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**SAVANNAH CITY GOVERNMENT**  
**SUMMARY/FINAL MINUTES**  
**CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**  
**JUNE 10, 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 recognized Alderswoman Gibson-Carter to introduce Master Storyteller & Historian Patt Gilliard Gunn, Founder/Director of Underground Tours, who offered a meditative moment and prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

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

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

Alderswoman Alicia Miller Blakely, At-Large, Post 2

Alderswoman Bernetta B. Lanier, District 1

Alderman Detric Leggett, District 2

Alderswoman Linda Wilder-Bryan, District 3

Alderman Nick Palumbo, District 4, Vice-Chairman

Alderswoman 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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

[1. Adoption of the Regular Meeting Agenda for June 10, 2021](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to adopt/approve Item #1, as amended, seconded by Alderswoman Lanier, as follows:

**ADD-ONS:**

- 4A. Proclamation Proclaiming June 19, 2021 as JUNETEENTH Day in the City of Savannah.
- 30. CLOSED Executive Session regarding Personnel.

The motion passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

[Agenda Plus\\_WS DRAFT MINUTES\\_May 27, 2021 City Council Workshop.pdf](#)

[ActionMinutes\\_2021-06-10.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

[3. Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting held on May 27, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.](#)

[Agenda Plus\\_RM DRAFT MINUTES\\_May 27, 2021 City Council Regular Meeting.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #2 and #3, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

**PRESENTATIONS**

[4. A Proclamation Designating June 14-18, 2021 as Waste & Recycling Workers Week in Savannah](#)

Read by Mayor Johnson and Presented to Gene Prevatt, Sanitation Director.

Mayor Johnson encouraged citizens to take this opportunity to thank the sanitation workers during the week of June 14-18, 2021.

Mayor Johnson, Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz, Alderwoman Gibson-Carter, Alderwoman Miller Blakely, Alderwoman Lanier and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan gave condolences to Mr. Mr. Prevatt on the passing of his mother. Each Alderwoman expressed gratitude to Mr. Prevatt and the sanitation staff for the outstanding work being done throughout the City.

Mr. Prevatt thanked Mayor and Council for their condolences. On behalf of the sanitation workers, he thanked the Council for their support and recognition.

[4a. A Proclamation Proclaiming June 19, 2021 as JUNETEENTH DAY in the City of Savannah.](#)

Read by Mayor Johnson and he encouraged citizens to celebrate and become more aware of the meaning of JUNETEENTH as it relates to African American history.

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

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Variable Frequency Detector.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Variable Frequency Detector.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #5, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

**PURCHASING ITEMS**

[6. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract to Replace Two Street Sweepers with Environmental Products Group in the Amount of \\$465,400. Twelve Sweepers Clean 31,630 Miles of Curbed Streets Annually, Work Organized Under 46 Routes, Most Sweepers Used for Night Cleaning,\(4 Daily, 8 Nightly\), Crews Sweep 17 Routes of High-Traffic Streets Weekly, Representing 65% of Total Miles Swept. \(See Memo\)](#)

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

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

[Exhibit 3: Memo - Street Cleaning.docx](#)

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter requested an update on the Roadbotics priority of streets and addressing the issue of grass growing in street cracks. Acting City Manager Brown answered, a report of the routes and frequency for street sweepers was sent to Council Members and a service request for removal of grass in the street cracks should be submitted. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if the City issues tickets for cars parked on the street during street sweeper days. Mr. Brown stated there are sweeper zones and people parked in non-sweeper zones are not issued tickets. Mr. Brown stated there is a major issue of litter in the City and additional litter crews should be established to address the problem.

Mayor Johnson stated the problem of grass cuttings blowing into the street is also a major problem as it backs-up the drainage system in the City after a hard rain. Mr. Brown suggested a public campaign for litter and grass cuttings into the street. He encouraged residents to report these issues to the City and a citation will be issued.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the Summer Youth Program will be reinstated this year. If so, has any thought been given to using the youth from the program for a 'Keep Savannah Beautiful' campaign. Mr. Brown will issue a report to Council relating to Summer programs and litter campaigns.

Alderwoman Lanier expressed concern for the illegal construction dumping in the City and she suggested the City inform contractors at the time of issuing permits that construction dumping is illegal on private property. Mr. Brown acknowledged her concerns.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #6, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Contract Modification for Cover Material for the Dean Forest Landfill with Sabe, Inc. for up to \$833,000. This is Soil Delivered and Stored on Site to Cover Deposited Waste. Six Inches of Soil is Used to Cover an Estimated 1/2 Acre Daily to Control Disease Vectors, Minimize Rainwater Infiltration, Reduce Leachate Generation, Prevent Fires and Control Odor.

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Landfill Cover Material.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Landfill Cover Material.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #7, #8, #9, #11 and #12 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

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

[Exhibit 3: Scope of Work - Electronic Timekeeping System.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #7, #8, #9, #11 and #12 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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

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

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #7, #8, #9, #11 and #12 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

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

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Placentia Canal Drainage Improvements.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Placentia Canal Drainage Improvements.pdf](#)

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Acting City Manager Brown to give the public information on the \$1.2 million project. She requested Mr. Brown reach out to a resident (Mr. Ulysses Lonnon) to address the canal widening that is impacting his neighborhood. Mr. Brown and Assistant City Manager Lloyd will do a site visit to Mr. Lonnon's neighborhood to address concerns. Mr. Brown gave an in depth description of the canal widening project which will lower the probability for flooding.

Mayor Johnson questioned if the DBE percentage participation was met between the first and second bidders for Savannah First. Mr. Brown will have Assistant City Manager Lloyd to check the percentages and give a report to Mayor Johnson.

Alderwoman Lanier asked if the operational cost will be jurisdictional or will this be a total City expense. Mr. Brown answered the service sharing cost is not in construction, but this is a maintenance service of the large canals.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if there will be another upgrading since this is the City's third improvement. Mr. Brown stated the repairs are not in the same location each time, the upgrades are moving along/up the canal.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #10, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously.

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

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Truck and Tractor Tires.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Truck and Tractor Tires.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Specifications - Truck and Tractor Tires.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #7, #8, #9, #11 and #12 per Acting City Manager Brown's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

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

[Exhibit 1: Funding Verification - Passenger Vehicle Tires.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Purchasing Notes - Passenger Vehicle Tires.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Specifications - Passenger Vehicle Tires.pdf](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #7, #8, #9, #11 and #12 per Acting City

Manager Brown's recommendation, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

#### SAVANNAH AIRPORT COMMISSION

[13. Approval of a One-Year Professional Services Agreement with Steven Baldwin & Associates for Executive Recruitment Services for an Amount up to \\$84,000](#)

[Exhibit 1: Contract for Professional Services - Executive Recruitment Services and Professional Airport Management Support.pdf](#)

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #13, #14 and #15, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

[14. Approval to Amend the Military Cooperative Construction Agreement \(MCAA\) with the Georgia Air National Guard \(GA ANG\) for the Southeast Quadrant Storm Water Drainage Improvement Projects in the Amount of \\$1,860,480](#)

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #13, #14 and #15, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

[15. Approval of a Contract with Independence Excavating, Inc. for the Air Cargo Apron Project in the Amount of \\$7,309,651](#)

Alderman Purtee moved to approve Items #13, #14 and #15, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

#### ALCOHOL LICENSE HEARINGS

[16. Approval of a Class C \(Beer/Wine\)\(By the Drink\) Alcohol License with Sunday Sales to Louis A. Cobello for Screamin' Mimi's, a Restaurant, at 513 E. Oglethorpe Ave., Between Price and Houston Streets in District 2. No Concerns by Police. Resident Concerns Addressed in Neighborhood Agreement \(Exhibit 5\). Distance Measurement Met. Cont'd from May 13th per Applicant. \(New Owner/Existing Business\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Checklist - Screamin' Mimi's.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Density Map - Screamin' Mimi's.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 3: Alcohol Reports - Screamin' Mimi's.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 4: Measurement Report - Screamin' Mimi's.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 5: Neighborhood Agreement - Screamin Mimi's.pdf](#)

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearing for Item #16.

#### **Speakers:**

- Attorney Al Wallen, representing the applicant (Mr. Louis Cobello). Expressed appreciation to Council Members and reported a Good Neighbor Agreement has been signed.
- a. Alderman Leggett moved to close the alcohol license hearing for Item #16, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Alderman Leggett moved to approve Item #16 with a Good Neighbor Agreement, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

[17. Approval of a Class E \(Beer, Wine\)\(By the Package\) Alcohol License to Zinalben K. Patel for OM Foodmart, a Convenience Store at 8408 White Bluff Rd, between W. Montgomery Cross Roads and Seneca Road in District 4. No concerns by the Savannah Police Department or Issues with Litter or Loitering at Location. No Active Neighborhood Association. Distance Measurement Met. \(New Owner/Existing Business\)](#)

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

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

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

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

Mayor Johnson opened the alcohol license hearing for Item #17.

#### **No Speakers:**

- a. Alderman Palumbo moved to close the alcohol license hearing for Item #17, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Alderman Palumbo moved to approve Item #17, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

#### ZONING HEARINGS

[18. Petition of Marguerite Seckman \(Agent\) on Behalf of Starland Partners II, LLC \(Owner\) for a Special Use Permit to Allow Alcohol Sales in Association with a Restaurant for 2418 Desoto Avenue, Between West 41st Street and West 42nd Street. \(PIN 20065 47011\) Aldermanic District 2 File No. 21-000499-ZA](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for a Special Use Permit - 2418 DeSoto Avenue](#)

[Exhibit 2: Maps - 2418 DeSoto Avenue](#)

[Exhibit 3: Map of Alcohol Beverage Licenses](#)

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearings for Items #18 and #19.

Marcus Lotson, representative of MPC, gave a detailed description of the request for Items #18 and #19. MPC recommends approval of both Items.

#### **Speakers:**

- Marguerite Seckman, Agent - detailed the business model of both establishments as restaurants.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked if the establishment at 2418 Desoto Avenue was a consignment shop. Ms. Seckman explained the prior business was a consignment shop.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked if Ms. Weese from Harvard Bloomberg could assist staff in special use permits to allow alcohol sales for businesses. Mayor Johnson indicated Ms. Weese will do research to better inform staff to make decisions and Council will determine if a special use permit is approved.

Alderwoman Lanier asked if Ms. Seckman will be allowed to operate her business without Council's approval of the alcohol license (yes). She discussed the City setting a precedence and the absence of a policy for approval of special use permits to allow alcohol sales.

Alderman Leggett asked for hours of operation. For /west 41st Street, 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m. and Desoto Avenue, 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Alderman Leggett met with the neighborhood associations who had concerns with hours of operation. He feels the 8:00 p.m. close time would be best for both locations. Alderman Leggett reported the neighborhood associations are in agreement with these businesses.

Alderman Palumbo discussed the City's consistency in approval of alcohol license applications. MPC staff has recommended approval and the area neighborhood associations support the businesses. There are numerous establishments in the immediate area with alcohol license, so with approval, this would be consistency with others area businesses. He will vote for approval.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan has concerns because approval of this request would directly affect all the Districts. She suggested more due diligence, given there have been denials in the 3rd District for similar request. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan along with Alderwoman Miller Blakely suggested Alderman Leggett get more information concerning the business operation before Council votes. Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan suggested Ms. Seckman reapply to MPC. She asked Mr. Lotson if MPC has established criteria for making decisions for this type of business.

Alderman Leggett suggested staff prepare more detailed information for Council's decision on establishments of this type. Mayor Johnson recommended City staff establish criteria rather than send the request back to MPC staff. Mr. Brown recommended a two week, date-certain to delay for City staff to supplement the information prepared by MPC staff.

Alderman Leggett requested a site visit with Ms. Seckman. Mr. Brown will coordinate the visit.

Alderwoman Gibson-Carter asked Ms. Seckman if the license was for clothing and ice cream (yes); if the food was cooked on the premises (no); how long have you been in operation (1 1/2 years); and was your initial business plan predicated on the sale of alcohol (yes, it was part of the plan). Ms. Seckman explained the reason for the delay for the alcohol license application was due to COVID-19 and she was not eligible for any COVID-19 funds because the business opened two months before the pandemic. Alderwoman Gibson-Carter suggested Council be fair in dealing with local businesses and residents.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan offered the definition of a restaurant (where food is prepared on the premises). She asked Ms. Seckman if the wine and beer will be given to patrons or sold (sold). Mayor Johnson requested Mr. Lotson to send Council the written definition of a restaurant.

Alderman Leggett moved to postpone/continue the zoning hearings for Items #18 and #19 for two weeks to allow staff to supplement the information and for a report at the work session prior to the meeting for Council's review and discussion, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

CONTINUE/POSTPONE the zoning hearings for Items #18 and #19 for two weeks to the June 24, 2021 Meeting.

[19. Petition of Marguerite Seckman \(Agent\) for Yvonne Jouffrault \(Owner\) for a Special Use Permit to Allow Alcohol Sales in Association with a Restaurant for 17 West 41st Street, Between Whitaker Street and Desoto Avenue. \(PIN 20074 07001\) Aldermanic District #2 File No. 21-000500-ZA](#)

[Exhibit 1: MPC Recommendation Packet for a Special Use Permit - 17 West 41st Street](#)

[Exhibit 2: Maps - 17 W. 41st Street](#)

[Exhibit 3: Map of Alcohol Beverage Licenses](#)

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearings for Items #18 and #19.

Alderman Leggett moved to postpone/continue the zoning hearings for Items #18 and #19 for two weeks to allow staff to supplement the information and for a report at the work session prior to the meeting for Council's review and discussion, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely. The motion passed unanimously.

CONTINUE/POSTPONE the zoning hearings for Items #18 and #19 for two weeks to the June 24, 2021 Meeting.



[20. Amendment to Zone Approximately 12.34 Acres at 0 Grove Point Road, Near Sweetwater Station Drive and Clubhouse Drive, \(PIN 11004 02029\) from the Residential-Agricultural \(RA\) Zoning Classification to the Residential-Agricultural-County \(RA-CO\) Zoning Classification. File No. 21-003048-ZA.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Maps for 0 Grove Point Road \(File No. 21-003048-ZA\)](#)

[Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance for 0 Grove Point \(File No. 21-003048-ZA\)](#)

Mayor Johnson opened the zoning hearing for Item #20.

Acting City Manager Brown gave a brief description of the area and explained the amendment to RA-CO zoning classification. Mr. Brown recommends approval.

### **No Speakers:**

Alderman Purtee had conversations with MPC staff and the developers indicating after approval of the annexation the developers intend to ask for rezoning.

Alderman Gibson-Carter asked if any campaign contribution disclosures should be made at this time. Mayor Johnson reported all campaign contribution disclosures are on file in the Clerk of Council's office and available on the City's web site for public viewing. She asked if any campaign contribution disclosures need to be read into the record. Clerk of Council Massey stated he had not checked the record for the named developers. Alderman Gibson-Carter stated there were campaign contributions made to the developers. She asked for campaign contributions to Council be read into the record. Mayor Johnson indicated there was no such agreement. City Attorney Lovett stated he had no such knowledge of an agreement.

Alderman Gibson-Carter asked if any sitting Alderperson has received any campaign contribution from the developer. Alderman Purtee stated the project is in District 6 and he has met with the developers, however he did not receive anything from the developers. Mayor Johnson indicated he possibly received a campaign contribution from Wardlaw but would need to look at his disclosure to verify. Alderman Gibson-Carter indicated she was not directing the question to the Mayor or Alderman Purtee. She asked Mayor Johnson if he planned on recusing himself during the vote. He replied, the law does not require him to recuse himself.

In an effort to capture impact fees from current development, Alderman Gibson-Carter asked Mr. Brown if the City could place a moratorium on development until an Impact Fee Ordinance can be approved by Council. Mr. Brown indicated the process has started with the City's Comprehensive Plan, but the Impact Fee Ordinance cannot be approved until the Comprehensive Plan is approved.

Alderman Miller Blakely asked for the specific area of Sweetwater Station for the development. Mr. Brown gave a detailed description of the area and the property for the project. Alderman Purtee stated the development will allow for affordable housing in this area of higher priced homes. Alderman Miller Blakely asked the price of the homes. Alderman Purtee answered, currently the developers are looking at \$200,000. or less.

Alderman Purtee moved to close the zoning hearing for Item #20, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz. The motion passed, 8-1-0 with Alderman Gibson-Carter voting no.

### **ORDINANCES - FIRST READING**

[21. Approval for the Annexation of 12.34 Acres Located off Sweetwater Station Drive near Clubhouse Drive. The Property is Currently Vacant Land and the Owner Plans to Expand the Sweetwater Station Subdivision by Developing Approximately 60 Detached, Single-Family Homes on the Parcel.](#)

[Exhibit 1 - Annexation Petition - Sweetwater Station](#)

[Exhibit 2 - Annexation Ordinance - Sweetwater Station](#)

### **FIRST READING ONLY.**

[22. Amendment to Zone Approximately 12.34 Acres at 0 Grove Point Road \(PIN 11004 02029\) from the Residential-Agricultural \(RA\) Zoning Classification to the Residential-Agricultural-County \(RA-CO\) Zoning Classification. File No. 21-003048-ZA.](#)

[Exhibit 1: Maps for 0 Grove Point Road \(File No. 21-003048-ZA\)](#)

[Exhibit 2: Draft Ordinance for 0 Grove Point \(File No. 21-003048-ZA\)](#)

### **FIRST READING ONLY.**

### **RESOLUTIONS**

[23. Approval of a Resolution Accepting a \\$7,500 Donation from Community Housing Services Agency, Inc. for the Savannah Affordable Housing Fund \(SAHF\). The Fund Supports the Volunteer and Minor Home Repair Programs to Address Local Affordable Housing Needs. \(Grant Award Made by First Chatham Bank\)](#)

[Exhibit 1: Donation Resolution - First Chatham Bank.pdf](#)

Items #23 and #24 moved up on the Agenda after Item #15.

Director of Housing Martin Fretty thanked Ms. Anita Smith-Dixon of First Chatham Bank and staff member Tara Hicks for the hard work put forth in getting the grant funding.

Ms. Smith-Dixon expressed gratitude in working with the City and giving support to residents for their housing needs.

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan thanked Ms. Smith-Dixon for the support given to the residents in District 3 to securing funding for a home purchase and for home improvements.

Alderwoman Miller Blakely asked Ms. Smith-Dixon for any updates on the modular homes. The homes are not completed yet, but she will send Council Members an update when completed. Acting City Manager Brown reported there will be a make-up session next week for the housing mobile tour for the 2-3 Council Members who were unable to make the initial tour on Tuesday, May 18, 2021.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23 and #24, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

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

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

Items #23 and #24 moved up on the Agenda after Item #15.

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Items #23 and #24, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

#### REAL ESTATE ITEMS

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

[Exhibit 1: Map - 219 W. Bryan Street.pdf](#)

[Exhibit 2: Fourth Lease Amendment.pdf](#)

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to approve Item #25, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Purtee. The motion passed unanimously.

#### CITY ATTORNEY ITEMS

[26. Settlement #1](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #26, authorize the City Attorney to settle an injury claim for Daniel Grooms in the amount of \$500,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

[27. Settlement #2](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #27, authorize the City Attorney to settle a damage claim for the Thunderbird Inn in the amount of \$450,000.00, seconded by Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan. The motion passed unanimously.

[28. Settlement #3](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to approve Item #28, authorizing the City Attorney to settle an injury lawsuit for Jasmyn Palmer in the amount of \$42,500.00, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely and Alderman Palumbo. The motion passed unanimously.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

[29. Item Added: A Proclamation Recognizing June 2021 as "Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Pride Month"](#)

Moved up on Agenda after Item #4.

Read and presented by Alderman Purtee. Pastor Candace Hardnett of Proud Savannah accepted the Proclamation and thanked City Council Members for their support and recognition.

#### ADD-ON:

[30. CLOSED Executive Session regarding Personnel.](#)

Mayor Pro-Tem Dr. Shabazz moved to recess the meeting and conduct a closed Executive Session regarding Personnel, seconded by Alderwoman Lanier. The motion passed unanimously.

The Executive Session began at 4:08 p.m. Mayor Johnson requested a five minute break to address technical adjustments.

The Executive Session reconvened at 4:15 p.m.

No action was taken during the Executive Session.

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

Alderwoman Wilder-Bryan moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderwoman Miller Blakely.

Mayor Johnson adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

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=D8CTgslzEogo>

Mark Massey, Clerk of Council

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

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

