue Ordinance, Adopt the 2021 Property Tax Millage Rate, and Adopt the Special Service District Tax Rate for the Water Transportation District](#)

[Exhibit 1: 2021 Millage Rate Ordinance.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson moved Item #18 up on the Agenda, to be heard after Item #5. He gave a complete overview of the proposed 2021 Property Tax Millage Rate and opened the hearing. Speakers were asked to state their name and address for the record:

**Speaker(s):**

- David J. Tootle (City resident – District 2) – OPPOSED to the proposed millage rate.
- Sara Laine-Moneymaker (not a City resident – County) – OPPOSED to the proposed millage rate.
- Gary Plotycia (City resident – District 2) – OPPOSED to the proposed millage rate.
- Ben Adams (City resident – District 5) – OPPOSED to the proposed millage rate.
- Sarah Thompson (City resident – District 4) – OPPOSED to the proposed millage rate.
- Keith Padgett (City resident- District 6) - OPPOSED to proposed millage rate.

**Written comment(s) were received:**

- Sara Laine Moneymaker (not a City resident – County) – OPPOSED to proposed millage rate.
- Gene Karl Robinson (not a City resident – County) – OPPOSED to proposed millage rate.
- Sarah Thompson (City resident – District 4) – OPPOSED to proposed millage rate.

At the request of Mayor Johnson, City Attorney Lovett explained the wording as it relates to the millage percentage rate and how millage rates are calculated. The City is maintaining the same millage rate as last year. Mayor Johnson indicated there are steps being taken by GMA for the State to simplify the wording for citizens.

During the work session Alderwoman Miller Blakely requested information regarding the use of the \$54 million American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and using the earned interest on the funds for salary increases for City employees. She asked if Acting City Manager Lloyd had retrieved the information related to the \$54 million ARPA funds. The City will receive \$27,000.00 in interest from half of the funds received from ARPA; however the \$27 million must remain in the Georgia State Treasury, Fund 1, for one (1) year prior to the City using the entire interest amount.

Mayor Johnson asked Mr. Lloyd the dollar amount if the City adopted the roll back rate. Mr. Lloyd answered, \$1.9 million with no plans in the current budget to meet the \$1.9 million shortfall. Mr. Lloyd's recommendation to Council is to adopt and maintain the existing millage rate.

**a.** Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #18, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 6-3-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier voted no.

b. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter offered an amended motion to roll back the millage rate from 12.739 mills to 12.401 mills, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion failed, 3-6-0. Mayor Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderman Leggett, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan, Alderman Palumbo and Alderman Purtee voted no.

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

[19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Office and General Furnishings for the Enmarket Arena with Center Office Systems Inc. \(Local\) in the Amount of \\$627,677. Over 1,000 items will be Procured, Including 800 Chairs, 6 Sofas and Loveseats, 130 Tables and other Items that will be Placed Throughout the Arena. Facility will Open in February 2022. Expenditure Included in Project Budget.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification](#)

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

[Exhibit 3: Arena Office and General Furniture Specs.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Fee Sheet.pdf](#)

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter requested for any SPLOST funds for the Arena project be identified on the agenda. Alderwoman Lanier requested the purchasing documents be corrected to reflect Center Office Systems, Inc. as the awarded vendor. Acting City Manager Lloyd will comply to both requests.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #19, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett. The motion passed, 6-2-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no, and Alderman Purtee was was not present.

[20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Two Electric-Powered Ice Resurfacing Machines for the Enmarket Arena with All Star Arenas in the Amount of \\$299,999. Equipment will be used to Clean and Properly Maintain the Ice Rink to Ensure Safe Conditions for Skaters. Two Electric Charging Stations are also Included in the Purchase Amount. Expenditure Included in Project Budget.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification](#)

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

Alderwoman Lanier shared the information concerning the community benefits/partners from the proposed ice hockey initiative.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #20, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed, 6-2-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakely voted no, and Alderman Purtee was was not present.

[21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Expansion of Greenwich Cemetery, Located at 330 Greenwich Road, with Sandhill ALS Construction Inc in the Amount of \\$231,970. Project will Create Space for 1,978 Burial Plots which can be Sold to the General Public, Generating an Estimated \\$2.2 Million Dollars in Revenue \(40% Goes to Cemetery Capital Funds/60% Goes to Perpetual Care Trust\).](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes](#)

Alderwoman Miller Blakely had concerns with the Evergreen Cemetery's maintenance. Mayor Johnson indicated Evergreen Cemetery is private but City Attorney Lovett and Mr. Lloyd are working on a solution to the situation. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter suggested the City look for volunteer opportunities for Evergreen Cemetery maintenance; Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz welcomed/asked for organizations and citizens to volunteer for clean-up of Evergreen Cemetery.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to approve Item #21, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was not present.

[22. Notification of an Emergency Procurement of Yard Waste Disposal Services with Waste Management of Georgia in the Amount of \\$135,660. Used to Dispose of Vegetative Material Collected by Sanitation Staff from Sept. 2020 to Mar. 2021. Previous Vendor was Unable to Continue Providing Services Due to a Fire at Its Location. Council Approved a New Service Contract with Daly Organics, LLC in March 2021.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification](#)

[Exhibit 2: Notification of Emergency Procurement](#)

[Exhibit 3: Purchasing Notes](#)

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked the City to respond to the complaints from residents who are experiencing strong odors. Acting City Manager Lloyd will contact Waste Management related to the odor concerns.

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #22, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was not present.

[23. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Dredging Services, which will be Used to Remove 3,500 Cubic Yards of Alum Sludge from a Pond at the I & D Plant, with C & M Dredging, Inc. in the Amount of \\$131,250. Sludge is Dried On-site and Transported to the Dean Forest Landfill. Dredging is Required to Meet Georgia Environmental Protection Division Requirements.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification](#)

[Exhibit 2: Specifications](#)

[Exhibit 3: Purchasing Note](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #23, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was not present.

[24. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Close-Out Modification for City Hall Third Floor Renovations with Landmark Preservation in the Amount of \\$38,107. Project Includes Flooring Replacement and Restoration, Window and Ceiling Replacement, Cabinet Installation, and Electrical, Mechanical and Plumbing Upgrades. Modification was for Additional HVAC, Electrical, Mechanical and Plumbing Work](#)

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification](#)

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

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #24, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 7-1-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no and Alderman Purtee was not present.

#### SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

[25. Recommend Approval to Procure Three Replacement Self-Contained Compactors from Reaction Distributing, Inc., \\$67,467](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #25, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was not present.

#### BOARD APPOINTMENTS

[26. Nomination of Mr. Rob Hessler to the Cultural Affairs Commission for a Three-Year Term ending December 31, 2023, as recommended by Alderman Palumbo. There are a total of three \(3\) vacancies.](#)

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to approve Items #26, #27 and #28, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was not present.

[27. Consideration to Appoint Ms. Yolandra Shipp \(D3\) and Ms. Chrissy Flemming \(D2\) to the Savannah Development and Renewal Authority \(SDRA\) for Four-Year Terms ending December 31, 2024. This request was made by SDRA member, Hunter Hall, to ensure a quorum for meetings. There are a total of four \(4\) vacancies.](#)

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to approve Items #26, #27 and #28, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was not present.

[28. Nomination of Mr. Shane Lawson \(District 6\) to the Traffic Calming Committee, as recommended by Alderman Purtee for a Three-Year Term ending December 31, 2023.](#)

Alderwoman Miller Blakely moved to approve Items #26, #27 and #28, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-0-1. Alderman Purtee was not present.

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

[29. Approval of a Resolution to Re-Designate the Pennsylvania Avenue, Martin Luther King, Jr./Montgomery Street Enterprise Zones as Qualifying Enterprise Zones Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 36-88-6 for a Period of Ten Years](#)

[Exhibit 1: Re-Designating Enterprise Zones Resolution](#)

[Exhibit 2: Enterprise Zone Renewal Data](#)

There were discussions related to the Martin Luther King, Jr./Montgomery Street area being an enterprise zone and the benefits to the community. Acting City Manager Lloyd will provide the enterprise zone information for the specific area and send to Council.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #29, seconded by Alderman Leggett. The motion passed, 7-1-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no and Alderman Purtee was not present.

#### **Written comment(s):**

- John R. Bennett, SDRA – SUPPORTED

[30. Approval of a Resolution to Transfer Title to Property known as 225 Cumming Street to the Land Bank Authority for the Renovation of an Affordable Home](#)

[Exhibit 1: 225 Cumming Street Resolution.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: 225 Cumming Street Letter.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: 225 Cumming Street Transfer.pdf](#)

Alderwoman Lanier suggested creating policies for landowners to retain their property to create family wealth. Alderwoman Miller Blakely requested a listing of the homes owned by the Land Bank Authority. Mayor Johnson instructed Acting City Manager Lloyd to provide the list of homes owned by The Land Bank Authority for Council.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked how each home was acquired. Mr. Lloyd provided the information for Alderwoman Gibson-Carter. Mayor Johnson and City Attorney Lovett explained in detail how The Land Bank Authority criteria is used in acquiring and renovating/restoring the houses. Attorney Lovett suggested a workshop for The Land Bank Authority to explain the process for Council.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Items #30, #31 and #32, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 7-1-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no and Alderman Purtee was not present.

[31. Approval of a Resolution to Transfer Title to Property known as 618 Magazine Avenue to the Land Bank Authority for the Renovation of an Affordable Home](#)

[Exhibit 1: 618 Magazine Avenue Resolution.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: 618 Magazine Avenue Transfer \(Heir\).pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: 618 Magazine Avenue Transfer \(COS\).pdf](#)



Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Items #30, #31 and #32, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 7-1-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no and Alderman Purtee was not present.

[32. Approval of a Resolution to Transfer Title to Property known as 1202 Graydon Street to the Land Bank Authority for the Renovation of an Affordable Home](#)

[Exhibit 1: 1202 Graydon Street Resolution.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: 1202 Graydon Street Letter.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: 1202 Graydon Street Transfer.pdf](#)

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Items #30, #31 and #32, seconded by Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed, 7-1-1. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no and Alderman Purtee was not present.

[33. Approval of a Resolution Accepting a \\$15,000 Donation from Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. into the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund](#)

[Exhibit 1: Truist Resolution.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson moved Items #33 through #37 up on the Agenda, after Items #5 and #18.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Items #33 through #37, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

**Speaker(s):**

- . Anita Smith-Dixon, Community Housing Services Agency, Inc.
- . Patton Dugas, Truist Bank (SunTrust and BB&T)

[34. Approval of a Resolution Accepting a \\$7,000 Donation from Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. into the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund](#)

[Exhibit 1: Wells Fargo Resolution.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson moved Items #33 through #37 up on the Agenda, after Items #5 and #18.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Items #33 through #37, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

**Speaker(s):**

- . Anita Smith-Dixon, Community Housing Services Agency, Inc.
- . Sheri Butler, Wells Fargo
- . Aprill Springfield-Blanco, Wells Fargo

[35. Approval of a Resolution Accepting a \\$20,000 Donation from Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. into the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund](#)

[Exhibit 1: United Way Resolution.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson moved Items #33 through #37 up on the Agenda, after Items #5 and #18.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Items #33 through #37, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

**Speaker(s):**

- . Anita Smith-Dixon, Community Housing Services Agency, Inc.
- . Nola Johnson, United Way

[36. Approval of a Resolution Accepting a \\$10,000 Donation from Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. into the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund](#)

[Exhibit 1: Georgia Power Resolution.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson moved Items #33 through #37 up on the Agenda, after Items #5 and #18.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Items #33 through #37, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

**Speaker(s):**

- . Anita Smith-Dixon, Community Housing Services Agency, Inc.
- . Swann Seiler, Georgia Power

[37. Approval of a Resolution Accepting a \\$2,000 Donation from Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. into the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund](#)

[Exhibit 1: George Bowen Resolution.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson moved Items #33 through #37 up on the Agenda, after Items #5 and #18.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Gibson-Carter moved to approve Items #33 through #37, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

**Speaker(s):**

- Anita Smith-Dixon, Community Housing Services Agency, Inc.
- George Bowen (unable to attend)

[38. Approval of the Mayor's Emergency Declaration Requiring Face Coverings or Masks be Worn in the City of Savannah During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Resolution - July 26, 2021 Emergency Order.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #38, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

**AGREEMENTS**

[39. Approval of an Employment Contract for the City Manager Appointee](#)

[Exhibit 1: Employment Agreement-Jay Melder.pdf](#)

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #39, seconded by Alderwoman Gibson-Carter. The motion passed unanimously.

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

[40. Approval of a Major Subdivision, The Remaining Portion of Parcel R-1, Eastern Wharf](#)

[Exhibit 1: Plat - Eastern Wharf Remaining Portion of Parcel R-1](#)

Alderwoman Lanier moved to approve Item #40, seconded by Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed 7-2-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter and Alderwoman Miller Blakley voted no.

[41. Approval of a Major Subdivision, The Pines at New Hampstead Phase 2, Being a Portion of Parcel 1A](#)

[Exhibit 1: Plat - The Pines at New Hampstead Phase 2 Portion of Parcel 1A](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #41, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier, Alderman Leggett and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed, 8-1-0. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter voted no.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Alderman Purtee extended thoughts and prayers to Effingham County Sheriff's Department and Port Wentworth Police Department on the loss of officers due to COVID-19. He congratulated Alderman Palumbo on being included in Georgia Southern University's 40 Under 40 Alumni.

Alderwoman Lanier encouraged residents to view the MPC or City web pages to see the meeting times in an effort to let your voices be heard as it relates to the 2040 Comprehensive Plan.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely encouraged residents to file for Stephens Day Exemption to lock in your property tax rate. She asked for prayers, her daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter are suffering with COVID-19.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan thanked Rebecca & Anthony Debreeze for partnering with LB4 & After Foundation during the employee appreciation dinner.

Alderman Palumbo congratulated Team Savannah staff on the stormwater management plan which will assist in acquiring federal grant monies for infrastructure. Alderman Palumbo congratulated Alderman Purtee for Georgia Southern University's 40 under 40 Alumni.

Congratulations were given to Heath Lloyd on his first week and first Council Meeting as Acting City Manager.

Mayor Johnson announced a job fair for Unions jobs, Thursday, August 19, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Civic Center. He thanked Council and Team Savannah for hosting the GMA Convention.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

The audio recording of the Council Meeting can be found by copying and inserting the below link in your url:

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

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

Date Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

