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**SAVANNAH CITY GOVERNMENT**  
**SUMMARY/FINAL MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**JANUARY 14, 2021 – 2:00 p.m.**

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 introduced Reverend Dr. Richard L. Hall, Sr., Pastor of Second Arnold Baptist Church, to offer the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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

Alderman Kesha Gibson-Carter, At-Large, Post 1, Chairman  
 Alderman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, 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

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Acting City Manager Michael Brown  
 City Attorney Bates Lovett  
 Clerk of Council Mark Massey

**INVOCATION**

[1. Details Regarding the Presenter of the Invocation will be Forthcoming](#)

The Invocation was presented by Reverend Dr. Richard L. Hall, Sr., Pastor of Second Arnold Baptist Church.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

[2. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for January 14, 2021](#)

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

Following the adoption of the agenda, Mayor Johnson moved-up Agenda Item #51, an appearance by Ms. Audrey King, Regional Director for Georgia Power.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

[3. Approval of Minutes for the Special Called Meeting Regarding the 2021 Budget \(Hearing, Revenue Ordinance, and Service Program and Budget\) Held on Friday.](#)

[December 18, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Minutes - December 18, 2020 City Council Special Meeting.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #3 and #4, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[4. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting Held on Tuesday, December 22, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Minutes - December 22, 2020 City Council Meeting.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #3 and #4, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA - (This section shall include all routine items for which it is anticipated there will be no debate or requests for public input. Any Alderman can remove consent items for discussion or separate consideration.)**

[5. Approval of a Resolution Accepting a \\$3,000 Donation from Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. via South State Bank for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund](#)

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #25, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Johnson thanked Community Housing Services Agency for the \$3,000.00 donation for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund.

[6. Approval of a Resolution Accepting a \\$30,000 Donation from Memorial Health University Medical Center for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund](#)

[Exhibit 1: Resolution- Memorial Health.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #25, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Johnson thanked Memorial Health University Medical Center for the \$30,000.00 donation for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund.

[7. Approval of a Resolution Accepting a \\$15,000 Donation from St. Joseph's/Candler for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund](#)

[Exhibit 1: Resolution - SJCHS.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #25, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Johnson thanked St. Joseph's/Candler for the \$15,000.00 donation for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund.

[8. Approval of a Resolution Ratifying the Mayor's January 6, 2020 Extension of Emergency Mask or Face Covering Order](#)

[Exhibit 1: Resolution - Renewal of Mayor's Emergency Order.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #25, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[9. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Renewal Agreement for Mitel Telephone Maintenance with CNP Technologies in the Amount of \\$80,437.58 \(Event No. 8270\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Mitel Phone System Annual Maintenance.docx](#)

[Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Mitel Phone System Annual Maintenance.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #25, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[10. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Environmental Compliance Services \(for Compliance Management, Reporting and Monitoring to Ensure Landfill Compliance with State and Federal Regulations\) with Atlantic Coast Consulting, Inc. for up to \\$65,000 \(Event No. 6411\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Environmental Compliance Services.docx](#)

[Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Environmental Compliance Services.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #25, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[11. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Curbside Residential Recycling Carts with Innovative Packaging Leaders, Inc. for up to \\$57,614 \(Event No. 6530\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Curbside Recycling Carts.docx](#)

[Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Curbside Recycling Carts.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #25, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[12. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for the Purchase of Commercial-Type Roll-off Containers with Lewis Steel Works for up to \\$45,785 \(Event No. 7696\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Commercial Roll-off Containers.docx](#)

[Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Commercial Roll-off Containers.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #25, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[13. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Cemetery Records Management Software Maintenance with CemSites in the Amount of \\$38,730 \(Event No. 4654\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Cemetery Records Management Software Maintenance.docx](#)

[Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Cemetery Records Management Software Maintenance.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #25, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[14. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Streetscape Litter and Recycling Receptacles with SiteScapes, Inc. for up to \\$35,695 \(Event No.4884\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Streetscape Litter & Recycling Receptacles.docx](#)

[Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Streetscape Litter & Recycling Receptacles.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #25, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[15. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Scrap Tire Disposal Services with Quality Tire Recycling, Inc. for up to \\$35,000 \(Event No. 7459\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Scrap Tire Disposal.docx](#)

[Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Scrap Tire Disposal.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #25, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[16. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Renewal Agreement for Maintenance of a Malware Protection Platform with Malwarebytes, Inc. in the Amount of \\$25,000 \(Event No. 8269\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Malwarebytes.docx](#)

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #25, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[17. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Storm Debris Removal Services During Declared Disasters with Three Vendors for an Amount that Will Vary Based on the Severity of the Disaster \(Event No. 6481\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Storm Debris Removal.docx](#)

[Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Storm Debris Removal.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #25, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[18. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for an Office Trailer Lease with William Scotsman in the Amount of \\$69,313 \(Event No. 7472\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Office Trailer Lease.docx](#)

[Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Office Trailer Lease.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #25, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[19. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Final Project Closeout Amendment for Repairs to the Bryan Street Garage with Restocon Construction Company in the Amount of \\$28,433.41 \(Event No. 7197\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Bryan Street Parking Garage Amendment.docx](#)

[Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Bryan Street Parking Garage Amendment.docx](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #25, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[20. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Final Project Closeout Amendment for the Holly Heights Park Development Contract with Johnson-Laux in the Amount of \\$15,048.15 \(Event No. 7287\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Holly Heights Park Development Amendment.docx](#)

[Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Holly Heights Park Development Amendment.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #25, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[21. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Final Project Closeout Amendment for the Twickenham Greenspace Project with Johnson Laux in the Amount of \\$10,285 \(Event No. 7472\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary-Twickenham Final Project Amendment.docx](#)

[Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Twickenham Final Project Amendment.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #25, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[22. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Final Project Closeout Amendment for the Stratford Park Improvements Project with Johnson-Laux Construction, LLC in the Amount of \\$7,384.79 \(Event No. 7922\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Stratford Park Final Amendment.docx](#)

[Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Stratford Park Final Amendment.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #25, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[23. Authorize the City Manager to Award an Annual Contract for Welding and Fabrication Services to L&H Welding Services for up to \\$44,710 \(Event No. 8106\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Structural Welding Services.docx](#)

[Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Structural Welding Services.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #25, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[24. Authorize the City Manager to Procure 1,248 Refuse Carts from Wastequip, LLC in the Amount of \\$59,629.44 \(Event No. 8230\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Residential Refuse Carts.docx](#)

[Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Residential Refuse Carts.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #25, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[25. Notification of an Emergency Procurement of Landfill Conveyance Line Cleaning Services from Progressive Environmental in the Amount of \\$43,720 \(Event No. 8206\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Conveyance Line Cleaning.docx](#)

[Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Conveyance Line Cleaning.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #5 through #25, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Leggett seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### PURCHASING ITEMS

[26. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Low Voltage Cabling & Network Services with NetPlanner Systems, Inc. for up to \\$800,000 \(Event No. 7389\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Cabling & Networking Services.docx](#)

[Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Cabling & Networking Services.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #26 through #28, and Items #30, through #33 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[27. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Landfill Cover Material with Sabe, Inc. for up to \\$175,000 \(Event No. 6350\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Landfill Cover Material.docx](#)

[Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Landfill Cover Material.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #26 through #28, and Items #30, through #33 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[28. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for External Audit Services with Mauldin and Jenkins in the Amount of \\$123,738 \(Event No. 6648\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - External Audit Services.docx](#)

[Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - External Audit Services.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #26 through #28, and Items #30, through #33 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[29. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Renewal for Permits and Inspections Software Maintenance with Tyler Technologies in the Amount of \\$72,725.97 \(Event No. 8190\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - EnerGov.docx](#)

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

Acting City Manager Brown requested to removed and defer for two (2) weeks Item #29.

[30. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Final Project Closeout Amendment for the Mohawk Park Development Project with Johnson-Laux in the Amount of \\$198,315.06 \(Event No. 7371\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Mohawk Park Final Amendment.docx](#)

[Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Mohawk Park Final Amendment.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #26 through #28, and Items #30, through #33 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[31. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Construction Contract for the Renovation of Sanitation Interim Headquarters with F.H. Paschen Inc. in the Amount of \\$1,147,248 \(Event No. 8271\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Sanitation HQ Renovations.docx](#)

[Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Sanitation Headquarters Renovations.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #26 through #28, and Items #30, through #33 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[32. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract for Recorder's Court Probation Services with Southeast Corrections, LLC with No Cost to the City \(Event No. 8152\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - Probation Services.docx](#)

[Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - Probation Services.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #26 through #28, and Items #30, through #33 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[33. Authorize the City Manager to Procure Replacement Computer Technology Equipment \(Laptops, Desktops, Monitors and Tablets\) from Dell, Inc. \(State Contract\) for up to \\$751,000 \(Event No.8267\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Purchasing Summary - IT Replacement Devices.docx](#)

[Exhibit 2: Funding Verification - IT Replacement Devices.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #26 through #28, and Items #30, through #33 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Purtee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

[34. Approval to Purchase Mitigation Credits from A.A. Shaw for the Southeast Quadrant Stormwater Drainage Improvements Project in the Amount of \\$2,647,616](#)

[Exhibit 1: Plan - Mitigation Credits.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #34 through #37, Alderwoman Miller Blakely seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[35. Approval of a Five-Year Planned Service / Maintenance Agreement for a Security Management System with Johnson Controls, Inc. in the Amount of \\$231,597](#)

[Exhibit 1: Agreement - Security Maintenance System.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #34 through #37, Alderwoman Miller Blakely seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[36. Approval of a Five-Year Planned Service Agreement for Airport Police Technology Equipment with Axon Enterprise, Inc. in the Amount of \\$190,455.72](#)

[Exhibit 1: Agreement - Axon Enterprises Inc.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #34 through #37, Alderwoman Miller Blakely seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[37. Approval of Contract Amendment No. 3 with AECOM Technical Services for Additional Design Services for Stormwater Drainage Improvements in the Amount of \\$56,810](#)

[Exhibit 1: Agreement - Stormwater Drainage Improvements.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #34 through #37, Alderwoman Miller Blakely seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### BOARD APPOINTMENTS

[38. Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Authorities](#)

The Clerk of Council reminded Council there are a list of Boards for the appointment of the City Manager: The Metropolitan Planning Commission, The Pension Board, The Visit Savannah Board and Savannah Resource Development Recovery Board.

**a.** Alderwoman Wilder Bryan moved to appoint Acting City Manager Brown or the Manager's Designee to The Metropolitan Planning Commission, The Pension Board, The Visit Savannah Board and Savannah Resource Development Recovery Board, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked for appointment to The Pension Board. Mayor Johnson indicated there is only one (1) appointee from the Council.

Acting City Manager Brown reminded Council during the budget hearing a request was made for a Pension Briefing. He is in the process of preparing the Briefing for Member of Council and will disburse when completed. There will follow an open session for employees.

**b.** Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve the following Boards, Commissions and Authorities appointments/reappointments, Alderman Leggett and Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

1. Appointments to Boards, Commissions and Authorities, **made as follows:**

## Coastal Region Metropolitan Planning Organization Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) – [Three Openings]

- Eric P. Curl, received October 28, 2020 (nominated by LWB)
- Margaret S. Aliffi, received December 7, 2020 (nominated by LWB)
- Armand J. Turner, received January 13, 2021 (nominated by NP)

## Coastal Workforce Development Board – [Two Openings]

- Taqwaa Saleem, received February 12, 2020 (nominated by BL)
- Raven George, received April 1, 2020 (nominated by LWB)

## Cultural Affairs Commission – [Ten Openings]

- **Antonio Hunter**, received September 10, 2020 (nominated by KP)
- Tana Fileccia-Flagg, received September 18, 2020 (nominated jointly)
- **Kristopher Monroe**, received September 22, 2020 (nominated by KGC)
- **Andrea Hall-Houston**, received October 16, 2020 (nominated by DL)
- **Patrick Kelsey**, received October 20, 2020 (nominated by VJ)
- **Sharon Wanda Aikens**, received October 15, 2020 (nominated by LWB)
- **Michael Chaney**, received September 10, 2020 (nominated by AMB)
- **Kareem McMichael**, received September 15, 2020 (nominated by BL)
- Eileen Baker, received October 31, 2020 (nominated by NP)
- Doris Liggins, received December 7, 2020 (nominated by ES)

## Downtown Savannah Authority – [One Opening]

- Jerrae M. Williams, received October 15, 2020 (nominated by AMB & BL)

## Greater Savannah International Alliance – [Six Openings]

- Dominic M. Porter, received November 04, 2020 (nominated 5 jointly)
- Ruby C. Hall, received November 04, 2020 (nominated 5 jointly)
- Dr. Gina Smith, received November 10, 2020 (nominated 5 jointly)
- Frances X. Hayes, received November 18, 2020 (nominated 5 jointly)
- LeAndrea Mikell, received December 7, 2020 (nominated 5 jointly)

## Historic Preservation Commission – [Three Openings]

- Margaret S. Aliffi, received December 7, 2020 (nominated 3 jointly)
- **Robin Williams**, received January 6, 2021 (nominated 3 jointly)
- **Rebecca Fenwick**, received January 11, 2021 (nominated 3 jointly)

## Hospital Authority of Savannah – [One Opening on March 31, 2021]

- Darnell Johnson, received November 20, 2020 (nominated 2 jointly - ES)
- Joshua Moseler, received December 16, 2020 (nominated 2 jointly - KP)

## Metropolitan Planning Commission – [Three Openings]

- Lauren Monica Boles, received January 24, 2020 (nominated by BL)
- Elizabeth Epstein, received November 30, 2020 (nominated by LWB)
- Dwayne Stephens, received December 17, 2020 (nominated by VJ)

## Park and Tree Commission – [Seven Openings]

- Charles E. Vilushis, received October 15, 2020 (nominated 6 jointly)
- **Sean Mannion**, received October 12, 2020 (nominated 6 jointly)
- Hunter T. Hall, received October 28, 2020 (nominated 6 jointly)
- Eileen Baker, received October 31, 2020 (nominated 6 jointly)
- Emmanuel Zamudio, received November 13, 2020 (nominated 6 jointly)
- Margaret S. Alifi, received December 7, 2020 (nominated 6 jointly)

## Pilotage Commission – [One Opening]

- **Edward T. Brannen, Jr.**, received January 12, 2021 (nominated by ES)

## Savannah Airport Commission – [One Opening]

- **Theodore (Ted) Kleisner, received January 13, 2021 (nominated by VJ)**

### Savannah-Chatham Council of Disability Issues – [Seven Openings]

- Chasity Fortson, received March 24, 2020 (nominated by BL)
- Dotti A. Black, received April 06, 2020 (nominated by LWB)
- Carol Stemsrud, received June 14, 2020 (nominated by DL)
- **Sharon Wanda Aikens, received October 15, 2020 (nominated by KGC)**
- Felicia Gibson, received October 13, 2020 (nominated by KP)
- Pamela Howard-Oglesby, received October 30, 2020 (nominated by VJ)
- **Dr. Frank Lala, received November 12, 2020 (nominated by AMB)**

### Savannah/Chatham County Historic Sites and Monuments Commission (HS&M) – [Two Openings]

- Eileen Baker, received October 31, 2020 (nominated by NP) – (Vacant)
- Ashley A. Rainge, received December 29, 2020 (nominated by AMB) - (Henry)

### Savannah Development and Renewal Authority – Twenty-five openings (PENDING STATE PROPOSAL to reduce # of seats to 17)

- Matthew Emmer, received February 13, 2020 (nominated 17 jointly)
- Barbara Cortese (need reappointment) (nominated 17 jointly)
- Chassidy Malloy (awaiting appointment) (nominated 17 jointly)
- Ebony Simpson (awaiting appointment) (nominated 17 jointly)
- Dawn Morgan (need reappointment) (nominated 17 jointly)
- Henry Reed II (Hank) (need reappointment) (nominated 17 jointly)
- Jason Pedigo (awaiting appointment) (nominated 17 jointly)
- T. Jerry Lominack (need reappointment) (nominated 17 jointly)
- John Bennett (need reappointment) (nominated 17 jointly)
- Samuel Evans (awaiting appointment) (nominated 17 jointly)
- Sarah Ward (awaiting appointment) (nominated 17 jointly)
- Hunter Hall, received March 03, 2020 (nominated 17 jointly)
- John Myers, received October 19, 2020 (nominated 17 jointly)
- Marysue McCarthy, received October 19, 2020 (nominated 17 jointly)
- Brad Baugh, received October 18, 2020 (nominated 17 jointly)
- Jason Pedigo, received October 21, 2020 (nominated 17 jointly)
- Stephen M. Plunk, received October 31, 2020 (nominated 17 jointly)

### Savannah Economic Development Authority – [One Opening]

- **Robert James, received January 11, 2021 (nominated by ES)**

### Savannah Recreation Commission – [Eight Openings]

- **Terry McCoy, received February 02/12/2020 (nominated 2 jointly)**
- John Larry Myers, received Mar 02 and Oct 23, 2020 (nominated 2 jointly)

### Savannah Zoning Board of Appeals – [Two Openings]

- Larry Evans, received May 25, 2020 (nominated by BL)
- Stephen M. Plunk, received October 31, 2020 (nominated by LWB)

### Traffic Calming Committee – [Four Openings]

- Gloria J. Williams (D1), received November 15, 2019 (nominated by BL)
- Hunter T. Hall (D2), received October 28, 2020 (nominated by DL)
- Rubin Huckabee (D3), received January 14, 2021 (nominated by LWB)
- Latasha Barnes (At-Large, Post 2), received Jan 14, 2021 (nominated by AMB)

#### ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

[39. Approval of Class C \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\)\(By the Drink\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales for Ankur Patel of World of Beer at 112 W. Broughton Street \(Aldermanic District 2\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Checklist - World of Beer.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Density Map - World of Beer.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - World of Beer.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - World of Beer.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearings for Items #39 through #43.

No speakers for Item #39.

**a.** Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol license hearings for Items #39, #40, #41 and #42, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**b.** Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #39, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[40. Approval of Class D \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\)\(By the Package\) Alcohol License for Ashok M. Lakhani of ABC Beverages at 11418 Abercorn Street \(Aldermanic District 6\)](#)

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

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

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

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

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearings for Items #39 through #43.

No speakers for Item #40.

**a.** Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol license hearings for Items #39, #40, #41 and #42, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**b.** Alderman Purtee moved to approve Item #40, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[41. Approval of Class C \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\)\(By The Drink\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Mohamed M. Eldbany of The Garage at 2605 Whitaker Street \(Aldermanic District 2\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Checklist - The Garage.jpg](#)

[Exhibit 2: Density Map - The Garage.jpg](#)

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

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

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearings for Items #39 through #43.

No speakers for Item #41.

**a.** Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol license hearings for Items #39, #40, #41 and #42, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**b.** Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #41, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[42. Approval of Class C \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\)\(By the Drink\) with Sunday Sales for Salathia Singleton of The Avenue Bar & Grill at 1721 Waters Avenue \(Aldermanic District 2\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Checklist - The Avenue Bar and Grill.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Density Map - The Avenue Bar and Grill.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - The Avenue Bar and Grill.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - The Avenue Bar and Grill.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearings for Items #39 through #43.

No speakers for Item #42.

**a.** Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the alcohol license hearings for Items #39, #40, #41 and #42, Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Leggett reported the business located at 1721 Waters Avenue has historically been a hot spot for legal and illegal activity. Alderman Leggett has spoken with the petitioner and surrounding residents of the business and he is asking the the City's ABC to monitor the business and the corridor to protect the business and the residents. Mayor Johnson suggested a good neighbor agreement to be attached to the alcohol license. Alderman Leggett agreed with Mayor Johnson and will hold Item #42 to allow time to secure the good neighbor agreement.

**b.** Alderman Leggett moved to continue/postpone the hearing for Item #42 to the January 28, 2021 Meeting, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Later in the meeting:

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Mayor Johnson since the petitioner for Item #42 has new management, shouldn't the City allow the establishment to become a good neighbor before requesting the good neighbor agreement. She questioned if the remaining petitioners for alcohol license on today's agenda should also be required to establish a good neighbor agreement. Mayor Johnson indicated it is not based on ownership, it is based on the history. The good neighbor agreement is for dialogue purposes.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Alderman Leggett, in working with City staff and the petitioner on the alcohol license application, was the good neighbor agreement discussed. Alderman Leggett



answered, time did not allow for the good neighbor agreement to be delivered to the petitioner prior to today's meeting.

[43. Approval of Class C \(Liquor, Beer, Wine\)\(By the Drink\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Ryan Williamson of Common Thread at 122 East 37th Street \(Aldermanic District 2\). \[Note: This Item Should Be Considered After the Corresponding Zoning Hearing Item\]](#)

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

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

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

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

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearing for Item #43.

No Speakers for Item #43 (see Item #44).

- a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the hearing for Item #43, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #43, Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### ZONING HEARINGS

[44. Approval of a Special Use Permit to Allow Alcohol Sales by the Drink in Association with a Restaurant for the Property Located at 122 E. 37th Street \(PIN 20065 14007\). Petition of J. Patrick Connell \(Agent\) on Behalf of FARM Savannah Properties LLC \(Owner\), District 2 \(File No. 20-005549-ZA\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet \(File No. 20-005549-ZA\)](#)

[Exhibit 2: Map for 122 E. 37th Street](#)

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearings.

HEARD before #43.

Speakers:

- Marcus Lotson, MPC - described project and reported MPC recommended approval of the special use permit.
  - J. Patrick Connell (Agent) - outlined the restaurant's objectives and the parking.
  - Mr. Christopher Shomo, President, Thomas Square Neighborhood Association - written letter of support sent to Council Members, as reported by the Clerk of Council.
- a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the hearing for Item #44, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
  - b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #44, Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[45. Approval of a Special Use Permit to Allow Alcohol Sales by the Drink in Association with a Restaurant for the Property Located at 1313 Habersham Street \(PIN 20053 12003\). Petition of Robert McCorkle \(Agent\) on behalf of 1313 Habersham Street LLC \(Owner\), District 2 \(File No. 20-005243-ZA\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet \(File No. 20-005243-ZA\)](#)

[Exhibit 2: Map of 1313 Habersham Street \(File No. 20-005243-ZA\)](#)

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearing for Item #45.

Speakers:

- Marcus Lotson, MPC - gave a brief description of the project. MPC recommended approval of the special use permit.
  - Robert McCorkle - support staff and MPC recommendations.
  - Terry & Nancy Mann - Letter of support as reported by the Clerk of Council.
  - Ryan Manson, Representative of Neighborhood Association - Letter of support as reported by the Clerk of Council.
- a. Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #45, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
  - b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #45, Alderman Palumbo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[46. Amend the Zoning Map for Corvair Avenue \(PIN 20635 04007\) from the RSF-6 \(Single Family Residential\) Zoning District to an I-L \(Light-Industrial\) Zoning District with Conditions. Petition of Jim Gerard \(Agent\) on behalf of Atlantic Marine Warehouse Company \(Owner\), District 1 \(File No. 20-005048-ZA\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet \(File No. 20-005048-ZA\)](#)

[Exhibit 2: Map of Corvair Avenue](#)

[Exhibit 3: Draft Ordinance for Corvair Avenue \(File No. 20-005048-ZA\)](#)

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearing for Item #46.

Speakers:

- Marcus Lotson, MPC - described the project. MPC recommended approval of the change with the stipulation for the trees to remain on the property.
- Jim Gerard (Agent) - support the recommendation of MPC.

Following meetings with the petitioner and community associations, Alderwoman Lanier reported the community/neighborhood associations approve the change.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz asked Alderwoman Lanier how to access the property. Alderwoman Lanier answered, by Corvair Avenue. Mayor Johnson asked Mr. Gerard if there was a single or double rail and if the railroad delivered cargo goods to the site. Mr. Gerard answered, it is a double rail and there is import and export on site from the rail cars.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Mr. Lotson for the recommendation of MPC. Mr. Lotson answered, MPC recommends approval of the changes as requested by the petitioner.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #46, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

[47. Amend the Zoning Map for 1025, 1029, 1033, 1037, 1041, 1045, 1054 and Lynes Avenue \(PINs 20632 01014, -015, -016, -017, 20631 02018, -019, -020, -028\) from the I-L \(Light Industrial\) Zoning District to I-H \(Heavy Industrial\) Zoning District. Petition of Jane & Anthony Abbott Marital Trust et al. \(Owner/Agent\), District 1 \(File No. 20-005170-ZA\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet \(File No. 20-005170-ZA\)](#)

[Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance for Lynes Avenue Properties \(File No. 20005170-ZA\)](#)

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearing for Item #47.

Speakers:

- Marcus Lotson, MPC - described the area and request. MPC recommended denial of the I-H (Heavy Industrial) zoning request.
- Attorney Parker Morgan - opposes the change in zoning classification.
- Mr. Anthony H. Abbott - spoke in support of the change to I-H zoning. He requested City Council to return the property to the original I-H zoning classification.
- Anthony H. Abbott - written communication in support of returning to I-H (Heavy Industrial) zoning classification, per NewZo, as reported by the Clerk of Council.
- Philip Gigante - written communication opposing the rezoning as reported by the Clerk of Council.

Mayor Johnson asked Mr. Abbott while during the NewZo process why he didn't take advantage during the six month period to address the zoning change. Mr. Abbott replied he didn't receive the proper notifications from the City staff.

City Attorney Lovett reported notification for NewZo was proper for every property owner within the City limits.

Acting City Manager Brown gave reasons why the I-H zoning classification would not be a bad change for the property. His position is all manufacturing is not bad, it depends on the type of manufacturing. He suggested sending the request back to MPC for designations of each individual lots on the property.

Alderwoman Lanier asked Mr. Lotson the major difference between the I-L (Light Industrial) and the I-H (Heavy Industrial). Mr. Lotson supplied Alderwoman Lanier with a detailed description of the differences. Alderwoman Lanier reported after meetings and discussions with the area businesses and neighborhood association, they support the recommendation of MPC to deny the change in zoning classification. She added, all the business currently in the area are I-L zoning and changing the zoning to I-H could be detrimental to the current businesses and any future residential communities.

Alderman Palumbo noted Council needs to evaluate the current petitioner's request and in the future evaluate each individual property for I-L or I-H when presented before Council for consideration.

Mr. Abbott is in the process of selling the property and stated there will be no landfills or medical waste incinerator on the property. The new owners will undoubtedly meet/speak with the City staff during the due diligence period on the uses for the property. The property has many opportunities for various manufacturing uses. He is willing to send the request back to MPC for reconsideration. Mr. Abbott said the legal opinion of providing notices from City Attorney Lovett complies with the City requirements but does not comply with the due process and equal protection clauses of the Constitution.

Mr. Lotson informed Council the MPC had concerns for the uses proposed by Mr. Abbott on his application and felt the I-L zoning classification was sufficient. The MPC was not provided with any information regarding the potential uses of any new owners of the property.

If the property is rezoned, Mr. Abbott plans 'a call of offers' to sell the property. There is no certain purchaser at this time. The new owner will need to have a due diligence period and define the use of the property. All potential purchasers indicated the property was marketed as I-H, due to Mr. Abbott's description (Mr. Abbott checked later and found the property to have an I-L zoning classification).

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan asked Mr. Abbott what guarantee the City has, without an agreement, that any of the potential owners of the property will not put heavy manufacturing on the property since he advertised the property as I-H. Mr. Abbott answered, he does not know the new owner's use but they will need to comply with the City's zoning requirements. Since the City changed the zoning early last year to I-L after thirty-five years, Mr. Abbott is of the opinion the City should change the zoning back to I-H.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely informed Mr. Abbott she has met with some of the area residents and they are against the change to I-H zoning as it would negatively impact their quality of life.

Alderman Purtee moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #47, Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Alderwoman Lanier moved to deny amending the zoning map for Item #47, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### ORDINANCES - FIRST AND SECOND READING

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After the first reading was considered the second and a request that an ordinance be placed and passed upon its adoption, Alderwoman Lanier moved to approved Item #48 with conditions, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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Alderwoman Lanier moved to deny approval of Item #49, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### REAL ESTATE ITEMS

[50. Approval to Quit Claim a Portion of Battey Street – Petition #200305.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Map Battey St. ROW.pdf](#)

Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #50, Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

[51. Added Item: Presentation - An Appearance by Audrey King, Regional Director for Georgia Power](#)

Following the adoption of the agenda, Mayor Johnson moved-up Agenda Item #51, an appearance and welcome to Ms. Audrey King, Regional Director for Georgia Power.

Ms. King thanked the Mayor and Aldermen/Alderwomen for the opportunity to appear before Council and gave a brief synopsis of her professional background and tenure with Georgia Power. She expressed her pleasure in coming to Savannah and she looks forward to working with the Council and residents.

#### **CLOSING:**

Alderwoman Miller Blakely sent congratulations to all the new police officers promoted. The City needs to do a better job of promoting and hiring more African Americans for police officers, fire fighters and department heads. There were only two African Americans out of twenty-two officers promoted.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely invited the residents to apply for Board appointments, especially the Savannah Recreation Commission. On January 28th there will be a raffle at Forsyth Park with the Garden Association to encourage residents to complete the survey on how they envision the future development of Forsyth Park.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan publicly announced Mayor Johnson's nomination for 100 of the most influential Georgians.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz encouraged residents to apply for Boards, Commissions, and Authorities through the Clerk of Council's office, especially the Savannah Recreation Commission.

Mayor Johnson expressed concern for the strange times in our Nation due to the pandemic. He is asking all residents to be safe, vigilant and watchful and to report any strange situations. Mayor Johnson asked area Churches, Synagogues, and citizens to turn on lights as City Hall will ring the bells next Tuesday, January 19th at 5:00 p.m. to honor those lives lost to COVID-19.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 4:03 p.m.

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Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

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

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